



*All stand as able.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN** | Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (*Gelobt sei Gott*)

Hymn 205 v. 1, 3-5

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on  
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*The people sit.*

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** | Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>26</sup>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.) <sup>27</sup>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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

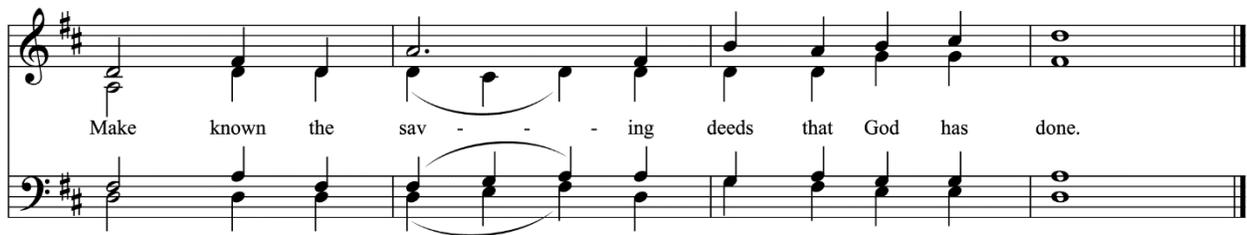
<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL PSALM** | Psalm 22:24-30

*The people remain seated for the Gradual Psalm. The Cantor sings the antiphon, all repeat. The Cantor sings the verses.*



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<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**ANTIPHON**

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**ANTIPHON**

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**ANTIPHON**

**THE EPISTLE** | 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

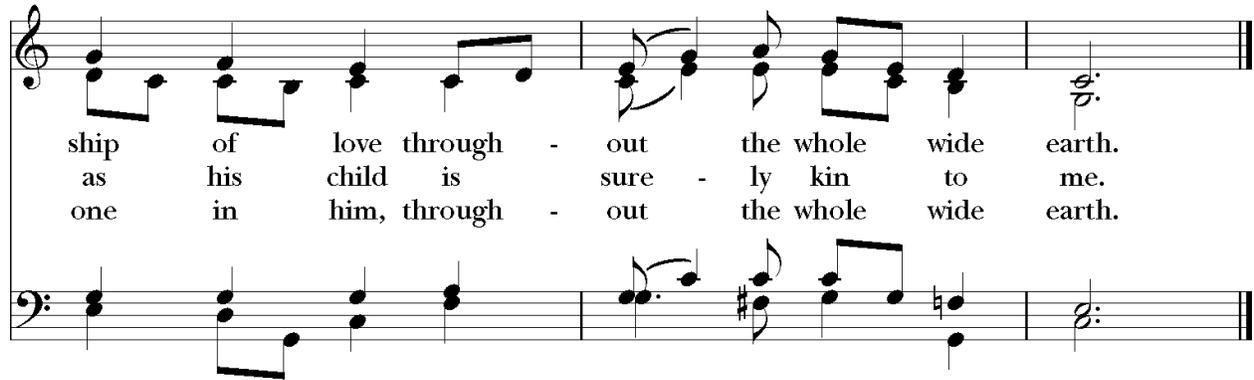
*All stand as able.*

**GOSPEL HYMN** | In Christ there is no East or West (*McKee*)

Hymn 529

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are



**THE HOLY GOSPEL** | John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit for the Sermon.*

**THE SERMON** | The Rev. Robert C. Laird

*Silence is kept for a time, then all stand as able.*

**THE 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God, who loves us, open our lips that we may praise him, responding to each petition by saying, “Hear us, O risen Christ.”

That we may give ourselves to the study of holy scripture and the traditions of our faith, growing deeper in knowledge and understanding, gaining confidence in the proclamation of hope to those who hunger for spiritual food; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That we may continually seek the love of Christ, through whom we are able to love one another; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Greg, Brian, and Melissa, our Bishops, and for all priests and deacons, that we may honor God’s call to them and seek their counsel for spiritual direction and pastoral care; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

For the forgiveness of our sins, those times when anger has subsumed love, and stubbornness broken bonds of affection, that we may call upon the charity of the Lord to lead us into the heart of reconciliation; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That sacrificing personal gain to discover enduring peace may be a priority of governments and peoples everywhere; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

That the Lord may comfort those in the waning days of life, and bring to life eternal those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Let us love one another as God loves us, as we continue our prayers and petitions.

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*All sit.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM | My eyes for beauty pine (H. Howells)

*Sung by the Cantor.*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
my soul for God's grace,  
no other care nor hope is mine,  
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed  
from all the stars above:  
'tis named when God's name is said,  
'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart  
that burns with true desire  
is lit from eyes that mirror part  
of that celestial fire.

## OFFERTORY HYMN | Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)

Hymn 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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 say,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly, ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly

Lord God \_\_\_\_\_ of hosts. \_\_\_\_\_ Heav - en and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_

— filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the —  
 high - est. — Bless - ed 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. —

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s

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.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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.

Remember Greg, Brian, and Melissa, our Bishops, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember the people of St. John's | San Juan: remember the generation that founded it; remember the generations that built it into a community of love and witness; remember us as we strive to strengthen your sanctuary and sing a new song to teach to the generations to come.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, the God-bearer, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with John, the patron of this house, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD | Christ our Passover (*Hurd*)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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.

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

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those who are unable to receive communion physically during the liturgy may offer this prayer for spiritual communion, privately to themselves, while the Presider receives the bread and wine.*

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 particularly my own parish and those worshipping with me this morning, 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.

And particularly for the blessings given me (*specific blessings may be listed*)... 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 to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN | Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life (*The Call*)

Hymn 487

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,**  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of 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 Savior. Amen.

*The people sit.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

*The people stand as able for the prayer.*

**A PRAYER FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Heavenly Father

**Your Son, Jesus, established Your Church as a welcoming and loving home for all who seek You and inspired the faithful who came before us to build St. John’s | San Juan to be a place of prayer and community for all Your children.**

We offer prayers of gratitude for the sacrifices and hard work of generations of parishioners who have made our church home what it is today. Help us to sustain that legacy through strength of purpose and continuing growth in faith, hope, and love as we repair and renovate our sanctuary and look to the future as a welcoming and inclusive community of faith.

Please send Your Spirit to guide us during this crucial time and help us to infuse our capital campaign with heightened devotion to prayer, increasing commitment to service, and sacrificial levels of giving. We humbly ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

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.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

SENDING HYMN Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (*Truro*)

Hymn 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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