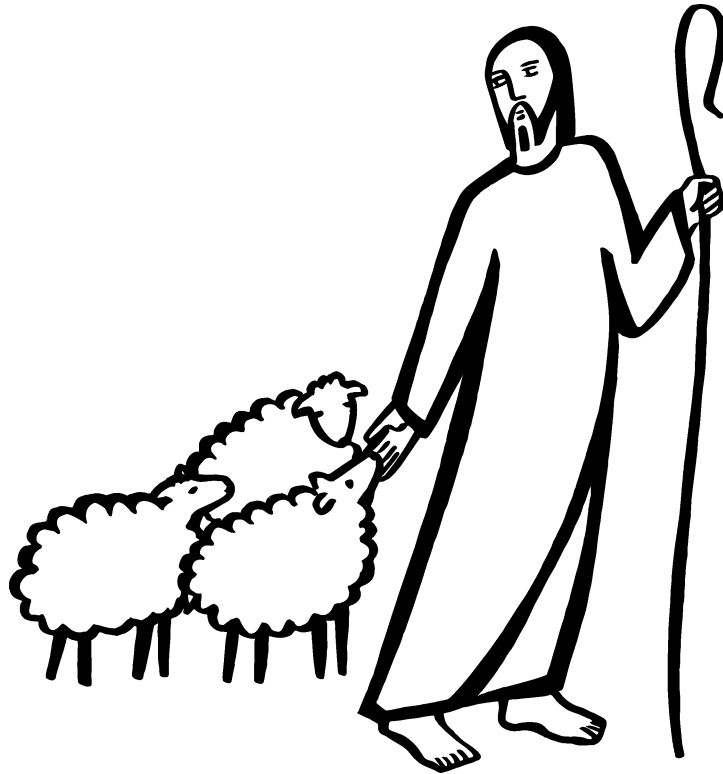


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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist Rite 2**

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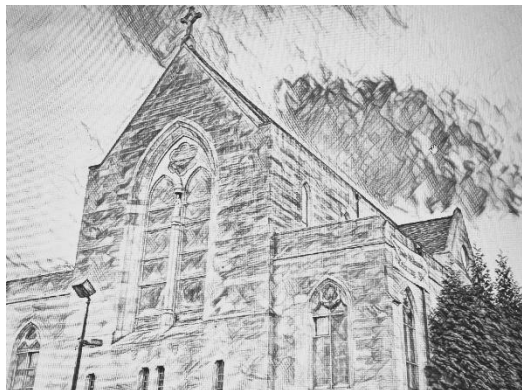
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Readings and Psalm

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

**Prelude:** Hymn Prelude on *St. Columba* by Colin Hand

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### Processional Hymn: H645 "St. Columba"



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

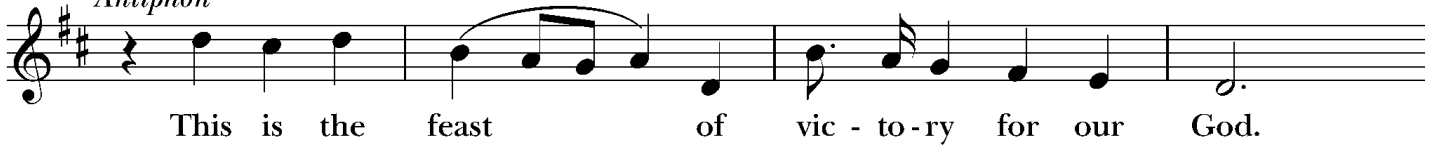
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## 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.*

# Song of Praise: H417 *Festival Canticle*

## *Antiphon*

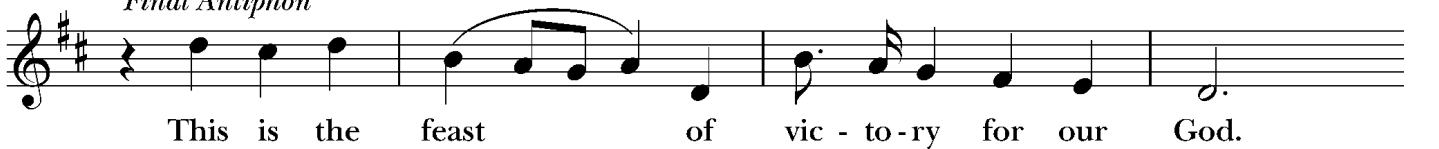


1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]  
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]  
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

## *Final Antiphon*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* 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.*

## **The Lessons**

*(Please be seated)*

### **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Reader**           The Word of the Lord.

**People**           *Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 23** (Read in unison)

<sup>1</sup>*The LORD is my shepherd; \**

*I shall not be in want.*

<sup>2</sup>*He makes me lie down in green pastures \**

*and leads me beside still waters.*

<sup>3</sup>*He revives my soul \**

*and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup>*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.*

<sup>5</sup>*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.*

*<sup>6</sup>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: Revelation 7:9-17**

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>9</sup>I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Reader**        The Word of the Lord.

**People**        *Thanks be to God.*

# SEQUENCE HYMN: "You are my Shepherd"

#104 MHSO



You are my shep-herd, you are my friend. I want to fol-low you



al - ways, just to fol-low my friend. friend.



1 I have all I need. You are my shep-herd, your hand is with me.  
 2 When path-ways are dark, you are there guid-ing me, keep-ing me safe.  
 3 You give me to eat. You make me wel-come, you fill me with joy.  
 4 Your good-ness I know. Your love will be with me all of my life.

## GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

**Priest** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

**Priest** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

## **THE CREED** *(All Standing)*

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(All remain standing)*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***



We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Stephan.  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

*Priest* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

### *Priest and People*

*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.

**Priest** 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. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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

**People** And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

**Priest** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

## OFFERTORY HYMN: #663 "The Lord my God my Shepherd is"

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**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.*

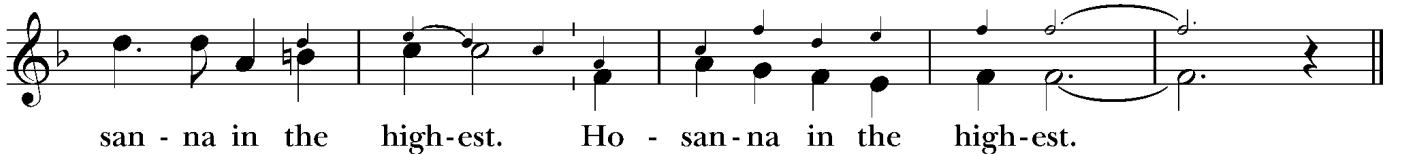
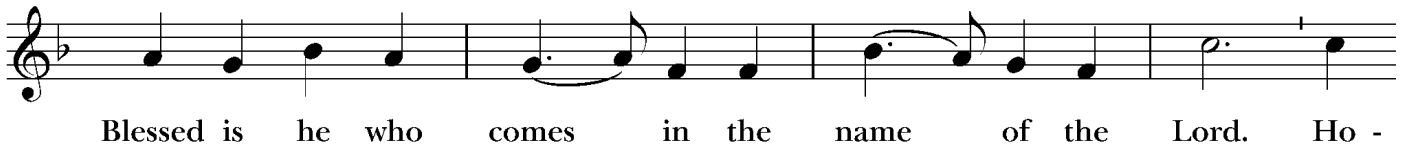
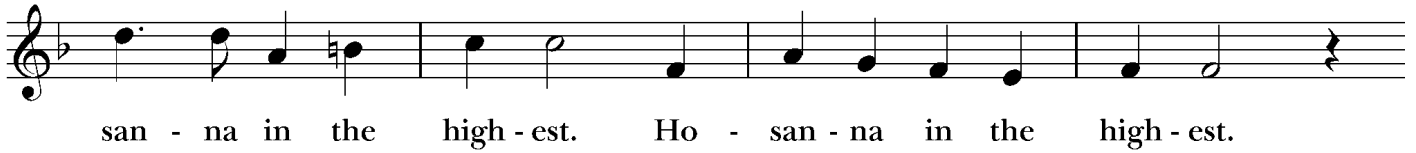
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

### SANCTUS S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



*(The People stand or kneel)*

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:

***Priest and People***

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

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. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

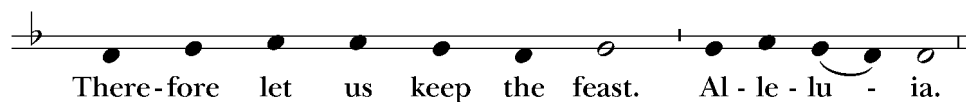
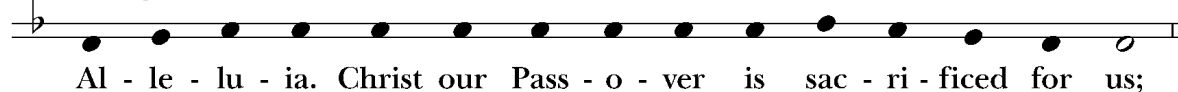
#### ***People and Celebrant***

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM S-152**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

**Priest** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Choral Anthem: *We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace* by Tim Sharp

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Priest and People:*

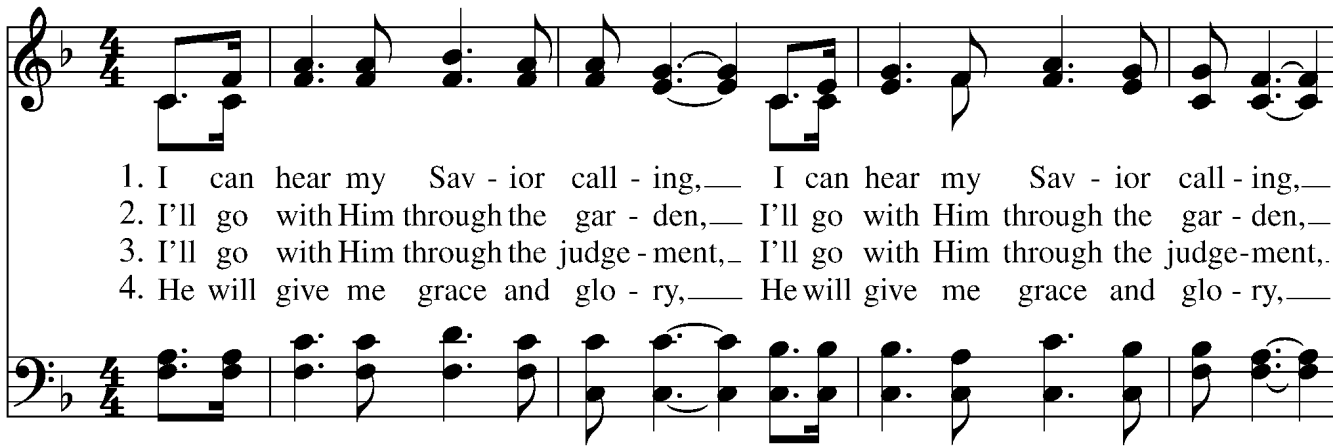
*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## BLESSING

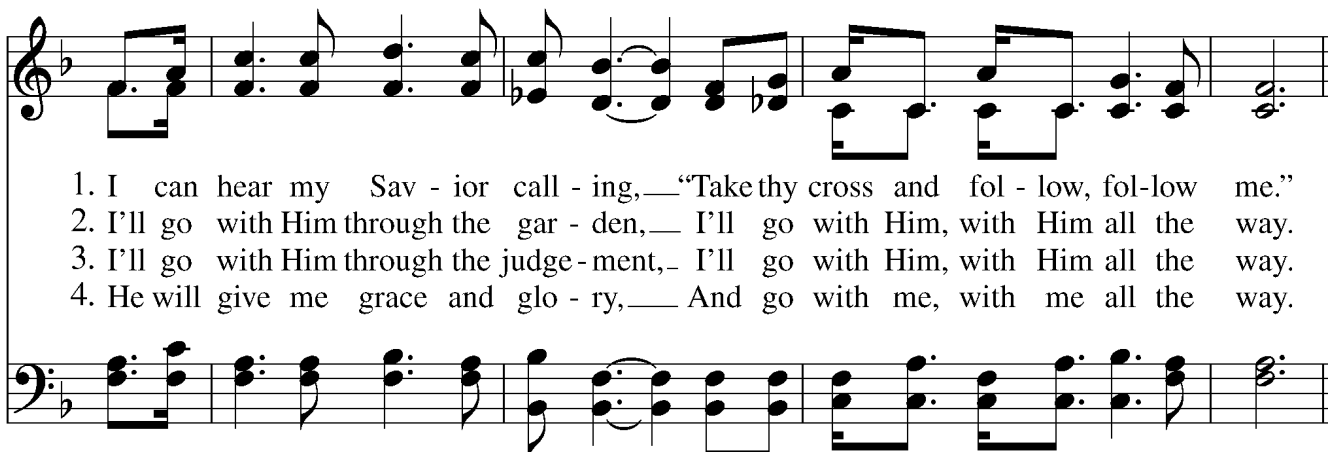
*Priest* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Where He Leads Me"

#144 LEVAS



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —  
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —  
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —  
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."  
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will fol-low,—Where He leads me I will fol-low,—

Where He leads me I will fol-low,— I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

## DISMISSAL

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

## Postlude: Voluntary in C by C.V. Stanford

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### Service participants:

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Hofer+  
 Greeters: Beth Paynter, Carol Sutek  
 Crucifer: Douglas Colmer  
 Camera and Sound: David Lewis  
 Altar Guild: Susan Phillips, Linda Kendrick  
 Reader: Valerie Frear  
 Counters: Valerie Frear, Carol Sutek

## **Announcements:**

**Welcome Fr. Christopher Hofer+!** Fr. Christopher+ is joining us for his first Sunday service today and will continue with us into the summer. He's already met many members of the family of St. Paul's when he officiated at the funeral of Nancy Pelger on April 29th. And even before that, he knew Canton well, living in Canton South while earning his bachelor's degree at Walsh University and master's at Kent State. He was marketing director for United Ways in Akron and Canton before attending the General Theological Seminary, where he earned his master's in divinity.

His ministry has included the Episcopal West Side Shared Ministry before he became rector of The Church of St. Jude in New York. And while he was in Ohio, he was a board member for the Episcopal Community Services Foundation and Community Corners. He now lives in Cuyahoga Falls.

Welcome Fr. Christopher+ to the St. Paul's family.

**Pete Taflan is coming home.** St. Paul's will hold an inurnment service for Pete Taflan following our regular service next Sunday. His ashes will be placed next to those of his beloved wife, Lennie. Pete died on Christmas Day, just a month after turning 100, while he was staying with his son in North Carolina.

He served St. Paul's for seven decades in formal roles, such as junior warden, and in recent years, he was treasurer emeritus and a member of the long-range planning and 150th anniversary committees. But he also was someone who was nourished by the church and invited others to experience "the sense of peace ... as well as the architecture and atmosphere, the Book of Common Prayer."

A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Pete retired from the military as a lieutenant colonel, and many at St. Paul's still affectionately called him "The Colonel." He and Lennie, who died in 2018, first came to St. Paul's in 1953, and they raised their daughter, Deborah Findlay, and son, Peter, in the church.

## **This week's calendar**

**Sunday:** Search Committee meeting, off-site

**Wednesday:** Bible Book Study, 10 a.m., library

**Thursday:** AA, 7 p.m. Blue Room

**Friday:** Vestry meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

**Saturday:** AA 7 p.m., Blue Room

## **Episcopal commemorations**

May 8: Julian of Norwich, Mystic & Theologian, c. 1417

May 9: Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389

May 10: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760

May 13:[Frances Perkins], Public Servant and Prophetic Witness, 1965