

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 07, 2023**

**10:45 A.M.**

*We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or member, and invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, following the service, please introduce yourself to our clergy.*

*Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the front doors following worship.*

*For ease of use, this service leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy.*

*A book to write your prayer requests in is located on the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.*

***Please pick up an instrument from the Narthex as you enter the Church***

## Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate you joining us in the worship of the risen Lord during these fifty days of Easter.

The Paschal feast is the grand baptismal celebration of our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. Easter is our living out of our baptism in mission, living as the joyful body of Christ in the world. Resurrection is not a past event. Easter is now, present tense. Christ is risen. Since Jesus is alive, he is present to the human heart. Easter's challenge is to look at renewal in our midst to look at ourselves, the baptized, all of us marked by the redeeming cross of Christ.

This joy calls us beyond our fears and confusion into the light of day. There is a growing awareness that we are called out of comfort zones to claim and proclaim the power of the resurrection. We are offered a vision of the power of God's abundant, steadfast, and irrepressible love. We see a God who is truly the beginning and the end, calling us to live in love and unity with each other in a world made radically new by the resurrection of Jesus. Death is defeated, we can live lives of new possibilities, fashion a world of peace and hope, and cherish each other as the gift we are.

During these seven weeks of celebrating the reality of the Risen One in our midst, we do so by experiencing in unbridled joy the mystery and wonder of the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

You will notice the attention given to what we do in our corporate worship during this time of the Church year. It is a time when we "pull out the stops" and "put on our best." The proclamation of the word is done in the power of the Spirit. Our music has an uplifting tone that seeks to send the soul soaring. And, the church is infused with the fragrance of flowers, vivid colors, and regal splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +*

Rector

## + THE GATHERING RITE +

**Voluntary:** “Adagio”

*Charles Rinck*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*See insert*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

### DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

### Sacred Silence

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.*

*At the tolling of the bell, please stand, face the entrance and play your instruments until the gong sounds.*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Collect for Purity

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.**

*During the singing of the Gathering Songs, the congregation is sprinkled with flowers as a sign and symbol of forgiveness, renewal and resurrection.*



Gathering Song: "Come and Go With Me to My Father's House"

Michael Laure



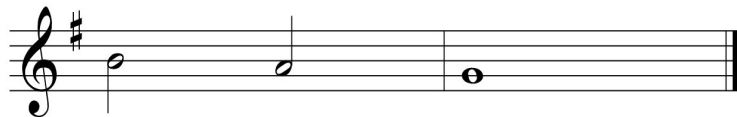
Come and go with me to my Fath - er's house,  
It's not ver - y far to my Fath - er's house,  
Je - sus is the way to my Fath - er's house,  
Je - sus is the light in my Fath - er's house,  
Come and go with me to my Fath - er's house,



to my Fath - er's house, to my Fath - er's house.  
to my Fath - er's house, to my Fath - er's house.  
to my Fath - er's house, to my Fath - er's house.  
in my Fath - er's house, in my Fath - er's house.  
to my Fath - er's house, to my Fath - er's house.



Come and go with me to my Fath - er's house, where there's  
It's not ver - y far to my Fath - er's house, where there's  
Je - sus is the way to my Fath - er's house, where there's  
Je - sus is the light in my Fath - er's house, where there's  
Come and go with me to my Fath - er's house, where there's



joy, joy, joy!  
joy, joy, joy!  
joy, joy, joy!  
joy, joy, joy!  
joy, joy, joy!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD +

*Please be seated.*

### **Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Moment, the children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the cross and attend Children's Chapel. They will return during the baptism.*

### **Children's Sending Prayer**

**O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

### **The Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

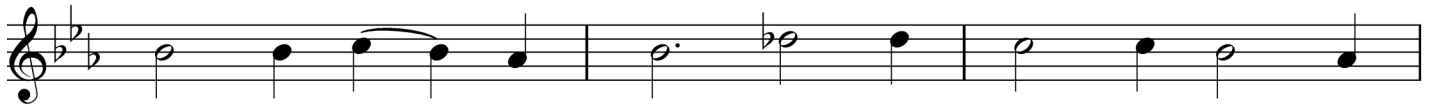
**Gospel Acclamation:** “Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Text: *George Herbert*

Tune: *The Call*



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.

*Please remain standing.*

**Holy Gospel:** John 14:1-14

*Preacher* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

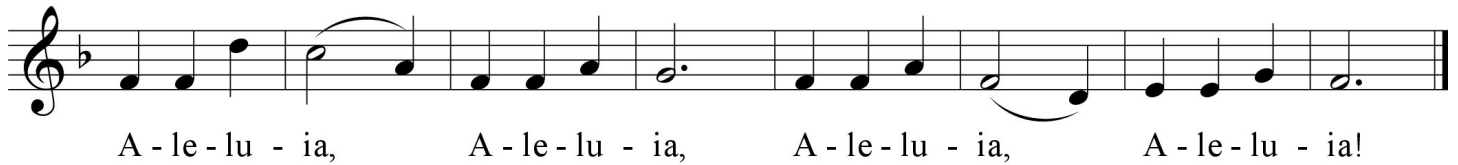
*Preacher* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*During the singing of the Gospel Response, we will follow the ancient Jewish tradition. The Word will be processed throughout the congregation. Everyone is invited to honor the Word with either a kiss, touch, or a bow.*

**Gospel Response:** “Zimbabwe Alleluia”

*D. Maraire, arr. P. Matsikenyiri*



*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Joseph Alsay



## +THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM +

*Please stand.*

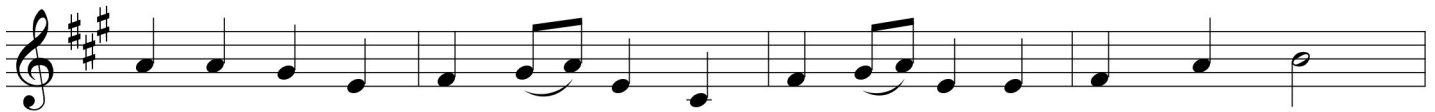
**Baptismal Hymn:** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Words: *Ronald Cole-Turner*

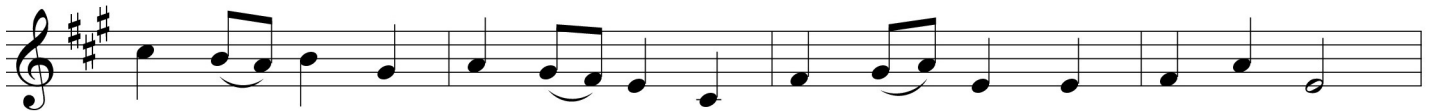
Tune: *Scott Chard*



Child of bless - ing child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spi - rit's sign,  
Child of joy our dear - est trea - sure God's you are, from God you came.



with the wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Now to God we humb - ly off - er: live as one who bears Christ's name!



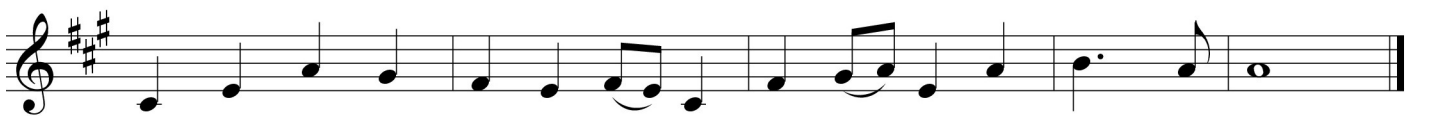
Child of love our love's ex - pres - sion; love's cre - a - tion love in - deed.  
Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



Fresh from God, re - fresh our spi - rits, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship. Trust and love God



more than all.



Fresh from God, re - fresh our spi - rits, trust and love God more than all



*The Parents and Sponsors add rocks from the Jordan River to the Baptismal Font.*

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Priest* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*Parents & Sponsor* We present Evalynn Grace Barnes to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I will, with God's help.

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I will, with God's help.

*Priest* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I renounce them.  
*Priest* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I renounce them.  
*Priest* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I renounce them.

*Priest* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I do.  
*Priest* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I do.  
*Priest* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*Parents & Sponsor* I do.

*Priest* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?  
*People* **We will.**  
*Priest* Let us join with Evalynn, who is committing herself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Please stand.*

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**



## Prayers for the Candidate

*Priest* Let us now pray for Evalynn, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intercessor* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep her in the faith and communion of your Holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Water from the Jordan River is poured into the font.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Baptism**

*The candidate is immersed, three times as the following is said:*

*Priest* Evalynn Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*People* **Amen.**

### **Prayer for the Holy Spirit**

*Priest* Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her up to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.  
*People* **Amen.**

### **Chrismation**

*Priest* Evalynn Grace you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.  
*People* **Amen.**

### **Welcome**

*Priest* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Please stand.*

### **Peace**

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

## **+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +**

*Please be seated.*

### **Offertory Sentence**

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

*During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.*

*To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.*

**Offering in Song: "Rise Again"**

*Dallas Holm*

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Presentation Song: "Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow!"**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be -  
 low; O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise! Praise the Fath-er, praise the  
 Son! and praise the Spir - it: Three in One! O praise Him, O  
 praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please remain standing.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Franz Schubert



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

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

*Please remain standing.*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Distribution**

*All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.*

*For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.*

*If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.*

*The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.*

*After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.*

*If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.*

*Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.*

*Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.*

*Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.*

*If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Samuel Medley



I know that my Re - dee - mer lives!  
 He lives, tri - um - phant from the grave;  
 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 He lives, my kind, wise hea - ven - ly friend;  
 He lives to si - lence all my fears;  
 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;  
 He lives, all glo - ry to his name!



What joy his blessed as - sur - ance gives!  
 He lives, e - ter - nal - ly to save;  
 He lives to plead for me a - bove;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives to wipe a - way my tears;  
 He lives, and I shall con - quer death;  
 He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same.



He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
 He lives, all glo - rious in the sky;  
 He lives, my hun - gry soul to feed;  
 He lives, and while He lives I'll sing;  
 He lives to calm my troub - led heart;  
 He lives, my man - sion to pre - pare;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sen - tence gives:



He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head.  
 He lives, es - alt - ed there on high.  
 He lives to help in time of need.  
 He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.  
 He lives, all bless - ings to im - part.  
 He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!



## + THE SENDING RITE +

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**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, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

### Benediction

*Presider* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you eternal inheritance.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Presider* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Voluntary:** "Trumpet Tune"

*Michael McCabe*

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.*

### Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

*DOK* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday May 7, 2023, at 10:45 AM - The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Presider:** The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

**Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

**Deacon:** The Reverend Karen Hansen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patsy Hollingsworth and Noel Jacobs

**Lector and Intercessor:** Valerie Hall

**Crucifer:** Jason Mack

**Torchbearers:** Jaxon and Makennah Mack

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Karena Van Horn

**Organist:** John Potter

**Guest Musician:** Randy Polk, Trumpet

**Oblation Bearers:** Judy & Mark Heaney

**Greeters:** Judy Montgomery and Janet Mills

**Altar Guild:** Mary Andrews, Judy Montgomery, Jason Seabolt

**+ THIS IS OUR STORY +**

The derivation of the name “Easter” is uncertain, but, according to Bede, it is connected with an Anglo-Saxon spring goddess “Eostre”. As in the case of Christmas, the Christian feast of Easter has superseded an old pagan festival. The popular custom of exchanging “Easter eggs” is of very ancient origin. Flowering a cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from the death of

Good Friday. There are many adaptations of this symbol, but they center on a very rough-cut wooden cross. Three metal spikes are often driven into the wood at the arms and feet, and the cross is often draped with the purple of Lent and a crown of thorns.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, the spikes and drapes are removed, and the cross is covered with flowers (often placed by children) and draped in white. The celebration of Easter coincided closely with the Jewish celebration of Passover. By the early third century, the observance lasted throughout the night, and was closely associated with baptism. In the 4th century, the liturgical year was developing, and separate observances on Good Friday were begun. It was around this time that the Paschal Candle, with its symbolism of light, was first introduced.

*If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: [gghaas@aol.com](mailto:gghaas@aol.com), or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

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## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday** – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

**Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

## **STAFF**

**Rector:** The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Assisting Priest:** The Reverend Canon Tony Moon, Ph.D.

**Deacon:** The Reverend Karen Hansen

**Administrative Assistant/Member Engagement Coordinator:** Sarah-Emily Steinhardt

**Contribution Registrar:** Kenny Koch

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## **VESTRY**

**Sr. Warden:** James Reeg Sr. Warden Elect: Michael Johnston

**Jr. Warden:** Jon Wallingford Jr. Warden Elect: William “Bill” Kenney

**Treasurer:** Marian Moon

**Other Members:** Brad Davidson, John Fink, Jay Kyte, Valerie Hall, Rick Inselman,  
Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, & Jason Seabolt

**Clerk:** Renee Lewis

## **OFFICE HOURS**

*To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.*

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

Sarah-Emily Steinhardt, Admin Assistant

Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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