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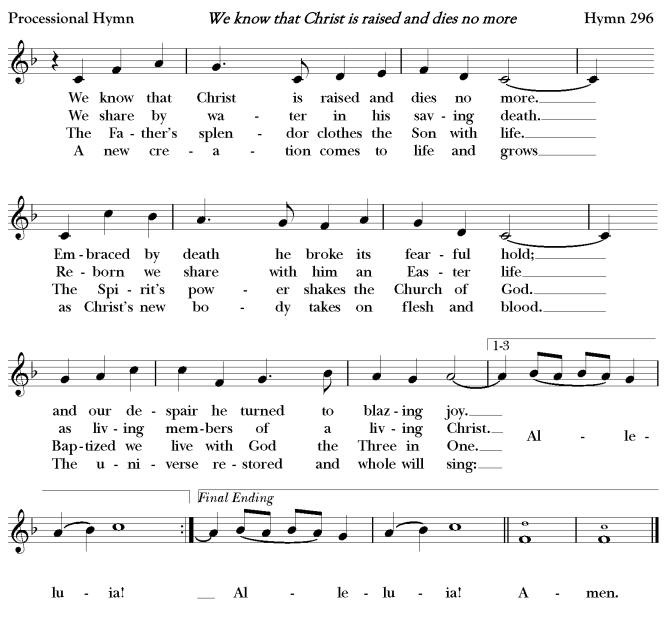


The Fifth Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two May 2, 2021 11:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

The hymn is sung by the soloist.

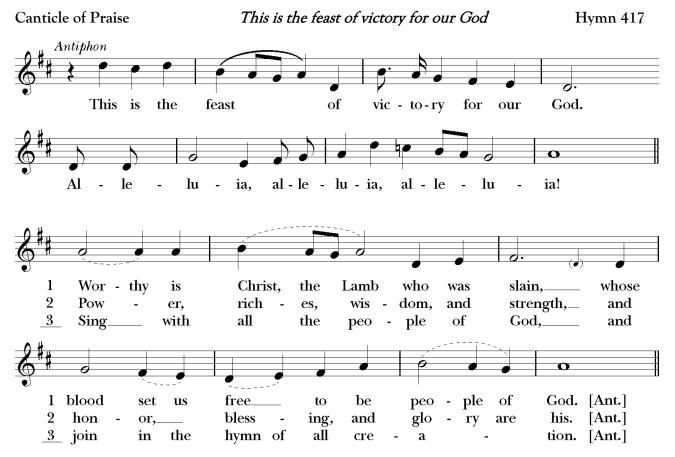


All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says the 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.** The Canticle is sung by the soloist.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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.**

The people sit.

The First Reading

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand

Acts 8:26-40

what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

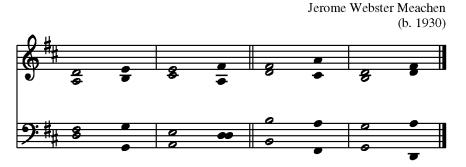
In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

The psalm is sung by the cantorial ensemble.

Psalm 22:24-30



- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

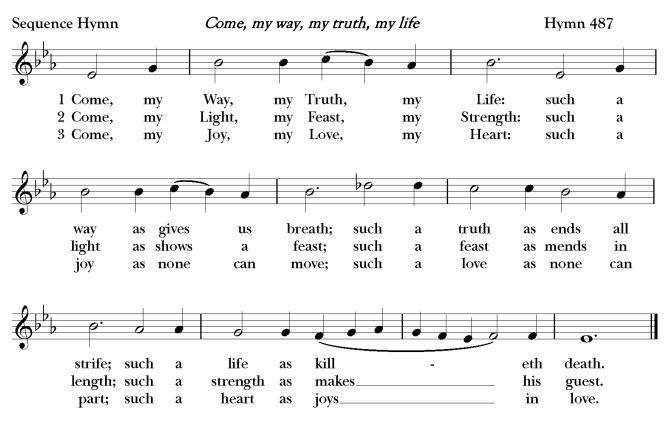
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand.

The sequence hymn is sung by the soloist.



The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Bert O. Baetz III

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, 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.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Risen Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David and Rayford, our Bishops, Bert and Mike, our Priests; in our diocese, we give thanks this week for St. Philip's,

Uvalde; and St. James', Del Rio. Let us pray to the Lord. Risen Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For this city, Kerrville, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Risen Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of blessed Peter and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Rock of St. Peter's

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Christ the vine

Powell

Mr. Jim Hayes

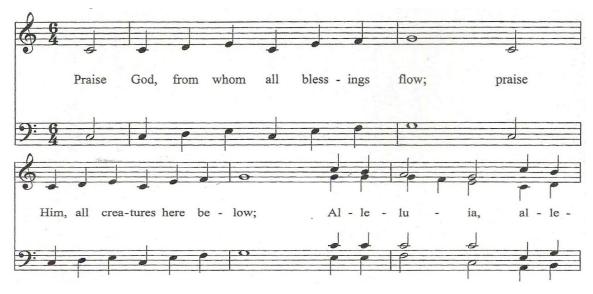
Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we, the branches bearing fruit. We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root. Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet's trust. And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us.

Christ, may we submit to pruning that we bear more grapes for wine. Help us, when we're overburdened, draw new strength from you, the vine. You invite us to be partners, growing Spirit's fruit anew. Keep us one in love together: you in us, and we in you!

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Doxology is sung by the soloist.

The Doxology





The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

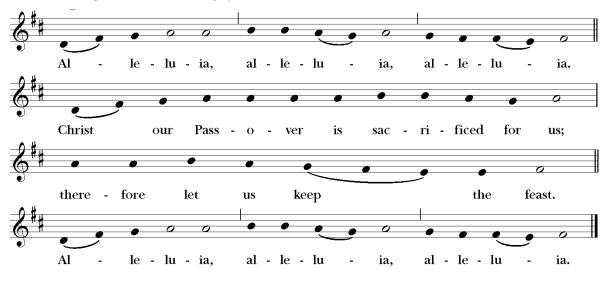
The Celebrant continues

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (sung by the soloist)

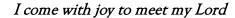


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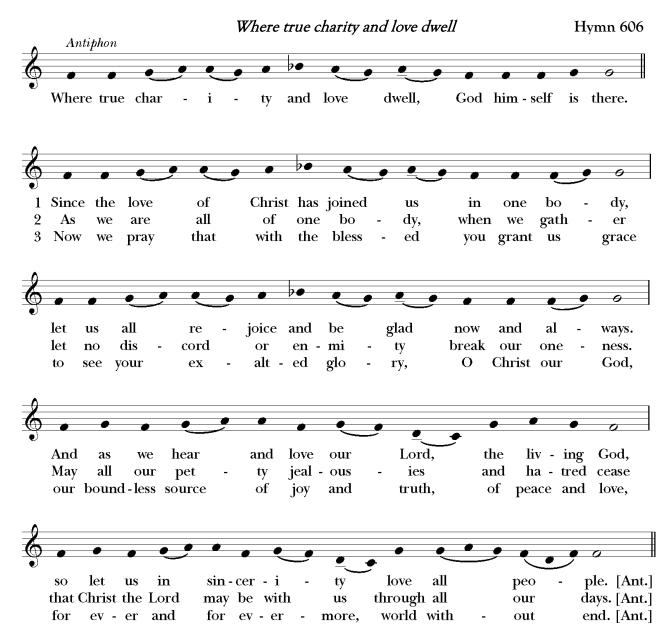
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The communion hymns are sung by the soloist.

Communion Hymn



Unison or harmony come with for -1 Ι joy meet Lord, to my 2 Chris tians near Ι come with far and to -3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each His 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. geth geth 5То er met, to er bound, we'll Ð 0 Ø 2 giv loved, free, in der 1 and awe and won en, --2 find, all fed, the as are new com - mu ni --<u>3</u> proud di vi sion ends. That love that made us -4 al such friend pres ence, ways near, is in ship -dif $\mathbf{5}$ go our _ ferent ways, and as his peo ple Ð 0 ▰ 1 to re call his life laid down for me. 2 Christ's of love \mathbf{in} com - mun ion bread. ty -3 friends. makes us one, and stran gers now are 4 bet ter known: him here. we see, and praise $\mathbf{5}$ we'll live inthe world, and speak his praise. ø 0 ¢, 0 0



Communion

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ and others physically present may also receive the Sacrament. All those who choose not to receive the Sacrament or are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion, as the Prayer Book directs on page 457: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."

A Prayer for Spiritual Reception of Communion

An appointed leader says

Let us pray.

All those to make a Spiritual Communion pray

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

The people stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Easter Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, concluding

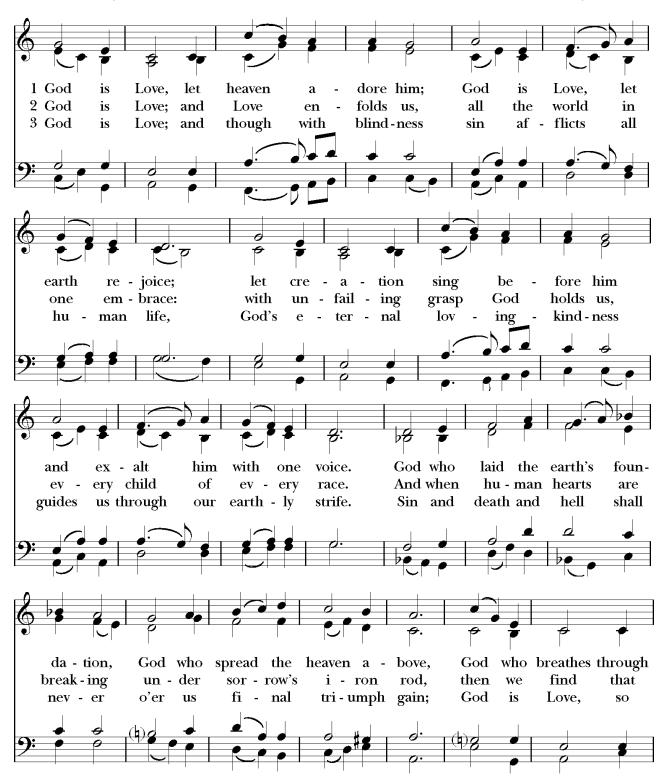
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

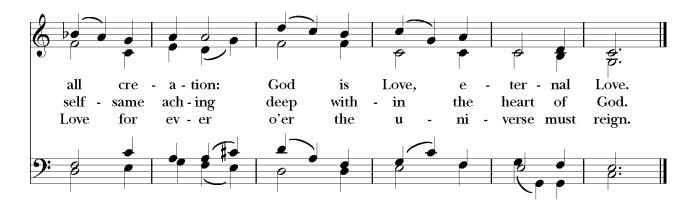
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

Processional Hymn





Dismissal

DeaconLet us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Rector Assistant Priest Director of Music/Organist Choir Director The Reverend Bert Baetz The Reverend J. Michael Wheeler David Miron Kara Joy Baker

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One – in our Nave 9:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – in our Nave

11:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – in our Nave and streaming online <u>Wednesday</u>

5:15 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two - in our Nave and streaming online

Ministries-May 2	8:00 am	9:15am	<u>11:15am</u>
Eucharistic	Ted Whittier	Rita Self	Doug Holmes
Ministers			
Vestry Rep.	Eric Maloney	Eric Maloney	Mark Haufler
Ushers		Sarah Hilburn Nellwyn Sadler	Jimmy Wheat John Elliott

Altar Guild - Denise Baehre, Gail Brown, Helen Herget, Sarah Hilburn, Punkie Kinnan, and Nellwyn Sadler.

Ministries–May 9	8:00 am	9:15am	11:15am
Eucharistic	Kim Chatelain	Amy Ives	Jana Drane
Ministers			
Vestry Rep.	Eric Maloney	Eric Maloney	Mark Haufler
Ushers		Sarah Hilburn Nellwyn Sadler	Jimmy Wheat John Elliott

Altar Guild - Alexis McRoberts, Kay Bruce, Pam Crumrine, Beverly Dodds, Pat Hamman, Betsy Matz, Kathy Voss, and Margaret Galloway.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

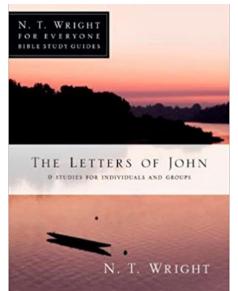
Long Term Prayer List: Julie, Ryan, Dixie, Mike, Beth, Kevin, Lila, Florence, Helen, Marilyn, Caitlyn, Lucas, Randy, Rick, Mary Margaret, Charles, Keely, Jerry, Stacy, Brandon, Tom, our local businesses and their employees, James, Nancy, Brandie, Rick, Brandon, Peyton, Lindsay, Jean, Naji, A.A. and family, Johneen, Donna, Ronnie, Trey, Josiah, Steven, Judy, Sharon., and James.

Short Term Prayer List: Anne, Rey, and Sally Huff

<u>Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List</u>: Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, Emily Matz Corbin, Joshua Bosworth, and all who serve our country.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: We give thanks for St. Philip's, Uvalde; and St. James', Del Rio.





Tuesday Book/Bible Study Continues

Fr. Bert continues his Tuesday Book/Bible Study through the end of May.

On April 13, the group began studying 1 John. The group meets over Zoom on Tuesdays at 11am.

If you would like to join the 1 John study, please email Fr. Bert at <u>bert@stpeterskerrville.com</u>, and he will gladly send you the Zoom link. (Or click the link in your Friday email.)

The group will be using the <u>Letters of John (N.T. Wright for</u> <u>Everyone Bible Study Guide)</u> available for purchase at Amazon.

The next date for baptisms is Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please contact Fr. Bert at **bert@stpeterskerrville.com**



IT'S IMPORTANT TO RSVP!

We still need you to RSVP for both the 9:15 AM and the 11:15 AM Sunday Services! Upon your arrival at church, please wait to be seated - the ushers will help you choose your seats.

Email <u>rsvp@stpeterskerrville.com</u> (or reply to any parish email) and let us know the following:

- Your name
- Number of household members attending
- The date and time of the service

RSVP by 4PM the Friday prior to each service.





PLEASE JOIN THE E.C.W. FOR THE GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 6th TUCKER HALL MEETING AT 10:30

The highly anticipated program about the

St. Peter's Labyrinth

will be presented by Cindy Bachman. You will not want to miss this gathering!

*All women of the church are invited!!

St. Jerome's Jots

The Camino de Santiago (the way of St. James) is a pilgrim's passage to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. On Wednesday May 5th at 3:00 PM, St. Jerome's Guild is excited to host Maggie and Jerry Benson, pilgrims of the camino, for their presentation recounting their pilgrimage.

From Maggie:

Why would anyone in their right mind want to travel all the way from Kerrville, Texas to St. Jean Pied de Port, France and then start walking 500 miles West through a variety of terrains and weather conditions just to visit and pray at the ancient Cathedral where the Tomb of St James is located, in the city of Santiago de Compostela (or The Way of St James)?

Why would anyone feel the need to endure the conditions of the steep Pyrenees Mountains, the vast arid region of the Meseta, walking daily, rain or shine, through the heat and cold, subjecting their feet to the harsh and crumbling cobblestones, their knees to the torturous mountains that never seemed to level out, the daily ritual of preparing their feet for the arduous journey, washing their few clothes by hand, sleeping in a variety of conditions at hostels, pensions, hotels, and albergues for 40 exhausting walking days with just the essentials in their backpacks? Why would any sane and reasonable person even want to attempt such a crazy thing?

Come and join Maggie and Jerry Benson as they retell their story of walking the ancient Camino Frances (The French Way) to Santiago de Compostela in 2014 and hear about their trials and adventures, the highs and lows of walking such long hours and distance...visiting the cities of Pamplona, Burgos, and Leon located on the Camino, and why they think walking the Camino to Santiago de Compostela has got to be the coolest (yet the most difficult) adventure they've ever undertaken together!



Please join St. Jerome's Guild and the Bensons on Wednesday May 5th at 3:00 PM in Tucker Hall for what promises to be an exciting program. Masking and social distancing protocols will be observed as outlined by the Diocese. We hope to see you there. Bring a friend.



Summer 2021 VBS St. Peter's Episcopal Church June 28th - July 1st [9am - Noon]

Register me for Mystery Island!

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