

# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022, 10:15 AM

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO OUR EUCHARIST SERVICE!

The entire service is printed below;  
you'll need no books or other materials to follow along.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.

**You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.**

PRELUDE

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN G MINOR, J. L. KREBS

*All stand and join in singing,*

OPENING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #392



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but  
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -  
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne.  
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.  
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.  
march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

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# THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

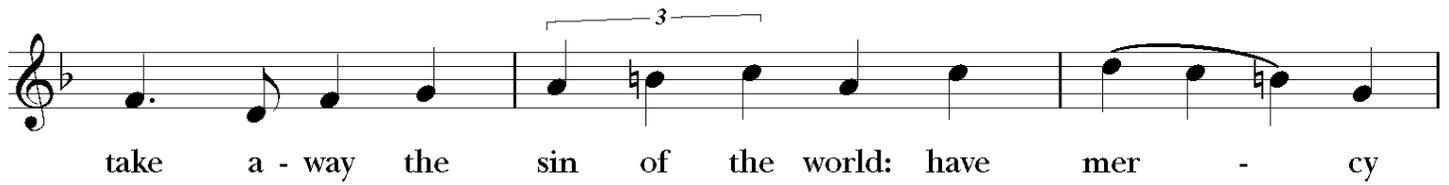
Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

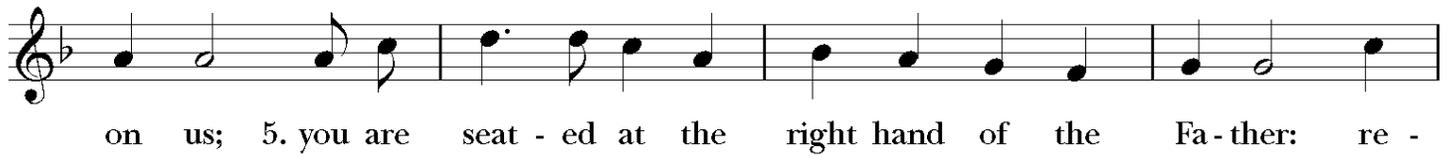
## SONG OF PRAISE

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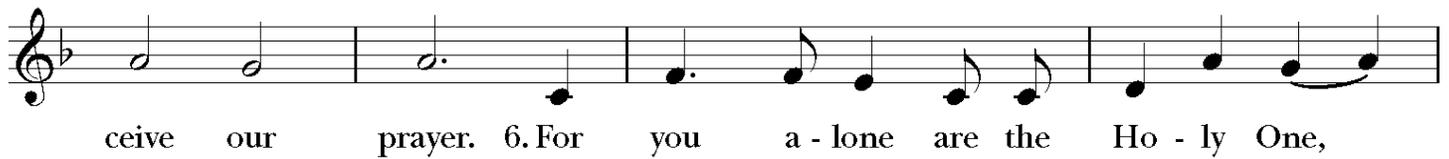
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



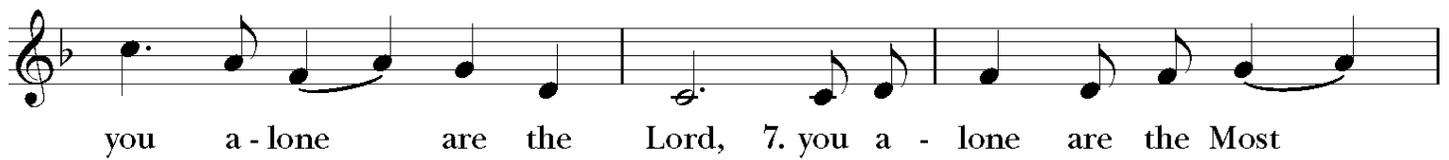
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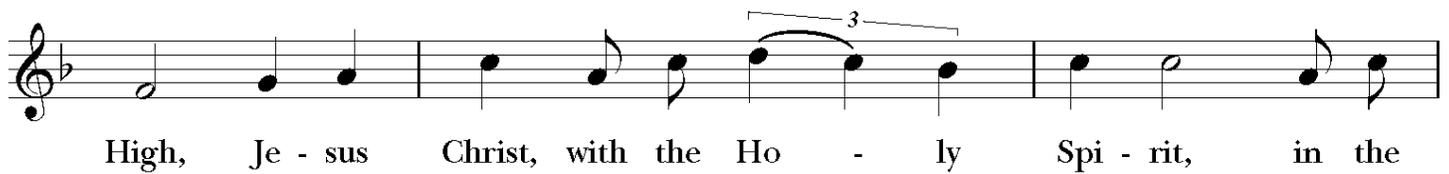
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



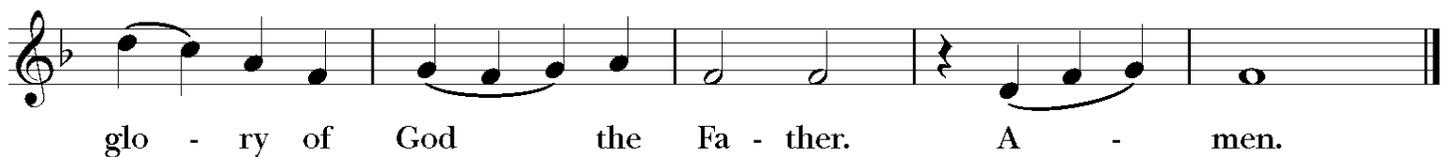
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.

**All: Amen.**

*The People are seated for the lessons.*

## THE FIRST READING

ACTS 11:1-18

A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they

were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be chanted by the choir.*

THE PSALM

PSALM 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND READING

## REVELATION 21:1-6

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done!

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and join in singing,*

SEQUENCE HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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*The People remain standing for the Gospel,*

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 13:31-55

*The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the People respond,*

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*At the invitation of the Preacher, the People are seated.*

THE HOMILY

THE REV. JERRY LASLEY

*All stand as they are able.*

THE NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
                  the only Son of God,  
                  eternally begotten of the Father,  
                  God from God, Light from Light,  
                  true God from true God,  
                  begotten, not made,  
                  of one Being with the Father.  
                  Through him all things were made.  
                  For us and for our salvation  
                  he came down from heaven:  
                  by the power of the Holy Spirit  
                  he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
                  and was made man.  
                  For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
                  he suffered death and was buried.  
                  On the third day he rose again  
                  in accordance with the Scriptures;  
                  he ascended into heaven  
                  and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
                  He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
                  and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, “Loving God, *make all things new.*”

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

*Silence.*

Loving God,

**People: make all things new.**

Leader: Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

*Please add your own thanksgivings.*

*Silence.*

Loving God,

**People: make all things new.**

Leader: Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation.

*Silence.*

Loving God,

**People: make all things new.**

Leader: Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred.

*Silence.*

Loving God,

**People: make all things new.**

Leader: Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people.

We pray especially for Rachel, Mary, Carlton, Carol, Bill, Ken, Sue, Myrtle, Merrilyn, Machele, Dorothy, Mike, Lucinda, Rosemarie, Barbara, Gwen, Ben, Max, Helen, Shirley, Jackie, Nell, Mary, Pat, Bob, Bill & Marty.

*The People add their petitions.*

*Silence.*

Loving God,

**People: make all things new.**

Leader: Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

*Silence.*

Loving God,

**People: make all things new.**

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

**All: Amen.**

*All stand or kneel as they are able.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

**All: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: 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*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

IF YE LOVE ME, THOMAS TALLIS

**The offering plates are located near the entrance to the sanctuary.** No plates will be passed, please place any offerings you have in a plate on your way into or out of the worship space. Thank you!

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*All stand or kneel as they are able.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS

THE HYMNAL 1982 #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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.\_\_\_\_\_

Priest: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Christopher and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**All: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest: 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.

*All are invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.*

*At this time, if you are joining us in-person, please carefully form a single line in the middle aisle beginning with the front rows and working back as space allows.*

*The Priest will distribute communion wafers. A Lay Eucharistic Minister will distribute the wine from the common cup. Please drink from the common cup only – do not intinct (dip your bread)!*

*If you do not wish to receive either the wine or both the bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this and to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

## LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING #138

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—  
2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, In my heart;—  
3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, In my heart;—  
4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, In my heart;—  
5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_

In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart. \_\_\_\_\_

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All stand as they are able.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

**All:** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the People and the People respond,*

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #481



1 Re - jice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -  
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
4 Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

*Refrain*



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -

joice! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -  
 gain I say, re - joice!

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN C, J. L. KREBS

JOIN US FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL!

\*\*\*PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF CONVERSATIONS BEFORE & AFTER THE SERVICE!  
OTHERS ARE TRYING TO PRAY!

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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