



THE ORDINATION OF
WILLIAM W. CHESTER
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF
PRIESTS

APRIL 14, 2024 | 10:30AM
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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We're so glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

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Fr. Steve Williamson
Cathedral Dean

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of the bishop. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

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Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III
Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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THE WORD OF GOD

In the first half of the service, we encounter God by hearing and responding to his truth in the Bible.

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a-
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign-
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-
eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus-
thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at-
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be-

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have
tend thee. Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a-

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do, If with His love He be - friend thee.
 gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him. A - men.

Words: Joachim Neander (1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863).
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Straslund Gesangbuch* (1665).

The Collect for Purity

BISHOP: *The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,*

PEOPLE: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

BISHOP: *Your old men shall dream dreams,*

PEOPLE: And your young men shall see visions.

BISHOP: *You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,*

PEOPLE: That he is the Lord and there is none else.

BISHOP: *And it shall come to pass*

PEOPLE: That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

BISHOP: *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.*

ALL: Amen.

The Presentation

The Bishop and People sit.

BISHOP: *Those presenting the candidate for ordination to the Order of Priests, please come forward.*

PRESENTERS: *Right Reverend Father in God, we present William Wendel Chester to be admitted to the Order of Priests.*

BISHOP: *Has he been selected in accordance with the Canons of this Church? And do you believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?*

PRESENTERS: *We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the Canons, and we believe him to be qualified for this Order*

The Bishop shall then require the Ordinand to take the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

BISHOP: *The Canons require that no Deacon may be ordained a Priest in the Church before subscribing without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. In the presence of this Congregation, I now charge you to make your solemn declaration of these oaths.*

The Ordinand then declares:

ORDINAND: *I, William Chester, do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and therefore I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them.*

And I do promise, here in the presence of Almighty God and of the Church, that I will pay true and canonical obedience in all things lawful and honest to the Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest, and his successors, so help me God.

The Ordinand then signs the Oath of Conformity and the Oath of Canonical Obedience in the sight of all present.

All stand.

BISHOP: *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting William Chester for ordination to the sacred Priesthood. Therefore if any of you know of any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.*

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues:

BISHOP: *Is it your will that William be ordained a Priest?*

PEOPLE: **It is.**

BISHOP: *Will you uphold him in this ministry?*

PEOPLE: **We will.**

The Litany for Ordinations

BISHOP: *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

All kneel. The Ordinand lies prostrate during the Litany.

LITANIST: *O God the Father,*

PEOPLE: **Have mercy upon us.**

LITANIST: *O God the Son,*

PEOPLE: **Have mercy upon us.**

LITANIST: *O God the Holy Spirit,*

PEOPLE: **Have mercy upon us.**

LITANIST: *O holy Trinity, one God,*

PEOPLE: **Have mercy upon us.**

LITANIST: *We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the whole world and to your Church,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and of your truth,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to bless this your servant, Will, now to be admitted to the Order of Priests, and to pour your grace upon him, that he may duly execute his office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,*

PEOPLE: **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

LITANIST: *That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom,*

PEOPLE: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

LITANIST: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PEOPLE: Christ, have mercy upon us.

LITANIST: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;

PEOPLE: Have mercy upon us and hear us.

LITANIST: *O Lord, arise and help us;*

PEOPLE: And deliver us for your Name's sake.

LITANIST: *Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;*

PEOPLE: And let your saints sing with joy.

LITANIST: *O Lord, hear our prayer;*

PEOPLE: And let our cry come to you.

BISHOP: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

BISHOP: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church: mercifully behold this your servant, Will, now called to the Order of Priests, and so fill him with the truth of your doctrine and adorn him with holiness of life, that by word and good example he may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

ALL: Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated for the readings from the Bible.

READER: *A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.*

Ephesians 4:7-16 (ESV)

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:33-40 (BCP 2019)

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for therein is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your testimonies, *
and not to covetous desires.
- ³⁷ O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity, *
and revive me in your ways.
- ³⁸ Confirm your word to your servant, *
and to all those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Take away the reproach that I am afraid of, *
for your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, my delight is in your precepts; *
O revive me in your righteousness.

Alleluia

Please stand.

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

"Alleluia No. 1," words and music by Donald Fishel.

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.*

PEOPLE: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 10:1-16 (ESV)

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia!
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The Sermon

The Heart of Ministry and the Priesthood

—Bp. Stewart E. Ruch III

2 Corinthians 12:7–10, 13:4 (ESV)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

⁴ For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

The Charge

—Fr. Steve Williamson, Cathedral Dean

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The Nicene Creed

*Please stand for the Creed and
the Prayers of the People.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

ALL: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Exhortation

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

BISHOP: *You have heard, during the Church's discernment of your vocation and in the Holy Scriptures themselves, how weighty is this Office to which you are called. I now exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord. You are to teach, to warn, to feed, and to provide for the Lord's family, and to seek for Christ's sheep who are in the midst of this fallen world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.*

Remember how great is this treasure committed to your charge. They are the sheep of Christ for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you will serve is his bride, his body. If the Church, or any of her members, is hurt or hindered by your negligence, you must know both the gravity of your fault, and the grievous judgment that will result.

Therefore, consider the purpose of your ministry to the children of God. Work diligently, with your whole heart, to bring those in your care into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God, and to maturity in Christ, that there may be among you neither error in religion nor immorality in life. Finally, equip and lead your Congregation to proclaim tirelessly the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And seeing that the demands of this holy Office are so great, lay aside all worldly distractions and take care to direct all that you do to this purpose: read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures, that you may show yourself both dutiful and thankful to the Lord; and frame your conduct, and that of your household and those committed to your care, according to the doctrine and discipline of Christ. Know, however, that you cannot accomplish this of yourself; for the will and the ability needed are given by God alone. Therefore, pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and strengthen your resolve.

The Examination

All are seated except the Ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

BISHOP: *So that this Congregation of Christ's Church may know your intent in these things, I charge you to answer plainly these questions, which I, in the Name of God and his Church, now ask:*

Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Order and ministry of the Priesthood?

ORDINAND: *I do so believe.*

BISHOP: *Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as necessary to eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?*

ORDINAND: *I do so believe, and I am so determined, the Lord being my helper.*

BISHOP: *Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine, sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded and as this Church has received them, according to the Commandments of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your charge with all diligence to keep and observe them?*

ORDINAND: *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

BISHOP: *Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Body of Christ all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private admonitions and exhortations, to the weak as well as the strong within your charge, as need shall require and occasion shall be given?*

ORDINAND: *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

BISHOP: *Will you be diligent in prayer, and in the reading of Holy Scripture, and in such study as may further the knowledge of the same, laying aside all distractions of the world and the flesh?*

ORDINAND: *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

BISHOP: *Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own life and the life of your family, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make yourself and them, as much as you are able, a wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ?*

ORDINAND: *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

BISHOP: *Will you maintain and set forward, as much as you are able, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?*

ORDINAND: *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

BISHOP: *Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other chief Ministers who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have charge and authority over you, following with a glad mind and a good will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?*

ORDINAND: *I will, the Lord being my helper.*

The Congregation may kneel, and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes.

BISHOP: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)

The Ordinand kneels, facing the Bishop.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Veni Sancte Spiritus'. It consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The music is marked 'pp' (pianissimo). The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below each staff, with the words aligned with the notes. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes.

*Come, Holy spirit,
From heaven shine forth
With your glorious light.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

*Come, Father of the poor,
Come, generous Spirit,
Come, light of our hearts.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

*Come from the four winds, O Spirit,
Come breath of God;
Disperse the shadows over us,
Renew and strengthen your people.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

*Father of the poor
come to our poverty.
Shower upon us
the seven gifts of your grace.
Be the light of our lives—oh come.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

*You are our only comforter,
Peace of the soul.
In the heat you shade us,
In our labor you refresh us,
And in trouble you are our strength.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

*Kindle in our hearts
the flame of your love
That in the darkness of the world
it may glow
And reach to all forever.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

The Ordination

All now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

BISHOP: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God and most merciful Father, of your infinite love and goodness you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer and the author of everlasting life. After he had made perfect our redemption by his death and resurrection, and ascended into heaven, he sent into the whole world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; by the Holy Spirit, through their labor and ministry, he gathered together a great flock to set forth the eternal praise of your holy Name. For these great benefits, and because you have called this your servant Will to the same office and ministry, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we humbly ask that we may daily increase in the knowledge and faith of you and of your Son, and that by this minister, as well as by those entrusted to his care, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, and your blessed kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop with the Priests present lays their hands upon the head of each one to receive the Order of Priesthood.

BISHOP: *Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld. Be a faithful minister of God's holy Word and Sacraments; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Send your heavenly blessing upon this your servant, that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that your Word, spoken by his mouth, may have such success that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of your most holy Word as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek your glory and the increase of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

The people in a loud voice respond:

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The new Priest may now be vested according to the Order of Priests.

The Priest is vested with a stole.

BISHOP: *Take the yoke of the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.*

The Priest is vested with a chasuble.

BISHOP: *Receive this priestly garment which symbolizes charity; for God is well able to give you an increase of charity and a perfect work.*

The Bishop then anoints the hands of the new Priest with the Oil of Chrism.

BISHOP: *Grant, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction and by our blessing, that whatsoever they bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

The Bishop then gives the new Priest a Bible in one hand and a chalice in the other hand.

BISHOP: *Take authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the Holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a Priest in the Church of God.*

Prayer For Ordinand & Spouse

BISHOP: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

BISHOP: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in your Church; mercifully behold these your servants, Will and his wife Ema, and so fill them with the truth of your Doctrine and adorn them with holiness of life, that, both by word and good example, Will and Ema may serve you faithfully as co-laborers in the Gospel, to the glory of your Name and the edification of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

ALL: **Amen.**

BISHOP: *Please greet the newly ordained and his wife.*

The Peace

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

*Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.
Parents, please pick up your children from their RezKids classrooms after the announcements.*

The Offertory

GIVING SUMMARY:

Year to Date Income

July 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024

Actual	Budget	Difference
\$1,626,708	\$1,687,200	(\$60,492)

Current Month Outlook - April

April Goal	April Giving	Difference
\$182,400	\$66,370	(\$116,030)

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In the second part of the service,
we encounter God at his table.*

The Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: *... 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:*

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, O Lord,
Full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name,
The name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name,
The name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

"Holy, Holy, Holy," by Steve Williamson and Bonnie McMaken, © 2015.

CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

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

CELEBRANT: . . . *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.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: Our Father 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 our sins,
As we forgive those who sin 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,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
For ever and ever,
Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord,
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

CELEBRANT: *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.*

*Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion.
Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon
request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the silver trays. Please dispose
of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.*

Songs of Worship

The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 2 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 3 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 4 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 5 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: LEONI, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1875), alt.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: 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.

The Blessing

Extending your hands toward the cross.

CELEBRANT: *All our problems of this life on earth . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the difficulties of our circumstances . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All the devil's works from his temporary power . . .*

ALL: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life*

Lifting your hands up to the Lord.

ALL: **We set on the Risen Christ.**

CELEBRANT: *Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.*

ALL: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Rooted in Scripture | Sundays, Apr 21, 28 & May 5, 8:30am | Upstairs

Grow in knowledge & love of God via in-depth Scripture study and instruction in Christian life. A three week course on the powerful conclusion of John's gospel. No sign-up needed. Learn more at churchrez.org/signup

First Step Class for Newcomers | Sundays, Apr 21 & 28, 10:30am | Upstairs

New to Rez? Come to First Step, a two-part introduction for newcomers, designed to help you connect with leaders, hear more of Resurrection's story and values, and get to know other new folks. No sign-up necessary!

THRIVE Spring Lunch | Sunday, Apr 21, 12pm

Families impacted by disability are invited to a special THRIVE lunch after the 10:30am service on Sunday, Apr 21, upstairs in the St. Timothy Room.

Nominate a Vestry Candidate | Submit names by Apr 21

Nominate a member of Resurrection for Vestry (our church board). Email nominations to rezvestrymembers@gmail.com. Please include a one sentence description of why your nominee would be a good fit for the Vestry.

Join the RezSoftball Team! | Tuesdays & Thursdays

RezSoftball plays in a local church league from May through mid-July. Anyone 16+ can play! Sign up at churchrez.org/signup.

Good Friday Gift Deadline 11:59pm! Pastoral & Ministry Care for Global Partners

Help invest in the health of our global partners by 11:59pm tonight! churchrez.org/goodfridaygift

Create for the RezArts Gallery Pentecost Fire Exhibit | Deadline: May 4.

Submit original visual art or poetry to our Pentecost exhibit on the theme of fire. churchrez.org/rezartsgallery