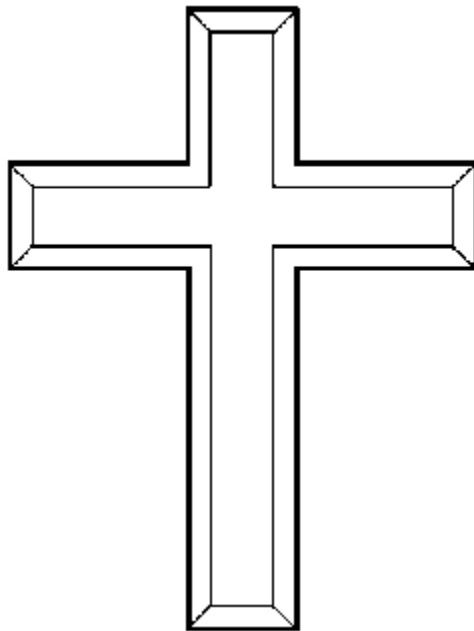


Church of the Holy Cross

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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10 a.m.

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Gathering of the People

Prelude *O love that will not let me go*

Opening Hymn LEVAS 13 *My Lord what a morning*

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O
my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall. **Fine**

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____

na - tions un - der - ground, _____ Look - ing to my God's right
hand, _____ When the stars be - gin to fall. _____ **D.C.**

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

Opening Acclamation (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Celebrant Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.
People **Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight to the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Hymn of Praise St. James Press

mf 1st time - 2nd time f

GROUP 1 *mf* Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is__ ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

GROUP 2 *mf* Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is__ ris - en!

GROUP 1 Christ is__ ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

GROUP 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is__ ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

GROUP 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is ris - en! Al - le - lu -

GROUP 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is ris - en! Al - le - lu -

20 **Fine** *mp*
GROUP 1 ia! The Lord is ris'n in -
GROUP 2 ia!

25 *mf*
GROUP 1 deed! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is ris'n in - deed! Al - le -
GROUP 2 *mp* The Lord is ris'n in - deed! Al - le - lu - ia! *mf* The

30
GROUP 1 - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
GROUP 2 Lord is ris'n in - deed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

35
GROUP 1 The Lord is ris'n in - deed! Al - le - lu - ia!
GROUP 2 Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is ris'n in - deed! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 *mf 1st time - 2nd time f*
GROUP 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!
GROUP 2 *mf* Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en!

GROUP 1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!
GROUP 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

15 **rit. 2nd time**
GROUP 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is ris - en! Al - le - lu -
GROUP 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is ris - en! Al - le - lu -

ALL ia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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 be seated for the readings.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from Acts.

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.**

Psalm 22:24-30

Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

- 25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: ***
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 **For kingship belongs to the LORD; ***
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 **My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; ***
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from the New Testament

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from first 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.

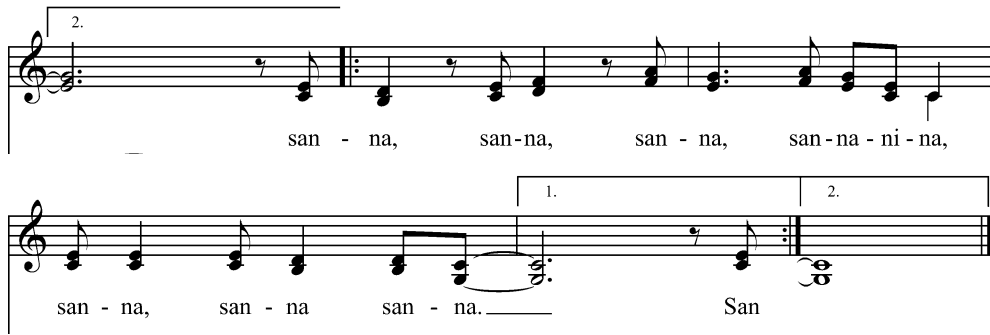
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn MHSO 91 `Sanna

We will sing the hymn once before the gospel and once after.

'San-na,* san-na - ni - na, san - na, san - na, san - na, ____



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Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Sermon

The Rev Stacy Salles

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, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room, or in the chat on Zoom.

Celebrant God of new life, we give praise for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and
for the moments of surprising grace we have experienced which take part in
your divine story. Give us mindful hearts to perceive the blessings of your
love at all times and in all places. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Peace is exchanged with one another.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 121 *Baptized in Water*

The hymn is sung while the Deacon sets the table.



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,



1. trust - ing his prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child - ren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Communion Prayer (from laughingbird.net and Enriching Our Worship 3)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your love is forever and you have raised the crucified Christ from the dead.

You created all things and placed Christ as the cornerstone. You made your grace known to Israel in the wilderness, and through your prophets you pledged your everlasting love and constant faithfulness.

You anointed your child, Jesus, with the Holy Spirit and power, and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by evil. He was put to death, hung on a tree, but you raised him on the third day, and allowed him to appear, first to Mary Magdalene and then to your other chosen witnesses.

So now we praise you within the gates of justice and raise our glad songs of victory for you have become our savior and hidden our lives in Christ's glory.

Sanctus LEVAS 255 *Holy, holy, holy*



san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.
 Rising you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As Jesus has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

Fraction Anthem WLP 876 *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

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

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

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

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The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. Please indicate if you do not want the wafer dipped in wine. The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Communion Music VF 89 *We gather at your table Lord*

1 We gath - er at your ta - ble, Lord: we hum - bly lift our
2 We share this meal and we are fed. Such bas - ic gifts be -
3 God, pour your Spi - Rit on us all, and on these gifts that
4 From north and south, from west and east, now rec - on - ciled, we

hearts to you! Here all are wel - comed, all re - stored, and
come your sign: we see you bro - ken in the bread; we
we re - ceive; for in Christ's pre - sence we re - call his
ga - ther near; we taste your king - dom's ban - quet feast, so

For canon only

all are giv - en work to do. (-en work to do.)
know your love in com - mon wine. (in com - mon wine.)
life and death, and so be - lieve. (and so be - lieve.)
find - ing strength to serve you here. (to serve you here.)

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Announcements & Celebration of Life Events

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
Whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us,
Strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.
May the wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God,
Bless you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn MHSO 83 *If you love me*

1 If you love me, tru - ly love me, keep my com-mand - ments
2 If you love me, tru - ly love me, come now and my dis -
4 If you love me, tru - ly love me, in - to the world a -
day by day. If you love me, tru - ly love me,
ci - ple be. If you love me, tru - ly love me,
rise and go. If you love me, tru - ly love me,
fol - low for - ev - er in my way. _____
fol - low and so re - mem - ber me. _____ to verse three
there ev - 'ry - where my wit - ness show. _____
3 Through the land my peo - ple feed, al - le - lu - ia,
in their sor - row, in their need, al - le - lu - ia.

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Going into the World

Deacon Let us go forth in the power of the Resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

Postlude *Instrumental*

This brings the worship to a close.

All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.

Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Bruce Hinkle
Reader 2: Pam Janson
Prayer: Ann Maher
Greeter/Usher: Laura Stutso
Zoom Host: Mercedes Williams
Counters: Pam Hinkle & Rebecca McCormick

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Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Cathi Peterson,
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