
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

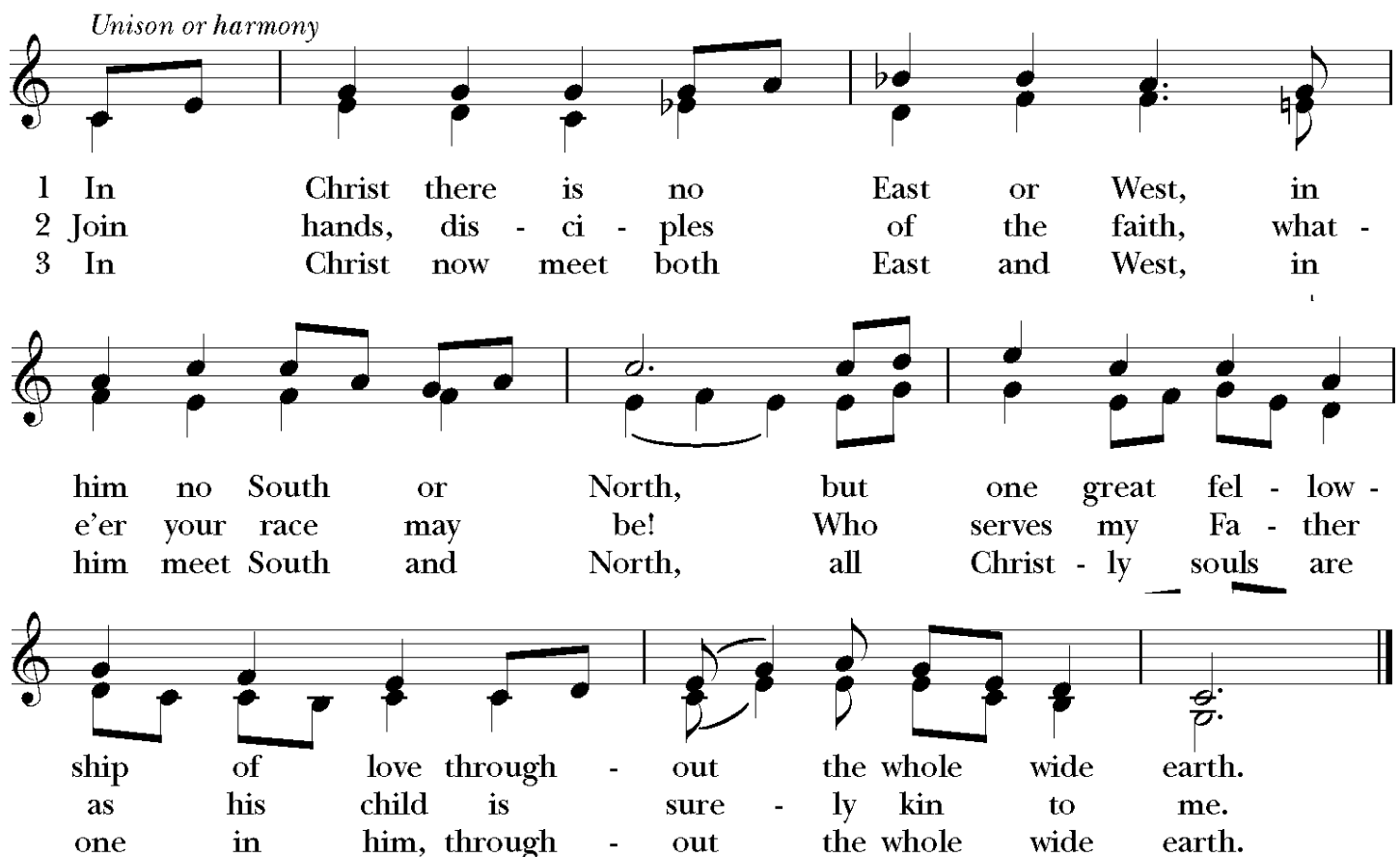
May 2, 2021

8:45 a.m. Digital Service with Communion

Opening Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Hymnal 529

Unison or harmony



The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn is in three parts: 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
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

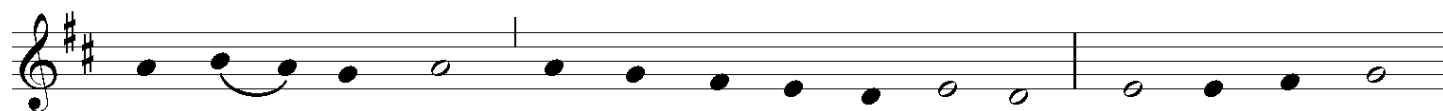
People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



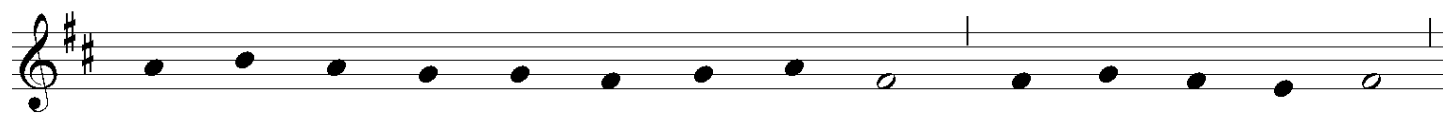
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



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;



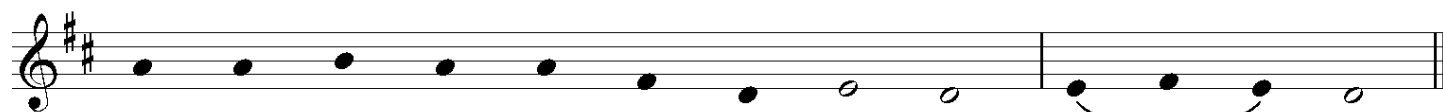
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

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 shear-er, 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

- 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!"
- 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.
- 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.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *God Is Love*

Hymnal 379



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Hymnal 439

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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.**

Prayers of the People

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Hymnal 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.

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Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation. . . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you. . . . 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, Amen.

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Communion

As the altar party receives communion, you may reverently consume your pre-consecrated bread, saying "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven." It is appropriate for members of the same household to give each other communion. If you do not have consecrated bread, you may receive spiritual communion by praying the prayer that follows the hymn.

Communion Hymn *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

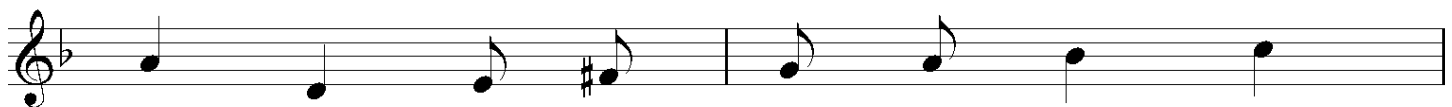
Hymnal 513



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(From the Prayer Book for the Armed Services).

Prayer After Communion

BCP 366


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 for ever. Amen.

Easter Blessing

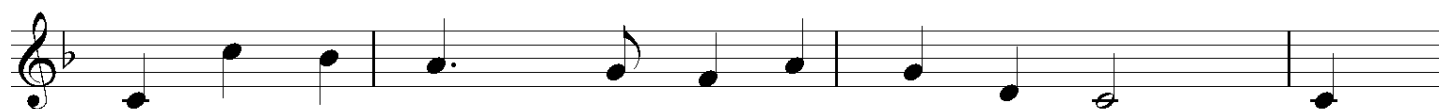
Celebrant: May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you. And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you always.

Closing Hymn *We Know That Christ Is Raised*


Hymnal 296



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. _____

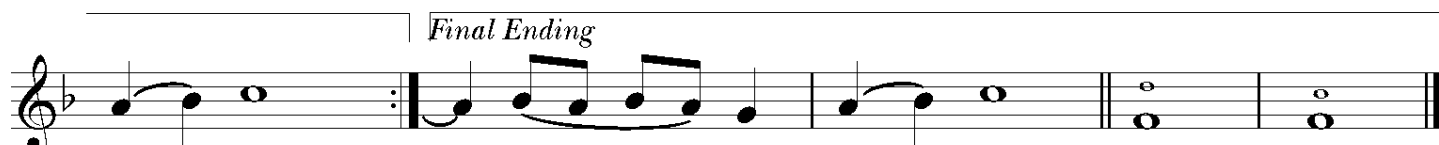


Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending



lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Dismissal

The Celebrant will dismiss the people.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

Lector: Gene Ekenstam

Intercessor: Mary Frances Kelly Poh

Music: Glenn Walp

Technical Support: Jorge Castaneda

Zoom Management: Betsy Zampa,
Yann Jouvenot Sells

PRAYERS FOR OUR SISTERS IN HOSPICE CARE

Cathy Preovolos

(mother of Chris Preovolos)

Elsa Coombe

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Noah, Hayley

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Hall

ANNIVERSARIES

Leo & Catherine Harrod

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING
IN OUR ARMED FORCES**

PFC Toby Williams, U.S. Army

PVT Andrew Contreras, U.S. Army

Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann,
U.S. Army

AB Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force

SA Michelle Severa, PA,

Air National Guard

Airman 1st Class Jake Sackett,

U.S. Air Force

Capt. Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

The Rev. Annie Mertz, *Rector*

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The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert

The Rev. Pamela Higgins

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder

The Rev. Beth Gaines, *Deacon*

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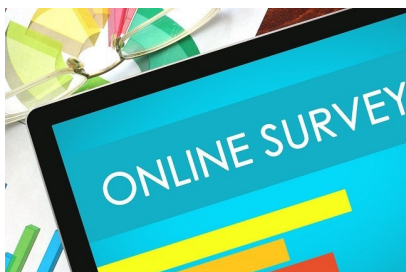
Carolyn Conlin, Lily Field,

Emma Gilbert, Nayda Guerin,

Giovanna Zampa, *Nursery Care*

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Re-Opening Task Force Survey #2



As vaccination rates increase, the St. Paul's Church re-opening task force is hard at work planning our reopening. Answering the short survey will give the team more information about the best way to do that. There are also a couple questions about the joys and sorrows you've experienced this year; this will help the worship committee plan services that honor all that we've been through as a community.

You can find the survey at: <https://forms.gle/hPNv799tv4ombyVo8>

If you are unable to access the survey, contact the church office and we'll mail you a paper copy.

Easter Season Garden Tours May 2, 2021 1 pm-5 pm

Join us for tours of five fabulous gardens at the homes of St. Paul's Parishioners!

From drought-tolerant natives to a backyard that rivals the produce section, you're sure to find inspiration and joy in these gardens! Check-in at the Rectory Garden to get your map and see the garden baskets offered up for an opportunity drawing. Then you're off on your tour. Each site will have COVID-safe refreshments hosted by the Vestry.

- Registration: In person (cash, check, credit card) or online via EventBrite (credit card)
- Suggested donation: \$35 (no one turned away for lack of funds)
- Kids are free; no pets please (service animals welcome)

Masks are required; please observe social distancing

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-pauls-easter-season-garden-tours-tickets-150816461095>



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Episcopal Church
Becoming Beloved Community

Two New Diocesan Sacred Ground Circles Forming Beginning May 13, 2021

Thursdays, 1-3 pm or 7-8:30 pm

Sacred Ground is a 10-part discussion about race, grounded in faith. Participants are invited to view selected videos and read books and articles about Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories and how they intersect with European-American accounts. The materials also examine the church's evolving teachings on race relations. The series is open to all, but it is especially designed to help White people talk about race with other White people.

Hosted by Bob Wohlsen, Social Justice Advocate, Santa Rosa, and Sharron Simpson, Spiritual Director and Educator, Santa Rosa, the circles will meet weekly via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, email Bob at Bob.wohlsen@gmail.com or Sharron at simshar21@gmail.com.

Zoom Coffee Hour on Sundays at 9:45 am

Join us online at 9:45 am for our Sunday virtual coffee hour.

Topic: Zoom Coffee Hour

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St. Paul's May 2nd
Flower Dedication

*Leo and Catherine
Harrod*

*In Celebration of 42
Years of Marriage*



St. Paul's May 2nd
Flower Dedication

*Flowers are dedicated in honor of
our dear brother and uncle,
Harvey Paul Hilman,
by his sisters, Blanche Hilman
and Virginia Sullivan, and the
Hilman/Sullivan/Brien families.
We miss you so much!
Rest in Peace!*

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Peddlers' Fair Staff Volunteers Needed

The Peddlers' Fair is looking for volunteers to staff the office. This involves logging in vendor applications, as well as routine office tasks like answering the phone. Are you comfortable with spreadsheet applications such as Excel or Google Docs? Consider spending a few hours a week down in the undercroft. Contact us by email at info@beniciapeddlersfair.org or leave a message at (707) 745-8680.

—Jim Brown, Peddlers' Fair Coordinator

weekday worship
**MORNING
PRAYER**

Weekday Morning Prayer Online

This is a half-hour service of scripture reading and prayers.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8739753361>

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Wk of 5 Easter	Day	Psalm	OT	Canticle	NT	Canticle	Suffrages
3 May	Ss. Philip & James tr.	119:137-160	Job 23:1-12	16	John 1:43-51	21	A
4 May	Tuesday	61, 62	Wisdom 10:1-4,13-21	13	Luke 8:1-15	18	B
5 May	Wednesday	72	Wisdom 13:1-9	11	Luke 8:16-25	16	A
6 May	Thursday	71	Wisdom 14:27-15:3	8	Luke 8:26-39	20	B
7 May	Friday	106:1-18	Wisdom 16:15-17:1	10	Luke 8:40-56	18	A

Wednesday Bible Study Online

Click here to be taken directly to the meeting room

<https://zoom.us/j/194285844?pwd=bW9CbWZXYWVMcllyWkdLMS9sci9vdz09>

Or, visit <http://zoom.us> And enter the following:

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CONNECT WITH US ON ZOOM

Monday, 5/3/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer
4:30 pm Community Meal Take Out

Tuesday, 5/4/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 5/5/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer
11 am Bible Study
4:30 pm Community Meal Take Out

Thursday, 5/6/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer

Friday, 5/7/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer

Saturday, 5/8/2021

Easter 6, 5/9/2021

8:45 am +Liturgy of the Word
9:45 am Coffee Hour
11 am +Liturgy of the Word
(preregistration required)

Altar Guild

Susie Bonstin, Judy Furlong

Flower Guild

Blanche Hilman

Verger

Leo Harrod

**The deadline for submitting
announcements is
Wednesday at noon.**

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