

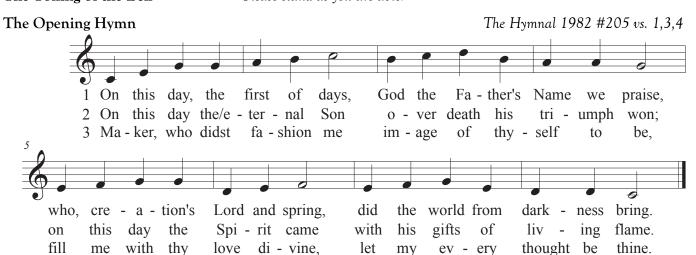
# Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 9:00 a.m. The Congregation Gathers

Prelude Sonata No.32 in C Major

by Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

The Tolling of the Bell

Please stand as you are able.



# The Opening Acclamation

All who have bells are invited to ring them joyously each time "Alleluia" is sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

God of deep soil
and luxuriant growth;
you call us from
our shallow selves
to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone
who can teach us who we are;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading 1 John 4:7-21

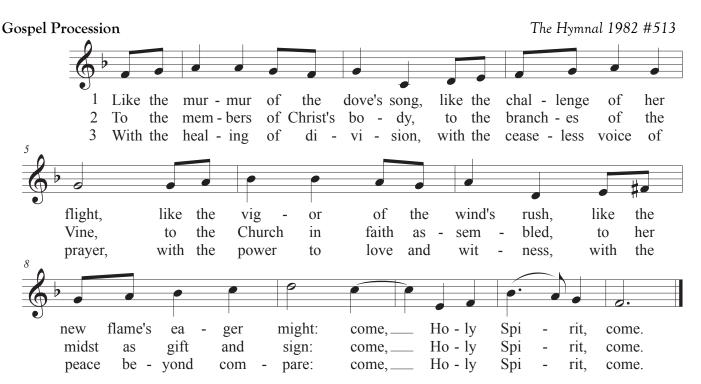
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



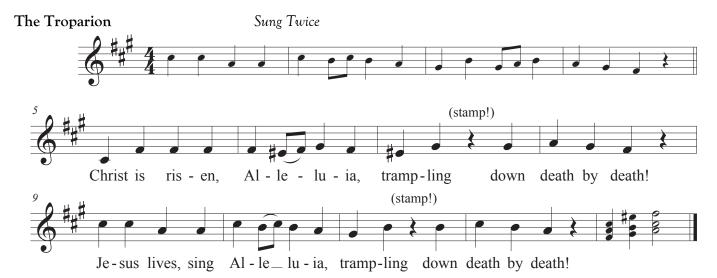
The Gospel John 15:1-8

Deacon / Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

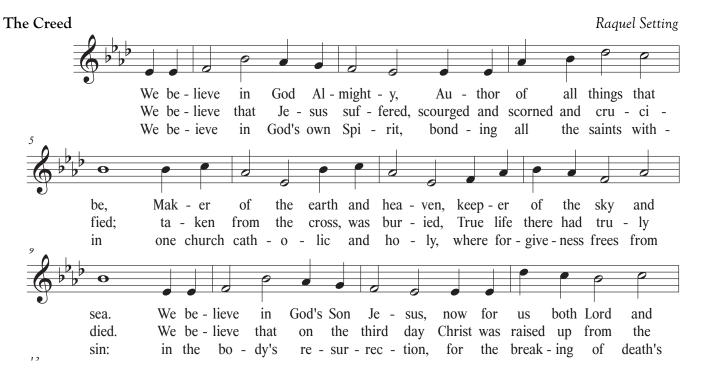
Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. 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."

Deacon / Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.

The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon The Rev. Robert J. Kossler





Christ, of the Spi - rit and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life. grave, then as - cen - ded to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save. chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

# The Prayers of the People

Deacon / Celebrant

Rejoicing in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of God to give newness of life, and the recreating presence of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church and the world.

Please add your intercessions followed by "God of Resurrection Life". All then respond "Hear our prayer.'

Leader For the world-wide church.

God of Resurrection life.

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the nation and all in authority.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the welfare of the world.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the concerns of our community.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For those who suffer.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the departed.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

# Celebrant

We offer these thanksgivings and intercessions through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, and to you, O Blessed Trinity, be all glory and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

# A Communal Offering of Prayers

Members of the congregation move through the doors to the brazier and watch as it is lit.

Celebrant:

Dear Friends,

Today we offer up our prayers – prayers of joy – prayers for hopes and dreams – prayers for healing – for our church community.

And continues,

Let us pray:

O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, we pray that You sanctify + this new fire, and sanctify it that it may be blessed +, and that it may burn for Your honor and glory +.

The community adds their prayers to the fire.

#### The celebrant continues:

Grant that the prayers we offer today may be acceptable to You and be counted as incense before You, the lifting up of our hands as the evening offering.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

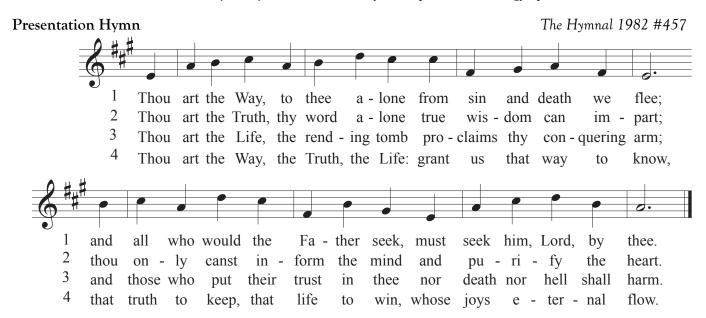
We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

# The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Lord, I want to be a Christian Words: Traditional; Music: African-American Spiritual

We invite everyone to form a circle around the altar while we sing the presentation hymn, leaving the front chairs for those who are unable to climb the steps or remain standing for the entire Eucharistic prayer. Children are welcome to step up on the bench in front of the altar where they can experience the liturgy up close.



# The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

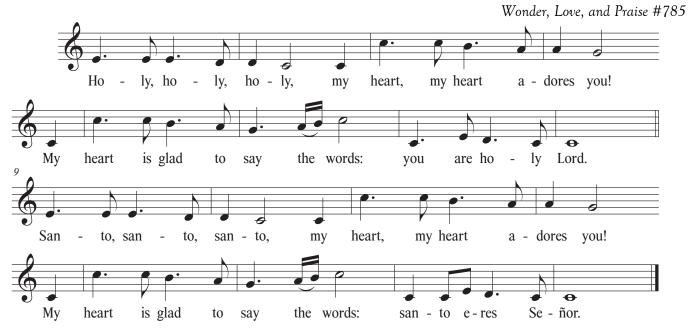
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

# Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, God, 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:



We acclaim you, holy God, 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 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.

Holy Creator, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

# We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, O God.

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 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.

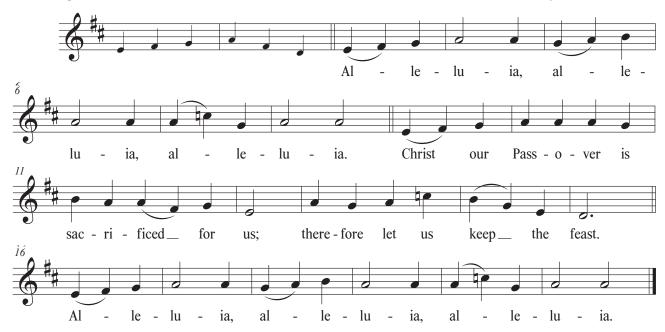
And grant that we may find our inheritance with blessed Mary the God-bearer, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

# The Lord's Prayer

Deacon / Celebrant As our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us we now pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.



# Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table of abundance.

We who are many are one body because we share the one bread, the one cup.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

# **Healing Prayer**

The presider sends the healing minister to the Mary Chapel with oil for anointing. You are welcome to receive prayers and/or anointing in the Mary Chapel, during the distribution of Holy Communion.

You may request prayers for yourself or for someone else.

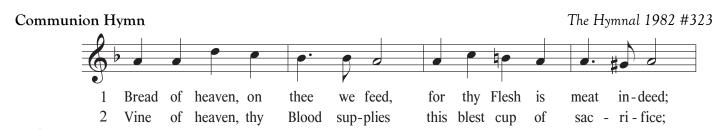
# Celebrant

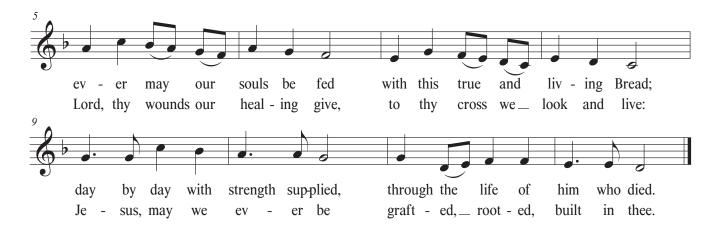
The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up. (James 5:15)

Take this oil and anoint, offer prayers for healing and a reminder that our strength is in our Savior.

During Communion, those present through our livestream are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, O God, with your people at every altar of your Church, we offer you praise, giving thanks for your presence in the holy gifts of bread and wine. In our spatial distance we invite you to come spiritually into our hearts, nourishing and strengthening us as members of your body. Amen.





# Postcommunion Prayer

Thank you, Creator,
Thank you God,
By your love for us, by your love,
By your love for us we are yours.

Thank you, Jesus,
Thank you God.
By your love for us, by your love,
By your love for us we are yours.

Thank you Spirit,
Thank you God,
By your love for us, by your love,
By your love for us we are yours.

# Community Blessings

For a birthday: (Celebrant & People)

Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through lesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

For Travelers: (Celebrant & People)

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular \_\_\_\_\_ ]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

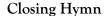
# **Easter Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us the children of God through the resurrection of God's Son our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of blessing. 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. 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. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.



The Hymnal 1982 #392 vs. 1-2,4







#### The Dismissal

Deacon / Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Alla Hornpipe

by G.F. Handel (1685-1789)

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# SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY

The Rev. Robert J. Kossler, Celebrant & Preacher Bill Keck, Director of Music Richard Mills, 1st Reader Romero Family, Hospitality Sarah Thornburg, Audio / Video Tech

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Interim Vicar's Schedule and Office Hours

Monday: Sabbath

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.

Please get in touch with Bob+ to make other arrangements.

Email: vicar@holyinsf.org Mobile: (415) 309-9118

# Vital and Thriving

Dwelling in the Word

LUKE 10:1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town, and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.

The V + T Steering Committee: Melinda Carr (chair), Alison Amonette, Seth Brenzel, Ron Fisher, Pamela Clare Magers.

# Can you contribute cookies for our joyful reception after the May 4 Bishop Ordination service?

The good news is that over 1000 people have registered to attend the service and reception; the challenge is having sufficient refreshments. The Bishop Search and Transition team would truly appreciate help in with donations of cookies. Here is the link to

donate: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ABAB23ABF9C70-48437310-ordination#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ABAB23ABF9C70-48437310-ordination#/</a>

Please feel free to contact Margaret (mdyerc@stanford.edu) with any questions.

# Paschal Candle 2024

From Natasha Merritt: As a congregation, we have been through quite a bit of change and turmoil in the last year (maybe the last few years). Given that, I felt that embracing the Hawaiian theme of "Ohana" was appropriate for the 2024 paschal candle. Ohana is the idea of family and that is, after all, what we are at Holy Innocents. The pink flowers are plumeria which represent a new beginning, Spring, new life, birth...both creation and recreation. The leaves on the lei are "maile". A maile lei is a symbol of respect, peace, friendship & love. Historically they were used in wedding ceremonies to tie the bride and groom's hands together as a symbol of their unity.

I felt that this theme represents what Holy Innocents means to me...and I think all of us here. Please think about this as we burn this candle and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to, once again, add to our community in this way.

**Hospitality:** We have a small coffee hour after the service. You can sign up to contribute on the rota sign up link or on the Hospitality Chart in the church narthex.

Wednesday potluck at 6:30 pm (6:00 pm on the third Wednesday for Open Cathedral sandwich making). Bring something to share if you can, but not required! All are welcome. Contact Stephen Walker with questions: stlwwalker@gmail.com; 415-385-8120.

Parish Retreat Save The Date For 2024! Our 2024 parish retreat is going to be held June 7th - June 9th. Start turning in your deposits!

Some folks have reported that they are not receiving emails from Holy Innocents. If you are not receiving emails, like the weekly notice that contains the link to the live-stream, send a message to <a href="mailto:support@holyinsf.org">support@holyinsf.org</a>.

To add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin, please send your text (ready to paste) no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@holyinsf.org.

Staying Connected! You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF.

# HOLY INNOCENTS PRAYER LIST

\* to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please contact the church office at office@holyinsf.org

# For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Adele (Judith's friend), Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bill D.; Bill (Cynthia's brother); ; Blaire's parents (Beth & Lisa); Cary; Christopher (Beth's friend); Sandy (family of Susan and Bill); Darlene (Judith's friend); Devin R., Diana (Anne's niece); Diane B. (Sarah B's friend); EJ (Judith's friend); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Geoff K. (Alison's friend); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Jim and Angel (Bill D's family); Joel & Sam; John M. (Sam's friend); Josh C. and family (Maureen's friends); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Kristin (friend of Beth & Lisa); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Seth and his family; Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Theresa & Darwin (Maureen's friends); Thomas F.; Virginia Gassner; Will (Cynthia's son).

# For the departed:

Otto Steiner (Joyce's friend); Janet (Sr. Jean's sister); Yvonne (Cynthia's sister-in-law); Adrienne Bess; Joshua Coffy (Maureen's friend); Connie (Susan's aunt); Mary Kelley (Susan's mother); Carlin Holden (Judith's friend); Blaire (friend of Beth & Lisa); Kit Everts (Alison's friend); JW Kwankam (Judith's friend); The Rev. Ann Coburn; Ann Bogatinoff (congregation member); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Helen Brenzel (Seth's mom) Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

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