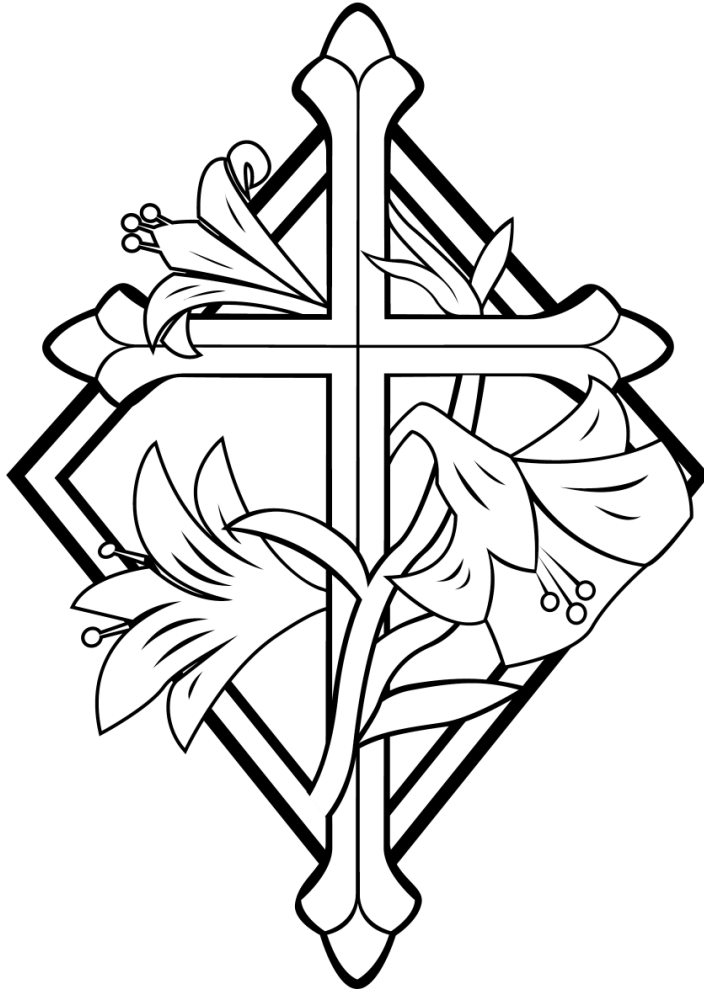


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

## ABOUT US

We're so glad you're with us today. We're a **Christian Church**: we believe Jesus is our Lord & Savior and the Bible is God's Word for us. We're an **Episcopal Church** in the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin of the **Anglican Communion** dating back to the first Christians in England in the 2nd century A.D.

Our Mission is *helping everyone become who God created them to be.*

## WELCOME

If this is your first time here we'd love to **say Thanks or answer any questions.** You can call/text our pastor, **Father Joel** at **(262) 725-2691** or email: **pastor@stbartspewaukee.com.**

## OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

This bulletin will guide you through everything you need to participate in the service. Our worship is a "liturgy" with two parts: **THE WORD OF GOD** and **THE HOLY COMMUNION** which all baptized Christians are welcome to receive, including children.

## KIDS

**Children are always welcome** in the Sanctuary for the entire service (we don't mind babies behaving like babies).

**Children's Chapel** is available for kids Pre-K through Elementary. They will follow the Teacher to the first classroom on the right in the south hallway after *The Collect of the Day*. They will return at *The Peace*.



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## The Hymnal 1982

The blue hymnal found in the pew racks is the collection of hymns, tunes, and service music authorized for use in the Episcopal Church. The Hymnal is a companion for the Book of Common Prayer, supporting the Lectionary and the Calendar. It includes service music and 720 hymns. The Hymnal is strongly founded on congregational singing.

We are singing the hymns that are in the hymnal from the hymnal. All other music will continue to have the lyrics in the printed worship bulletin.

**If you are new to The Hymnal:** hymn numbers are found in bold in the hymnal. The first quarter of the book is service music, such as the Song of Praise and the Sanctus that we sing every Sunday. Service music has an "S" in front of the number. Hymns comprise the rest of the hymnal, bold numbers 1 - 720. There are not page numbers. **Look for the hymn by its number, not its name.**

### The Opening Hymn: *Cantad al Señor (Sing to the Lord)*

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo, cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo, cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo, cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

Eles creador y dueño de todo, eles creador y dueño de todo, eles creador y dueño de todo, cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

Cantad a Jesús porque eles digno, cantad a Jesús porque eles digno, cantad a Jesús porque eles digno, cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

Esel quien nos dio su Espíritu Santo, esel quien nos dio su Espíritu Santo, esel quien nos dio su Espíritu Santo, cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

Cantad al Señor, "¡Amén, aleluya!" Cantad al Señor, "¡Amén, aleluya!" Cantad al Señor, "¡Amén, aleluya!" Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

## The Opening Acclamation

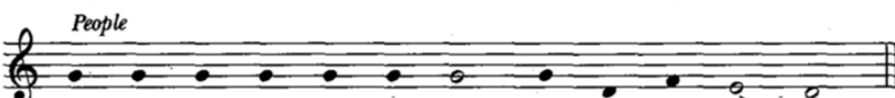
## Blue Hymnal S79

*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



The Lord is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: 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: Gloria in Excelsis

Blue Hymnal S278

### The Collect\* of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*\*A short prayer to unify, or "collect", our intentions for worship. It typically indicates the theme of the day.*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Children's Chapel**

*At this time kids Pre-K through Elementary are invited to come to the front for a blessing and then follow the Teacher to Children's Chapel.*

### **The Lessons** *(please be seated)*

#### **A reading from the second book of Maccabees** *(Chapter 7)*

It happened also that seven brothers and their mother were arrested and were being compelled by the king, under torture...to partake of unlawful pig's flesh. One of them, acting as their spokesman, said, "What do you intend to ask and learn from us? For we are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors." The king fell into a rage...and ordered them to take him to the fire...but the other brothers and their mother encouraged one another to die nobly, saying, "The Lord God is watching over us and in truth has compassion on us, as Moses declared in his song...

After the first brother had died...they brought forward the second for their sport..."Will you eat pork rather than have your body punished limb by limb?" He replied in the language of his ancestors and said to them, "No." Therefore he in turn underwent tortures as the first brother had done...After him, the third was the victim of their sport...After he, too, had died, they maltreated and tortured the fourth in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "One cannot but choose to die at the hands of mortals and to cherish the hope God gives of being raised again by him. But for you there will be no resurrection to life!"

Next they brought forward the fifth and maltreated him...

After him they brought forward the sixth...

The mother was especially admirable and worthy of honorable memory. Although she saw her seven sons perish within a single day, she bore it with good courage because of her hope in the Lord. She encouraged each of them in the language of their ancestors. Filled with a noble spirit, she...said to them, "I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of humankind and devised the origin of all things, in his mercy gives life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws."

Antiochus felt that he was being treated with contempt, and he was suspicious of her reproachful tone. The youngest brother being still alive, Antiochus not only appealed to him in words but promised with oaths that he would make him rich and enviable if he would turn from the ways of his ancestors...Since the young man would not listen to him at all, the king called the mother to him and urged her to advise the youth to save himself. After much urging on his part, she undertook to persuade her son. But, leaning close to him, she spoke in their native language as follows, deriding the cruel tyrant: "My son, have pity on me. I carried you nine months in my womb and nursed you for three years and have reared you and brought you up to this point in your life and have taken care of you...Do not fear this butcher but prove worthy of your brothers. Accept death, so that in God's mercy I may get you back again along with your brothers."

While she was still speaking, the young man said, "What are you waiting for? I will not obey the king's command, but I obey the command of the law that was given to our ancestors through Moses. But you, who have contrived all sorts of evil against the Hebrews, will certainly not escape the hands of God...

I, like my brothers, give up body and life for the laws of our ancestors, appealing to God to show mercy soon to our nation and by trials and plagues to make you confess that he alone is God...

The king fell into a rage and handled him worse than the others, being exasperated at his scorn. So he died in his integrity, putting his whole trust in the Lord.

Last of all, the mother died, after her sons.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

## A Song of Hannah - 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (remain seated)

*The Psalms were originally written to be sung. These poems and prayers have been the foundation of worship for Jews and Christians for 3,000 years, and Jesus prayed and sang the psalms regularly.*

Blessed are those who believe, \* for what God has promised will be fulfilled.  
My heart exults in the Lord; \* my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies, \* because I rejoice in your salvation.  
There is no Holy One like you, O Lord, \* nor any Rock like you, our God.  
For you are a God of knowledge \* and by you our actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken, \* but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread, \* but those who were hungry are well fed.  
The barren woman has borne sevenfold, \* but she who has many children is forlorn.  
Both the poor and the rich are of your making; \* you bring low and you also exalt.  
You raise up the poor from the dust, \* and lift the needy from the ash heap.  
You make them sit with the rulers \* and inherit a place of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are yours \* and on them you have set the world.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; \* as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

## A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians (4:3-5)

So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Gradual\* Hymn: Santo, santo, santo (*Holy, holy, holy*)

*\*This is a song to prepare our hearts to hear the Words of Jesus. It's ancient name is from the Latin "gradus", the place where this song was sung in Church.*

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

## The Gospel (means "Good News")

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel + of our Lord Jesus Christ + according to Luke + (2:25-35)

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

+ *You may make a small + Cross with your thumb over your mind, lips, and heart.*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been

revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev'd Joel Prather*

### **The Nicene Creed** *(please stand and pray together)*

*The Nicene Creed in this bulletin is slightly different than what you may be used to. This is because the Episcopal Church restored the original language of the Nicene Creed which was shared by all Christians until the 6th Century.*

**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, *(you may bow down here)* was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. *(you may rise)*

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. (*\* means universal*)

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.

+ *you may make the Sign of the Cross here to acknowledge the hope that you will be resurrected*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Reader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, for this gathering, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matt our bishop, for Ann the bishop of the Armed Forces, and for all who minister in Christ's name.

Holy God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and reverently serve you.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations of the earth, for the well-being of all people, and for those in authority. For the first inhabitants of Pewaukee: we honor the Potawatomi people, as well as the Oneida people who brought the Episcopal Church to Wisconsin. Help us to be instruments of your peace and justice.

God of compassion, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who govern the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, prisoners, the unemployed, and those in any need. Bless all those who serve them. Remembering especially those on our prayer list...

We also pray for our ministry partners:

- Arlo and Ashtyn's Hope
- Fr. Andrew and Amazing Grace AIDS Ministry
- Pastor David and Breaking the Chains Church
- Joe and Family Promise of Waukesha County
- Our Karén Families
- Dave, Judy, and the Pewaukee Food Pantry
- Bishop Daudi and Olivia in Tanzania
- and Bill and our Veterans and Families Group,

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered for us.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us pray for the mission of the Church and for the coming of God's reign among all nations and peoples.

Loving God, you have made all races and nations to be one family, and you sent Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people. Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation and hasten the coming of your reign of justice and love among the nations of the world.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died in Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. Let us pray that God may be glorified in all the saints.

Life-giving God, we give you thanks and praise for the wonderful grace and love declared in all your saints. Grant to us, and to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, a share in the fulness of your joy.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for all God's goodness.

You are worthy, O God, to receive honor and blessing and praise. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We will observe silent reflection*

Celebrant: 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.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

### **The Absolution**

Celebrant: 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** *(All stand.)*

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Sharing “peace” with one another is an ancient Christian tradition, not only in the words of Jesus, but also in the practices of the Christian community. As you are comfortable, you are welcome to shake hands when we pass the peace. Please respect those that are not comfortable with hand shaking. A simple nod or the peace sign is also a meaningful way to share the peace of Christ.*

## **Announcements**

*Be sure to sign-up for our eNews using the Welcome! card in your pew rack or at our website. We also encourage you to follow us on our YouTube, Facebook and/ or Instagram accounts to stay up-to-date and hit “Share“ to let your friends see what’s happening.*

## **The Offertory**

*It takes \$747 each day to sustain the ministry of St. Bart’s.*

*God tells us in the Bible, no one should feel pressured about giving (2 Corinthians 9:7). Please be at peace about what you choose to do or not to do. The most important offering God wants from us is our life & our hearts. You can place an offering in the basket passed by the ushers or in the wooden box marked Donations near the exit of the Church.*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

## **The Offertory Hymn: Many Are the Light Beams**

Muchos resplandores, sólo una luz; es la luz de Cristo. Muchos resplandores, sólo una luz que nos hace uno.

Many are the light beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus. Many are the light beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus. Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts giv’n, love is all one. Love’s the gift of Jesus. Many of the gifts giv’n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus. Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one; we are one in Christ.



He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**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. AMEN.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Blue Hymnal S119**

**Fraction Anthem**

**Blue Hymnal S152**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

**Invitation to Spiritual Communion for livestream worshippers** - a personal devotional that anyone can pray to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in circumstances which prevent them from actually receiving communion. The prayer will be displayed on the screen.

## About Communion at St. Bartholomew's

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us, including children. If this doesn't describe where you're at, you are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing which you can indicate by crossing your hands over your heart. Or feel free to stay in your seat to pray or reflect.*

*Please come to the rail in front of the altar to receive the Bread & Wine. Bread will be served to you as you stand or kneel. We have gluten free bread if you prefer it, simply let the minister know. We have two options for receiving the wine. You may take a sip of wine from the shared Chalice or you may take a small cup of wine from the tray, and place the empty cup in the bowl near the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. We use alcoholic wine.*

*If you need Communion brought to you just let one of our Ushers know.*

*Prayer Ministry is offered confidentially during the Eucharist in the side chapel. Let us pray for all those in need; for yourself, family, or friends. You may also be anointed with oil for healing as the Bible teaches (James 5:14). We do so by making a small sign of the Cross upon one's forehead. All are welcome.*

## Communion Song 1: Beautiful Savior

All my days I will sing this song of gladness, give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry, and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion and You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never-ending, Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song, and cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb!

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counsellor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion and You reign, You reign over all.

## Communion Song 2: Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb,  
and all who've gone before us, and all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,  
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy." All creations cries, "Holy."  
You are lifted high, Holy. Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven and you've been redeemed, sing the song forever to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name, sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, "Holy." All creations cries, "Holy."  
You are lifted high, Holy. Holy forever.

Hear Your people sing, "Holy," to the King of Kings, "Holy." You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest, Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

## **Prayers After Communion**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

***Celebrant & 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.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn: Unidos

Unidos, unidos, en tu nombre Unidos. Unidos, Unidos, en tu nombre Unidos. Pues en este mundo paz y amor tendremos, Pues en este mundo paz y amor tendremos. Unidos, siempre Unidos, tomándonos las manos iremos por el mundo cantando al amor.

La gloria de Jesus, al fin resplandecerá. Y el mundo llenará de amor y de paz.  
La gloria de Jesus, al fin resplandecerá. Y el mundo llenará de amor y de paz.

Together, together, in your name, we gather. Together, together, in your name we gather. Then we'll have in this world peace and love around us. Then we'll have in this world peace and love around us. Together we're united; we hold hands as we struggle; we walk into the world singing God's song of love.

The glory of Jesus will ever shine in splendor. The whole world will be joyful with love and peace.

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## The Dismissal

Blue Hymnal S175



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

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We thank you for your generosity.



# Celebrating the Lives of Saints

Christians have, since ancient times, honored people whose lives represent heroic commitment to Christ and who have borne witness to their faith even at the cost of their lives.

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Today we celebrate the life of:

## **ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA, Bishop and Theologian, 373**

Athanasius was born around 295 in Alexandria, and was ordained as a deacon in 319. He quickly attracted attention by his opposition to the presbyter Arius, whose teaching that the Second Person of the Trinity was a creature was gaining widespread acceptance. Alexander, the Bishop of Alexandria, took Athanasius as his secretary and adviser to the first Ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325, which dealt with the Arian conflict. Athanasius was successful in winning approval for the phrase in the Nicene Creed which has ever since been recognized as expressing unequivocally the full divinity of the Son: “of one Being with the Father” (homoousios).

When Alexander died in 328, Athanasius became bishop. He fearlessly defended Nicene Christology against emperors, magistrates, bishops, and theologians. Five times he was sent into exile. He often seemed to stand alone for the orthodox faith. “Athanasius contra mundum” (Athanasius against the world) became a by-word. Yet, by the time of his last exile, his popularity among the citizens of Alexandria was so great that the emperor had to recall him to avoid insurrection in the city.

Athanasius wrote extensively, including biblical interpretation, theological exposition, sermons, and letters. His treatise, *On the Incarnation of the Word of God*, is a still widely read theological classic, and his work *The Life of Antony* became profoundly influential in the spread of the early monastic movement.

In *On the Incarnation*, he writes, “The Savior of us all, the Word of God, in his great love took to himself a body and moved as Man among men, meeting their senses, so to speak, halfway. He became himself an object for the senses, so that those who were seeking God in sensible things might apprehend the Father through the works which he, the Word of God, did in the body. Human and human-minded as people were, therefore, to whichever side they looked in the sensible world, they found themselves taught the truth.”

Athanasius died in Alexandria in the year 373, after devoting his final years to preaching, writing, and giving spiritual direction.