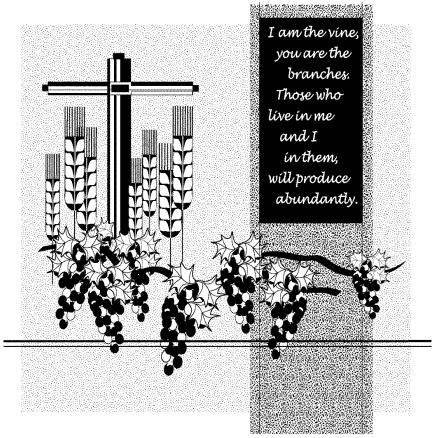
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH San Diego, California

April 28, 2024

Greetings!

Thank you for joining us today. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at Lord's Table. Everything you need is found in this worship bulletin. Feel free to ask your neighbor for help if you need it. Please visit with us at the hospitality hour after the service.

All baptized Christians regardless of tradition are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. If you wish to have the chalice bearer intinct or dip the bread into the wine, please leave the bread in your hand. If you prefer to drink from the common cup, consume the bread immediately and the chalice bearer will offer you the wine. For those wishing to receive the bread and wine at your seat, let the usher know. The priest will come to you before the end of the distribution.

For those not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

We welcome children to join us in church for all or part of the service. We are blessed to have a family room available for those wishing to be able to hear the service while tending to the special needs of their children. The entrance to the family room is located across from the restroom outside the door located on the left side of the church

There will be childcare available today during the worship service for children's ages 2-5 in room Seven of the Education Center.

Assisted listening devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need to use one.

We are livestreaming our service to Facebook, so please know you may be seen on camera: www.facebook.com/stdavids5050miltonstsandiego/live

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

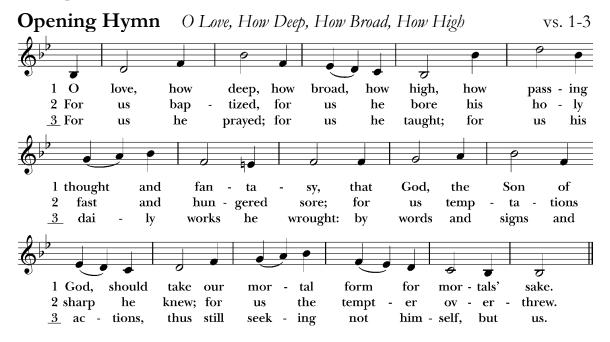
According to the Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Prayer

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The People stand as able.

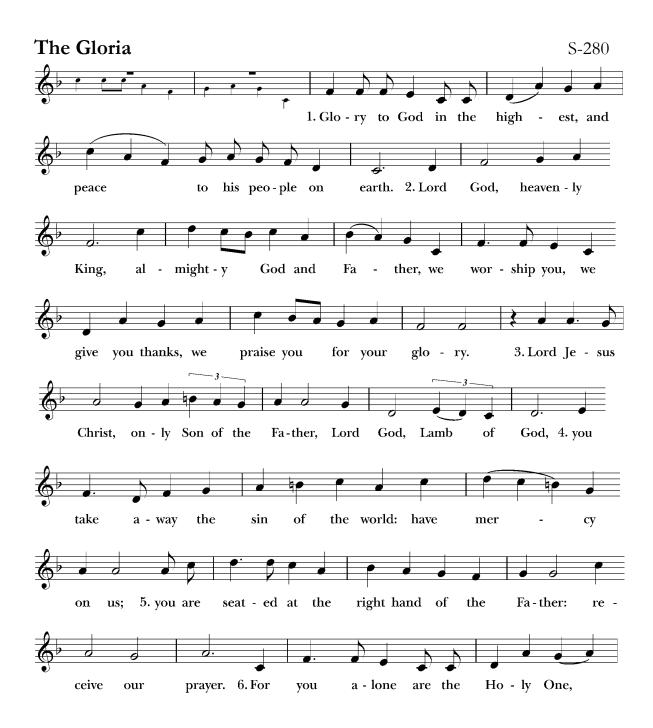


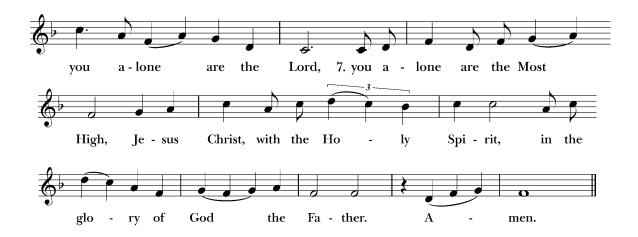
Welcome

The Word of God

CelebrantAlleluia!Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed.Alleluia!

The Celebrant then says: 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.*





The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd 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*.

The Lessons

The People may be seated.

The First Lesson

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Psalm



Antiphon: May your heart live forever!"

My praise is of him in the great as / sembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship / him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise /him: * "May your heart live for/ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the *|LORD, ** and all the families of the nations shall bow be/fore him.

For kingship belongs to the *LORD*; * he rules over the *lations*.

- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in /worship; * all who go down to the dust fall be/fore him.
- My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve /him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for/ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people yet un/born * the saving deeds that he has /done.

Antiphon: May your heart live forever!

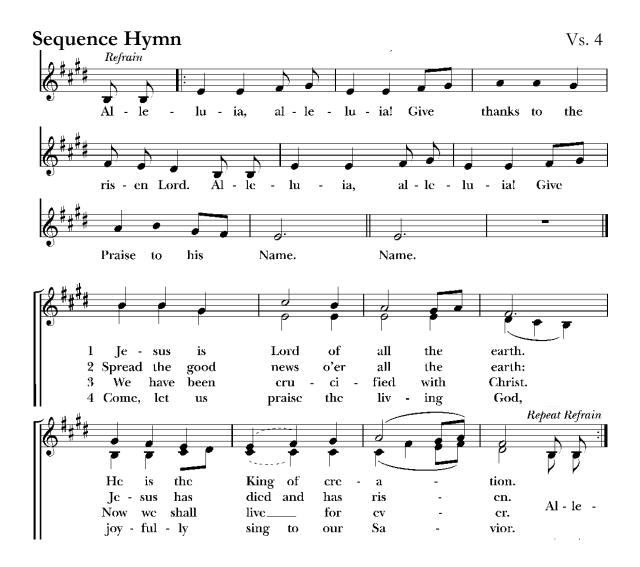
The Second Lesson

Reader 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. 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

All stand as able



The Gospel

Deacon/PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory 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/PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kirby M. Smith

The People are in invited to reflect on the sermon during the period of silence that follows.

All standing as able.

The 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: 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 Congregation kneels as able.

The Prayers of the PeopleThe Leader and People pray responsivelyDeaconLet us join through prayer in everything that lives. Let usacknowledge to God the one life we share, saying: O God, who makes us one,hear our prayer.

Intercessor O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped land and sea, trees and beasts still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ, we know your one Holy Spirit, for you are God. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray, O God, who makes us one, *Hear our prayer.*

Open your world before our eyes so that we see far and near. Show us newly what lives around us, over and behind and within. Give us the mind of Christ. O God, who makes us one,

Hear our prayer.

Bring us to one another so we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms. O God, who makes us one,

Hear our prayer.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh; in our Diocese for the clergy and people of St. Andrew's by-the-Lake, Lake Elsinore; in the Military Cycle of Prayer for USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54). O God, who makes us one,

Hear our prayer.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, our Bishop; Kirby, our Priest; Nancy, our Deacon; and all priests and other ministers; and all the people of this congregation who minister in Christ's name. O God, who makes us one, *Hear our prayer.*

Heal us who are sick *(pause)*. Cheer us who are guilty. Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself. O God, who makes us one,

Hear our prayer.

Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us, give your loving Spirit to a world needing comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. O God, who makes us one,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our own needs and thanksgivings either silently or aloud. (The People may offer their own intercessions.) O God, who makes us one,

Hear our prayer.

The Priest says a concluding collect.

O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity only your Spirit can give through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

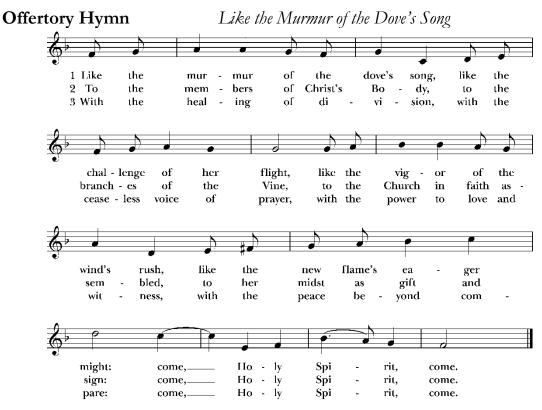
Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Time for Tradition



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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After the offering is received by the ushers, the gifts are brought forward as the People stand.

The Doxology

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From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise! Let the Redeemer's Name be sung Through every land, by every tongue!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, And truth eternal is thy word: Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The People remain standing as able.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>

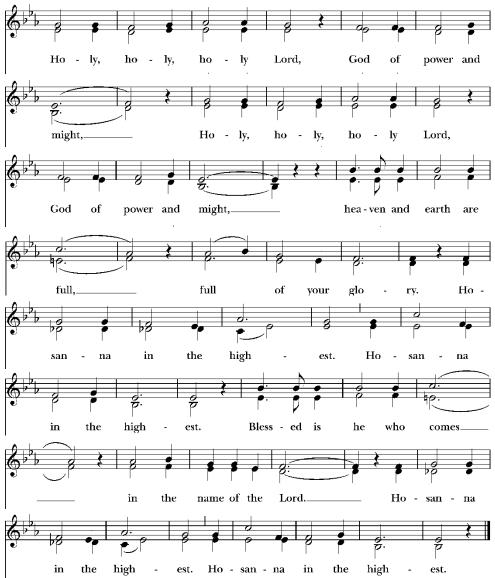
The Celebrant continues

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:

The Sanctus



The People kneel or stand as able. Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 your 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. *AMEN*.

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

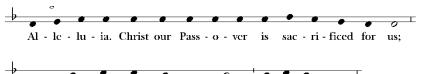


The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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Communion Hymn Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



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Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers

Deacon/Priest People	We send you out to share communion with those members who are not able to be with us. May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.
Deacon/ Priest	May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.
People	Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

On behalf of all who watch online and are unable to make their Communion, the Priest says

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself in the bread and wine of communion that becomes your Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive you spiritually today, in our hearts, minds and souls, and that we may have confidence in your promise to be with us always. *Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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.

Announcements and Blessings

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

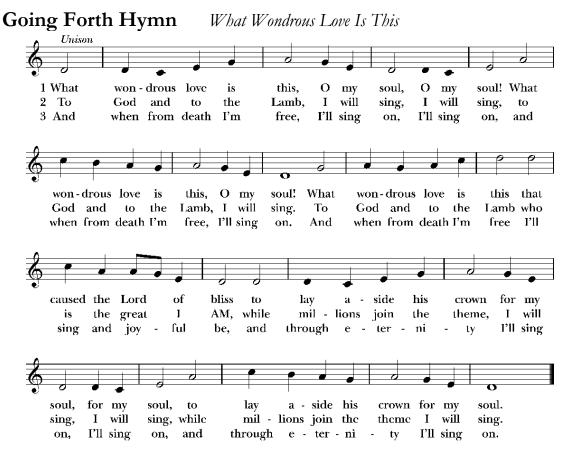
The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen*.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*.



The Dismissal

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People with these words Go forth and bear witness to Christ, who gloriously rises from the dead, Alleluia, Alleluia! People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**!

Postlude

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Ministry Staff

The Rev. Kirby M. Smith, Interim Priest-in-Charge; The Rev. Canon Nancy R. Holland, Deacon; Dr. John Mark Harris, Organist, Director of Music; The Rev. Canon Wayne Sanders, Assisting Clergy.

Today's Ministry Stewards

Ushers	Kathleen Hoot, Monique McThompson
Lectors	Louise Buck, Shirley Culver
Intercessor	Debby Park
Acolyte	Kathleen Hoot
Chalice	Anne Kellett
Crucifer	Jeanette McFadden
Altar Guild	Louise Buck, Leslie Cohan
Flowers	Loral Priest
Counters	Shirley Culver, Jamie Woods

This Week We Pray For....

Birthdays: Rob Grijalva and Ana Aleman.

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Joy Wolf in thanksgiving for Rob Grijalva's birthday; and by Jean Kockinos in loving memory of Mark Kockinos

Healing: Anna & Dave Lander, Michelle Adams, Lonnie McThompson, Mikky, Mike Apostoli, Susan Sweeney, Larry McThompson, Ashley Winder, Zack Winder, Chris & Kendra T., Jeanne Backman, Joel Roman, Jon Turley, Huck Navarro, Amy Fihn, KJS Roman, , Kayla Bowen, Zyntia Acosta, Jamie Wood, Dave Holland, Frances Warren, Alexandra V., Elizabeth Mason and Family, and for the 17 Ashes-to-Go recipients who requested prayers.

Lay Eucharist Visitors are available to bring communion: If you'd like communion brought to you, please contact Debby Park at 858-220-8207 or rayandeb@gmail.com. She will have a trained parishioner (Lay Eucharist Visitor) contact you to arrange a visit at a time convenient for you.

Announcements

Coffee Hour Today: Please join us for coffee, beverages and snacks immediately following the service in the Mission Center. Please put any snacks you bring to share on the counter in the kitchen.

The Rev. Kirby Smith contact info: If you would like to contact Fr. Kirby, you can email him at <u>priest@saintdavidschurch.com</u> or call the church office at (619) 276-4567 X 206. His office hours are on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour Snack Schedule: Here is a suggested schedule for helping to provide snacks for Coffee Hour *(if you are able)* after church on Sundays. **First Sunday -** those whose last name starts with **A-F. Second Sun**. - last name starting with **G-L. Third Sun.** - last name starting with **M-S. Fourth** Sun. - last name starting with **T-Z**.

This week's prelude is by French composer and organist René Vierne (1878-1918). Our communion hymn "Come, My Way," has words by George Herbert, who was born in Wales and was a contemporary of Shakespeare. Its melody, "The Call", is by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a leading composer of English church music in the first half of the twentieth century. Today's postlude is an organ Sortie, a piece suitable for the end of a service. It is a French term for the action of going out or exiting.

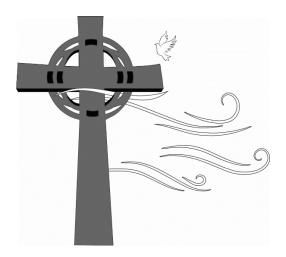
Adult Forum Schedule April & May 2024

April 28 – Mission and Property with Jessica Ripper, Mission Real Estate and Portfolio Manager, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. : Jessica represents congregations and the diocese as they pursue real estate projects to ensure they stay engaged and informed throughout the predevelopment and construction phases. She will cover topics such as Why Mission Real Estate? Purpose of the Program; Diocesan Process; Brief Case Studies of Different Project Types; Congregational & Community Engagement: Tools to Support *Discernment*; What We're Learning.

May 5- tentative: If late-breaking issues deserve our collective attention,

May 12 - Gun Safety with Paul Conry from the Diocesan Gun Safety Working Group will talk with us about the advocacy work being done by this group and how we can support their efforts.

May 26 – The League of Women Voters will join us on a compelling topic yet to be determined. We could select one or let the League suggest a high-interest topic for the time. Mark your calendars now. The League will return on October 6 to give us their perspective on the upcoming elections and propositions.



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