

Sunday Supplement ❖ April 28, 2024

❖ Fifth Sunday of Easter ❖

TODAY'S MUSIC (IOAM only)

Gathering Hymn: "Love Divine"

Blue Hymnal #657

Song of Praise: Palestinian Alleluia

Paperless

Gospel Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

Paperless

Offertory Hymn: "There's a wideness"

Blue Hymnal #470

Communion Hymn: "Ubi caritas"

Red Hymnal #44

Sending Hymn: "He came down that we may have love"

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❖ Our worship begins in your Easter Season booklet. ❖

Short Seasonal Reading

Read by a child, when possible

Springtime is Nature doing her Easter liturgy... In every corner of her vast cathedral a thousand voices are shouting Alleluia, the voices of creatures that have come to life. Yes, Nature, holy, sinless, eternal, is holding her Easter worship. Oh, that we had eyes to see this mystery!

Pius Parsch

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in him and bear the fruit of love for one another and all your children. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Scripture readings.

The First Lesson: Acts chapter 12, verses 1 - 17

In IOAM worship this lesson will be presented as a Scripture drama.

Reader A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during Passover, the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the

people were expecting.' As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, 'Tell this to James and to the believers.' Then he left and went to another place. The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 22: 18-19, 24 - 26, 29-30

Reader Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

People **Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me!**

Reader Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

My praise is of you in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

People **Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me!**

Reader The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

People **Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me!**

Reader My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;

they shall be known as yours for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that you have done.

People **Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me!**

The Second Lesson: I John 4, selected verses

Reader A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloveds, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent God's only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

We love because God first loved us. Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. If we love each other, God remains in us and God's love is made perfect in us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment.

No one has ever seen God. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their human siblings and neighbors are liars. After all, those who don't love other people, whom they have seen, can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from Jesus himself: Those who claim to love God ought to love their human siblings and neighbors also. The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Shared Reflection & Homily

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-5

The congregation stands.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and God, my Father, is the vinegrower. God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit, God 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 a branch on a grapevine can't bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you bear the good fruit of love in the world, unless you abide in me. I am the vine and you are the branches. You need to stay connected to me, drawing strength from me, just like a branch is connected to a vine or a tree. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

IOAM: Gospel Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

The Northumbrian Creed

A "creed" is a statement of what we believe, what we trust. Most Sundays, we say the Nicene Creed, which was written around 1700 years ago and says some things the Church believes about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The simple creed we use today reminds us to trust in God, in all the ways God comes to us.

People **We believe and trust in God the Almighty.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ his Son.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.**



Sending Song: "He came down that we may have love"

**He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love, Alleluia forevermore!**

He came down that we may have peace...

He came down that we may have joy...

Prayer List

For all essential workers and healthcare workers: Carol, Anna, Clara, Jenileigh, Holly, Tim, Kieran, Crystal, Alexis, Carrie, Jim, Jake, Krista, Linda, Sean, Cynthia, Tracy, Mike, Hayden, Cass, Misty, John, Becca, Amy, Jess, James, Debra, Eric, Madelynn

For those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: Barbara, Henry and Barbara, Vita, Barbara, Steve, Cassia, Scott, Sandy, Sam and Jeanette, Ben, Michael, Dwight, Bernie, Kay, Vivian, Debby, Kathy, John, Joe, April, Gabe, Marvalene, Barbara, Suzanne, Bernice, Katie, and Joanne.

We pray as well for those living with addiction and those struggling in recovery, and for all those living with mental illness.

For all who have died, especially Ed, and for those who mourn, especially Ruth, Ann, and the family.

For these people serving our country: Zoe, Dennis, Liam, Conner, Eric, Luke, Nicholas, Joseph, Diane, and Sam and their families.

News & Notes – April 28th 2024

All-Ages Worship (with Scripture drama), 10AM on Sunday the 28th: Our 10AM worship next Sunday will be All-Ages Worship, with elements that particularly invite the full participation of kids and youth.

Younger Adults Brunch, Sunday, April 28, 11:30AM: St. Dunstan's folks under 40 or so (our Millennial and older Zoomer members) are invited to gather for brunch after church. (OK to come just for brunch if you worship at another service or have other morning plans!) We will provide a main dish; feel free to bring sides or sweets to share if you would like. If you plan to attend and have special dietary needs other than vegetarian, please let Rev. Miranda know at revmiranda@stdunstans.com! Child care will be provided.

Singles and Solos Gathering, Sunday, April 28, 4PM: This is a friendly in-person gathering those who are single, divorced, widowed, or just looking to build deeper friendships within the church community. Bring something "afternoon tea"-ish to share if you like (but you don't have to!)

Scarf Project: If you have completed your scarf for Seaman's Institute be sure and bring it by Sunday April 28th (this Sunday) and place it in the tote under the coat rack - We will be taking the items to the Reunification Convention on May 4 so they can be blessed. (If not quite done let me know and I will plan on counting it and see to it that it gets to the east coast:). And thanks for all of you who have participated.

Spring Clean-Up Day, Sunday, May 5, 11:30am-1pm: Join us after the 10am service to enjoy a time of shared work on our beautiful grounds, tidying them up and preparing for the growing season. We have tasks for all levels of strength and skill. Wear or bring your scruffy clothes and work gloves. A light lunch will be provided.

St. Dunstan's Green Team meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 7PM: All interested members and friends are invited to gather and talk about how to follow through on some of our good ideas about Creation Care at St. Dunstan's and among our members! Join in person at the church or online; link in the Enews.

The Feast of St. Dunstan, Observed, Sunday, May 12: This year the feast of Pentecost falls on St. Dunstan's feast day (May 19) so we will honor our patron saint a week early! Some of our youth will present a new play about some of the saints who may have influenced the young St. Dunstan. 8AM worshippers, if you'd like to read a part in an abridged version of the play in your worship service, let Rev. Miranda know!

Become a Recycling Steward! Friday, May 17, 8:30AM - 12PM, in person: Learn the ins and outs of our local recycling system and get your recycling questions answered. The program will give you the tools you need to teach your family, neighbors, and coworkers how to improve recycling and community sustainability. Topics include: what makes recycling work and why we do it, local recycling basics, barriers to recycling, other waste streams, low-waste living, & how to champion recycling in your community. Offered by Sustain Dane and the City of Madison. Learn more and register here: <https://sustaindane.org/eventbrite-event/recycle-better/>

"How a Warming World Creates Energy Burdens for Low-Income Families," May 2, 7PM, on Zoom: This meeting is organized by Faiths Connect for Climate Action, a Madison-based group. Liz Hachten from 350Wisconsin will tell us about how our warming world is putting extra burdens on low-income families. She will focus on energy affordability and access. After our speaker we'll have time for questions & answers, and split into smaller breakout groups so we can meet each other, network, and share our ideas and actions with each other. Please Register at: <https://forms.gle/ZfHuugi3WVj48eB68> . Link will be sent out the week before the event.

Reading Opportunity: Gerhard Lohfink's Jesus of Nazareth: What he wanted, who he was. Dan Harrington SJ (Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) calls it "the best Jesus book I know" and he just might be right. Beginning May 5 here's an opportunity to read this book together with some folk at St Peter's North Lake (where Father Tom McAlpine is currently doing long-term supply). Each week Tom will send out a brief introduction and some prime-the-pump questions. We'll interact by email, aiming to read a chapter a week. With 21 chapters, we'll probably finish around the end of September. If there's interest among the St Dunstan's folk in getting together more or less monthly for inperson discussion, we can do that too. Publisher: The Liturgical Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-8146-8058-2. If you wish to participate, please let Father Tom know. Thanks!