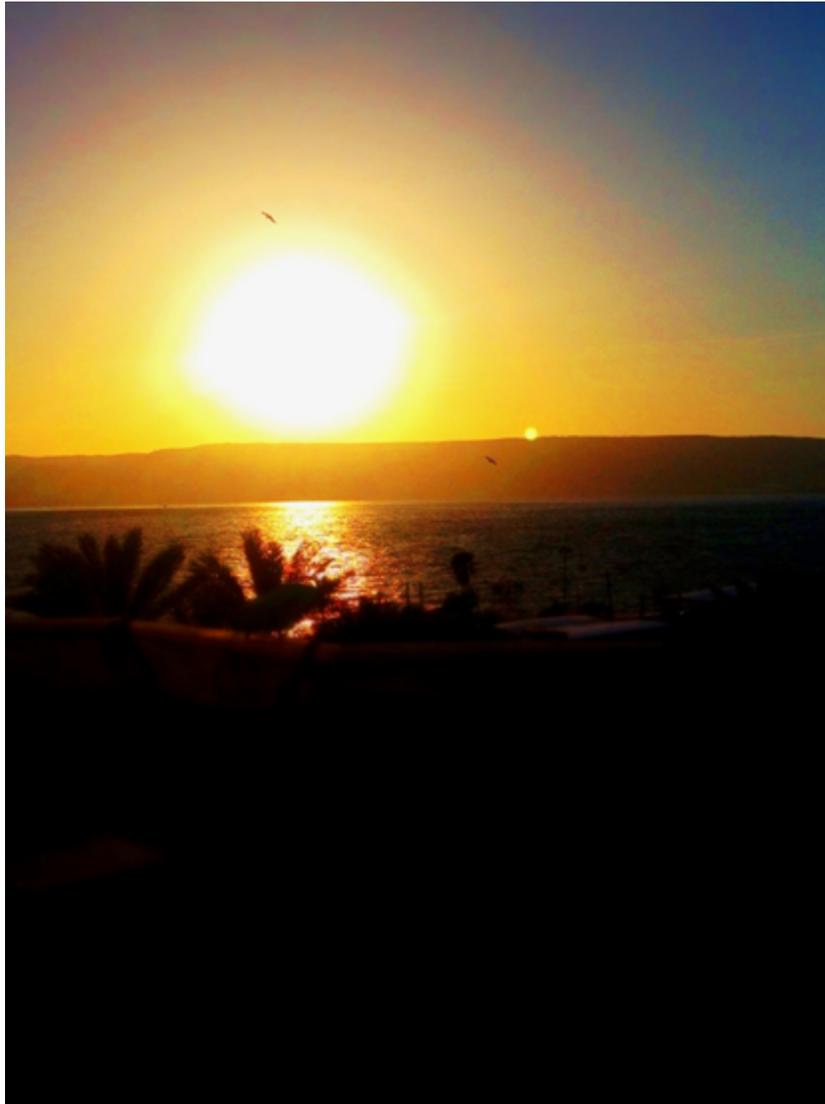




Saint Mary's
Episcopal Church

Seek God. Love one another. Serve Others.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:15 A.M.

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Health and Safety Practices for In-Person Worship During COVID-19

As we worship together in a new way and do all that we can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that those worshipping with us in person abide by the following:

- Wear a mask at all times, over the nose and mouth.
- Maintain a social distance of six feet from others not in your household.
- When offering the sign of peace to one another during the liturgy, please wave or bow to others. Refrain from hugging, handshaking, or moving about the church to greet others.
- Refrain from singing. For the time being, our music will be pre-recorded or instrumental.
- When participating in the prayers or saying the congregational responses, please speak softly and quietly.
- When receiving communion, avoid lining up in the aisle. Come forward one pew at a time, only with those with whom you are sitting. Wait for those in the pew in front of you to receive communion before you exit your seat.
- When the priest or deacon hands you the communion bread, please return to your pew. Once in your pew, you may momentarily lower your mask to eat the bread, and pull your mask back up. For the time being, we are not offering individual blessings during communion.
- When the service is over, please depart immediately and in an orderly fashion, allowing plenty of space between yourself and others. Please refrain from congregating in the back of the church or in the pews. Continue to maintain social distance.

Thank you for your consideration and for helping us keep one another as safe and healthy as possible.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday, May 2, 2021**

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Patrick J. Skutch

The Prelude

All stand as the clergy enter.

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Hymn of Praise - “Jesus is Risen”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Jesus is risen! Let us sing! Praise to the everlasting King! Alleluia!
Praise him in song, ye Seraphim! Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, let us together sing his praise! Alleluia!
Raise joyful voices to the sky! Sing out, ye heavens, in reply; Alleluia!

To God the Father let us sing, to God the Son, our risen King! Alleluia!
and equally let us adore the Holy Spirit evermore! Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer is observed

Presider: 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 First Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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: The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

A brief time of silence follows the reading.

The Psalm - Psalm 22:24-30

Refrain: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord,

The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! *Refrain.*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

Their descendents shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. *Refrain.*

The Gospel Acclamation



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Verse: Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

All stand, for the Gospel Acclamation and the Holy Gospel

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Homily

Father Patrick

The Nicene Creed

Presider: We believe in one God,

Assembly: ***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 and the Son,
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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In this Easter season, we pray with joy and thanksgiving to you, our Risen Lord, saying
“Christ, have mercy.”

Leader: For the members of your holy Church around the world, that we may be sent forth in bold
witness to your Gospel, we pray to you.

Assembly: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: For Paula, our Bishop-elect, that she may be renewed in strength and health, we pray to you.

Assembly: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: For Joseph, the President of the United States, J.B., the Governor of this state, and for all in
authority, that they may be governed by your wisdom, and that they may lead with humility and
respect for all people, we pray to you.

Assembly: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: For the brokenhearted and sorrowful, that they may know the consolation of the Spirit, our
Holy Comforter, we pray to you.

Assembly: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: For the sick, and any in trouble or need; for Donna Barnish, Marcia Higgins, Rebecca Wood
and Phil DelRe, that they may know the balm of your embrace we pray to you.

Assembly: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died; for Rev. Gordon Minehart, Dorothy Lenzer, Pamela Whamond, Mary Bayer, Lynne Comstock, William Sanchez, Bill Wallace, that they may rejoice in your presence, we pray to you.

Assembly: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We offer our prayers to you, O Christ, for all who have asked for them, and for any whom we remember in particular today.

The people may add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

The Presider concludes with the following Collect.

Presider: Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people may safely make a gesture of peace, with a wave or a bow.

Hymn - "Christians Let Us Love One Another"

Picardy

Christians, let us love one another, as we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed.
Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

We who break this bread are one body, we who share this cup are all one.
Children of our Father in heaven, we are heirs with God's only Son
Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

We who eat and drink at this table die and rise again with our Lord.
Drawing from our Rock living water given to all who thirst for accord.
Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

On the path of life we may falter, earthly food alone leaves us weak;
Always you invite from the altar, "Hungry souls their food here must seek."
Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

Wheat and grape incarnate a mystery; Jesus is the true living bread.
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving, trusting in the word he has said.
Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

Jesus is the vine, we the branches; we are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.
Those who eat this bread live forever, one with Christ, our Lord and our Head.
Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

Presider: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and Assembly: We praise you, we bless you
we give thanks to you
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Presider: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Assembly: *Amen.*

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People: ***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 forever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then is said:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion is a way to express our desire to receive communion and to be assured that we are united with Christ and with one another in the Eucharistic action of the church, even when we are impeded from physical reception of the Holy Sacrament.

Presider: Those who are worshipping remotely may pray with me this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering especially my own parish, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. 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 to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider: Merciful God,

People: ***you have nourished us with your Word,
and fed us with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ
You have made us one body in him,
even as we cannot all be physically together at this time.
Equip us for service in your name,
strengthen us to persevere through our present trials,
and help us to remember that you will never forsake us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Post Communion Hymn - “Love Divine, all Love’s Excelling”

Hyrfydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people.

Presider: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Postlude

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The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, grandmothers and aunts from Trish and Jim Morris; and in loving memory of her parents, Marjorie and Rodney Tanner, Hank's parents Ella and Henry Lang from Peggy Lang; and in loving memory of Joan Grauer from David Grauer and sons John and Mark.