

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

Whether you are a long-time member or this is your first time here, it is a joy to welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ to St. Luke's this morning. Though we are not yet back to "normal" Sunday morning routines due to the ongoing pandemic, we are glad that we are able to gather physically again and online through our livestream.

- ❖ If you are our guest today in church, please speak with the clergy after the liturgy on the front steps. We want to be able to fully welcome you into our community of faith. If you are visiting with us, either online or in our church, we invite you to complete our Welcome Card at www.SLS.church/welcome. Contact information for our clergy and staff may be found on the last page of this bulletin.
- ❖ All of the information that you need to fully participate in the liturgy is contained in this bulletin.
- ❖ In the Parish Hall building (most easily accessible through Baptistry doors), you will find the restrooms.
- Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children's Church. The children and adult leaders gather in the Baptistry before worship begins and they will return from the Children's Church room (in the Parish Hall building) during the Peace and in time to receive Communion with their family.
- Listening assistance devices are available from the ushers.
- ❖ St. Luke's is a Eucharistically-centered church in the Anglican tradition located in downtown Salisbury that exists to help people to "come and see the difference Christ makes" through abundant grace, beloved community, and intentional worship. Established by the Colonial Assembly in 1753, we are a parish in the Diocese of North Carolina.
- Our members are diverse in many ways, but we are united in Christ. Regardless of where you are in your life and faith journey, your specific theological beliefs, what your clothes look like, how you identify yourself, or what your family situation is- you are most welcome here.

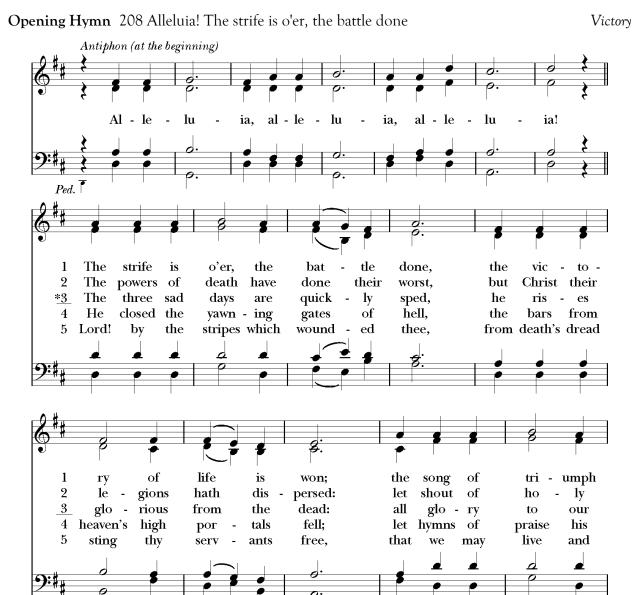
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25, 2021 + 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

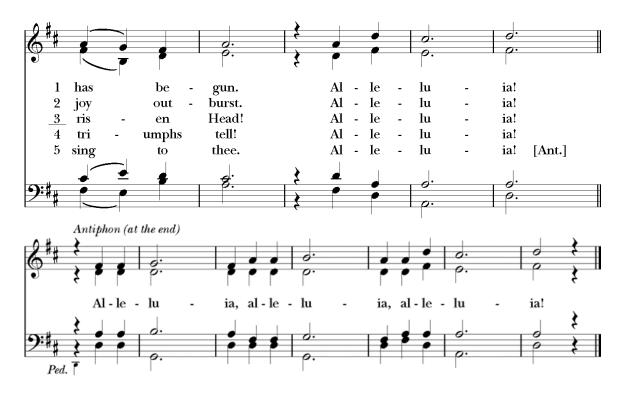
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You are invited and encouraged to participate fully in this liturgy by praying with us and singing hymns from home.

Voluntary Solemn March from "Joshua"

G.F. Handel





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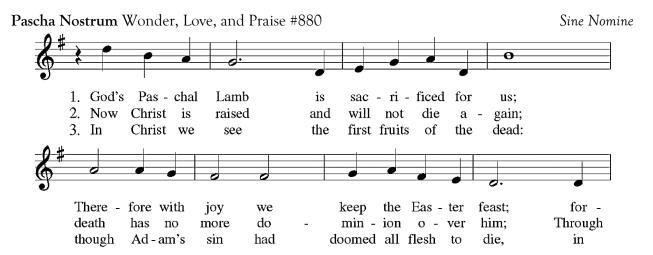
Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. Willam Henry Monk (1826-1889)

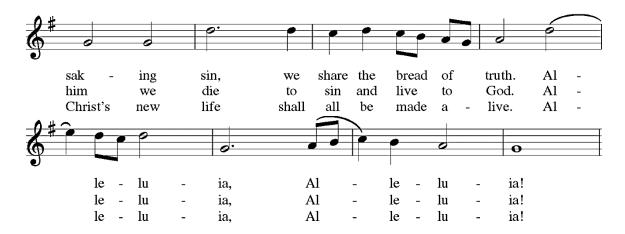
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.**





Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23, Tone I.8 Sung by cantor.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

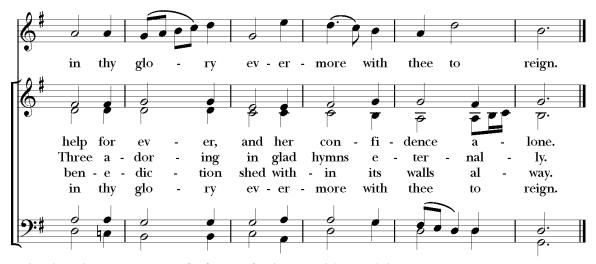
We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.





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The Gospel John 10:11-18

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia



The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

The Nicene Creed

Said by 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: 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 – Form III

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Thanksgiving for Baptism Said by all.

God of grace and glory, you formed us in your image and mercifully restored us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, we were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew us in your Holy Spirit, that we may grow as members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen our union with the all of Christ's Body. May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith and worship you with holy living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday Prayer Prayed by all.

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 if 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.

Birthdays last week: Robert Crum, Holly Cormack, Greg Kaufman, Mary Ruth Arthur, Jacqueline Shive, Bob Setzer

Birthdays this week: Hal Via, Timothy Messinger, Beth Huddleston, Robbie Bergstone, Char Molrine, James Randolph, Jackson Cole

Offertory Sentence and Offering

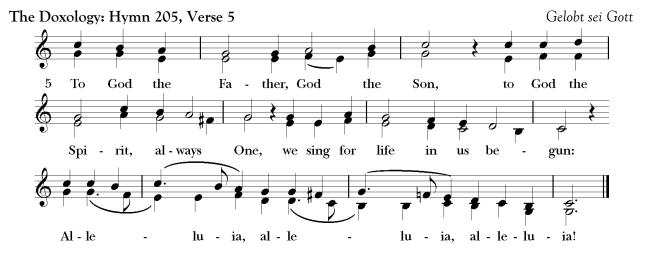
Your generous support is greatly appreciated. There are several ways to contribute to St. Luke's:

- 1) Set up an auto-draft with your financial institution.
- 2) Mail: 131 W. Council Street, Salisbury, NC 28144. Please, no check deliveries.
- 3) Give online at www.SLS.church/give
- 4) Text 73256 with the message: Stlukes # (# is the amount you want to give)

Thank you for your support, as always. Contact Tracey (tracey@SLS.church) with questions.

Organ Offertory Larghetto

G.F. Handel



Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

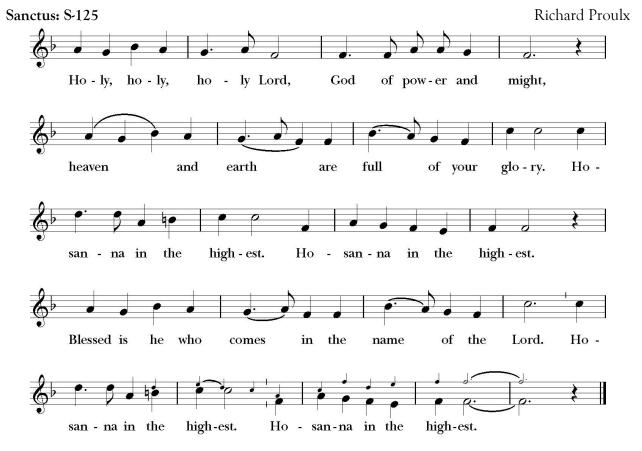
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



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:

All: 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.

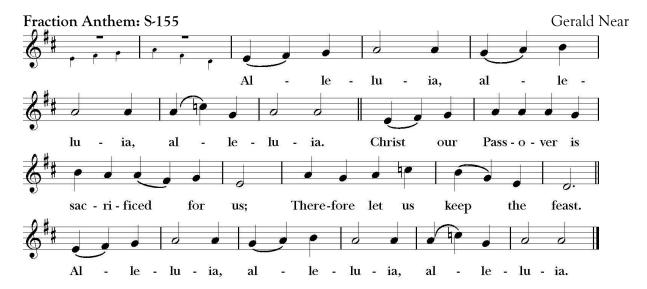
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

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.



Celebrant: 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.

Spiritual Communion (adapted from St. Augustine's Prayer Book)

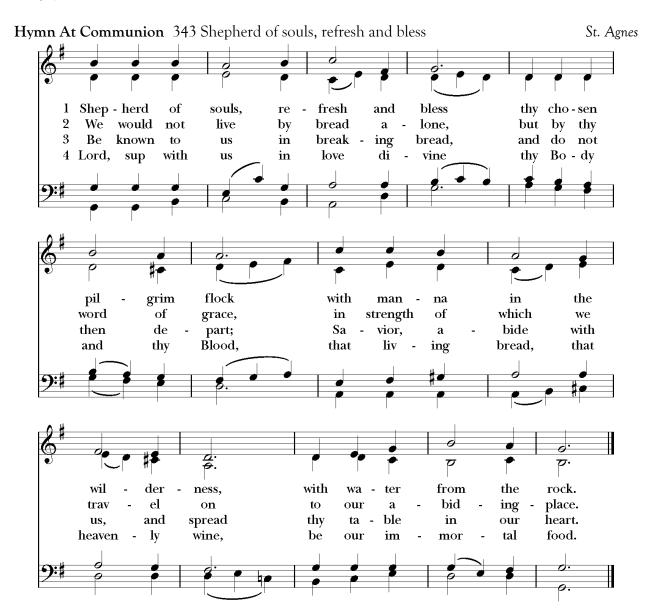
The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability (or in our case, a pandemic) the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion. When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.

→ During the Communion hymn or while the few people facilitating worship partake in the Eucharist, you may pray the Act of Reception for Spiritual Communion:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering the Eucharist being celebrated at this moment at St. Luke's, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



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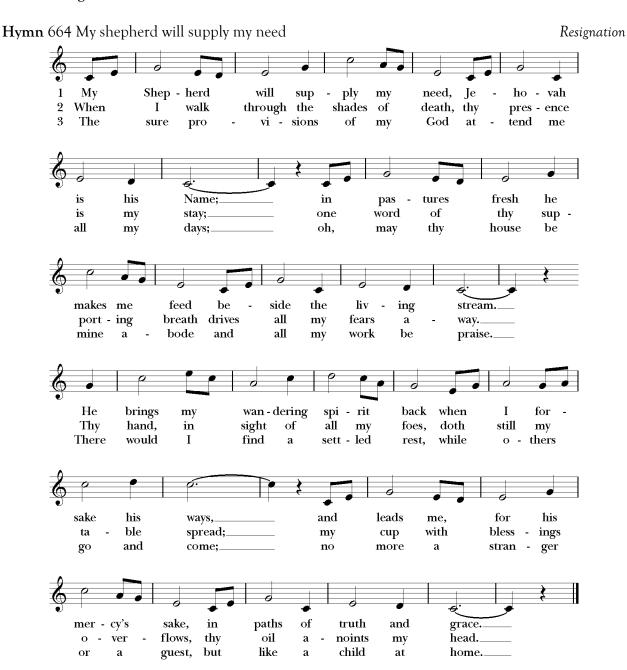
The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

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.

The Blessing



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

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The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary March from "Judas Maccabeus"

G.F. Handel

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Today, we especially pray for:

Those rejoicing in God's abundant blessings: Thacher & Hayley Shields- married April 17

Those who have died and the bereaved: Martha Lou Gascoigne, mother of Lillian Gascoigne

<u>Those in crisis of health or circumstance</u>: Patricia Bradley, Steve Bradley, Kathryn Braisher, Ellery Carlson, Lillie Cowan, Erin Downing, Brenda Forbis, Diane Hundley, Noleen Mbuwayesango, Andrea Misenheimer, Chad Morgan, Mark Perry, Nancy Stanback

<u>Those who are away at school:</u> Nellie Brown, Ruth Clement, Aidan DeHaas, Heather Duncan, Jason Earnhardt, Caroline Forbis, Zach Huddleston, Mary Kaufmann, Abigail Lund, Cassandra Phoenix, Hans Roemer, Ellen Simons

Those with ongoing needs due to health, circumstance, or civic service: Dick Brownell, Patrick Carter, David Cline, Donna Gravely, Ellery, Emily Hain, David Hamaty, Betty Hedrick, Blair Joyner, David Kemp, Jason Koontz, Walker Latimer, Don Lyerly, Jane Maxwell, Nan Medley, Joanne Nichols, Jim Phillips, Nik Plumley, Ian Schulte, Oliver Scott, Dirk Steenwyk, Ruth Trollinger, Barbara Upright

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<u>Candles in memory or honor of</u>: People Who Are Kind, Lorraine Brownell, Elizabeth Brownell Duncan, Heather Elizabeth Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Sr., Mr & Mrs. Benjamin H. Taylor, Godparents of Holly Cormack, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Gorrell, Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Cormack, Maribellle Cormack

<u>Altar flowers in memory or honor of:</u> Forrest Mallory Davis, Jr., Rebecca Gladden Davis, Helen Bevins Thompson, Willard R. Thompson

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Organist: Davis Cooke Vocalists: Hunter Safrit Lectors: Jennifer McKinney, Luke Hamaty Acolyte: Anna Bentley Usher: Chris McKinney

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UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES:

Thursday May 13th: Ascension Day-Holy Eucharist, 7pm Sunday May 16th: Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation-Holy Eucharist, 10:30am Sunday May 23rd: Pentecost and Youth Sunday-Holy Eucharist, 10:30am Register to attend in-person at www.SLS.church/worshipopportunities



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Come and See the difference Christ makes



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PARISH PRAYER

O God, in your abundant grace you sent your Son to be the light of the world: Grant that we may come and see the difference that Christ makes in each of us as we seek to become your beloved community; and as we gather in intentional worship, may we ever be reminded of your transformative love which is the foundation of our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.