



Pontifical Holy Eucharist with Confirmation

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 10:00 AM

*¶ The Order of Service begins on page 413 of The Book of Common Prayer.
¶ The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is derived from Byzantine sources.*

Organ Voluntary

Laudate Dominum

Peter Hurford
(1823-1881)

Hymn at the Procession 292

KINGSFOLD

The Sixth Sunday of Easter is known as “Rogation Sunday” – a day when we are called to remember God’s creation. In agricultural communities it is common for a procession, accompanied by the singing of the Great Litany, to lead the People of God out to bless the fields. This morning’s opening hymn calls to mind the riches of creation and the tradition of Rogation Days.

Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

¶ The Bishop then continues

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God’s call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *Then all are seated*

N The Word of God N

The First Lesson

ACTS 17:22-31

SO PAUL, STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ARE-OP'AGUS, SAID: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything. And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us, for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom

he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18 *¶ Sung by the Choir* *Benedicite gentes*

O praise our God, ye peoples, *
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life; *
and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us; *
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare; *
and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; *
we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a
wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows,
*
which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in
trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams; *
I will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; *
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth, *
and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart, *
the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me; *
and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, *
nor turned his mercy from me.

The Epistle

1 PETER 3:13-22

NOW WHO IS THERE TO HARM YOU IF YOU ARE ZEALOUS FOR WHAT IS RIGHT? But even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession

A paraphrase of Psalm 148, this text, in rich and vivid language, casts this ancient Old Testament hymn in a form that speaks directly to the modern worshipper while maintaining the spirit and intent of the original Psalm. It is a hymn that calls to mind the sense of awe and mystery of God.

The Gospel

JOHN 14:15-21

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

People Glory to you, O Lord.

JESUS SAID, “IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson
BISHOP OF MISSOURI

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

¶ *The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

¶ *After the Candidates are presented, the Bishop addresses the Candidates*

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

‡ *Then the Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

‡ *The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

‡ *All stand*

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

¶ The Bishop then says to the Congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

¶ The Choir sings the following petitions

℣. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Send them into the world in witness to your love.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

¶ Then the Bishop says

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
¶ People Amen.

¶ All may then be seated

¶ The Candidates then approach the Bishop who lays hands upon them and prays for each; the People respond to each prayer with “Amen”

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of *their* life. *¶ People Amen.*

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ When all have been Confirmed and Received, the Bishop says

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*
¶ All stand

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord;

Announcements

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2022-2023 Confirmands

Temperance Joseph Sullivan Aghamohammadi
Alexander Blair Cain
Ava Marie Cain
Lydia Fern Clem
Chloe Anne Coughlin
Margaret Rose Coughlin
Dorothy Mayes Durrill
Andrew John Friend
Briannah Leigh McDonald
William Matthew Nitzsche
Patricia Ruth Parker
Isaac Easton Patterson
Riley Edith Poole
Owen Azar Posnanski
Audrey Rose Simanowitz
Isaiah Irenaeus Smith
Tracy Marie Reynolds-Watson
David William Riley
Abram Christian Van Engen
Kristin Joy Van Engen



N The Holy Communion N

Anthem at the Offertory

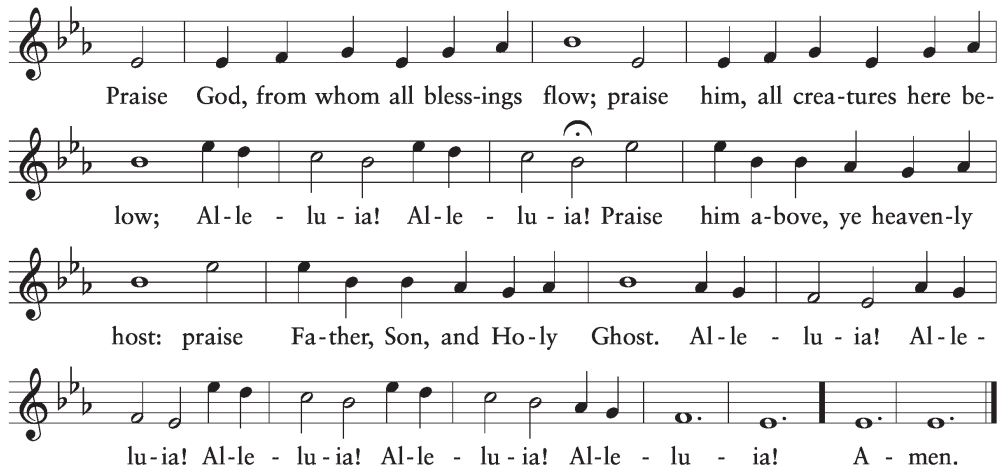
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words: Canticles 8, St John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6; Romans 12

Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing

Hymn at the Presentation



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN: Aueserlesene Kirchengesang, 1623

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

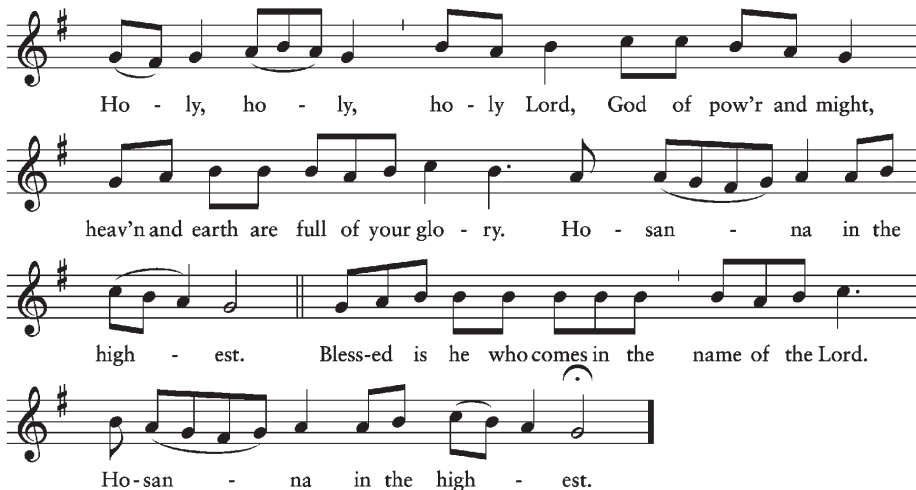
¶ Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

¶ The People kneel. Then the Bishop continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

WE ACCLAIM YOU, HOLY LORD, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world, we praise you and we bless you.

Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we
pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend ❖ upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

✠ The Bishop may add petitions here

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *✠ All AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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 Bishop breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; — have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; — have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; — grant us peace.

The Invitation and Ministrations of Communion

¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Antem at the Communion

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
 And I will pray the Father,
 and he shall give you another comforter,
 that he may 'bide with you forever;
 E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

This profound and mystic text by Christopher Smart, one of the great English poets – a man of strange and unbalanced mind – is a superb example of how a text can become a wonderful hymn when paired with the correct tune. The pairing of this text and tune is one of pure genius, for the soaring lines and rhythmic vitality of the melody elegantly support and illuminate the text.

The Postcommunion Prayer ¶ *Said by all kneeling*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop says the following prayer*

A Prayer

LORD OF THE FEAST, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. ¶ *All* Amen.

The Pontifical Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People From this time forth for evermore.

The blessing, ✠ mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
‡ *People* Amen.

‡ *All stand*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession 392

VINEYARD HAVEN

Isaac Watts' hymn text expresses his conviction that Christianity is a thoroughly joyful affair. The hymn lays out the grounds on which the Christian's joy rests. The stirring tune, in the words of the composer, reflect the quality of rejoicing "most exactly at the two interpolated 'Hosannas'... which rise like daily orisons, pointing the way and presaging the reward at the end... to raise such 'Hosannas' forever in his presence and with the company of heaven in the life eternal."

This Morning's Liturgy

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at The Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn for Confirmation are red in color, symbolizing the Holy Spirit who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith.

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God,
and in memory of Norma Owen and Barbara Holbrook
by Meredith and Jim Holbrook.

Parish Notices

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 8 am Holy Eucharist
- 8 am Coffee Hour
- 9 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9 am Bishop Meeting w/Confirmands
Taylor Room
- 9 am Christian Education Hour
- Little Sprouts Nursery-Infant/Toddler Room
 - Godly Play (Ages 4-7)-
Wydown Meeting Room
 - Centering Prayer Practice-
St. George's Chapel
- Young Disciples- 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th Grades-
Room J-204
- 10 am Choral Eucharist/Confirmation
- 10 am Children's Chapel
- 6:30 pm Youth Group-Armstrong Room

MONDAY, MAY 15

- 9 am Monday Morning Bible Study
- 10 am Angels of Restoration-Church

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- 10:30 am Church Service League Board Meeting-
Library
- 10 am Angels of Restoration-Church
- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist-St. George's Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- 6 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist-St. Mary's Chapel
- 6 pm 11th Step Meeting-Library

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- 7 am Men's Bible Study-Great Hall
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer-
St. Mary's Chapel
- 8 am-Women's Bible Study-Library
- 12:30 Piano Tuning- Great Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 20

RECTOR'S FORUM: Rector's Forum is in recess until October.

CENTERING PRAYER PRACTICE:

"What goes on in those silent depths during the time of Centering Prayer is no one's business, not even your own; it is between your innermost being and God." –Cynthia Bourgeault. Join in Centering Prayer Practice every Sunday from 9-9:45 am in St. George's Chapel, no experience needed."

"EVENING IN THE TROPICS" Outreach Ministry Fundraiser will be held Sunday May 21 from 5 pm - 8 pm. Come have fun while supporting our 7 outreach ministries. Fabulous silent and oral auction items! Go online at www.csmsg.org or contact Laurie at Laurie@csmsg.org with questions.

HUNGER MINISTRY FOOD

DONATIONS: Trinity Food Ministry (chicken, canned vegetables, cereal, peanut butter & jelly-no glass) & ARJ Community Outreach (tuna, chicken, corn, mixed vegetables, green beans). Place in closets outside Taylor Room.

PARISH PICNIC: Can you help set up or tear down on May 28 for the Parish Picnic? For more information contact Debbie at debbie@csmsg.org.

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