



# St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 + 8:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

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The Procession into the Church

I Am the Vine

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Gloria**

**BCP 324**

**The Collect of the Day**

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

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**Psalm 22:24-30**

**BCP 612**

**The Second Lesson:**

**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.

**Holy Gospel:**

**John 15:1-8**

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."

**The Homily**

**Rev. Mark Lafler**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

**Prayers of the People**

**BCP 328**

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 331**

**The Peace**

**BCP 332**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**The Doxology**

**Hymn 380, vs. 3**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1**

**BCP 333**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 336**

**The Communion**

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**Healing Prayers**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 339**

**The Blessing**

**The Procession into the World**

**They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love**

**The Dismissal**



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**The Procession into the Church**

**Praise is Rising**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

**Song of Praise**

**Gloria**

**The Collect of the Day**

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**The Sequence**

**In His Time**

**The Gospel:**

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**The Homily**

**Rev. Mark Lafler**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People Form III**

**BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Waymaker**

**The Doxology**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

**The Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Fraction Anthem**

**Awaken the Dawn**

**The Communion**

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**Communion Hymn**

**You Raise Me Up**

**Healing Prayers**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

**The Blessing**

**The Procession**

**The River is Here**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

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## VISITORS AND GUESTS

WELCOME! We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of God while you worship. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex and come over to Hartridge Hall for coffee following the services. Welcome to St. Edward's!

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY will meet today at 12 noon in the Shipes House

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Betty Hensinger and Bill Pixley in thanksgiving for the many blessings since their wedding.

ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL & VPK will present their annual Preschool Spring Sing at the 10:00 am service today.

THE GOLFING GROUP will meet at Forest Lake on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the office if you would like to attend.

ST. EDWARD'S FOOD TASTING is being held on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm. This great social event and fundraiser is sure to be a hit. Bring some friends and sample all sorts of food: appetizer, entrée, and dessert. Tickets are still available during the coffee hours, but they need to be purchased today.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in Hartridge Hall. We hope to see you there.

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST will be held on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will join with St. Thomas of Eustis and St. James of Leesburg for Eucharist. We will be hosting this year and Rev. Matthew Ainsley will be preaching. He is the vicar of All Souls in Horizon West. The offering received on this night will go toward furthering the mission of All Souls.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 28, 2024

Sunday	EYC-12 noon AA and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday	Preschool Chapel-11;15 am Reading with the Rector -1:00 pm Shekinah-6:30 pm
Wednesday	Women's Caring and Sharing-10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service-12:00 noon Evening Prayer-6:00 pm
Thursday	Golf Group-2:00 pm Choir-5:00 pm Adult Bible Conversation-6:30 pm
Friday	St. Edward's Food Tasting-6:00 pm
Saturday	Men's Prayer Breakfast-8:30 am

## **SERVING TODAY**

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Janet Martin	Rozann Abato
Second Reading	Gaines Campbell	Randall Sluder
LEM 1	Gaines Campbell	Randall Sluder
LEM 2	Janet Martin	Gloria Vest
Acolytes		Hope & Mallory Lafler
Deacon	Deacon Bob	Deacon Kim
Altar Guild	Leah Felcher	Sarah Ann Salmons
Flower Guild	Sandy Betlach	
Screens	Sandy Minkoff	Madeline Lafler
Video	Amanda Burkhalter	

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Chloe King	04/28	Charles Revell	04/30
Jocelyn Womble	05/02		

### ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

David Lock, Jr.	04/28	Tom Coddling	04/28
Margaret Swenson	05/01	Austin Turner	05/01
Natalie Spear	05/01	Kenneth Solt	05/02
Lee Mallard	05/02	Mary Dobson	05/03
Mae Mullins	05/03	Helen Meyer	05/03

## **PRAYERS**

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

April 28, 2024

Bruce K.	Patrick	Peter H.	Franklin K.
For Women's Cursillo #134 candidates and team			
<i>(Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks)</i>			

### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Kyle Yates	Mary Hyland
Ian Yates	Elizabeth Aguirre	Laura Cain
Matt MicLean	Robert Sheets	Trevor Orr
William Keenan	Colin Landry	Steve Husted
Nicholas Carlsward	Zachary Shaw	Christian
Victor Laragione	Kent Loux	Clay Watters
Bradly Hunter	Craig S.	Brandon
Emma Hogan	Andrew Seley	

### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

All Souls Episcopal Church, Winter Garden  
Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden  
For our Parish Members Daryl, Jessica and Emerson Ezelle

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

Jesus Christ

**BISHOP**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb

**RECTOR**

The Rev. Mark A. Lafler

**DEACONS**

The Rev. Mickey Maxwell

The Rev. Bob Damon

The Rev. Kim Spear

**PARISH STAFF**

Admin. Asst. to Rector	Betty Welch
Bookkeeper	Amanda Burkhalter
Organist	Chris Moore
Shekinah Praise Team	Elizabeth Maxwell
Nursery Director	Cathy Love
Preschool Director	Heather Fortson
Steward	Walter Burkhalter
Family Ministries Director	Dan King

**VESTRY**

Evie Waterhouse, Senior Warden	
Tom Brust, Junior Warden	
Sandy Betlach	TJ Reeves
Sandy Minkoff	Gaines Campbell
Candace Booth	Janet Martin
Leah Felcher	

**OFFICERS**

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer  
Jackie Castiglione, Clerk