



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 10:30 a.m. • Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC Presider & Preacher

WELCOME

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Here in the Episcopal Church, we truly welcome everyone. Please sign a visitor's card (or scan the QR code below) and introduce yourself to Fr. Lester after the service.

If you'd like more information on joining St. Mary's, membership, baptism, serving as a youth acolyte, confirmation, etc., contact the Parish Office at 949-494-3542 or email parishoffice@stmaryslb.org.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!



Our Mission: To be open to God's love and Guidance. To embrace all in the name of Christ.

Our Vision: To be an inclusive community called to serve, heal, and love our neighbors in the Light of God.





New to St. Mary's?

Candida R. TerBush leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at St. Mary's and she would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have.

Contact her at candidarivera25@yahoo.com

Weekly Service Schedule 10:00am, Healing Service **TUES** Conference Call Format 11:00am. Eucharist **WED** Spoken, Church 7pm, Taizé Heartfulness **THURS** First Thursdays, Church

Ways to

Gratitude for your financial support of St. Mary's. Please consider giving to help us continue our ministry here in Laguna Beach and beyond.







Give Lively platform



Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, or made a change to the schedule, please mark the schedule in the Narthex and also contact the Parish Office.

We can always use more volunteers to help out with our Sunday liturgies! If you would like to help with being a reader, acolyte, usher, hospitality, etc., please contact the Parish Office.

TODAY AT 10:30AM

First Reader YOUTH
Second Reader YOUTH
Crucifer Pat August

Chalice Candida R. TerBush

Ushers Ben Brown & Suzy Horaney

Hospitality Cristina Calderone

Next Sunday, May 12, 10:30 am

First Reader Tammi Ford
Second Reader Christian TerBush
Crucifer Tammi Ford
Chalice Ben Brown

Ushers Jim van Gaasbeek &

Suzy Horaney

Hospitality Tammi Ford



Next Sunday's Lessons

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19, Psalm 1

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, May 5

8AM Rite I Holy Eucharist spoken
10:30AM Rite II Holy Eucharist with Choir
Hospitality Hour following

12PM ECW Line Dancing Event, Guild Hall

Monday, May 6

7PM AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Tuesday, May 7

10AM Healing Service, Conference Call Format 7PM AA Women's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

7PM L.B. Chamber Singers, Church

Parish Prayer List

For the departed

Betty K, Dave Brokaw, Lorett Gautreaux, Colette Marsaud, Nancy Guthrie, Ralph Root, Blake Franklin, Bill Ford,

For healing, comfort and other requests

Miranda P, Alan, Melissa, Jim, Randy, Lie, Bettina, Pinkie M, JoAnn, Kayla K, Mary H, Josephine, Pamela, Joe, Terry, Sara, Jerry, Terrie, Nancy, Carol, Phoebe, Ralph, Hampton, Mimi, Francesca, Grace, Josh, John P., Tanya, Daniel, Tom, Jan, Karen, Lynn, Gregory, Erin, Ashley, Kady, Beau and Erika, Mike L, Erin, Tina, Milana, Linda, Kenedy, , Jill, John, Chris, Richard, Sarah, Corrie, Pat, Lauren, Judy, Jan

For all others in need

Those affected by natural & environmental disasters especially Japan, all in fear in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kongo, Israel and Palestine.

For our City of Laguna Beach and the Diocese of Los Angeles

Prayer cards can be found in the Narthex or scan the QR Code here:



Wednesday, May 8

NO WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST - CLERGY CONFERENCE

10AM Parish Staff Meeting

7PM AA Men's Group Meeting, Guild Hall

Thursday, May 9

8AM Men's Bible Study, Office Library 6:30PM Toastmasters Meeting, Guild Hall

Friday, May 10

1PM Women's Bible Study, Office Library3PM Judy Barry Celebration of Life, Terrace

Saturday, May 11

4PM L.B. Chamber Singers Concert, Church 8PM AA Living Sober Group Meeting, Guild Hall May 5, 2024 | The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Your Parish Leadership

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Janet Chisholm · Class of 2026

Glen Roske · Class of 2026

John Kilpatrick · Class of 2026

Marc Mullendore · Class of 2026

The Vestry meets the Fourth Sunday of each Month at 12:00 p.m.

A Few Reminders

WORSHIP

Follow along starting on page 9. Responses are in bold.

COMMUNION

From whatever tradition you come, you are always welcome at the Lord's table. We are currently receiving Communion at the Altar Rail.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

There will be childcare service with Mimi Chavez this morning. There are "Youth Bulletins" with crayons in the back of the church. All Youth are invited to help participate during our Family Service (1st Sunday at 10:30am) as readers or acolytes. Contact Fr. Lester.

RESTROOMS

These facilities are located on our lower level, beneath the choir. For wheelchair access, please ask an usher for assistance.

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE HOUR

Following today's 10:30am Service, all are welcome to our Guild Hall for fellowship, coffee and light refreshments.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome to St. Mary's! Introduce yourself to Fr. Lester and complete a Newcomer Card. There is a QR code on page 3 of this bulletin to also fill out online. We are glad that you are here to join us in this faith forward journey.

You are always velcome here.



Calling all Youth to help serve as an Acolyte at Church!

If interested in being an acolyte during the 10:30am service, contact Fr. Lester.



Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God from Sid Petersen, "in honor of my wedding anniversary."



2024 Stewardship St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A "Blast from the Past"

As we celebrate 95 years as a community, we reflect on our history in Laguna Beach.

Photo:

The congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. John C. Donnell, in 1930.



Save the Dates for ECW's **Summer Concert Series**

June 15:

Ed Krajec & Danny Beissel

July 20:

Jason Feddy

August 17:

Reggie Christian

September 14:

Shauna McFadden & Bob Gunn

All concerts are from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on the Upper Terrace



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YOU ARE INVITED TO E.C.W.'S

LINE DANCING

TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM, GUILD HALL

\$20 - ADULTS
YOUTH 12 & UNDER - FREE
TICKETS INCLUDE CINCO DE MAYO
LUNCH, SOFT DRINK & LINE DANCING

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, May 5, 2024, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

OPENING HYMN • Awake, Arise

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

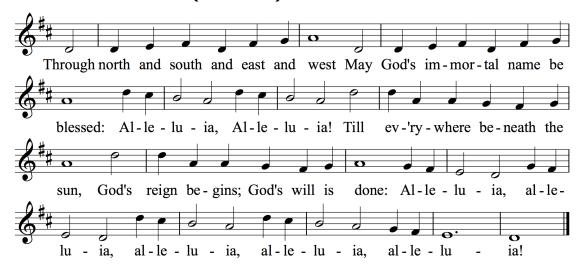
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

Before the service, we speak to God. During the service, God speaks to us.

The people stand at the introduction of the Opening Hymn.

SONG OF PRAISE (GLORIA)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our

hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The people sit for the Word of God.

This missionary speech in today's reading marks an important turning point in the outreach of the early Church. Many Jewish Christians feared and resisted the possible inclusion of Gentiles, but Luke makes clear that Peter himself began the mission to the Gentiles under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Cornelius was a "God-fearing" Roman, one who worshiped God but had not adopted all of the Jewish practices. He received the sacrament of baptism, but not before he and his gathered receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This event marks a new Pentecost.

The Word of God

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Rite II | St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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THE PSALM • Psalm 98, Cantate Domino

- Sing to the Lord a new | **song**, for the Lord has done marvelous | **things**.
- The right hand and the holy arm of the | **Lord** have secured the | **victory**.
- The Lord has made known this | **victory**; and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the | **nations**.
- The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of | **Israel,** and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our | **God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you | lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and | sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the | **harp**, with the harp and the voice of | **song**.
- With trumpets and the sound of the | **horn** shout with joy before the Sovereign, the | **Lord.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is | in it, the lands and those who dwell there-| in.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their | **hands**, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the | **earth**.
- In righteousness shall the Lord judge the | **world** and the peoples with | **equity.**

THE SECOND LESSON • 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from The First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

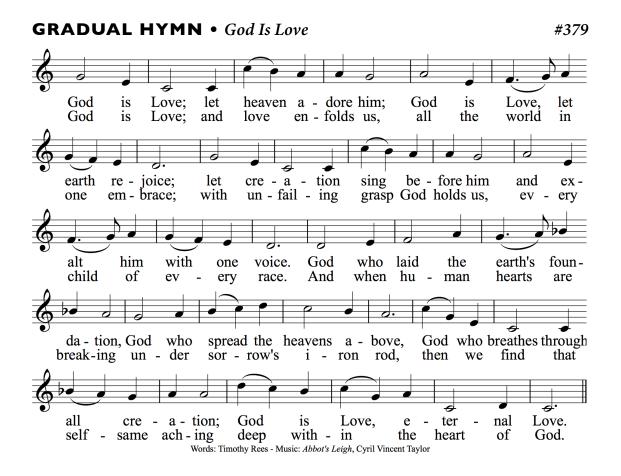
Thanks be to God.

This psalm is closely related to Psalm 96. Its original setting may have been the enthronement festival of Yahweh, celebrated each year at the New Year's feast of Tabernacles. In later times, the psalm was interpreted to herald the Lord's final coming. It presents the Lord, in faithfulness to the covenant, acting in history for the salvation of God's people.

The writing of 1 John seems to have been occasioned by a schism in the community due to heresy, specifically the denial of Jesus's humanity. The central theme of 1 John is that "God is love" (4:8). The significance of this statement is explored through repeated meditation that interweaves theology and ethics.

The people stand at the introduction of the Gradual Hymn.

Today's gospel reading from the discourse on the vine and the branches deals with the disciples' relationships with one another. Jesus's relationship with the Father has now become the model for all believers. The Father and Son's relationship of mutual indwelling is now extended to Christians. The Father's love for the Son is the basis, both in origin and in quality, of the Son's love for the believer. Believers are to love one another with a love characterized by self-sacrifice. Thus, while Christians are still servants of Christ in terms of ministry, they are friends (v. 15) of Christ in terms with intimacy with God. In and through this relationship, Christians are appointed to "bear fruit." (v16).



THE HOLY GOSPEL • John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask

him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Presider The Good News of Jesus. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



"Love One Another" by Mark Lawrence

THE SERMON • The Reverend Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC

The people sit during the Sermon. A period of silence is to follow to reflect on the Readings and Sermon.

The Nicene Creed will be found on the following page.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE May 5, 2024 | The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The people stand for the Nicene Creed.

The early Christian Church nearly divided over substantial disagreements in theology about the person of Jesus and the relationship between God the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To resolve those differences, the Emperor Constantine called a convocation of the Bishops in the year 325 AD to the city of Nicea. After much controversy, the statement of beliefs they crafted became known as the Nicene Creed. The word "creed" is from the Latin word "Credo" which means "I believe."

THE NICENE CREED

Presider Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the

Nicene Creed.

All 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 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In hope and silence, let us pray to God, the Creator of all.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That those who serve in the Church throughout the world - especially Michael our Presiding Bishop; John our Diocese Bishop may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory,

we pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That the members of this congregation, and all who gather with us in prayer and song, may embrace and embody the

good news of the resurrection, we pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That the people of this nation and those to whom we look for

governance may be subject to one another in Christian love,

we pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That war, famine, and disaster may cease in all the world, we

pray to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That those in need of sustenance, shelter, healing, or

accompaniment may be blessed with provision, we pray to the

living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the

faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray

to the living God.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious God, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and

in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of your beloved Son; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for

ever.

People Amen.

The people remain standing for the Prayers of the People.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II May 5, 2024 | The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The people greet one another with a sign of peace.

The people sit.

The people stand as are able.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

THE OFFERTORY & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

DOXOLOGY

People Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 (ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP)

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your heats.

People We lift them up 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and

everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of

heaven and earth.

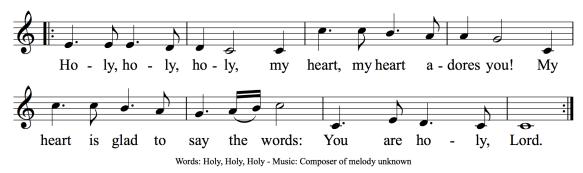
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for

us everlasting life.

Presider

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS



Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider

Partle

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Words of Institution recall Jesus' words at the Last Supper (instructing the disciples to do this in remembrance of him). The words of invocation called Epiclesis is where we ask the Holy Spirit to descend up these gifts and upon us to make the bread and wine holy and to make us part of Christ's body.

Presider

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us in the language of our heart, we are bold to say:

People

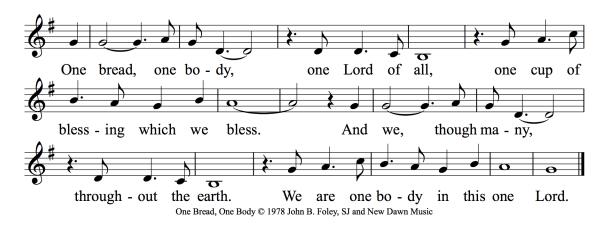
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

When Jesus taught his disciples this prayer it was a summary of all prayers. Placed in our liturgy at this place it again becomes the summation of our prayers to God in blessing the Bread and Wine.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

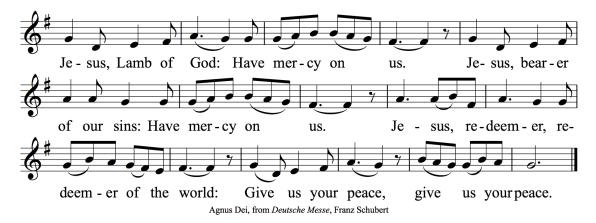
Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the Word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith and trust in the world you love. Amen.

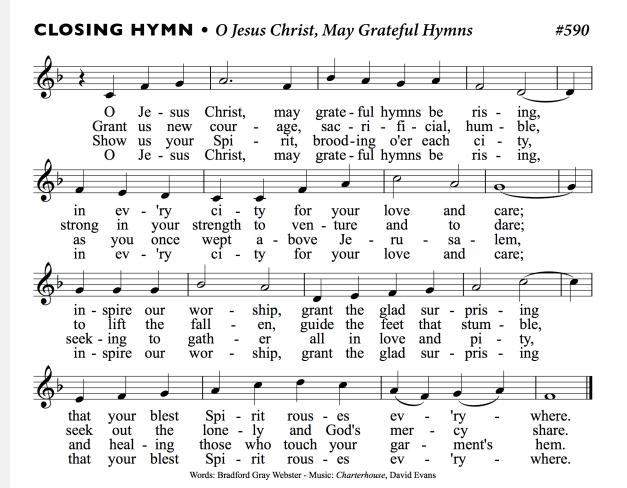
Regardless of the tradition you come or where you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's Table.

When it is time for you to go forward to the altar rail, an usher will direct your row. Proceed to the altar rail and you may stand or kneel. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer. You may immediately eat the wafer or wait for the wine and take communion by intinction*. To sip the wine from the chalice, guide it to your lips with your hand on the base of the chalice. Receiving just the bread or wine alone is considered full communion.

THE BLESSING

Presider

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith. And the blessings of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love this day and always. **Amen.**



THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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This service conforms to Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, which begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Common English Bible and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Psalm texts are taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are from The Hymnal 1982.