

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2018
9:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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Welcome

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. If at any moment in the service you are not sure what to do, ask any of your neighbors in the congregation—they will be happy to help you. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a Connect card (found in the pew racks and on the back tables) and drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to one of the clergy or ushers following the service. Yellow "welcome" bags are available from greeters in the sanctuary narthex and lobby of the parish hall for all newcomers.

Formation

While children are always welcome at all services, **professional nursery care** for ages 0-4 is lovingly provided from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Nursery (downstairs in the Annex building connected to the church). Please ask an usher for assistance in locating the Nursery. We provide **Sunday School** and formation for both adults and children for ages 3 and up on Sunday mornings from 10:20-11 a.m. Please ask an usher for assistance in finding a class this morning. You are also invited to coffee and goodies in the Parish Hall.

Communion

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest and you will receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder and you are invited to take one from this holder.

Welcome Statement

The St. Margaret's community consists of many fibers knitted together over three centuries. Our table has seated meager farmers, plantation owners, reluctant rebels, agents of the Crown, enslaved persons and slave holders. Our leadership includes partnered, married, single, widowed and divorced Christians. We welcome in love persons of every race, gender, culture, sexual orientation and gender identification. All people have a sacred worth and the fabric of St. Margaret's grows stronger with each new thread. It wraps in comfort the shoulders of the defeated and the hurt and has been raised as a banner to celebrate God's transforming wholeness in our midst. We welcome you to be part of our fabric which will grow for centuries to come.

Adopted by St. Margaret's Vestry, November 17, 2016 -- Amended by St. Margaret's Vestry, January 17, 2017

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector
Assistant:	The Rev. Patti Sachs, Assistant Rector
Preacher:	The Rev. Dr. Luis Leon
Music:	Jim Douglas, Director of Music and the Motet Ensemble
Eucharistic Ministers:	Elizabeth Bowers, Terry Otis
Lectors:	Stacy Canuel, Jeff Conover
Children's Chapel	Sarah Balcom, Froggi Jackson, Sydney Davis
Coffeehour Hosts	Anne Sessions, Beth Kopack, Laurie Tomko, Toby Tomko, Molly Horton
Altar Guild:	Jan Little, Mary Lester, Jeanne Nardi, Kim Morrow
Flower Guild:	Mary Kirkeby

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2019

9:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

PRELUDE

The people stand as able.

HYMN

O sons and daughters, let us sing!

O filii et filiae

Antiphon (at the beginning)



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



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
2 a - midst them came their Lord - most dear,
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried, Al - le - lu - ia!
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



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

This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.

Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright ©1975, G.L.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The people remain standing as they are able.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

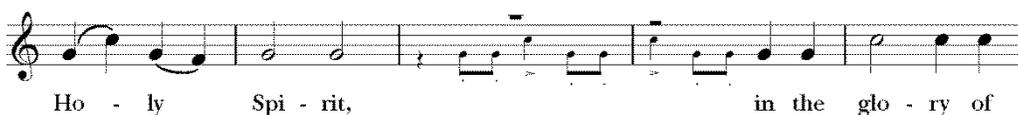
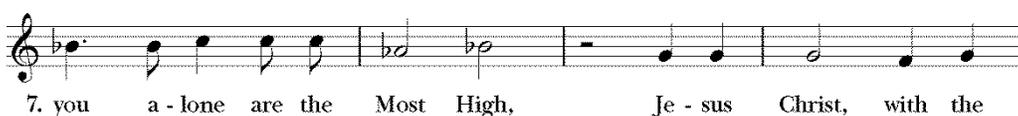
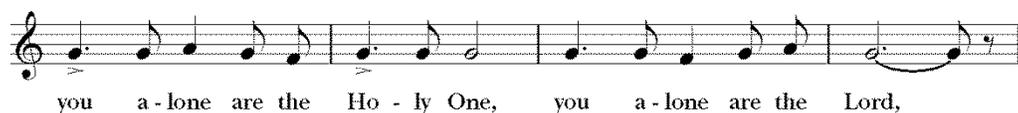
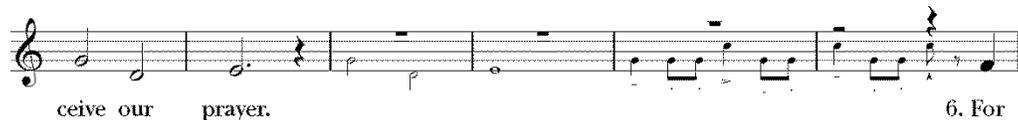
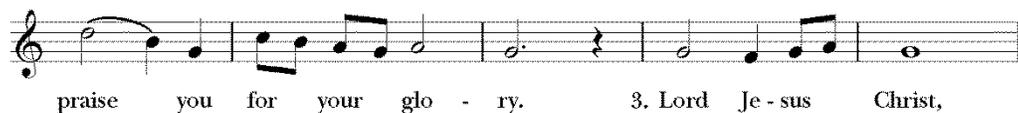
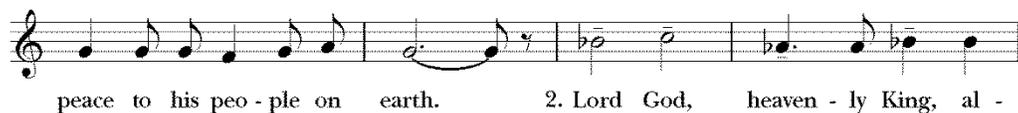
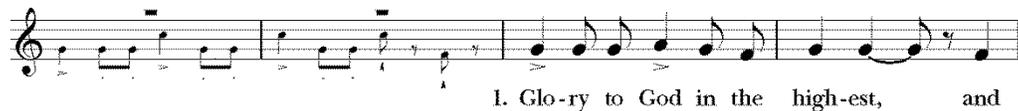
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

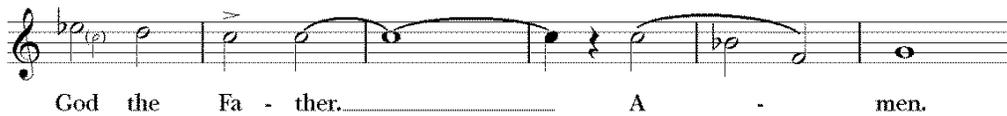
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Mathias





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

A reading from the book of Acts.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:14-29 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 **Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 **God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three to second grade. Children leave the nave during this sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom with the children rejoining their parents at The Peace.

As the Gospel moment approaches, and the book is processed and the music plays, everyone turns and reorients themselves to face where the Gospel is, for the teachings of Jesus reorient our lives towards Him, and at this moment, we become the Jesus Movement. –Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1772-1771), alt. Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luis Leon

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon.

NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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.**

It is customary to omit the Confession of Sin during the season of Easter.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Lector

In the name of the resurrected Christ, we think of your church today celebrating in clusters and crowds all over the world. Our language, race, and nationalities may be different but our worship is one and our praise for you united.

We pray that your spirit may guide and strengthen us all in mission and service to you, to our own community and to the world outside in whatever way we can each contribute. We pray that, day by day, we may draw closer to you, experiencing your love for us.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord, on this special day grant us peace in your world for countries where there is war and communities that are broken. We pray for our service personnel in active duty around the world and ask that you will keep them safe until they return home to their families and those they love.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those living in our own country in areas of deprivation where high unemployment and crime levels make daily living a challenge. May all who struggle know that you are always with them in their suffering and will follow them step by step down whichever road they choose to take.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord, we seek to live our lives according to your example, help us by your presence to overcome our hasty speech that hurts others, to be free from greed and selfishness, from pride and jealousy that spoil our life. Help us to curb our temper, to be free from moodiness and wanting our own way. Let your presence help us to care about the feelings of others to be gentle and ready to say we are sorry.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for those in your world who are in need and who suffer. Be merciful to those in need. We pray for the broken hearted that you would bind up their sorrows, for the sick that you would heal their infirmities, for the lonely that in you they would discover the perfect friend, for the bereaved that in the midst of their unmeasurable loss they would know the depths of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God all those who have died. Help us to remember you turn our darkness and in your light shall we see light.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

PEACE

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

The people greet one another with the Peace and are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The people remain seated while offertory music is sung or played, and bread and wine are brought to the altar. An offering of gifts is collected, and along with the bread and wine, they are presented to God as thanksgiving for the blessings poured out onto us. Our gifts: bread, wine, music and money, become sacramental in God's economy.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

This joyful Eastertide
Motet Ensemble

Dutch Carol arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.
*Had Christ that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; But now hath Christ arisen.*
My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.
*Had Christ that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; But now hath Christ arisen.*
Death's flood hath lost its chill, Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.
*Had Christ that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; But now hath Christ arisen.*

The people stand as able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Franz Schubert

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



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

People and Celebrant

**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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

F. Schubert

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The people are seated.

Celebrant

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

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COMMUNION MUSIC

“Quia vidisti me, Thoma”
Motet Ensemble

Hans Leo Hassler

Quia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti:
Beati qui non viderunt et crediderunt. Alleluia.

Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed;
Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluia.

HYMN

We walk by faith, and not by sight

St. Botolph



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra-cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol-low where he trod; but in his prom-ise
may our faith a-bound, to call on you when
realms of clear-er light we may be-hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be-lieve him near.
we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end-less sight.

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The people stand as able.

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

On some Sundays, we send out Eucharistic visitors to deliver the sacrament to those who cannot be with us. This is the prayer we use to send them on their way.

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, to (N.) that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People

We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

United Church of Canada

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Thank you, O Christ,

for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world

to live your way and share your joy.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

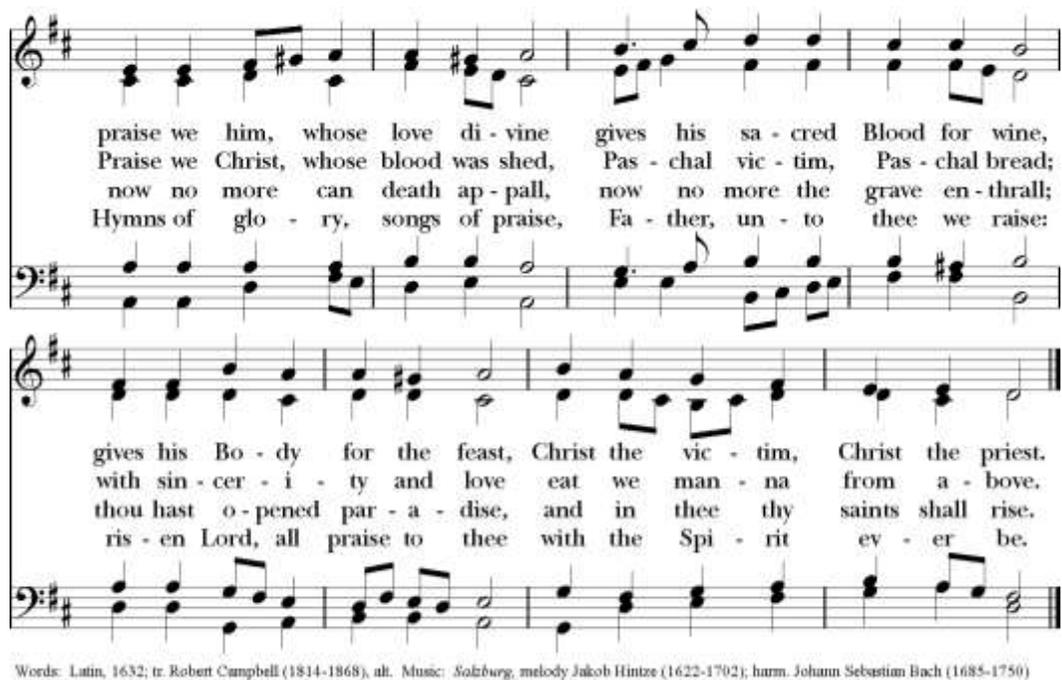
HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di-vine gives his sa-cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal vic-tim, Pas-chal bread;
 now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en-thrall;
 Hymns of glo-ry, songs of praise, Fa-ther, un-to thee we raise:
 gives his Bo-dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest,
 with sin-er-i-i-and love eat we man-na from a-bove,
 thou hast o-pened par-a-dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise,
 ris-en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi-rit ev-er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: Solzbürg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

WELCOME THE REVEREND DR. LUIS LEÓN

Before the Reverend Dr. Luis León retired last year, he served as the fourteenth Rector of St. John's Church Lafayette Square starting in 1994. His specialty was building inner city parishes through spiritual leadership, preaching, excellence in worship and liturgical music, stewardship and outreach that involves parish members in the community.



Before his time at St. John's, Luis served as Rector of Trinity Church in Wilmington, Delaware, and St. Paul's Church in Paterson, New Jersey. St. Paul's, an urban parish, grew during his tenure from 35 parishioners to several hundred. In 1985 St. Paul's was named "Church of the Year" by the New Jersey Council of Churches, and in 1986 Luis was awarded the Bishop's Outstanding Service Award in recognition of the "extraordinary contributions made to the life, quality, and the spirit of the church in this diocese [Newark]." From 1977 until 1980, Luis served as Assistant Rector at St. Peter's Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He then became Director of Refugee Resettlement for the Diocese of Maryland for two years. Luis began his spiritual journey when he was baptized into the Episcopal Church in Guantánamo, Cuba. In 1961 he came to the United States as part of the "Peter Pan" flights out of Cuba, joining thousands of children whose parents, at that time in history, feared for their future in Cuba. He was 12 years old when he arrived in the U.S., and was supported by the Episcopal Church in Miami.

Luis attended the University of the South (Sewanee), graduating in 1971. He received a Masters in Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1977 and in 1999 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of the South. He is a member of the Board of Regents at the University of the South and was a founding member of both the Washington Interfaith Network and the Wilmington [Delaware] Interfaith Network. In 2005 and in 2013, he offered the invocation at the inauguration of the President of the United States.

Luis is married to Lu Stanton León. They have two children, Emilia and Sofia. Lu is a professional writer, editor and consultant.