



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

Pontifical Holy Eucharist with Confirmation

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 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

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

Hymn at the Procession - 410

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*

The Word of God

The First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can any one forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm*

Psalm 98 ¶ *Sung by the Choir* Anglican Chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

O sing unto the Lord a new song; *
for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *
hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation; *
his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp; *
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms, *
O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; *
the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; * for
he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world, *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Hymn at the Sequence - 292

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson

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*

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

V. Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

R. Lord, hear our prayer.
V. Send them into the world in witness to your love.
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
V. Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
R. 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"*

For Confirmation

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.*

For Reception

Bishop *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

The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who donate as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your donation in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to our annual commitments from our parishioners.



2023-2024 Confirmands

Chloe Marie Allen
Lorna E. Bremer
Sophia Jane Clem
Charlie B. Cunningham
Adeline Rhae Draper
Mairead E. Farrell
Atticus M. Kramer
Andrew R. Mills
Victoria K. Noble
Claudia J. Oldham
Annabelle F. Olsen
Josephine V. Pitman
Griffin M. Posnanski
Katherine A. Ray
Sophia Belle Simanowitz
Audrey Rose Simanowitz
Nathan Athanasius Smith
Simon Van Engen
Violet A. Villa
Ford D. Werner

Rohan Castelino
Suzie Grow
Abby Jager
Sandra Johnson
Peter Martens
Joanna Mikhail
Gale Patterson
Marie Plufka
David Plufka

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offertory

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et filio et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him all ye people.
For his loving-kindness toward us is great,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Chost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

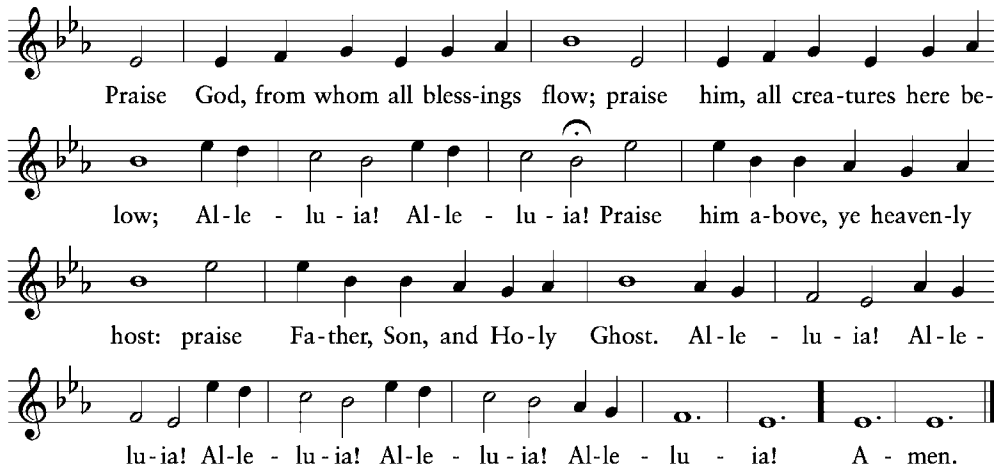
Words: Psalm 117

Music: Laudate Dominum (Vesperae solennes de confessore)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

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.

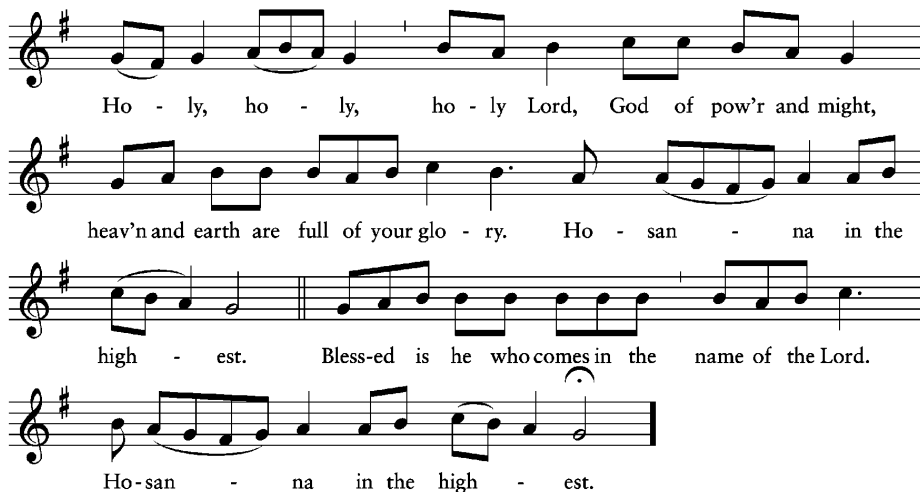
¶ *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds*

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



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



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.

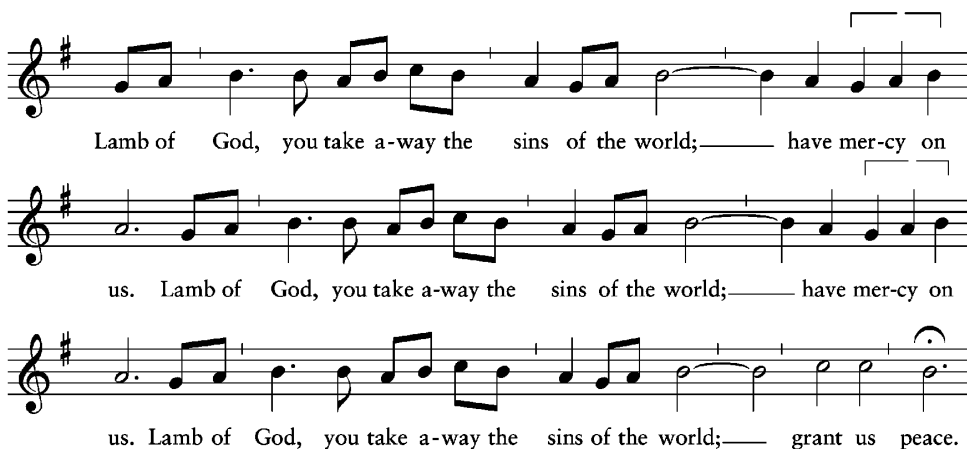
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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*

Agnus Dei



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 Ministration 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.*

Anthem at Holy Communion

Ave verum Corpus natum De Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum Unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine.

Savior, we behold thee, Mary's Son in bread and wine revealed:
Born and suffered, for us offered, Thy cross all our wounds hath healed.
From thy body, pierced and broken, Came forth water and precious blood:
Be to us by thy example In death's hour of trial our food.

Words: 14th century hymn

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hymn at Holy Communion - 660 ¶ *Sung by all*

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 Easter Blessing †

¶ The Bishop blesses the People

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.

¶ People 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. *¶ People 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. *¶ People Amen.*

The blessing, † 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 - 473

Organ Voluntary

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

This Morning's Liturgy

† **John Cook** was born in Maldon England and died in Boston, Massachusetts. Educated at Christ Church, Oxford, he studied there with Boris Ord and David Willcocks. During WWII he was an ambulance driver in London during the blitz. He was a copyist for both Ralph Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten. He emigrated to London, Ontario in 1954 to be organist of St. Paul's Cathedral there and in 1962 he moved to Boston's famed Church of the Advent to be Organist there. He also taught at M.I.T. Cook's compositions are for both organ solo and organ with instruments, as well as choral works and two works for the theatre.

† **Henri Mulet** was born in Paris and died in Draguignan, France. He was a student of Widor at the Paris Conservatory. He was first the organist of St. Roch in Paris and taught at the Ecole Niedermeyer. From 1922-1937 he was the organist of St. Philippe-du-Roule. Following a financial crisis in 1937, he destroyed all his manuscripts and he and his wife retired to a convent in Draguignan, where he lived in poverty until his death. Today's Postlude is one of his most noted compositions.

† **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** is one of history's most noted and loved musicians. Famous as a musician and keyboard prodigy from childhood, Mozart composed symphonies, operas, concertos for various instruments, keyboard works and choral compositions. At St. Michael's this past September we heard three of his sonatas for organ and strings as well as his Mass in G for organ, strings and choir. Today's offertory anthem is part of Mozart's larger work – his Confessor Vespers – which is a collection of Psalms for chamber orchestra and choir. The soloist for today's anthem is soprano, Darci Johnson. The Communion motet is a tiny jewel of piece and one of Mozart's best-known works to the public.

† 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.

Week of May 5-May11

Sunday, May 5

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Church
- 8:30 am Coffee Hour - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Little Sprouts Nursery Care
- 9:00 am Confirmands meet with Bishop-Taylor Room
- 10:00 am Children's Chapel - St. George's Chapel
- 10:00 am Pontifical Eucharist/Confirmation - Main Church
- 5:00 pm Vespers with Monks from the Abbey - Church
- 5:45 pm Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
- 6:30 pm Youth Group - Armstrong Room

Tuesday, May 6

- 10:30 am Church Service League Bible Study
- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm Church Service League

Thursday, May 9

- 6:30 pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew-Sverdrup Room
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 10

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
- 8:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

Saturday, May 11

- 12:00 pm Knitting Ministry-Library
- 4:00 pm AA Meeting - Library

Centering Prayer Group - 9:00-9:45 AM every Sunday in St. George's Chapel. All welcome!

Going grocery shopping? Please pick up non-perishable foods to donate to those in need. Put in either of the Hunger Ministry closets outside of the Taylor Room.

Casseroles needed for Trinity Food Ministry to feed those in need each week. Pans, lids, recipes and directions are in the closet next to the Taylor Room.

Church Service League Tuesday, May 7 at 12:30. Join Church Service League as we assess the 2023-2024 programs and make suggestions for future program. Noon lunch reservations (\$12) due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314.974.3386).

The Thursday 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist is no longer offered.

Do you know a parishioner in the hospital? Let's get them on the prayer list and visited by a priest. Contact Debbie at debbie@csmmsg.org.

Volunteering: We have a variety of opportunities available for you to volunteer at the Parish Picnic on May 26. Contact Debbie at debbie@csmmsg.org or check out the e-letter for more information.



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