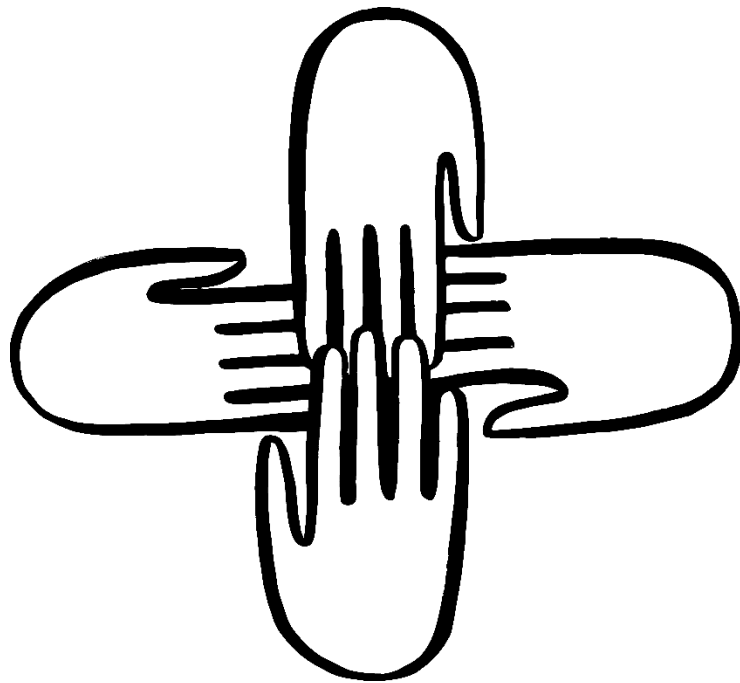




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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, May 15, 2022
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

Words & Music by Kirk Dearman

♩ = 108

D A⁷ D D^{2sus} D G/D D F[♯]m⁷(+5) G Em⁷

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the

4 A^{7sus} A⁷ D A⁷ D D^{2sus} D G/D D F[♯]m⁷(+5) G F[♯]m/A A⁷

Lord; We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the

8 D D⁷ G Em⁷ F[♯]m⁷ Bm⁷ Em A⁷

Lord. And we of - fer up to You the sac - ri - fic - es of

12 D A⁷/E D/F[♯] D⁷ G Em⁷

thanks - giv - ing; And we of - fer up to

14 F#m7 Bm7 Em A7 D

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody with notes and rests, with lyrics underneath: "You the sac - ri - fic - es of joy." The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line with chords and notes. Above the staves, the chords F#m7, Bm7, Em, A7, and D are indicated. The number 14 is written at the beginning of the first staff.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 11: 1-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals,

beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM:Psalm 148

¹ Alleluia!

Praise God from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² Praise God, all you angels; *
sing praise, all the heavenly host.

³ Praise God, sun and moon; *
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise God, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of God; *
by whose command they were created.

⁶ God made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
and gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise God from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
leaders and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

¹³ Let them praise your Name, O God, *
for your Name only is exalted,
your splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ You have raised up strength for your people
and praise for all your loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near you.
Alleluia!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy

and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *I Love You Lord*

Words & Music by Laurie Klein

All stand.

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of quarter note = 76. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath.

Staff 1: *I love You, Lord,* _____ *and I lift my voice* _____ *to*

Staff 2: *wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King,* _____

Staff 3: _____ *in* _____ *what You hear:* _____ *May it be a*

Staff 4: *sweet, sweet* _____ *sound in* _____ *Your ear.* _____

Chord progressions above the notes are: G, Am/G, G, G/F, C/E, G/D, D/C, G/B, Am¹¹, Am⁷, D, D⁷/F#, G, Am/G, G, G^{SUS}/A, G/B, C, G/B, Am¹¹, D, Em/D, D⁷, G, C/G, G.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
 to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reverend Benedict Varnum

THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Refrain

God ever faithful,
God ever merciful,
God of your people,
hear our prayer.

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ;
for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For faithful witness, fellowship in love;
for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those who guide the nations of the earth;
that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those who seek and serve the common good;
that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm;
for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair;
that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For those oppressed, for those who live in fear;
that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the sick, especially for: Elaine, John & Recia, Jim, Hayden, Amy, JoEY, Sadie, Joey, Evelyn, Bob, Carol, Eric, Leslie, Natalie, John, Carolyn, Barbara, Jean, Erin, Ken, and Massouda & her family; and for the dying, and the dead, be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord:
Refrain

That we might live in peace from day to day;
that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

That we may stay faithful, open to your Word;
your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts;
for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

Entrusting all we are into your hands,
we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord: *Refrain*

Hasten, O father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your
servant, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his
coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and
Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Anthony Warner, Annika Armitage, Bill Kimme, Randy Sell, and Paige Vernon

Anniversaries: Pat & Jerry Grothendick, Patty & Bill Kimme, and Leslie & Todd Stubbendieck

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Bind Us Together

Words & Music by Bob Gillman

$\text{♩} = 108$

CHORUS

G G+ Em⁷/G G⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/E D/F#

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be

7 G Am/G G C/D G G+ Em/G

bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to -

12 G⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/E D/F# G Am/G G Fine

-geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with love. _____

VERSE

17 G² G Am⁷ D⁷ G Em⁷ Am⁹ D⁷ C/E D/F#

1. There is ___ on - ly one God, _____ there ___ is on - ly one
 2. Made for the glo - ry of God, _____ pur - chased by His pre - cious
 3. You are the fam - 'ly of God, _____ you are the pro - mise di -

23 G C/D G² G Am⁷ D⁷ G

King. _____ There is _____ on - ly one bod - y; _____
 Son. _____ Born with the right to be clean, _____
 -vine. _____ You are God's cho - sen de - sire. _____

28 Em⁷ Am⁹ D⁷ C/E D/F# G C/D D.C. al Fine

_____ That _____ is why we can sing: _____
 _____ for Je - sus the vic - t'ry has won. _____
 _____ You are the glor - ious new wine. _____

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

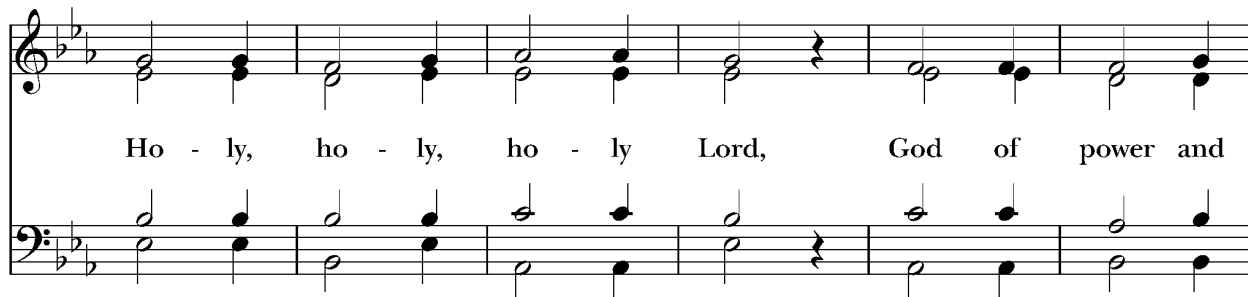
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

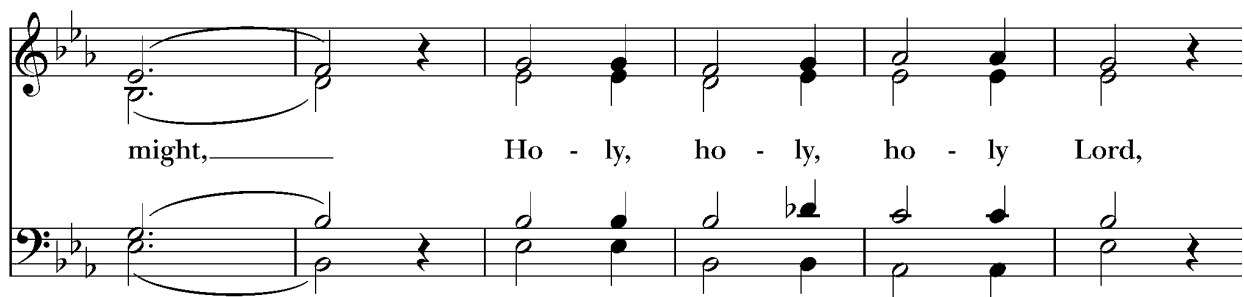
Holy, holy, holy

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Celebrant and People



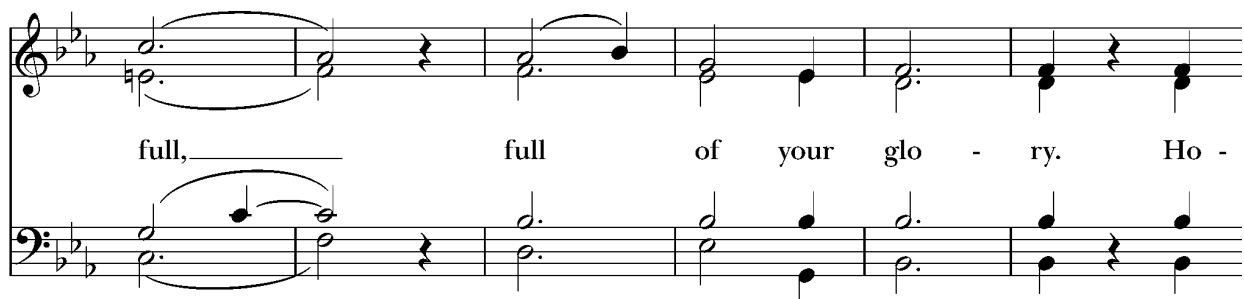
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share

our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
[*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body*
 Words & Music by John Fofey

Refrain: G C G C G D Em B7



One bread, _____ one bo-dy, _____ One Lord of all,

Em D G Em A D D7 G C G C



One cup of bles-sing which we bless. _____ And we, _____ though many, _____

G D Em B7 Em D G Em A D D7 G C¹⁻³ Fine



Through - out the earth, We are one bod-y in this one _____ Lord. _____

G D | 4. G C G C G C G C G



Lord. _____

Em D Em D



Verses: Gen - tile or Jew, Ser - vant or free,
 Man - y the gifts, Man - y the works,
 Grain for the fields, Scat - tered and grown,

Em F Am D D7



Wo - man or man, _____ no more. _____
 One in the Lord, _____ of all. _____ To Refrain:
 Gath - ered to one, _____ for all. _____

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *On Eagle's Wings*

G **Dmaj7** **G**

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a - bide in His shad - dow for

Dmaj7 **F** **Dm** **F** **Gm** **A**

life, Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus: **A7** **D**

And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em **A7** **D** **D7**

Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine — like the

G **Em** **A** **Bm** **F#m**

sun, ——— And hold you in ——— the ———

Em **A7** **1-3 D**

palm ——— of His hand. ———

G **Dmaj7**

2. The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And

G **Dmaj7** **F**

fam - ine will bring you no fear: ——— Un - der His wings your

Dm **F** **Gm** **A**

ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.

(Chorus)

D **G** **Dmaj7**

3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the

G **Dmaj7** **F**

ar - row that flies by day: Though thou - sands fall a -

Dm **F** **Gm** **A**

bout you, Near you it shall not come.

(Chorus)

D **G** **Dmaj7**

4. For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand to

G **Dmaj7** **F**

guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will

Gm **Am** **Bb** **A**

bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. *(Chorus)*

D **Bm F#m Em7** **A** **D**

4. hand. And hold you hold you in the palm of His hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campaign News Meeting

TODAY 9:40-10:20 in the Parish Hall. A chance to hear about important milestones, our current strength, and goals for the future.

Toiletry Kits for Kids

Our Youth Group is collecting Toiletries for COPE kids to have for the summer. We are hoping to collect enough to pass out to 50 children. We only have a short time to collect, but have been able to extend our deadline, **please have donations here by Sunday May 29**. There is a tote for donations next to the Narthex Table.

We are looking for: Deodorant-unisex, feminine products, toothpaste, bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving gel, combs, and/or hairbrushes, etc.

Spring Mulching Party

The first annual “Spring Remembrance Mulching Party” at will be held starting at **9:00 AM on Saturday, May 21**. This year we will be remembering Deacon Pat Sheldon and Senior Grounds Steward Del Morgan.

All parishioners are invited to this inaugural church event. Even if you are unable to push a wheelbarrow or spread mulch, your assistance is needed to direct and root on the efforts of our mulchers. Some type of lunch and drinks will also be served.

Let’s take the time on this special day to spruce up the church’s garden and remember the work of our beloved Deacon Pat and our Garden Guy Del but into our church to make it a special place for all to visit and enjoy time with family or friends.

Last Day of Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School before Summer Break is **Sunday, May 22**. We will have an end of year party during our normal Sunday School time, and weather permitting, we will bust out the giant slip n slide after the 10:30 AM service.

Breakfast to Benefit COPE

Enjoy a delicious made to order breakfast for only \$7.00 on **Sunday, May 22** from **8:30 AM until Noon** at the Elkhorn Eagles Building (20276 Wirt St.). Proceeds benefit the Christian Outreach Program – Elkhorn (COPE) and Families in western Douglas County.

Rector's Book Club – with Deacon Rebecca & special guest Kaitlin Reece

May 22, 5:00 to 6:30 pm, Food Provided: *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, by Anthony Ray Hinton. Hinton was wrongfully convicted and spent thirty years on Alabama's death row before securing his release with the assistance of civil rights attorney and author of *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson. This event will run from 5:00 to 6:30 with food provided. The Balancing the Scales of Justice task force works within the Diocese of Nebraska to help us consider issues related to imprisonment in our diocese and state, coming at them from the foundation of our faith as Christians. This book study will be co-led by guest presenters Kaitlin Reece (chair of the Balancing the Scales group) and Deacon Rebecca Smith. Some book copies are available for free via grant funding; please contact **Fr Ben** for more details; we currently have **10 free copies** of the book. You can **RSVP** here to help us plan for dinner:
<https://forms.gle/PZvQB1xrs9yLCok27>

Elaine Randall Book Club May Book

Our May book for the Elaine Randall Book Club is *Lilac Girls*, by Martha Hall Kelly. This bestselling novel, Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom, and second chances.

A library book bag is on the shelf in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to check out a book to read and join us for our discussion on Tuesday, May 31, at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Zoom connection is also available. For questions, please contact Sandra Squires at sksquires@cox.net.

June 5th – a Pentecost Celebration!

10:30 combined service and Potluck Lunch

Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the Church,” because of the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples and giving them the gifts they needed to share the message of Jesus with the world. This year on Pentecost Sunday, we’ll celebrate the Feast Day with a combined worship service at 10:30, and revive a church tradition from several years ago – the Pentecost Picnic! The Parish Life Committee has invited us to potluck this party, spill out from the Parish Hall onto the green space towards the playground, and share favorite recipes and meet more people from church! There will be great food and fun activities for kids.

This year, we’ll also mark milestones for our own church: the conclusion of our very strong three-year Capital Campaign: “Our Roots, Our Family, Our Future.” We’ll also have an opportunity to offer pledges for a Fourth Year Campaign, which we’ll hear more about in May, and which will help our church stay even stronger as we live into our mission to be a “growing, faithful, inclusive, and caring community committed to the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ,” and welcoming others into this community in the spirit of our “Come, Grow With Us” slogan.

We’ll hold a combined worship service at 10:30 that day (there will not be an 8:30 service) as a way to gather our whole community together. Hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Returns!

Vacation Bible School back at St. Augustine! **Sunday, June 12-Tuesday, June 14 from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM.** We will have dinner at 5:30 followed by lessons, crafts & music. If you would like to help by planning, teaching, playing music or organizing dinners, please contact [Kate](#) at ministries@sainta.net. Cost is \$10/child or \$30/Family, but as always, we do not want price to be a reason to not attend, we will work with any family that needs assistance. Please register here <https://forms.gle/87fip5RdDSCT54cK6>

Camp Canterbury

Youth entering 4th grade through 2022 high school graduates are invited to join us at Camp Canterbury! Registration is now open, please use this website or link from the newsletter <https://campcanterbury.episcopal-ne.org/Registration.html> Scholarships are available. If you plan to use scholarship for payment, just close out of the paypal screen that pops up when you are done registering and contact Fr. Ben(rector@sainta.net)

Spa Day Thank You

The Outreach Committee was able to plan an amazing Spa day for the ladies living at the Magdalene House presently. Magdalene Omaha is a home that delivers hope, healing, and economic self-empowerment for survivors of sex trafficking, prostitution, and addiction through multiple programs. On Thursday, 5 women came to St. Augustine for facials, massages, haircuts and meditation, and then went to a nail salon for manicures, pedicures and brow waxing. The ladies also went home with an extremely generous goodie bag. Thanks for the donations of time and talent as well as goodie bag offerings from:

- Beth Kujath who offered Red Aspen Dash press on nails
www.redaspenlove.com/bethkujath
- Stephanie Weaver who offered Beautycounter products
www.beautycounter.com/stephanieweaver
- Lani from Glow at Salon Z who offered a gift certificate for a free hair cut to each lady 402-312-3993
- Cari Hagenmoser who offered Color Street nail polish
cari.green@yahoo.com
- Maya P. who offered neck and shoulder massages from Sakoon the Spa 531-466-8200
- Rachel Sennett, Miss NE for America Strong 2022 who offered hair cuts from Seven Salon, along with her salon owner Shannon Bingham who connected us 402-934-2177
- And Ida Marie Hebrank who offered 30 minute guided meditations

If you would like to offer a donation to cover what was paid for food, facial products, manicures, pedicures & waxing, please make sure your check memo line or envelope for cash say “Magdalene Spa Day” so it will go back into the correct fund. Thank You!!

Jim Tomanek Retiring from COPE

Jim Tomanek has announced to the COPE Board of Directors, his plans to retire as the COPE Executive Director at the end of the summer or until a suitable replacement is found. Therefore, a search committee has been formed to start the replacement process as soon as possible.

Jim has been active in Cope starting in 2004 with serving breakfast to the English-speaking classes. He's volunteered 2012-2014, at which time he started serving on the COPE board until he was hired as Executive Director in February 2016.

The board will have very big shoes to fill. Please pray for the committee, board, and the next director of COPE. There will be a celebration for Jim's service in the future.

The Our Roots, Our Family, Our Future Campaign

This Spring marks an incredible milestone for our parish campaign, "Our Roots, Our Family, Our Future." **May 31st, 2022** will mark a very successful completion of our three-year capital campaign. We have kept a powerful and faithful commitment to this campaign even under the surprise challenge of several pandemic years, and because of a lot of communication, hard work, and careful management, we have begun enjoying the fruits of our labor in our new spaces, with Sunday School and programs for our youth and children, new outreach initiatives and partnerships with COPE and the Magdalene Community, and many parish celebrations in our Parish Hall. We'll be finishing the three-year campaign very strong. We'll also be entering our Year Four campaign as a way to position our parish's finances for strength, health, and a great capacity for ministry for the coming years, and we'll have some opportunities to hear how things are going and look at our goals ahead in this coming month.

Through May, please keep an eye on your mail for updates and invitations around the campaign. Our parish staff and leadership will be sending on letters in the mail with some updates, info, and invitations. Please also Save the Date for:

**Sunday, June 5th, Our Roots, Our Family, Our Future
Celebration!** Stay tuned for details about our celebration this

Save The Date

- Sunday, May 15:** Capital Campaign News Meeting
- Thursday, May 19:** Annual COPE Classic Golf Tournament
- Saturday, May 21:** Annual Spring Remembrance Mulching Party
- Sunday, May 22:** Rector's Book Club
Last Day of Sunday School!
- Tuesday, May 31:** Elaine Randall Book Club
- Sunday, June 5:** Our Roots, Our Family, Our Future Celebration

Vestry Notes – April

The Vestry met for an annual retreat on April 2nd and spent time together in prayer, getting to know each other more, talking about our church, and reviewing Vestry responsibilities. We talked about some goals for the remainder of this calendar year, including celebrating the conclusion of our three-year Capital Campaign (which ends May 30th), entering into our Year Four campaign (June 1st), and doing deep check-ins with the parish over the summer and early fall time as we continue returning from covid and living into the capabilities of our new space – for ourselves, our ministry partners, and our community.

Ministers of the Day	This Week 05/15/2022	Next Week, 05/22/2022
Musicians 8:30am:	Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld, Don Hoes, Julie Pendegraft, Laney Pendegraft	Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld, Don Hoes, Ruth Tomlinson, Julie Pendegraft
Musicians 10:30am:	Jeff Hoffman, Canterbury Choir	Jeff Hoffman, Canterbury Choir
Celebrant:	Rev. Ben Varnum	Rev. Ben Varnum
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Jim Lewis
Chalice:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 8:30am:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 10:30am:	Danica Suhr, Cole Fogarty, Luke Reilly	Brayden Pickett, Tanner Pickett, Luke Fassero
10:30 am Greeter:	Jack Ott & Richard Krueger	Jack Ott & Richard Krueger
8:30 am Lector:	Jim Lewis	MJ Smith
10:30 am Lector:	Megan Griffiths	Paul Ahrens
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Angie Gallegos	OPEN
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Kathy Pospichal	Barb Digiovanni
Sunday School	9:40 – 10:20 AM	9:40 – 10:20 AM
Coffee Hour	Vicki, Leslie, & Kids	OPEN