

*April 21, 2024 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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**Prelude: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* - Anthony J. Showalter**  
**Greetings & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"**



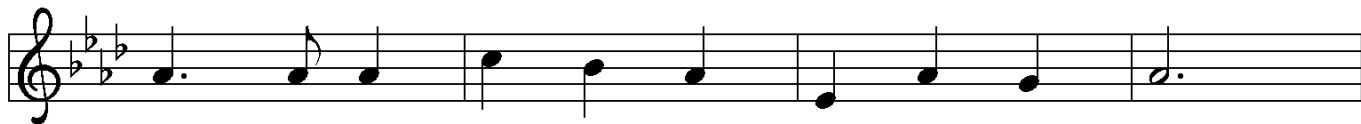
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987  
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- P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C) **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P) The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

II Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be<sup>2</sup> to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

III This is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P) Let us pray ... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C) **Amen.**

+++ **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** +++

**First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their 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."

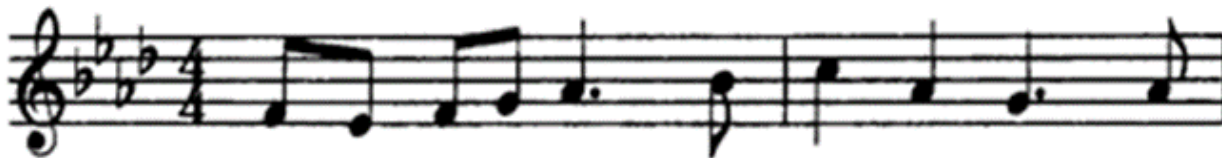
*R) The Word of the Lord.*

**C) Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 23** (The Congregation joins in singing the response below)

Psalm 23

Marty Haugen



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in-to life.\_\_\_\_\_

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- 1) God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
- 2) Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

- 3) Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
- 4) You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
- 5) Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

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.

*R) The Word of the Lord.*

**C) Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*P) The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

**C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*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."*

*P) The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon  
Sermon**



## Hymn: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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## Nicene Creed

**C) 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

- P) Rejoicing in God's marvelous works of new life, let us pray for renewal in the world, in the church, and in every living creature.

*Each petition concludes:*

- P) Lord, in your mercy,

- C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) To you, O God of newness and renewal, we lift up all for whom we pray, through the one whom you lifted up from death and the grave, Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

- C) **Amen.**

- P) Rejoicing in the resurrection, let us seek God's forgiveness, that dying to sin, we may walk in newness of life.

- P) Most merciful God,

- C) **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

- P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- C) **Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C) **And also with you.**

## **The Offering**

*We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!*



## **The Offertory**

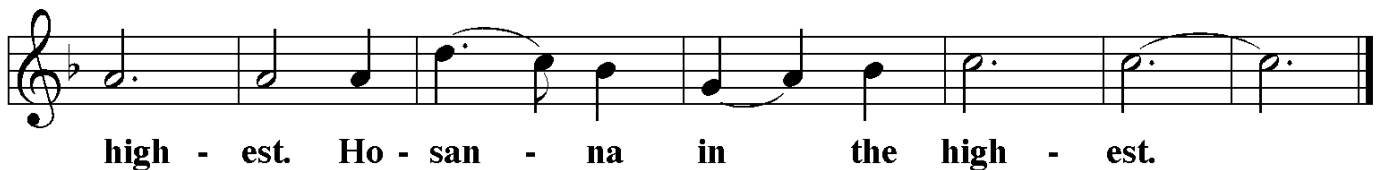
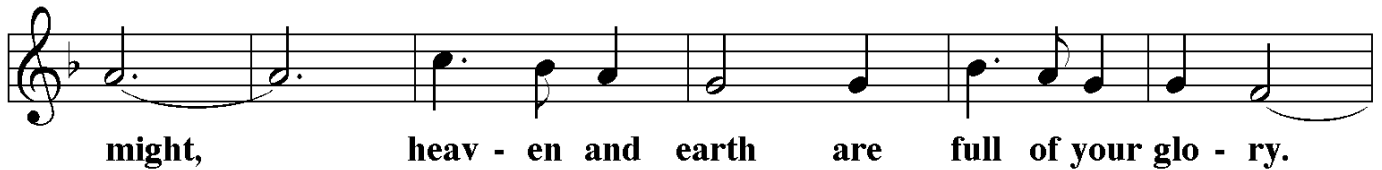
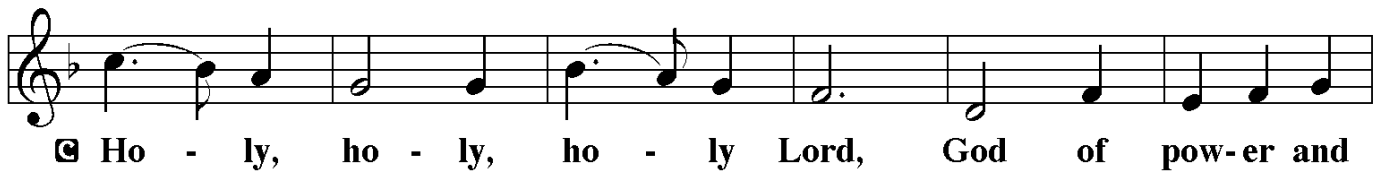
*Mighty to Save with Jesus Saves - arr. Bethany K. Smith and Mary McDonald*

## **Offertory Prayer**

- P) Let us pray... Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you made yourself known to your first disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, and form us into your risen body in the world.
- C) **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.  
C) **And also with you.**  
P) Lift up your hearts.  
C) **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## The Eucharistic Prayer for Easter

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,  
you bring light from darkness, speech from silence, and life from death.  
We praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for the prophets words which will not be in vain.  
But mostly we give you thanks for Jesus, your Son,  
who, living among us, forgave sinners,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for us.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me'.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and his glorious resurrection,  
we await the fullness of your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death into life,  
that we may live as your risen people,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C) Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **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 forever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Communion**

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:  
*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

## **Music During Communion**

*Because He Lives* - arr. Carol Tornquist

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

- P) Let us pray... Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with the risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal, strengthen us to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

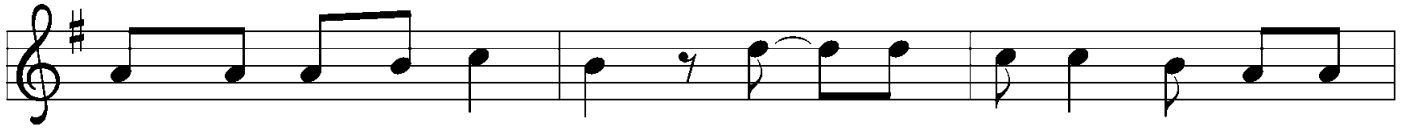


## Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African  
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### Dismissal

- P) Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Altar flowers are given by** Dinah Pflasterer in celebration of Jamie Pflasterer's birthday.

**Please also join us on:**

**Sunday, April 28**

**Worship @ 10:00 am**

**(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))**

**Sunday School @ 11:00 am**

**Yard Sale is June 1 from 8 am – 1 pm!** Committing early to help is necessary for the sale's success! Sign up either online or on the lists in the narthex to help.

- **To volunteer for prep week, lend items (such as tables), help advertise, donate cash,** use the SignUp Genius [PoP Yard Sale - Preparation Help](#).
- **To volunteer for sale day,** use [PoP Yard Sale Dept Volunteers for Sale Day](#).
- **To donate food for prep week suppers, donate food or cash for the Snack Bar,** use [PoP Yard Sale Food Donations](#).
- **To learn which items can and cannot be donated,** click [here](#).

SSL hours are available for Middle and High School students. Check with [Lisa Conary](#) for ideas. There is a role for each of us. Please join this memorable annual event!

**Adult Bible Study** - Come join us during Adult Coffee and Conversation hour after the Sunday service in the sanctuary as we learn more about God and encourage one another through discipleship!

**April 21** What on Earth am I Here For? *Ministry*

**April 28** What on Earth am I Here For? *Mission*

**[Fairhaven Methodist's](#) Earth Day Festival is this Sunday, 4/21 from noon - 2pm,** and everyone is invited! There will be children's activities, information and demonstrations from the Montgomery County Office of Recycling, a light bulb exchange and more! Fairhaven will also have a native plant demonstration and have some plants to give away and others for sale. Come and bring a friend! Fairhaven is located at 12801 Darnestown Road in Gaithersburg, just north of Prince of Peace.

**Spring sale at TVAR on Saturday, April 27 from 10 to 3.** Come out to the Village at Rockville's Health Center to shop for plants, books, jewelry, collectibles, handmade items, and homemade baked goods - all at great prices. Proceeds support enrichment programs for residents, trips, and holiday gifts. [The Village at Rockville](#) is located at 9701 Veirs Drive in Rockville, near Robert Frost Middle School.

**Sacred Grounds** - Many congregants of Prince of Peace find joy, peace, and inspiration outdoors. By planting native plants, we can be good stewards of God's creation which nurtures us and our neighbors. **Join us virtually from 7:30-9 PM on Thursday, May 2** to learn from experts about how you can create wildlife habitat and protect our local streams by planting native plants. **Register and receive the Zoom link [here](#).** Planting native plants conserves God's creation for our children and future generations. *Everything growing on earth, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever. Daniel 3:76*

**Patriot Shredding will be at Prince of Peace on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM** for a shredding event. There is no charge for the event as it is being sponsored by Judy Martin, Real Estate Agent C21 Redwood Reality. For security all shredding will be done on the premises.

**On Saturday, May 11, we will be making another dinner to take to Stepping Stones Shelter**, a family shelter in Rockville. We're going to prepare a meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. If you would like to join us in this project, **we will gather at the Church around 2:30 pm to assemble the dinner.** If you have questions, or would like to donate to this project, please contact [Jane Sahmel](#). Thanks so much for your support.

**Men's Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** We will be reading *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Sean Dillon if you will be joining us this month. Phone: 410-868-5487 or Email: [sdillon\\_5@hotmail.com](mailto:sdillon_5@hotmail.com)

**Honduras Mission Trip 2024!** Prince of Peace will partner with non-profit, Haven Universe on a mission trip to serve various communities in Honduras from **June 6-16, 2024**. The itinerary will include planned construction projects, medical brigades, and a local VBS camp. Donations are being accepted to support a construction project to build a cinder block home for a family in need, as well as latrines for a remote community. Thank you for all the generous donations thus far! If you are interested in learning more about how to contribute to this year's trip, please contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle.

**Food for Thought:** Like spring, a new season awaits. (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*)

**Prince of Peace welcomes people** as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

### Next Sunday's Readings

[Acts 8:26–40](#); [Psalm 22:25–31](#); [1 John 4:7–21](#); [John 15:1–8](#)

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