

Fifth Sunday of Easter



April 28, 2024
10:30 am

*All are warmly welcomed to our worship.
We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.
We welcome children and invite them to enjoy the
activity table during worship.*

“Whoever you are, you are human. Wherever you are, you live in the world,
which is just waiting for you to notice the holiness in it.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*

Call to Worship

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider We gather as people on a journey.
All **We believe & we have doubts,
we do good & we sin.
We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Presider Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are the essence of the one we call God.
All **We seek forgiveness & grace from the Holy One
and from those we've harmed.**

Presider Assured of that grace,
we are ready to grow again.
All **We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.**

Presider Though we are full of trust
and full of doubt, we are here.
Speak to us, God!
Continue creating us!
All **Inspire our hearts.
Enlighten our minds.
Guide our actions. Amen.¹**

Gathering Hymn - *I Am the Vine* (G 479)

Refrain

I am the vine, you are the branch-es. Re-main in me, you shall
be fruit-ful. Love for the world, hope for the hope - less.

Verses

1. If you love, then you must root your - self in me;
2. If you give, then you must give your - self to me;

to Refrain

1. For the branch will fail and die with-out the tree.
2. For the well will soon run dry with-out the sea.

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Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Almighty God,
**All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Glory to God

Glory to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-
way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-
way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-
cy, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men, a-men.

Collect of the Day

Presider God of deep soil
and luxuriant growth;
you call us from
our shallow selves
to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**²

*At this time, children & youth are invited to join the teachers at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School.
They are also welcome to remain with their families in the sanctuary if that is their choice. The children will return prior to communion*

Ministry of the Word

First Reading - *Acts 8:26-40*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 22:24-30 - I Will Praise You, Lord

Refrain: All



I will praise you, Lord,
 I will praise you, Lord, in the as -
 sem - bly of your peo - ple,
 I will praise you, Lord.

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- Women** 1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
 The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
 They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
 May their hearts live on forever and ever! **Refrain**
- Men** 2. All the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
 all families of the nations worship before him.
 They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
 Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **Refrain**
- All** 3. And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him.
 They shall tell of the LORD to generations yet to come.
 Declare his saving justice to peoples yet unborn:
 “These are the things the LORD has done.” **Refrain**

Second Reading - *1 John 4:7-21*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation - *Alleluia*



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Reader May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel - *John 15:1-8*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Geoff Clark-Tosca - VST

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, the Source of Life,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is created, named, and sustained.**

**We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter:
Mystery. Amen.³**

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory

Out of gratitude for all we've been given, we give ourselves back to God.

Bread, wine and money all symbolize the fruit of our labor.

Please feel free to use one of the laminated blue cards to represent how you give to the Glory of God through Pre-Authorized Donations.

Offertory Hymn - *Love is the Touch* (MV 89)

1. Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

2. Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

3. Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

4. Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

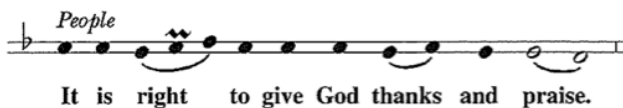
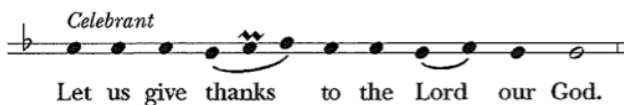
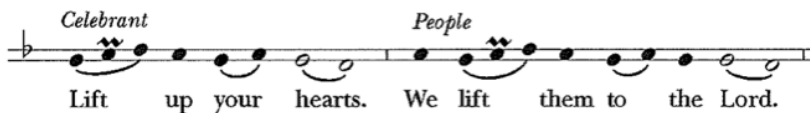
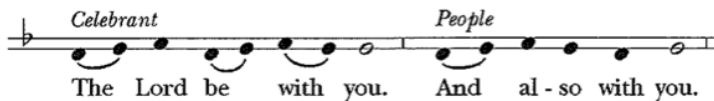
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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our strength and salvation,

**All receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your name,
and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

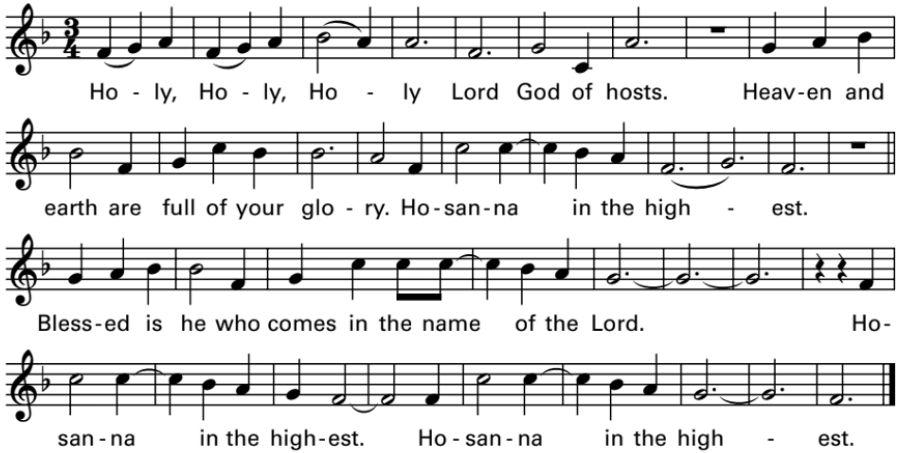
Celebration of our Sacred Meal



Presider We praise you and we bless you,
holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image, male and female,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away.
And yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity
lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Sanctus - *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Presider Glory and honour and praise to you,
holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favour upon Mary, your
willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
and gave it to them, saying:

*Take, drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
given for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints from every tribe and language
and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ.
By him and with him and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our saviour has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept.
The silence is broken with these words.*

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Please know that at St. Laurence you are invited to the table. This sacrament is God's gift to all people. If you wish, you may partake in only the bread without the wine. Non-fermented grape juice is offered in the ceramic chalice. Please tell your server if you prefer a gluten free wafer. If you do not wish to partake at all, you may come forward and receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest.

Prayers for Healing — *If you have special concerns and would like to pray with the Pastoral Care members during communion, please join them in the area to the right of the font.*

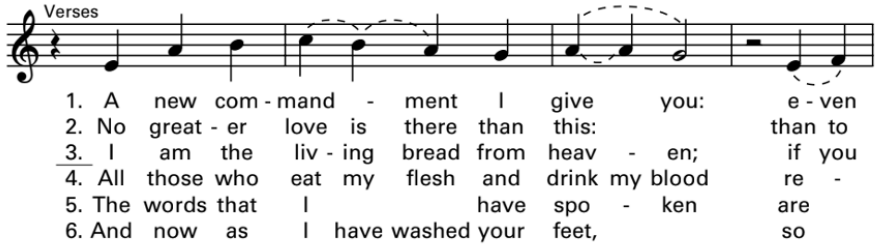
Communion Hymn - *Vine and Branches* (BB 329)

Refrain

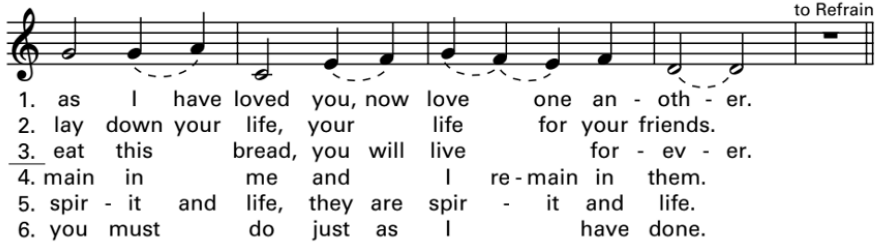


I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in
me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

Verses



1. A new com - mand - ment I give you: e - ven
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -
5. The words that I have spo - ken are
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so



to Refrain

1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.
4. main in me and I re - main in them.
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.
6. you must do just as I have done.

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Communion Hymn - *Love One Another*

Refrain:

Love one another for love is of God.
Those who live in love, God lives in them.
Love one another for love is of God.
Those who live in love, God loves in them.

1. Those who show love are the children of God;
Father and mother is God to them. ***Refrain***
2. God showed his love in the face of the Son;
Christ lives in us so that we might live through him. ***Refrain***
3. Love has no place for the menace of fear;
Fear is abandoned where love is found. ***Refrain***
4. Love has its purpose in God's holy will;
We learn to love from the one who loved us first. ***Refrain***

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Moment of Silence

We take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises, even as we sit together in silence. Let the noises be, and listen for the deep stillness that underlies all being. This moment will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Holy One,

**All We have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing of Easter

Presider May God who has redeemed us,

**All made us sons and daughters through the resurrection of
Jesus, bestow on us the deep riches of God's blessing.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism

**All has raised us from loss into newness of life,
make us holy and sacred and united to Christ for ever.**

Presider May God who has brought us out of bondage

**All into true and everlasting freedom, bring us
deeper into life.**

Presider And now may the blessing of the God of
Abraham and Sarah; and of Jesus born of our
sister Mary; and of the Holy Spirit who broods
over Creation like a Mother over her children;
be upon us and remain with us always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn - *May the God of Hope Go With Us (VU 424)*

1. May the God of hope
go with us every day,
filling all our lives
with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice
speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope
to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2. May the God of healing
free the earth from fear,
freeing us from peace,
both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love
keep our commitment clear
to a world restored,
to human life renewed. ***Refrain***

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Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
of the Spirit!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The flowers at the Altar today are given to the
Glory of God, in memory of Anne,
loving wife, mother and grandmother
by Tom Davidson and family.*



We are pleased to have Geoff Clark-Tosca from VST with us today to bring the Homily and share a little bit about himself.

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2. Prayers for an inclusive church by Steven Shakespeare p. 59
3. St Hildegard's Sanctuary 2018

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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

This small service is Morning Prayer, Bible Study and Eucharist all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

ignYte Events



May 1 - "Mamma Mia"

May 8 ignYte @ St. L

May 15 ignYte @ GSL

May 18 Pentecost - Youth-led Service

May 25 Old Orchard Park hike and ice cream

May 29 ignYte @ St. L

Young Adults:

May 5 Young Adult Games Night

Young Families

May 18 - Family Church Night - 4:30pm,
@ Blue Mountain Park

Young Parents group - 8pm, every other Tuesday

Bi-weekly online - Next event - May 7

New Directories

Next Sunday, the new directories will be available. If you would like one, they will be available following the service.



Reminder: the information is confidential, and so please do not share info from the directory with others. We ask that you return it to the church office and not just discard when you are finished with it.

Thanks to Natasha Davidson for her hard work on this directory

What Was Once the Largest Shopping Center in
Northern Ohio Was Built Where There Had Been a Pond
I Used to Visit Every Summer Afternoon

Loving the earth, seeing what has been done to it,
I grow sharp, I grow cold.

Where will the trilliums go, and the coltsfoot?
Where will the pond lilies go to continue living
their simple, penniless lives, lifting
their faces of gold?

Impossible to believe we need so much
as the world wants us to buy.

I have more clothes, lamps, dishes, paper clips
than I could possibly use before I die.

Oh, I would like to live in an empty house,
with vines for walls, and a carpet of grass.

No planks, no plastic, no fiberglass.

And I suppose I will.

Old and cold I will lie apart
from all this buying and selling, with only
the beautiful earth in my heart.

-Mary Oliver