

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2024 11:00 AM

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#### The Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 21, 2023

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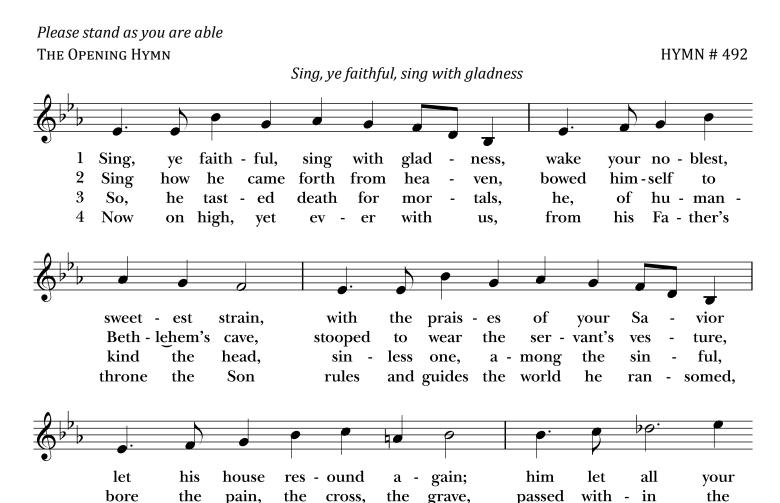
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

B. Harbach

#### Welcome & Announcements

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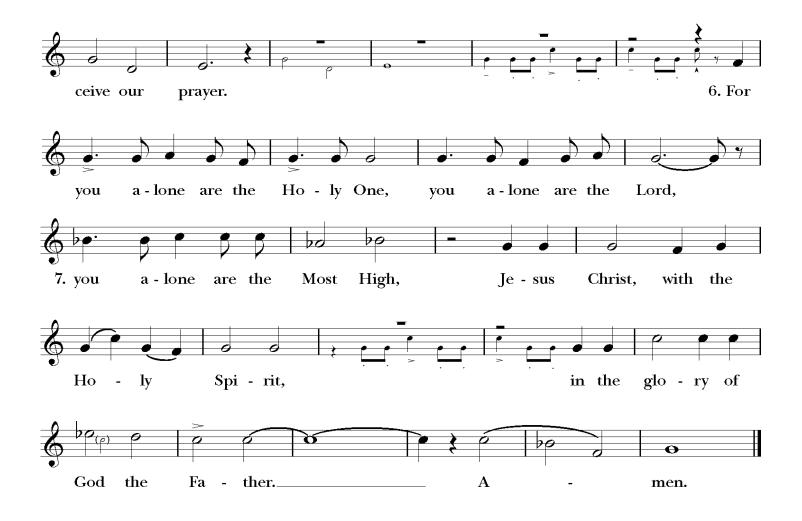
#### Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

#### People The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

THE FIRST LESSON ACTS 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

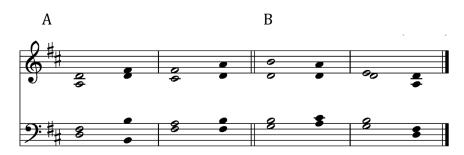
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM



PSALM 23

A 1 The LORD is my **shepherd**; \*

I shall not be in want.

- B 2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** \* and leads me beside still **waters**.
- A 3 He revives my **soul** \* and guides me along right pathways for his **Name's sake**.
- B 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no **evil**; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they **comfort me**.
- A 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trouble me**; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running **over**.
- B 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my <u>life</u>, \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for **ever**.

THE EPISTLE 1 JOHN 3:16-24

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

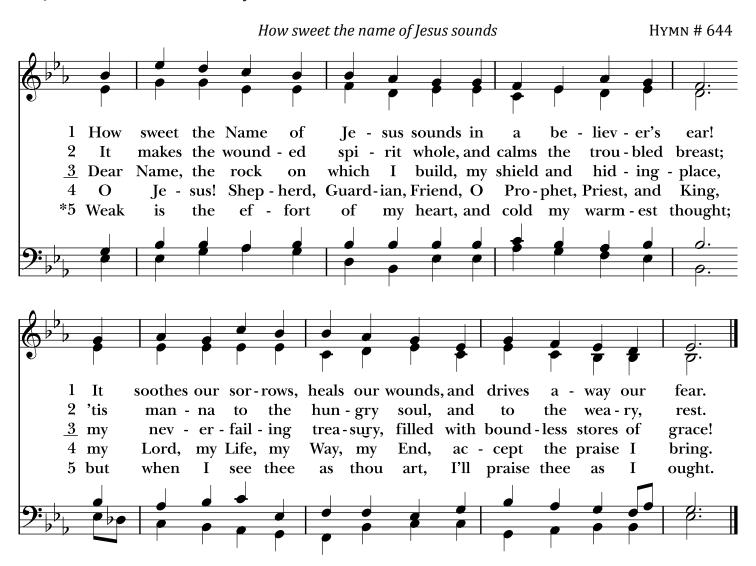
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Please stand as you are able



The Gospel John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and

runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### People Praise to you Lord Christ

THE SERMON THE REV. TREY PHILLIPS

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

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to the work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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POST PEACE SONG

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

The congregation may be seated.

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again,
And in His love abide.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished
My cup Thou overfills.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be. And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand as you are able.)

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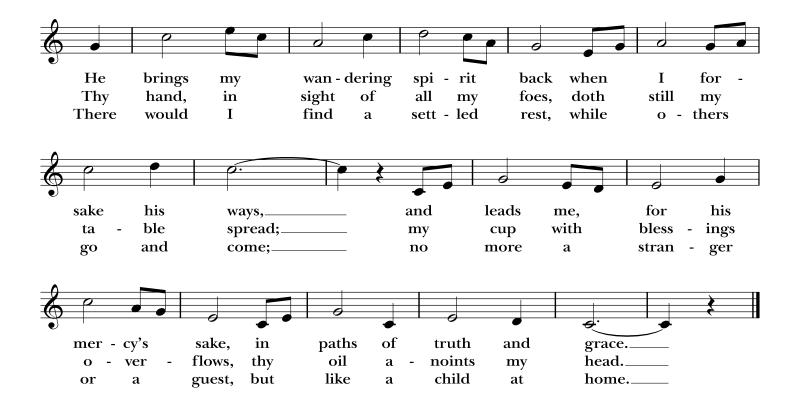
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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

#### Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

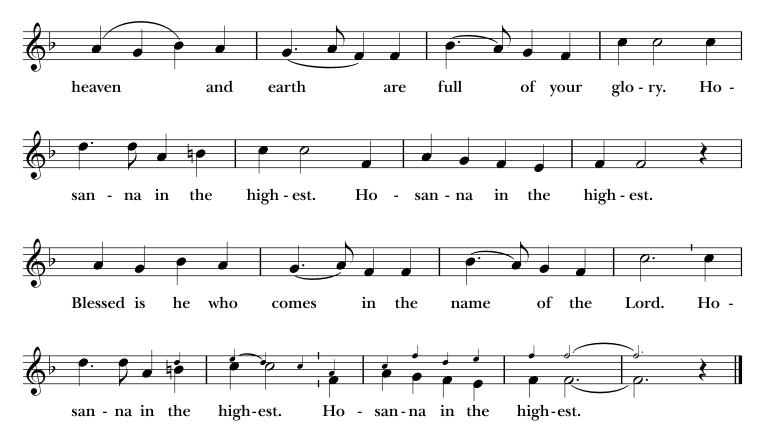
#### Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn # S125

#### Celebrant and People





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints

into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

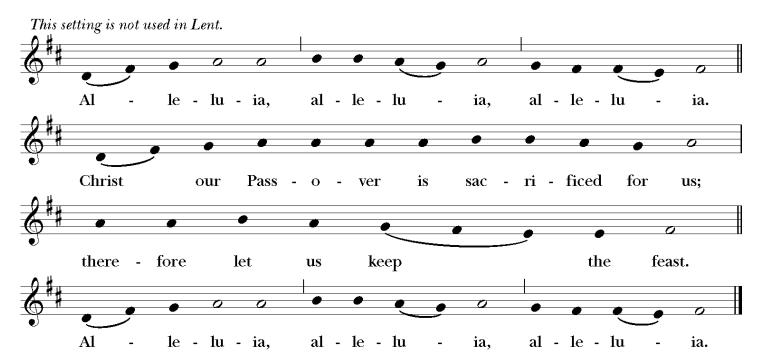
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

#### People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM HYMN #S154



#### THE INVITATION

If you feel called to this table of mercy and grace, know there is a place set for you. There are two different stations that function two distinct ways.

At the Thanksgiving or Side Altar, This is a Gluten Free station with intinction only. At this station you may intinct (or dip) the bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming. At the altar rails, you will receive the holy bread in your hands. You may choose to sip from the chalice or to intinct (or dip) the holy bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming. The response after receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, is "Amen." Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded across your chest.



#### Post communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A Blessing for the Associate Rector

Nelson Gale, Sr. Warden: Last week we said farewell to Mother Sarah as she began her Sabbatical. We continue to hold her in our prayers that she may find rest, clarity, and renewal during these next three months. This week we pray and lay hands on Fr. Trey as he takes on additional pastoral and leadership responsibilities. The members of St. Cat's parish care for you, Trey, for your ordained ministry and your family. They are eager to pray and bless you, too. We pray for your strength, courage, perseverance and all that is needed to sustain your relationship to God and the people of this community. As you continue to minister here in this place know that you are loved and supported by all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with us to build up the family of God.

Members of the Congregation are invited to come forward and lay hands on Father Trey.

The Rev. Mary K. Erickson, Ret. Priest:

Ret. Priest Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

People Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ret. Priest Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

People Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Ret. Priest The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Ret. Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, the source of all that is holy, good, and peaceful. We give you thanks for this parish community and for Fr. Trey's ministry among us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit bless Trey with your presence. Empower him for service to love and serve your people, caring alike for the young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. Grant him the gifts to preach boldly and joyfully your Good News that we may all draw closer to you and one another. We pray in the name of your most Holy Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen** 

The congregation may return to their seats and remain standing.

The Associate Rector then blesses the people.

**BLESSING** 

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **APRIL 21, 2024**

#### FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Agnello 4/22; Nancy Sandlin 4/23; Mary Jane Bancroft 4/25

#### FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob & Pat Pepper 4/23

#### FOR OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER:

The Dechert Family; The DeGan Family; The Deisen Family; The Denton Family; The Dettwiler/Lennon Family

#### IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Wendy; Lynn Barton; Elizabeth Boyce; Esther & David Bosher; Carsyn Rice; Bill Selby; Jorge Tagtachian; Lee & Liz Durham; Dean Armbrust; Shelia

#### FOR MEMBERS EXPECTING A CHILD

James & Gabby Martin

#### FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

#### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING SERVING ST. CATHERINE'S

LECTOR Linda Scott; Elizabeth Lopez

INTERCESSOR Terri Gabrielson

TORCHES Marcel Kennedy

Jean Anderegg

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USHERS Rhonda Robinson

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Karen Friend

STREAMING Scott Caffey

Bill Ivey

VPOD Greg Stewart

A special thank you to Daughters of the King for hosting our serving spots during today's service.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### BLOOD DRIVE | TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 | 3:00 PM

The next blood drive is Tuesday April 23, 2024 from 3pm-7pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider signing up to donate. Just go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter "StCats" in the Find a Blood Drive section to secure your time.

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Wheeler High School Band is collecting shoes (gently used) of all sizes, styles and gender, to send to developing countries for use in Micro-Enterprises. A labeled bin will be located under the Youth House covered porch for drop off.

#### DURING SARAH'S SABBATICAL SHARE YOUR "THOUGHTS WITH SARAH"

While Sarah is away on Sabbatical, we would like to collect your thoughts for her. In the foyer, you can find sheets to share...

Great things that happened.

Hard things you're going through.

Times you wish Sarah had been a part of.

We will keep these sheets available to you throughout the summer and collect them at the end of July to create something special to share upon Sarah's return.

When you are finished with your note to Mother Sarah, you can place it in the Private Drop Box located to the right of the Narthex entry doors.

Please know your thoughts to Sarah will be kept private.

#### SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR ST. CAT'S PRESCHOOL

St. Catherine's Preschool is looking for substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year! We would love to have some new, friendly faces join us! If this sounds like something you would interested in, please contact Pam Kulpa, Director of St. Cats Preschool. Email address is Pam@stcatherines.org, call Pam at 770-858-5054, or stop by the preschool office!

#### **FUTURE SESSIONS WITH AGC**

April 21: Phil Spessard will lead a discussion of his work with "All God's Children" author, Dr. Terence Lester, and their work with "Love Beyond Walls" ministry in downtown Atlanta.

April 28: Maggie Zwetter will lead a discussion of racial disparities gleaned from her work with "Moms Against Guns."

May 5: Helen Slaven will lead a discussion of her work with the "Cobb County Remembrance Coalition" in "righting the wrongs and healing the wounds of our past." She will also draw on her work with the "Georgia Justice Project."

May 12: AGC leaders will lead a discussion of reflections from the past five weeks, practical actions for dismantling racism, and next steps for All God's Children.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

# Summer Sabbatical Offerings



**VINYASA FLOW** 

## Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Join Katie in the Parish Hall for a Vinyasa flow class, open to all levels. Build strength, balance and flexibility while reducing stress.

Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.



**GENTLE YOGA** 

# Fridays at 1:00 PM

Join Becky in the Parish Hall for a Gentle Yoga class, open to all levels. A slower paced class, with seated and supine poses, along with a few standing posses for balance.

Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.



# COOKING CLASSES

# April 27 May 11 June 15

Join Chef Sue in the Parish
Hall for three cooking classes
open to all ages!
10:00-11:30 AM.
Sign up here:

https://www.funwithfood.fun/stcatsworkshops

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Lisa Johnston ('26)
Victoria Lennon ('25)
Fred Lopez ('25)
Barbara Perry ('24)
Maria Salgado ('24)
Greg Stewart (26)
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