

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 28, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to  
St. Augustine by-the-Sea  
Episcopal Church!**

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



*If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.*

**Holy Eucharist**  
**April 28, 2024, 10:30AM**  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Rite Two

**Prelude:**     **A Tango on “Down Ampney” by Mark Sedio**  
                  Greg Schreiner, Organ

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite**

*(at the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

On this day, the first of days (Gott sei Dank)

Hymnal 47

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;  
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.  
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.  
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
 dwell within my heart alone;  
 thou dost give thyself to me:  
 help me give myself to thee.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*(the Celebrant says)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

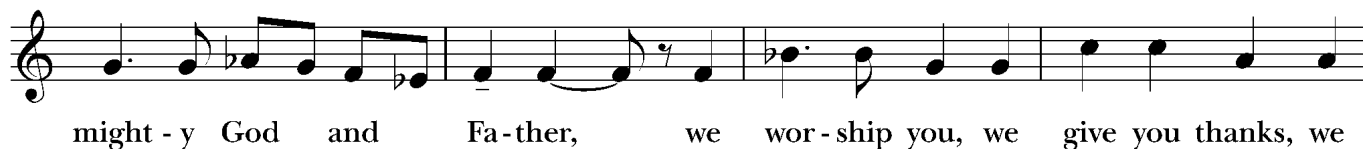
*(the Celebrant says)*

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.**

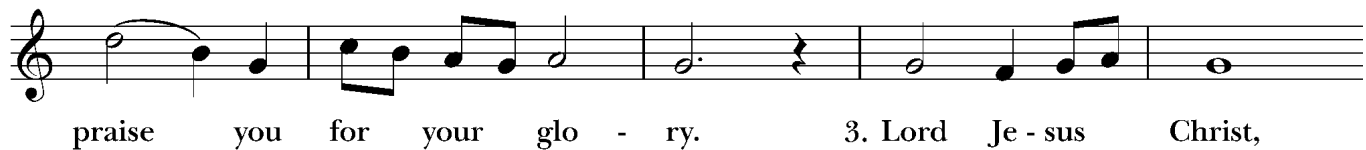
## OPENING ANTHEM

*S 278*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



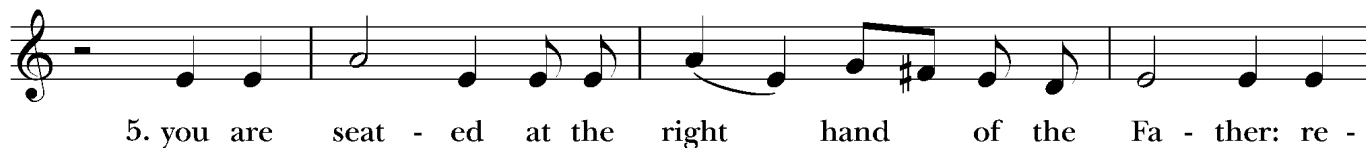
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



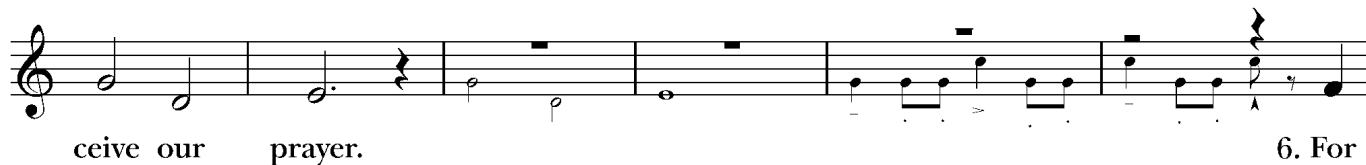
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



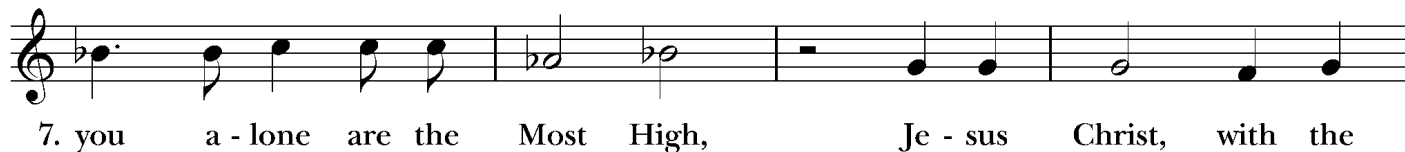
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## 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.***

*(please sit for readings)*

## FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
 so he does not open his mouth.  
 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*(silence may follow)*

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30 (*sung to Tone IV.1 and congregation may join when comfortable*)



- 24 My praise is of him in the / great assémbly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of / those who wörshíp him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the / LORD shall práise him: \*  
“May / your heart lïve fôr ëver!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to the LÓRD, \*  
and all the families of the na/tions shall böw bëföre him.
- 27 For kingship belongs / to the LÓRD; \*  
he / rules övër thé nätions.



28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow / down in wórship; \*  
all who go down to the / dust fall bëfóre him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descen/dants shall sérve him; \*  
they shall be known / as the LÖRD's för éver.

30 They shall come and make known to a / people yét unborn \*  
the saving / deeds that hë häs done. [Ant.]

## SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.



*(silence may follow)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(all stand – “Repeating Alleluia” by Calvin Hampton, sung by the choir, Congregation join in when comfortable)*

Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia. (Al - le-) ia. *last time*

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh**  
*(a moment of silence is observed)*

## THE NICENE CREED

*(the Celebrant announces the Creed)*

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

We give you thanks for those who offer leadership of your church—for our bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for the church and all who carry out your mission.

In your mercy,

*Hear us O God.*

We pray for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and hearts for justice and peace.

In your mercy,

*Hear us O God.*

We pray for mercy for all who suffer from hunger, poverty, natural disasters, and wars. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We give thanks for the service of those who answer their call for help.

In your mercy,

*Hear us O God.*

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and those whose spirits are restless. Comfort the dying and strengthen the ones who stand beside them.

In your mercy,

*Hear us O God.*

We pray for those who have died and now rest in Your eternal embrace. Console all who mourn with the healing power of your love and the assurance of new life in this world and the next.

In your mercy,

*Hear us O God.*

We pray for all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (*intercessions may be offered*).

Loving God,

*We raise our hearts to You.*

*(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)*

O God, keep our hearts and minds rooted in your love. Bind us to one another in faith that together we may bear fruit. All this we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*(the Celebrant says)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(silence may be kept)*

*Celebrant 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**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### Donation



Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using the QR Code

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "I am the Vine" by Allen Pote

*(the people stand)*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney)

Hymnal 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.\_\_\_\_\_

*(the Celebrant continues)*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.**

*(the Celebrant continues)*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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

*Antiphon*

*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

## INVITATION

*(the Celebrant says)*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

## Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

*(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)*

*Celebrant* Will all who are online, join in praying:

In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

*(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM – “Le Cygne” by Camille Saint-Saëns

performed by Greg and Bruce Teter

*(please stand)*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (The Call)

Hymnal 487



1	Come,	my	Way,	my	Truth,	my	Life:	such	a
2	Come,	my	Light,	my	Feast,	my	Strength:	such	a
3	Come,	my	Joy,	my	Love,	my	Heart:	such	a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

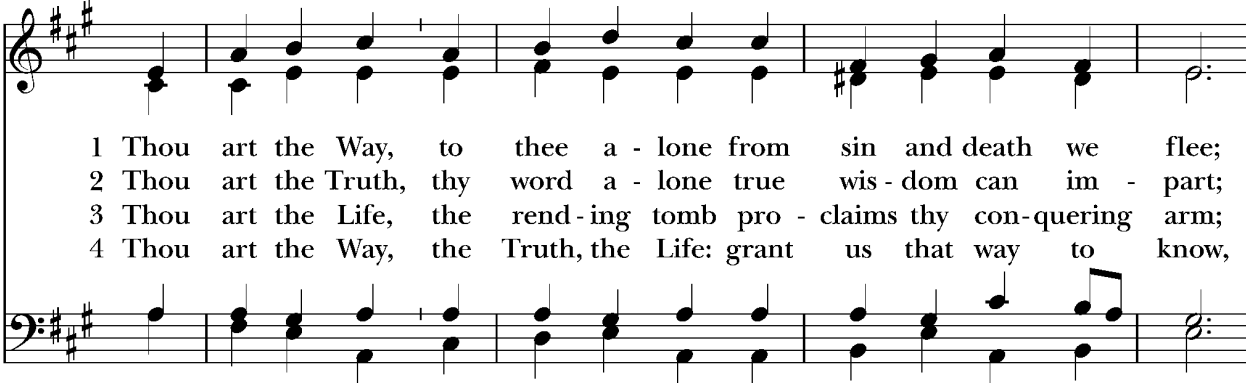
*(the Celebrant blesses the people, saying)*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

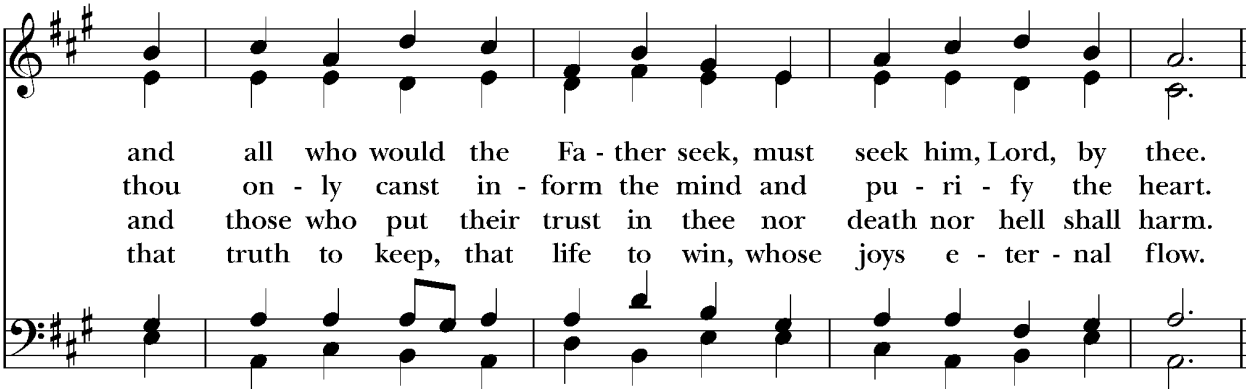
## CLOSING HYMN

Thou art the Way, to thee alone (St. James)

Hymnal 457



1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,



and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude – “His Eye is on the Sparrow”

sung by Ariana Stultz, Alto and Vicki Rhodes, Soprano with Greg Schreiner, piano

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Forums: *Stories from Acts***  
**Continues through May 12, 9:20 - 10:10am**

What happened after Jesus' death and resurrection? How did the apostles spread the Good News? What challenges did they face? Join clergy between services to explore some of the key stories from the Book of Acts. Meets in Sts. Francis & Clare room.

**Mansfield Chamber Singers Concert**  
***Music of Fantasy, Friendship, Faith & Fun***  
**TODAY at 2pm - in St. A's Sanctuary**

Join our organist Greg Schreiner and the Mansfield Chamber Singers, led by Kenneth Wells, for a spring concert featuring a broad program of music from the Renaissance and Romantic eras on up through contemporary pops & beyond.

***Online Class - Episcopal Beliefs and Practices***  
**Continues Tues April 30, & May 9, 7pm - 8:30pm**

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or want a deeper understanding the church, our class on the Anglican/Episcopal tradition continues. It is fine to join if you missed the first session. **4/30 Topic: Church & Polity.** Zoom link-<https://us02web.zoom.us>

**Make & Serve Meals for Safe Place for Youth (SPY)**  
**Cooking - Weds. May 1, 6-9pm in church kitchen**  
**Serving – Thurs. May 2, afternoon, at SPY**

On the first Weds/Thurs of the month St. A's serves a home-cooked hot meal to youth at-risk and experiencing homelessness. Come and help with either shopping, cooking, delivering and/or serving the meals! Email Laura Horton at [hortonla@hotmail.com](mailto:hortonla@hotmail.com) to sign up.

***The Way of the Heart* - Finding Spiritual Nourishment**  
**Saturdays May 4 & May 18, 8am - 9:30am**

Join the Healing Prayer Team for conversations on the spiritual practices of solitude, silence, and prayer, drawing in part on Henri Nouwen's book *The Way of the Heart*. Meets in-person in Sts Francis & Clare room, with option to Zoom (Meeting ID - 885 7057 3268; passcode - 904417). Questions - email Deb Giordano at [debspirituality777@gmail.com](mailto:debspirituality777@gmail.com)

**Donate Clothing for Unhoused Neighbors!**  
**NEXT SUNDAY - May 5**

On the first Sunday of every month, St. A's is gathering clothes for Project Ropa, a non-profit that gives out gently used clothing and hygiene kits to our unhoused neighbors. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex for a list of acceptable items. If you have gently used (or new) clothes you're eager to pass on, bring them to church and leave them in the church lobby. Any questions email Ariana Stultz at [arianahmm93@gmail.com](mailto:arianahmm93@gmail.com).



## Clergy

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