

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

May 1, 2022

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

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Raphael, 1483-1520. Miraculous Draught of Fishes, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55340> [retrieved April 28, 2022]. Original source: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:V%26A\\_-\\_Raphael,\\_The\\_Miraculous\\_Draught\\_of\\_Fishes\\_\(1515\).jpg#](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:V%26A_-_Raphael,_The_Miraculous_Draught_of_Fishes_(1515).jpg#).

***Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine***, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

***Worship as we move forward in COVID-19:*** We are carefully gathering for **worship in-person at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:30pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required, and we continue to remain masked through the services and practice respectful distances and safety protocols. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable or unable to mask we would encourage you to join via Zoom (email [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for link) or through the livestream on the Website: <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

**Contacting Us:** We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca). If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

**You are very welcome here.** We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

**Presider:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Greeters:** Joan Huzar, Judith Reid

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Readers:** Susan Bangrove, Virginia Miller

**Gospel:** Karen Coverett

**Sermon:** The Reverend Stephanie Wood

**Intercessor:** Lorraine Gates

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Gerry Melville, Lorraine Gates,  
Virginia Miller

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** The Community Choir of St. John the Divine

Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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## The Gathering of the Community

*As we seek to care for one another in pandemic, we remember that masks must be worn over nose and mouth in our services at all times, especially when singing.*

### Prelude

Territorial Acknowledgement and Welcome to all who are gathering in the church building and online.

### The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,  
**All: you have called us to be your family  
and to celebrate our life together in worship.  
We pray now, for all members of our family  
as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online.  
Through your spirit keep us united in love.  
Bless each of us with your beloved friendship.  
Teach us, gracious God,  
how to be your church in these times.  
Help us to know that we are your people,  
that we are your Family, always.  
Amen.**



1. Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!  
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!  
sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!  
following our exalted head, alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

## Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

**All: May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**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 (CP 702)

### *Refrain*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

### *Refrain*

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.

### *Refrain*

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.

### *Refrain*

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept.*

God of the new fire  
and feasting at daybreak:  
come to us in the dullness of routine  
and the pain of betrayal;  
call to us in the way of the cross  
and the joy of resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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# The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

## The First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Refrain**

**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me. **R**

O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. **R**

In my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved. You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong." Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed. **R**

To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? 'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.' **R**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness; Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

**The Epistle**

Revelation 5:11-14

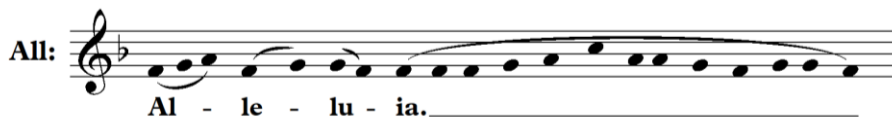
Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



Cantor: *Open to us the scriptures Lord Christ : make our hearts burn within us.*



God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.



When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

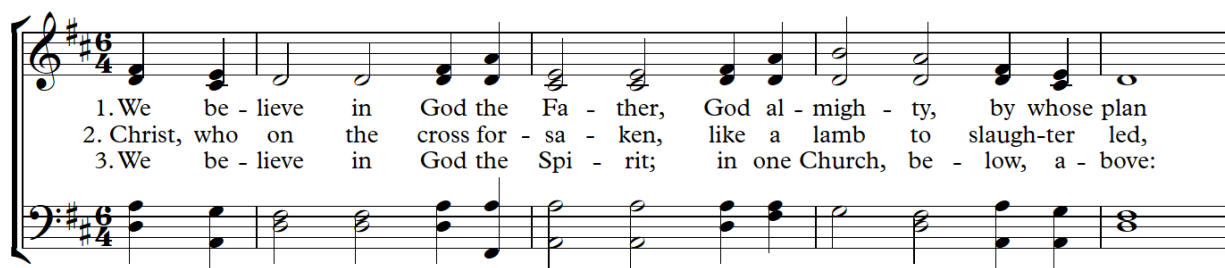
The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**


## Sermon

*Following the address there will be a pause for silence.*

## Affirmation of Faith



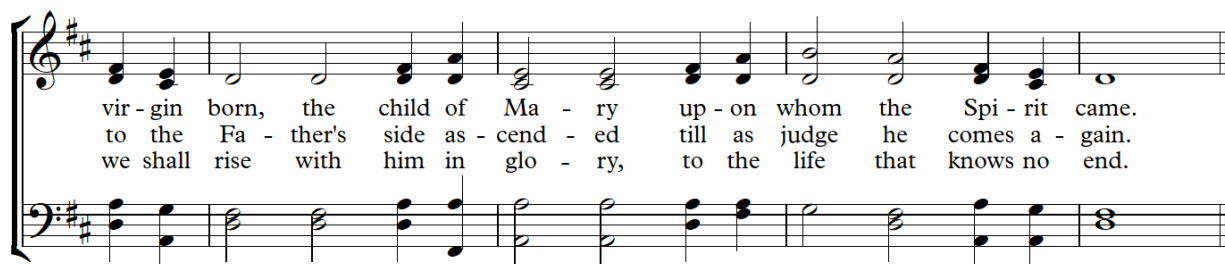
1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan  
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,  
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
suf-fered un - der Pon tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.  
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.



We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - viour, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea ven's king to rule and reign,  
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - viour, Lord and friend,



vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.  
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.  
we shall rise with him in glo - ry, to the life that knows no end.

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Music: NETTLETON, trad. American.

## Prayers of the People

*Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.*

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 231)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. **That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
2. **He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.  
Alleluia, alleluia...**
3. **From every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed forever shield:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, alleluia...**
4. **Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia...**

Text: Latin (Aurora lucis rutilat, part 3, 5<sup>th</sup> cent.?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God.*

Let us pray:

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**All: Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

*As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.*

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life.  
Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus (CP 732)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."  
Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.  
**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

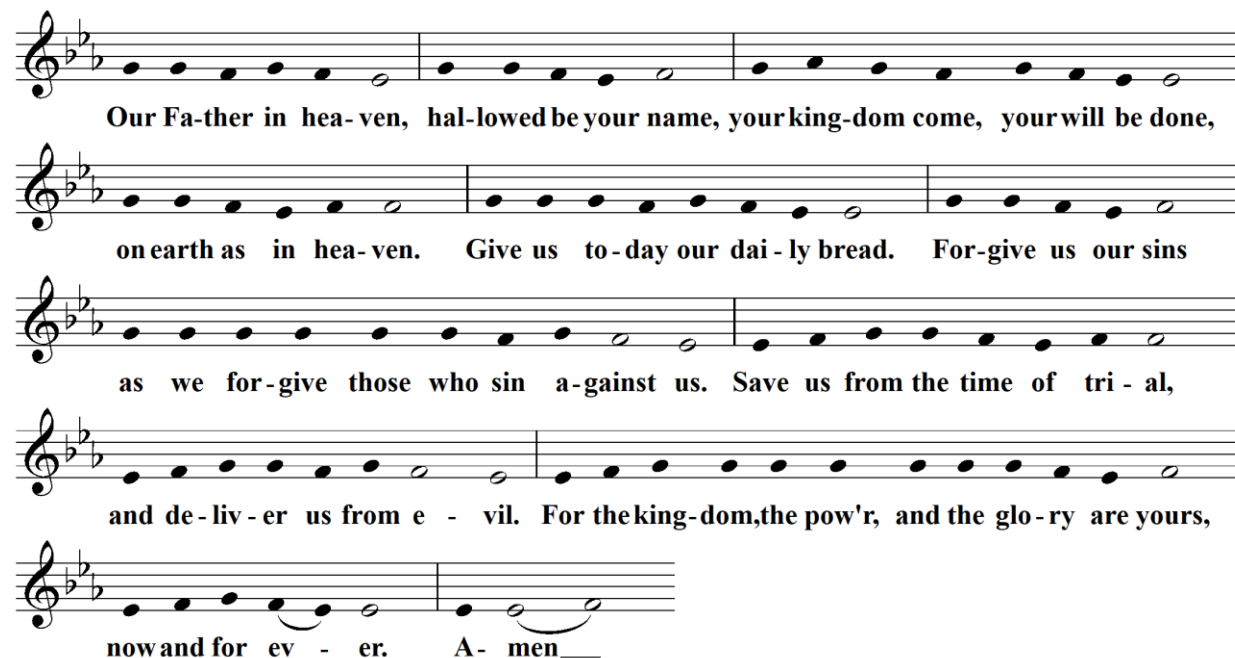
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, now and for ever.



**All: A men A - men A - men.**

## The Disciple's Prayer

*Priest:* As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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## The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The deacon will have gluten-free wafers available to those who wish them.*

*After receiving communion, please move to your right to go back to your seat.*

## Anthem

Do not I love Thee, O my Lord?

Behold my heart, and see,

And turn each cursed idol out,

That dares to rival Thee.

Do not I love Thee from my soul?

Then let me nothing love;

Dead be my heart to ev'ry joy

When Jesus cannot move.

Thou know'st I love Thee, dearest Lord,

But O I long to soar

Far from the sphere of mortal joys,

And learn to love Thee more.

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: The Sacred Harp

*Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.*

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## The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.**

## Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
so that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

## Blessing

## Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God. Alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Final Hymn (CP 211)

VULPIUS

- 1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Please join us for Zoom coffee hour.

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## Readings for May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Acts 9:36-43** Peter continues the work of Jesus, and of Old Testament prophets, in raising a woman from death.

**Psalms 23** This most well known and loved psalm has been committed to memory by many Christians.

**Revelation 7:9-17** As we did last Sunday, we read of a grand heavenly vision, now including a vast multitude of martyred saints standing before the throne and the Lamb.

**John 10:22-30** Jesus is challenged to acknowledge his role publicly; he chooses, instead, to teach a lesson about belief.

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## Flowers

Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Duff 1920-2015. Gone but not forgotten, love Louise and family.

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### The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Mark  
Anne  
Charlotte  
Brian

David  
Nancy  
Kat  
Chris  
Savio

Daryl  
Eric  
Joe & family  
John & Pat



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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

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