



# POWER & PERSECUTION: LEARNING FROM THE FIRST CHRISTIANS



CHURCH OF THE  
SAVIOR

*The Fifth Week of Easter*

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023



## Welcome to Church of the Savior

**If You Are Visiting:** We'd love to meet you! Please connect with Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen after the service, to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

**About Our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

**Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship classes are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all. The Fireside Room will be open for anyone who needs extra space.

**Assisted Listening:** Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there.

**Today We Enter the Fifth Week** of Our Eastertide Celebration. We continue to rejoice over Christ's resurrection from the dead, over his defeat of sin, evil, and death. Even as we live in a world where Christ's victory has not yet been fully realized, our Gospel readings this season remind us that Jesus has given his church many gifts as we live into the reality of God's coming kingdom. Today, we hear about the love of God that enables us to love those around us. So as we go forth tonight, let us rejoice in the love of God and take that love into the world.

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# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude as we quiet our minds and prepare our hearts for worship.*

## PRELUDE & WELCOME

*You may stand.*

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### Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry,  
"Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,  
"God is good and therefore King!"  
Praise Him, angel hosts above,  
ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice,  
night and stars, in God rejoice!

Warriors fighting for the Lord,  
prophets burning with His Word,  
those to whom the arts belong,  
add their voices to the song.  
Kings of knowledge and of law,  
to the glorious circle draw;  
all who work and all who wait,  
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old,  
raise the anthem manifold,  
and let children's happy hearts  
in this worship bear their parts;  
from the north to southern pole  
let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, holy, holy One,  
glory be to God alone!"

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

## **Hosanna**

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You.  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You.

‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
You are the God who saves us,  
worthy of all our praises.  
Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Come have Your way among us,  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You.  
In Your kingdom, broken lives are made new; You make us new.

Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

## GLORIA

E D E B E D E  
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth...

8 G D E G D E  
 Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

17 F#m G A F#m G A F#m  
 wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You

26 G A C G A E  
 for Your glo-ry. Glo - ry to God. Lord Je - sus Christ on - ly

35 D E G D E E  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take a - way the

44 D E G D E G  
 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed

52 D Em C D A C D  
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our

61 E B Em A C G  
 prayer. For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a - lone

69 D A C D B Am  
 are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High. Je - sus

77 Em Am Em C G A  
 Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, in the

84 C G A G D A C D E  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

**ACTS 6:8-15, 7:1, 51-60**

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<sup>8-10</sup> Stephen, brimming with God's grace and energy, was doing wonderful things among the people, unmistakable signs that God was among them. But then some men from the meeting place whose membership was made up of freed slaves, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some others from Cilicia and Asia, went up against him trying to argue him down. But they were no match for his wisdom and spirit when he spoke.

<sup>11</sup> So in secret they bribed men to lie: "We heard him cursing Moses and God."

<sup>12-14</sup> That stirred up the people, the religious leaders, and religion scholars. They grabbed Stephen and took him before the High Council. They put forward their bribed witnesses to testify: "This man talks nonstop against this Holy Place and God's Law. We even heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth would tear this place down and throw out all the customs Moses gave us."

<sup>15</sup> As all those who sat on the High Council looked at Stephen, they found they couldn't take their eyes off him—his face was like the face of an angel!

<sup>1</sup> Then the Chief Priest said, "What do you have to say for yourself?"

<sup>51-53</sup> "And you continue, so bullheaded! Calluses on your hearts, flaps on your ears! Deliberately ignoring the Holy Spirit, you're just like your ancestors. Was there ever a prophet who didn't get the same treatment? Your ancestors killed anyone who dared talk about the coming of the Just

One. And you've kept up the family tradition—traitors and murderers, all of you. You had God's Law handed to you by angels—gift-wrapped!—and you squandered it!"

<sup>54-56</sup> At that point they went wild, a rioting mob of catcalls and whistles and invective. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, hardly noticed—he only had eyes for God, whom he saw in all his glory with Jesus standing at his side. He said, "Oh! I see heaven wide open and the Son of Man standing at God's side!"

<sup>57-58</sup> Yelling and hissing, the mob drowned him out. Now in full stampede, they dragged him out of town and pelted him with rocks. The ringleaders took off their coats and asked a young man named Saul to watch them.

<sup>59-60</sup> As the rocks rained down, Stephen prayed, "Master Jesus, take my life." Then he knelt down, praying loud enough for everyone to hear, "Master, don't blame them for this sin"—his last words. Then he died. Saul was right there, congratulating the killers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.
- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.



<sup>9</sup> Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. <sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures say,

“If you want to enjoy life  
and see many happy days,  
keep your tongue from speaking evil  
and your lips from telling lies.

<sup>11</sup> Turn away from evil and do good.  
Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

<sup>12</sup> The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right,  
and his ears are open to their prayers.

But the Lord turns his face  
against those who do evil.”  
Suffering for Doing Good

<sup>13</sup> Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

<sup>1</sup> So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

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*You may stand.*

5 A - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord.

10 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

14 Spread the good news o'er all the earth. D.C.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

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## THE GOSPEL

## JOHN 14:1-14

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing

his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **ALLELUIA**

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*Please be seated.*

**A Christian Got Murdered Today**

Kevin Miller  
Rector

*We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.*

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## THE NICENE CREED

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*You may stand.*

All: 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

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Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,  
All: Hear our prayer.

*The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.*

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All: And also with you.

*At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and children's worship.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

## THE OFFERTORY

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### Let Us Be Known By Our Love

Let us be known by our love.  
In ev'ry word, in ev'ry deed, honor the Son.  
Let our light shine in ev'ry eye.  
Let us be known by our love.

*For the glory of the Father,  
For the glory of the Son,  
For the glory of the Spirit,  
Let us be known by our love. (joy.) (peace.)*

Let us be known by our joy.  
In ev'ry home in ev'ry heart, sing to the Lord.  
Let our life show goodness and hope.  
Let us be known by our joy.

Let us be known by our peace.  
In ev'ry town, in ev'ry tribe, Jesus is king.  
Let us go forth, heal and restore.  
Let us be known by our peace.

## THE DOXOLOGY

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*You may stand.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -  
low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly  
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.




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

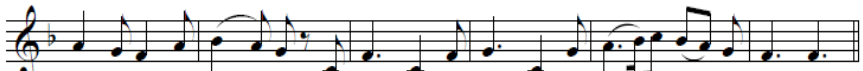
## Sanctus




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are



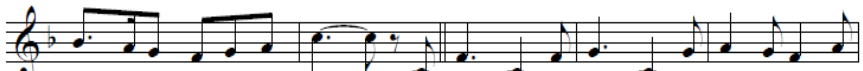
full, O Lord, of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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 of your Son, the holy food 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.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: 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.

Celebrant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:


All:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be Thy Name Thy king-dom come, Thy



will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en, Give us this day our



dai - ly bread. And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. And



lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For



Thine is the King - dom, and the pow'r and the glo ry, for - ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will release you row by row, beginning with the Fireside Room. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister will be available in the lobby.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

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### They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit,  
We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.*

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.

All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit,  
Who makes us one.

# Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,  
for the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now.  
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing,  
Ev'ryone sing.

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It is rising up all around.  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
It's rising up all around.  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

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## Mighty To Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior.  
The hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
ev'rything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus.  
Shine your light, and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

## **Yesu Azali Awa (Jesus is Here With Us)**

(Lingala)

Yesu azali awa,  
Yesu azali awa,  
Yesu azali awa;  
na biso.

(English)

Jesus Christ is with us,  
Jesus Christ is with us,  
Jesus Christ is with us;  
He is here.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, na Yesu (he is here).  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, na Yesu (he is here).

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

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Celebrant: All our problems  
All: We send to the cross of Christ.  
Celebrant: All our difficulties  
All: We send to the cross of Christ.  
Celebrant: All the devil's works  
All: We send to the cross of Christ.  
Celebrant: All our hopes  
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 blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*You may be seated for announcements.*

## RECESSIONAL

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### Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
Wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness,  
Protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

## THE DISMISSAL

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Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Be a Part of Ascension Choir:** All singers are invited to join Church of the Savior's Ascension Choir and sing during Bishop Todd's visit on May 20. One rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary directly after the service on May 13 (6:30-7:00pm). If you are planning to sing or have any questions please contact John Rakes ([john@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:john@friendsofthesavior.org)), Pastor of Music and Worship.

**Volunteer Opportunity with World Relief Chicagoland:** On the evening of Tuesday, May 9th, join volunteers from Savior at an online Conversation Cafe, hosted by WRC. After a brief orientation and training — and with the help of some conversation starters! — we'll spend about an hour helping English language learners practice their conversation skills. Please contact Pastor Sarah ([sarah@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:sarah@friendsofthesavior.org)) to sign up.

**Bishop Todd Visit:** On Saturday, May 20, our bishop, Todd Hunter, will be leading our worship service and confirming a number of our youth. Please join us for a reception will follow, so you will have a chance to meet Bishop Todd. The following day, Sunday, May 21, Bishop Todd will be ordaining Roger Bottner to the diaconate at Christ Our Peace—4pm at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 607 Harvard St., Oak Park.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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**Nursery & Children's Worship:** We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

**Youth Group:** Final meeting of the school year: May 6th.

## EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES

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### **Power & Persecution: Learning from the First Christians**

April 15- Kevin Miller, John 20:19-31, "2 Gifts Jesus Has for You"

April 22 - Kevin Miller, Luke 24:13-35, "Why We Don't See Jesus--and How We Do"

April 29 - Kevin Miller, Acts 2:42-47; 6:1, "The Perfect Imperfect Church"

May 6- Kevin Miller, Acts 6:8-15, 7:1, 51-60, "A Christian Got Murdered Today"

May 13 - Sarah Lindsay, Acts 17:22-31, "Living as God's Children"

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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*Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: [jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org)*

This Year's Giving Goal: \$365,000

As of April 29:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$120,783

Actual Giving = \$102,214

Over/(Under) = (\$18,569)

Total Good Friday Gifts = \$22,903

### **Donations to Church of the Savior:**

✉ Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187

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*To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails are found at [friendsofthesavior.org/serve](http://friendsofthesavior.org/serve)) or with Pastor Sarah Lindsay ([sarah@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:sarah@friendsofthesavior.org)).*

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