



In the Orchard, or, Gardener near a Gnarled Apple Tree, Vincent van Gogh, 1853-1890

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA
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The Rev. Seldon M. Walker, Rector
Suzanne Daniel, Music Director
The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop Diocesan

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 2025 | 10:30 AM

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Your presence is truly a blessing to our church family.*

THE WORD OF GOD

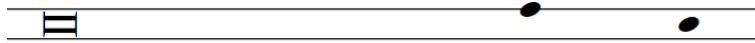
Worship begins with a moment of silence and the music of the prelude. Please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome & Announcements (beginning at 10:20)

Moment of Silence & Prelude

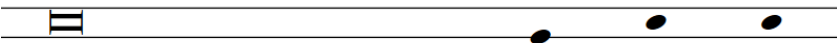
The Acclamation (from the back of the church)

Celebrant



Blessed be the God of our sal - va - tion.

People



Who bears our burdens and forgives all our sins.

The Entrance Hymn 366 vs 1, 6, 7

1. Ho - ly God we praise thy Name, Lord of all_ we bow be - fore thee; all on
6. Thou didst take the sting from death, Son of God, as Sa - vior giv - en; on the
7. As our judge thou wilt_ ap - pear. Sa - vior, who hast died to win us, help thy

earth_ thy scep - ter claim; all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
cross thy dy - ing breath op - ened wide_ the realm of hea - ven.
ser - vants, draw - ing near. Lord, re - new_ our hearts with - in us.

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is_ thy reign.
In the glo - ry of that land thou art set at God's right hand.
Grant that with thy saints we may dwell in ev - er - last - ing day.

Confession of Sin (BCP p. 351)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

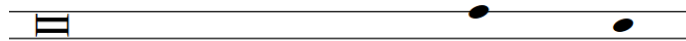
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Kyrie

Celebrant



Lord have mercy up - on us.

People



Christ have mercy up - on us.

Celebrant



Lord have mercy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *

and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *

and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *

your right hand holds me fast.

All stand

Sequence Hymn 685

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Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker

A period of silence for reflection will follow the Message.

The Nicene Creed

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 or kneel as able and respond to each petition using the following form

Music – O Lord Hear My Prayer Jacques Berthier (sung once at beginning and once at end)

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

Intercessor ...God of redemption,

People **Heal our hearts and make us whole.**

The Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Thanksgivings

The Thanksgiving Basket for March will go to two longtime nonprofits dedicated to helping low-income elderly and/or disabled residents stay in homes that are in good repair: Housing Partnerships Inc. of the Historic Triangle and Rural Housing Partnership based in Gloucester. Altar arrangements are given to the glory of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table not of the Church, but of the Lord and all baptized Christians are welcome to come to the table. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. If you are not baptized and would like to come forward for a blessing, please know that you too are welcome.

The Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The Offertory

At the Reception of the Offering (sung by all) Tune: Erhalt uns, Herr

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [____ and] all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A moment of silence is held.

Fraction Anthem (BCP p. 364)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken (Rendez à Dieu) (H 301)

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

The Invitation (BCP p. 364)

The Presider says

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.

Distribution of Communion

In the Diocese of Southern Virginia intinction is currently not authorized by individual communicants. Intinction has consistently been shown to be the practice that is the least hygienic and most conducive of bacterial germs. Therefore, and to be in line with the guidelines of our Diocese, Grace will now only allow sipping from the chalice by individual communicants and that chalice will be wiped with a purificator following each individual who sips. If you wish to have your wafer dipped, the Eucharistic Minister will dip it for you. Please hold the wafer in your hands so that the Eucharistic Minister can see that you wish to have your wafer dipped. If you do not wish to sip or have your wafer dipped, please know that receiving Communion in one kind (i.e. bread only) is a sufficient and perfectly acceptable Communion practice. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy administering the bread. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Thank you.

Communion Music

Hymn LEVAS II

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider and People

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

The people remain standing or kneeling as able

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 143

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The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Service Assistants

Acolytes

Menolly Earle
William Jaskoski
Louis Seiter

Lay Assistants

Britt McCarley
Jim Noel
Gerry Smelt

Usher

Jim Stoecker

Vestry

Laura Boice



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH
9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH
11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM
11:45 A.M.-1 P.M. GRACE MOMS-RIVERVIEW

MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:30-8:05 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-ONLINE

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

8:30-9:30 A.M. CENTERING PRAYER-RIVERVIEW
10:30 A.M. STAFF MEETING-PARISH HALL
11 A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN
6:30-8 P.M. CREATION CARE CIRCLE 3-ONLINE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

9:45-10:10 A.M. DAY SCHOOL CHAPEL-CHURCH
10-11:30 A.M. CREATION CARE CIRCLE 2-RIVERVIEW
NOON HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH
5:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHURCH
6-7:30 P.M. LENTEN BOOK STUDY-PARISH HALL
6-8 P.M. ORIGINAL MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

11 A.M.-2 P.M. BOOK SHOP OPEN
4-5:30 P.M. GRACEFUL KNITTERS-RIVERVIEW
6:30-8 P.M. THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP-RIVERVIEW
7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. CURSILLO-RIVERVIEW
7-9 P.M. AA MEETING-PARISH HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I-CHURCH
9:45 A.M. PRE-SERVICE CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II-CHURCH
11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHOIR ROOM

PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The saints who have gone before us

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Brendon Baez, Erica Baez, Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, Bryce Everette, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Justin Mowery, Max Poelker, Andrew Sainsbury, Alex Szlamczynski, Donald Washburn, William Washburn

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Jennifer & Isaiah Felton, Melinda Reed, Dorothy Burke (sister of Marilyn Staton), Bruce Fisher, Donna, John, Dee Holland Brock & Melitta Holland (family of Sandy Armstrong), Ron Tschida (brother of Marlene Bryan), William Stoecker (uncle of Jim Stoecker), Virgie Twigg, Wayne Hall (family of Lamar & Warren Hall), Danielle & Tom Cannella, Dick Swift, Domick Earle, Kathy Archibald (sister of Alex Frisch), Jim Carson (friend of The Rev. Pam Webb), Kevin Ketchum (son of Avis & Harland Ketchum), Harland Ketchum, Lou Stack, Madeline Sell, The Rev. Pam Buelow (retired priest in the Diocese of Southern Virginia), David McAllister (family of Kathy Michaels), Dan Webb, Stewart Connor (family of The Rev. Pam Webb), Mr. Johnson (friend of Gigi Carter), Debra Clapp (friend of Bonnie Griffith), Joan Stewart-Altman, Foster Ryan, Thea (friend of The Rev. Pam Webb), Linda Crane, Todd Winegrad, Rachel, Josh & Cassie Dutro (family of Karen & John Dutro), Grif Mahan, Teresa Haskin (family of Ellen & Scott Thacker), George Thomas (brother of Peggy Lansinger), Erin Tschida (niece of Marlene Bryan), Nichele Browne Cooper and Lisa Browne (daughters of Sylvia & Ivar Browne), Gary (family of Lou Stack), Tom Hodgson, Barbara Mowery, Sarah Farmer, Mary Jackson, Leland Barnett (family of Caroline Griffith), Liz & Jerry Landgraf, Bob Spencer (brother of Lamar Hall), Kenita Carter (daughter of Gisele Carter), Sherri Brunson, Martin Field (brother of Vance Field), Nicole Taylor (daughter of Aleyne Hamers), the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine.

For inclusion on the prayer list please email: prayers@GraceChurchYorktown.org

Grace Church Vestry

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Aleyne Hamers <i>Senior Warden</i>	Art Boyce <i>Junior Warden</i>	Megan Jaskoski <i>Beloved Community</i>
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	Rose Field, <i>Registrar</i>	
	Jerry Twigg, <i>Treasurer</i>	

Hymn 685

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Hymn 332



1 O God, un - seen yet ev - er near, thy pres - ence may we feel;
2 Here may thy faith - ful peo - ple know the bless - ings of thy love,
3 We come, o - be - dient to thy word, to feast on heaven - ly food:
4 Thus may we all thy word o - bey, for we, O God, are thine;



and thus in - spired with ho - ly fear, be - fore thine al - tar kneel.
the streams that through the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.
our meat the Bo - dy of the Lord, our drink his pre - cious Blood.
and go re - joic - ing on our way, re - newed with strength di - vine.

Hymn LEVAS 54

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross That — rais - eth me;
 2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My — rest a stone;
 3. All that Thou send - est me, In — mer - cy giv'n;
 4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
 5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,

1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
 4. So by my woes to be
 5. Still all my song shall be

Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

Hymn 439

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

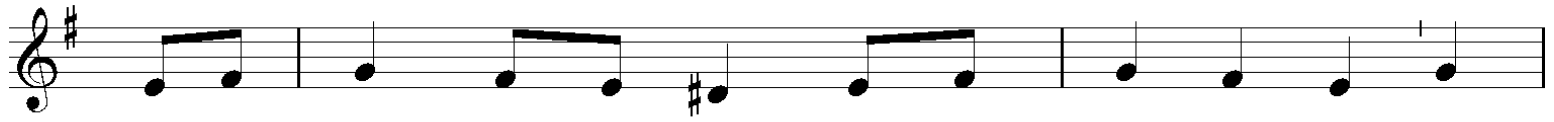


caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

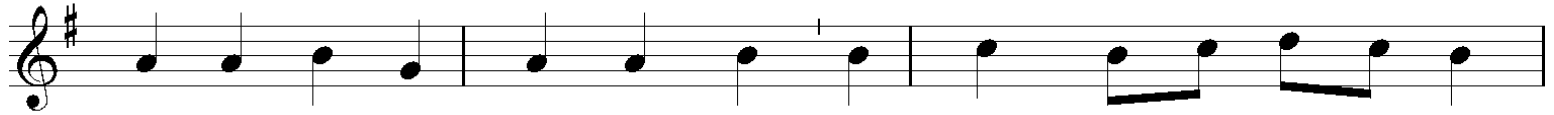


soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

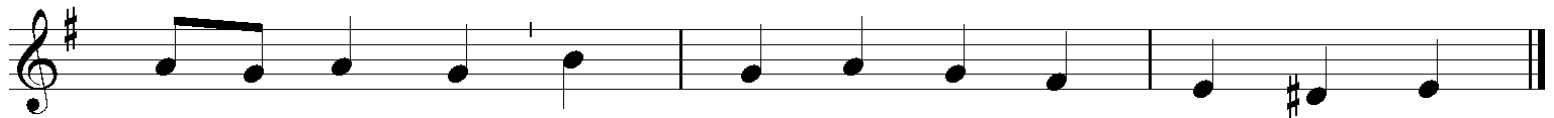
Dismissal Hymn 143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 * 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.



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Childcare (up to 5 years old) and Children's Chapel (K-5th Grade) are located on the lower level of the Parish Hall

The Nursery will remain open until 11:45 a.m. Children's Chapel participants will join the congregation at the Peace.

Overflow seating available in the Parish Hall

Consecrated bread will be located on the small Altar in front of the television. Parish Hall worship participants are always welcome to walk to the Historic Church for communion as well.

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