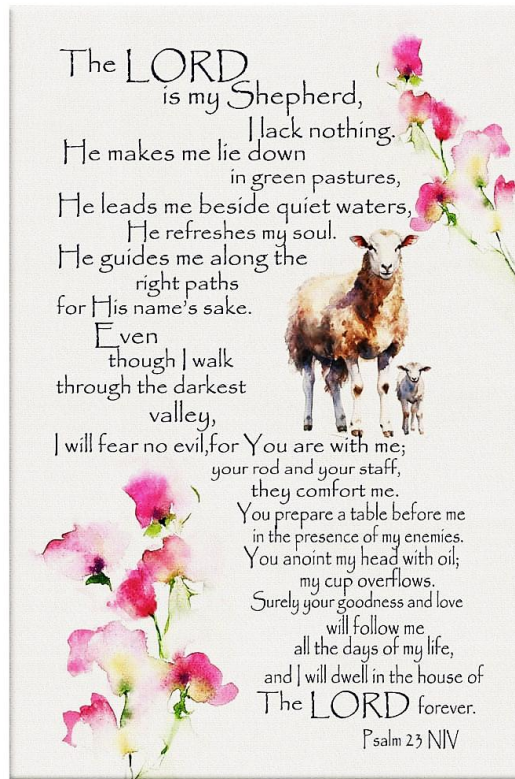


ST ALBANS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

9:00AM

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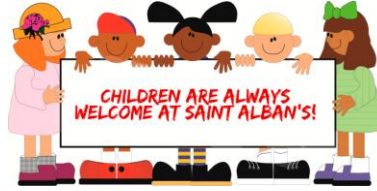
Website: www.st-albans-church.org

Welcome Newcomers!

We are blessed to have you with us today. Please sign our newcomer's book at the back of the church, introduce yourself to the priest, and join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall immediately after the service, just across the courtyard.

Our hope is that you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared, the mystery of grace is experienced, and the joy and laughter of the Christian life is taught.

To learn more about St. Alban's call the office at (619) 444-8212 or email us at: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info. Also, check out our website at www.st-albans-church.org.



Sunday School meets in the building across the courtyard at 9:00am. The children return to their parents at the church for the Communion service. Sunday School starts **Sundays at 9:00 am**. The children will be attending in-person at St. Alban's Church in the Education Room.

Please Note: There is no Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of each month. Children are welcome to the service with their families.

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers: Ahlam Westeen, Amanda & family, Angelynn Than & family, Bernice & Grace, Bob & family, Branda Moua, Chris Miller & family, Christine Peters, friends & family of David Webb, Diaa, Don Mitchell, Dyvid Elias, Eileen McMillen, Gavin Bishop, George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee, Georgina & Phil Loveless, Helen Mallancy, Hilda Ro & family, Jamal Shorees, Jason Longsworth, Joy Bishop, Judith Taylor, Judy Brown, Kent Crothers, Mike & Molly, Mike & Penny Park, Marion Weist & family, Mu Tay, Pa Lae, Ricardo, the Rodriguiz family, Samir Matta, Shae Paw & Lily, and Vivien.

Pray for those serving in the military: Christopher Ibanez, Joshua Ibanez, Clarence Thompkins, David Longsworth, Donovan Burns, Jacob Swerdfeger, Lindzy Macias, Phoenix Locken, Riley McMillen, Travis Warner, and Xavier Arthurs.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Haiti, Myanmar (known as Burma), Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly, who are suffering deprivation, torture, and death for confessing Christ as their Lord.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: We give thanks today for the clergy and people of St. Andrew's by-the-Lake in Lake Elsinore.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Prayer Requests: To make a request or to update requests, please call the St Alban's office: 619-444-8212, or email: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info. You are also invited to add a prayer request in the narthex to be read in our Sunday public prayers. We can also receive prayer requests through our website: www.st-albans-church.org



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The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit.

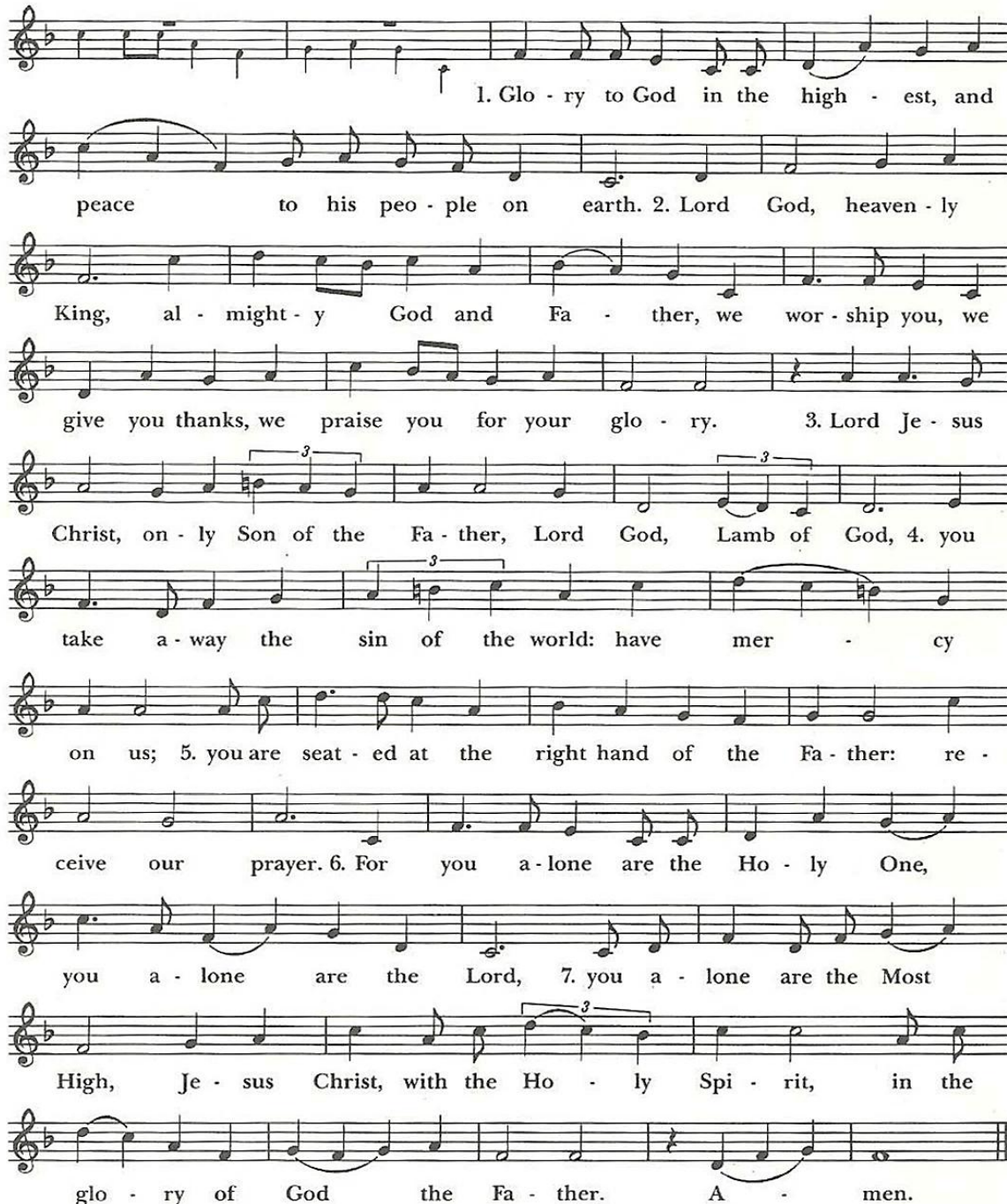
Opening Hymn – Hymnal 174, “At the Lamb’s High Feast”

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria – S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day –

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, Whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Acts 2:42-47

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read responsively by verse.

Psalm 23

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for His
Name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for You are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me; *

You have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely Your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD forever.**

The Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector: A reading from Paul’s first letter to Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in His mouth.”

When He was abused, He did not return abuse; when He suffered, He did not threaten; but He entrusted Himself to the one who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Music – S 164, “Jesus Lamb of God”



The Gospel —John 10:1-10 (Reading in Arabic)

Sequence Music – S 164, “Jesus Lamb of God”



The Gospel – John 10:1-10 ((Reading in English)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the Shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for Him, and the sheep hear His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. When He has brought out all His own, He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.



So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”



Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sequence Music – S 164, “Jesus Lamb of God”

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Lord Christ, You came and dwelled among us and through Your Holy Spirit You dwell among us still.
Use Word and Sacrament this day to help us know this truth more deeply in our hearts
and live its reality more fully in our lives. **Amen.**

Sequence Music – S 164, “Jesus Lamb of God”

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Please rise in body or spirit and join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All say together.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the clergy and people of **St. Andrew's by-the-Lake in Lake Elsinore**, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **Sean our presiding bishop, Susan our bishop, Richard our priest-in-charge**, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **President Donald Trump; Governor Gavin Newsom; Mayor Bill Wells**; and all the men and women who serve our country, state, and city in leadership positions, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **El Cajon, Lakeside, Santee, and San Diego**, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve her, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who travel on land, in or on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those with particular concerns:

<p>Ahlam Westeen Amanda & family Angelynn Than & family Bernice & Grace Bob & family Branda Moua Chris Miller & family Christine Peters friends & family of David Webb Diaa Don Mitchell Dyvid Elias Eileen McMillen Gavin Bishop George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee Georgina & Phil Loveless Helen Mallancy</p>	<p>Hilda Ro & family Jamal Shorees Jason Longworth Joy Bishop Judith Taylor Judy Brown Kent Crothers Mike & Molly Mike & Penny Park Marion Weist & family Mu Tay Pa Lae Ricardo the Rodriguiz family Samir Matta Shae Paw & Lily Vivien</p>
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Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For what else would the people of God pray:

(Please take a few moments to express thanks or offer your own concerns to God either vocally or silently.)

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the health and safety of those serving in the military, particularly:

Christopher Ibanez Joshua Ibanez Clarence Thompkins David Longsworth Donovan Burns Jacob Swerdfeger	Lindy Macias Phoenix Locken Riley McMillen Travis Warner Xavier Arthurs
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Intercessor: and with thanksgiving for all our veterans, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For **Zita of Tuscany**, Worker of Charity, **Catherine of Siena**, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, **Sts Philip and James**, Apostles, **Athanasius of Alexandria**, Bishop and Theologian, and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of Your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

All say together:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep You + in eternal life.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

At this time you are invited to greet others with a handshake, a wave or hug in peace as you are comfortable.

Announcements

OFFERING PRAYER

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Celebrant: All things come from You O Lord.

People: **And of Your own we have given You.**

Offertory – Hymnal 691, “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

Offertory Response – Hymnal 676, “There is a Balm in Gilead”

The Holy Communion

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 S130

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

Celebrant: 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:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 our 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 forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – *(Arabic/English - please see pew card)*

A moment of reverence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love Him and who want to love Him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed;
come, not because the church invites you;
it is Christ, and He invites you to meet Him here.

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

Communion Hymn – *Hymnal 188, "Love's Redeeming Work is Done"*

Please stand in body or spirit.

Celebrant: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

People: **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 194, “Jesus Lives”

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Participants in Today’s In-Person and Online Worship

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

Assisting in Worship: Mary Zori

Lectors/Intercessors: Colette Hurd, Joanne Bishop, Eileen McMillen, Tracy Vevia

Organist/Choirmaster: Justin Hansen

Streaming Tech: Lily Airy

Gospel Readers: **Arabic** - Nawal Yousif, Mary Zori, Jamil Shorees, Ibtisam Bashee, Nahrien Patak, Intissar Razoq, & Musa
Karen - Angelynn Than

Ushers: Sharon Hathaway and Lisa Hilliker

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