

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



*Peter Preaching*

Lorenzo Veneziano c.1370

**Third Sunday of Easter**

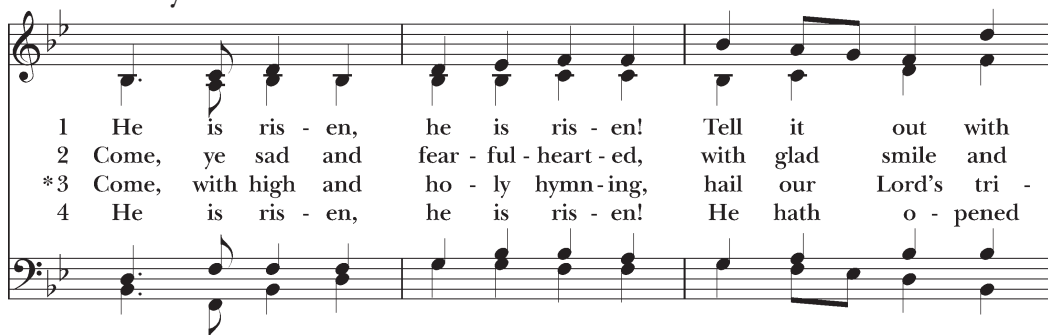
**April 18, 2021**

*Open Doors. Open hearts. Open Hands.*

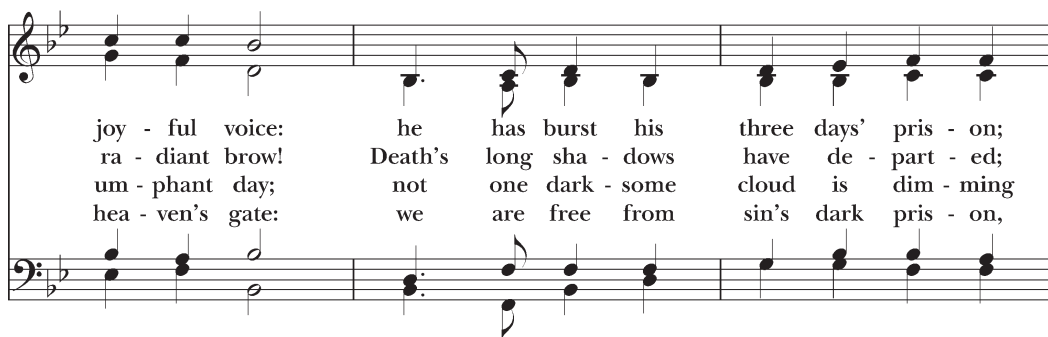
*We will welcome all to live God's mission, teach Christ's love  
and transform our community by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

# Processional Hymn

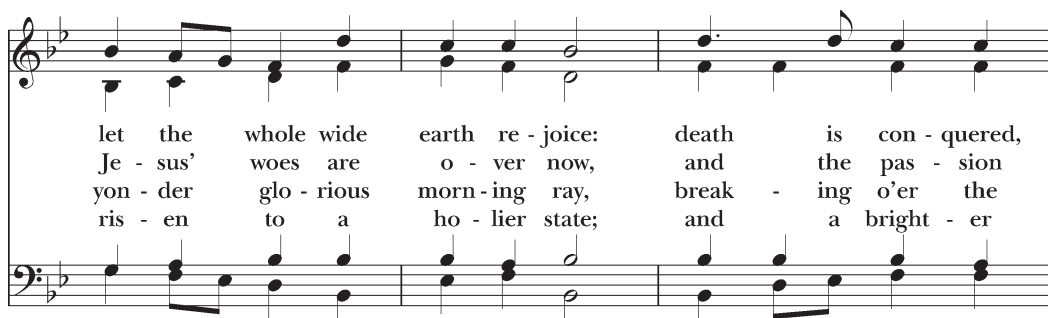
*He is risen*



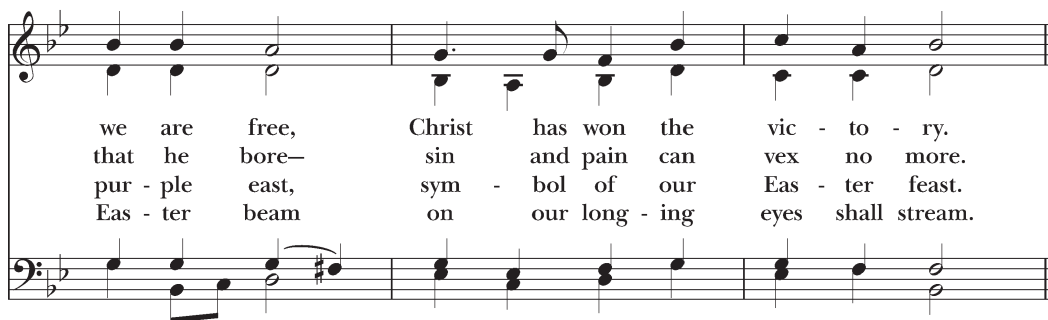
1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened



joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,



let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er



we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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

*Celebrant* 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.

### **Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Gathering Rite: Essentially gets us together from our individual lives into our communal life as the Church. The celebrant invites us to praise God and to acknowledge the reason we have gathered. We begin our worship with praise and thanksgiving to God and we continue singing God's praise with the Gloria. The gathering rite includes perhaps a prelude, a processional hymn, the opening acclamation and the Gloria, Trisagion or Kyrie

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

The Collect of the Day: This prayer sets the tone for the days worship drawing on themes from scripture for the day. It's called a collect because in the ancient church parishioners would share their prayers aloud and the celebrant would collect these and draw them into a single prayer to God on everyone's behalf.

## A Reading from Acts (3:12-19)

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

The scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary. This is a 3 year cycle of scripture in which most of the bible is read during the 3 year period. Usually we have a reading from Hebrew scripture and a Psalm followed by an Epistle and the Gospel Lesson

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks Be to God.

## Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Psalm: These are ancient poems and hymns giving voice to the range of expression of faith, from joy and thanksgiving to lament and confusion.

## A Reading from 1 John (3:1-7)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks Be to God

## Hymn to Announce the Gospel

*Come, risen Lord*



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;  
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;



in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (24:36b-48)**

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev'd Adam Pierce, Assistant Rector**

The sermon should respond or comment on the scripture and make it applicable to our lives today. For pastoral services like baptism or feasts (like Christmas and Easter) the sermon should focus on those themes specifically. The sermon also marks the transition in the service from hearing the word of God to proclaiming this message in our lives

### **The Nicene 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,

The Creed: This is a statement of belief and it is our response after hearing the Word proclaimed. This text is from the 4<sup>th</sup> century. It is divided into 3 parts: What we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.



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.

## Prayers of the People

*Leader and People pray responsively*

*Celebrant*

Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power  
through your Spirit to reveal your life to the  
world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make  
you known by word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Prayers of the People: After hearing  
the word of God proclaimed we are  
drawn into prayer for the needs of  
the world. A lay person, not a priest,  
leads these prayers



We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.

We are your servants, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

You are the life within us, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

*Guide us in your grace.*

*Celebrant*

We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Election of St. Paul's next Rector**

Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge, you know the needs of your church in every place. Look graciously upon the people of St. Paul's and grant our search committee and Vestry the wisdom and discernment to call, with open hearts and minds, a faithful pastor who will feed us, your flock, and equip us for our ministries.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People*             And also with you.

**Anthem**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

**French Carol**

### **The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP p. 361ff.

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

Confession: Typically, confession follows the prayers. During Easter, a time of celebration and joy in the Church we typically do not hold confession. However, confession plays an important and vital role in our lives as it reminds us again and again of God's forgiveness and grace, inviting us to live in the way of forgiveness.

The Peace: The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Peace. This action reminds of that we are all equal in God's Kingdom. The fact that we know this is not true in the world gives us as the Church something to strive for in our lives as we await the coming of God's Kingdom.

Clergy are ordained and given authority to speak these prayers, but they are the prayers of the entire congregation. Notice that this is a dialogue between priest and parishioners; celebrant begins "The Lord Be with you" and the people respond. Prayer C offers more opportunity for congregational response.

*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.

Seasonal Preface: Prayers A and B have prefaces that correspond to the season of the Church year. This is the Easter Preface

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and  
might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Then 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.

Eucharistic prayers follow a distinct structure: Thanksgiving and praise to begin the prayer through the Sanctus. The post Sanctus begins by recounting God's salvation history usually with a nod to creation, then reflection on the person of Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. Prayer A focuses solely on Jesus' death as being significant for salvation but other prayers, like D, mention acts of his public ministry as being important like care for the poor and the imprisoned.

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

**Words of Institution:** It is a common belief that consecration of the bread and wine happens at this moment. However, these words function as the warrant for us to do what we are doing. These words are central to the prayer because of their placement in the prayers structure. If we think of the prayer shaped like an hour glass this portion is the center of the hour glass. Everything before has now narrowed to this point, praising God and hearing again salvation history. From here we move back out asking the Spirit to do something for us and in us so we can continue to do the work God has given us to do out in the world. It is the entire prayer that consecrates, not a single moment in the prayer.

**Memorial Acclamation:** With one voice we proclaim the mystery of our faith. In remembering we are brought into the life of Christ

After remembering the core tenet of our faith we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

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.

**Epiclesis:** Asking the Holy Spirit to do something to the gifts and something to us. Unity is predominate theme in this portion of the prayer. We are being united to God and one another.

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

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

BCP p. 364

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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction:** We recall at this point that we are all part of the body of Christ; the body broken given for us. Because we share this body we find our unity in the body of Christ.

### **Fraction Anthem**

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

# Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the People of God.

## Prayer For Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

## Communion Hymn

*Humbly I adore Thee*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

## Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant and People*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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.

After sharing this meal we are sent out into the world to be the Body of Christ in the world. Our praise, worship, and devotion to God does not end here but carries on in the world.

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."*

## Hymn

*The strife is o'er*

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

(continued next page)



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 \*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ped.*

## Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Voluntary

*Fugue in G Major*

J S Bach

## *Prayer List*

### *In our parish*

LOUISE BUCK	JERE LEWIS
EARL CRAIG	WILLIAM MURPHY
FR. JOHN CAWTHORNE	BARBARA O'ROURKE
ANNE FREELING	TAMMY POLLOCK
RUSS GRAUMLICH	JIM SUMMEY
DAVID HEATH	JOANN SUMMEY
JEN & ORION	RALPH TILDEN
ANNE LAUDATI	MACK UMPHLETT
RICHARD LAUDATI	

### *People Requesting Prayer*

ANN AND RODNEY  
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