

Saint Monica and Saint James  
CAPITOL HILL  
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass

April 28, 2024

8:00 am and 11:00 am

# A Blessed Eastertide!

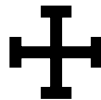
A very warm welcome to Saint Monica and Saint James.

Our Celebrant and Preacher today is The Rev. Dr. Nancy James

We sing from two Hymnals: *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice & Sing II*. Our Mass is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, abbreviated *H, LEV, BCP*.

Restrooms are found through the doors at the rear of the church on the far side of the Frances Perkins Parish Hall.

Please join us in Frances Perkins Parish Hall for coffee, snacks, and fellowship after the 11 am service.



**VOLUNTARY** Hyfrydol

Craig Phillips

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand as you are able when the bell chimes.*

*Choir* The Lord be with you.

***All*** **And also with you.**

*Choir* Almighty God, grant that we may enter your house with reverence and love, there to offer a service acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All*** **Amen.**

**INTROIT HYMN** H657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*After the Altar has been censed, the Celebrant says or sings the following words*

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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*The Celebrant continues with the following prayer*

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* Amen.



# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the lessons.*

## THE FIRST LESSON – Acts 8:26-40

Read by Anne Tomkinson

*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 the 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*All*                 Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** Psalm 22:24-30

Make known the sav - ing deeds that God has done.

*The Choir sings the verses below.                      All repeat the Antiphon above as marked.*

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

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

*Antiphon*

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

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
       he rules over the nations.

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

*Antiphon*

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.  
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Antiphon*

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

Read by John Van De Weert

*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.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel procession.*

### THE ALLELUIA

*All repeat after the Choir.*



Choir        A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.  
*All repeat Alleluia.*

### THE GOSPEL – John 15:1-8

Celebrant    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All repeat the Alleluia.*

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Nancy James



# THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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: *(You are invited to bow your head)*  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. *(We raise our heads again)*  
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

*Please kneel as you are able for the prayers and confession.*

*The Intercessor leads the prayers, after each prayer the following is said*

*Intercessor* We pray to you O Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*We pause for a moment.*

**All** 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.

*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.

**All** Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**All** And also with you.

*We greet each other in the name of the Lord. Please remain standing as you are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated as the Celebrant makes a few announcements.*

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*Please stand as you are able to sing the Offertory Hymn. A collection will be taken.*

*Representatives of the Congregation bring the people's offering of bread, wine, water, and the collection to the Celebrant. The Element Bearers stand at the Altar rail while the gifts are offered and placed on the altar. Please bow when the Congregation is censed by the Thurifer.*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN H213**

Come Away To The Skies

*Please remain standing after the hymn.*

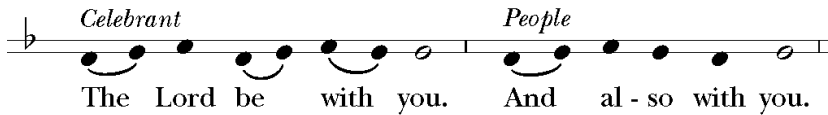
*Please bow when the Congregation is censed by the thurifer.*

*Celebrant* Pray, dear friends in Christ, that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty father

*All* **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* *People*



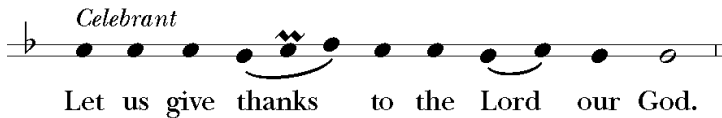
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*



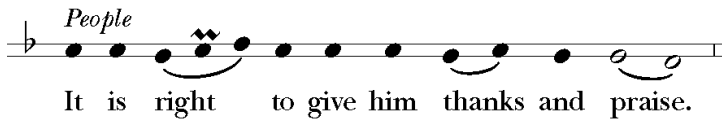
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

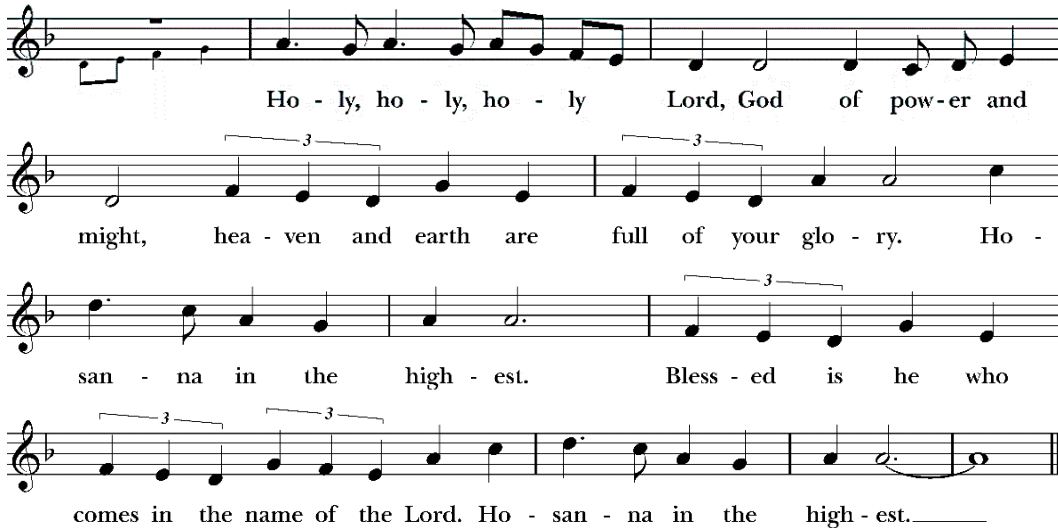
*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues, ending with*

Who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please kneel as you are able as the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*  
Celebrant      Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Celebrant continues, ending with:*

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 for ever.

*All*              **Amen.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All*              **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD

*Celebrant*      Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*All*              **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

# THE AGNUS DEI

*All sing.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The musical notation is consistent with the first system.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The musical notation is consistent with the previous systems.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "give us your peace, give us your peace." The musical notation is consistent with the previous systems.

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## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

*Please make your way to the Altar rail as directed by an usher. Kneel or stand.*

*Both the Host and Chalice will be offered. Should you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain kneeling or standing at the altar rail after receiving the Host. Please let the Celebrant know if you would like a gluten free host.*

*The Host and the Chalice are given with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** He Is Risen! He Is Risen!

John Carter

He is risen! He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:

He has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice;  
death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, you sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!

Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore – sin and pain can vex no more.

He is risen! He is risen! He has opened heaven's gate:

we are free from death's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream. Alleluia!

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

# COMMUNION HYMN

# You're Called by Name, Forever Loved



1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -  
 2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where  
 3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set  
 4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -



dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the  
 Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied  
 free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion  
 tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to



fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.  
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.  
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.  
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

S  
A

Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,

T  
B

In your hands we place your own. Lord,

Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,



in their lives make your love known.





## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and forever.  
Amen.

## THE EASTER BLESSING

*Celebrant* 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 blessings.

*All* Amen.

*Celebrant* 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 for  
ever.

*All* Amen.

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* Amen.

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*All* Amen.

# STATION AT OUR LADY

## THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of hea - ven, al - le - lu - ia. He whom thou wast  
meet to bear, al - le - lu - ia. As he pro - mised, hath a - ris'n. A - le  
lu - ia. Pour to God for us thy pray - ers. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

*All* For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, grant that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

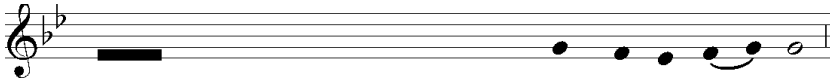
*All* Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN LEV 62

In Christ There Is No East or West

# THE DISMISSAL

## *Celebrant*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## VOLUNTARY

## Fuga

## Dieterich Buxtehude

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