

THE CHURCH of the HOLY COMFORTER

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Holy Comforter is a Christian community, engaging diversity, empowering through worship, and embracing the spiritual journey, in our church, in our community, and in the world, that all may be made whole and fully alive.

THE SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

April 7, 2024

We pray that all who enter the Church of the Holy Comforter experience God's presence in this community of faith, a community that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, and transforming and filled with God's grace.

The Church of the Holy Comforter welcomes you to this service. This service leaflet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green), and *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (black) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. The hymns which begin with an "S" are in the front of The Hymnal 1982. Unless noted by either "WLP" or "LEVAS" the hymns are found in *The Hymnal 1982*. We hope that you will feel at home at Holy Comforter and will return again soon and often.

WELCOME TO HOLY COMFORTER!

- **Guest Book** ~ Our guest book is located on a stand at the back of the church. If you are new to Holy Comforter, please sign the guest book. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today!
- **Receiving Communion** ~ To receive, stand or kneel around the Holy Table, simply hold your hands palms up and the priest or deacon will place a piece of bread in them. To receive wine from the chalice, assist the chalice bearer by holding the base and helping to guide it to your lips. We will offer one chalice from which to drink and one for intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. Please inform the person holding the bread if you wish to perform the intinction, and the person will do it for you and place the bread and wine in your open palm. If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, we welcome you to receive a blessing—to indicate this, please cross your arms on your chest. Gluten-free bread is available as is a non-alcoholic option chalice; simply ask the clergy.
- **Votive Candles** ~ You may light a candle at the votive stand in the back of the church. Votive candles may be lit before, during, or after the service.
- **Child Care** ~. Even our youngest children are welcome to remain with us in the church for the service. Enjoy our baby/toddler/young child area in the pews. On Sundays, we do offer nursery care.
- **Restrooms** are located in this building behind the choir area; go out the doors by the Earth banner and turn left. One of the restrooms contains a **baby-changing station**. Ushers can guide you. Additional restrooms are in the parish house, the building right next door.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #192 This joyful Eastertide Vruechten

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

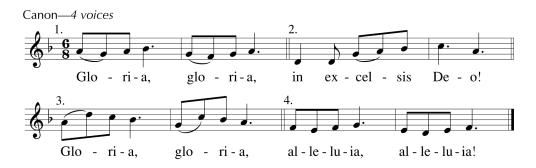
The Blessing of the Children

Children are invited to gather with our priest for a prayer and then they may go to Children's Chapel or return to sit with their families.

Song of Praise

Gloria, gloria

Taizé



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading ~ Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.
 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
 For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

The Second Reading ~ 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #184 Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ ist erstanden

The Holy Gospel ~ John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in

the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Iesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. Deacon Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

The Rev. Dr. Hilary Borbón Smith Sermon

A period of silence follows the sermon

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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 Prayers of the People form III, Book of Common Prayer

Deacon Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; Leader

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Additional prayers are offered.

Presider

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Pilgrim Prayer - Blessing for David and Bonnie Lehman, who leave soon to make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries *please come to the front during the Peace if you would like a blessing/prayer.*

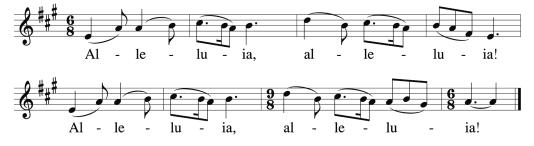
Offertory Anthem

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Presentation Hymn

Celtic Alleluia



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching our Worship The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

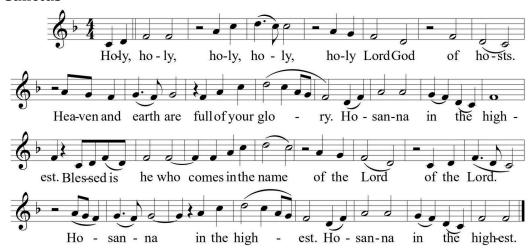
People We lift them to the Lord.

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and

fountain of mercy. 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. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

Sanctus



Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Presider

All

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray to God, who is our Divine Parent,

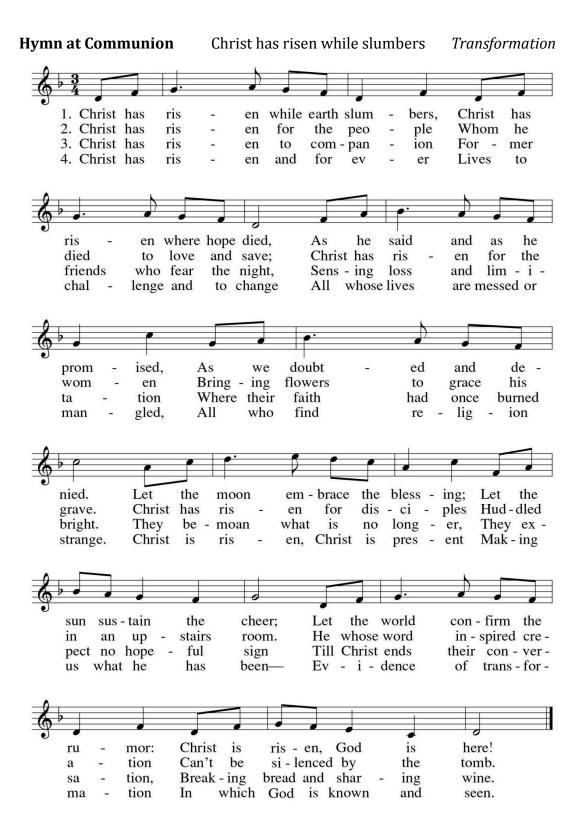
our Mother,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. Then all sing





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.

The Blessing

Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #209 We walk by faith, and not by sight St. Botolph

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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¥ Serving Today **₹**

Presider and Preacher ~

The Rev. Dr. Hilary Borbón Smith

Assisting ~ The Rev. Deacon Joseph G. Klenzmann

Director of Music Ministry~ Jim Bennett

Altar Guild ~ Nancy Deane, Maria Scott,

Carole Rush

Vestry Person of the Day ~ Evan Herr **Readers** ~ Jamey Hooks, Steve Van Voorhees **Intercesso**r ~ Briggett Keith

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Lucius Chapin

Crucifer ~Bruce MacAlister

Acolytes ~ Benjamin Raymond and
Abie Richardson

Ushers ~ Helen Reese and Dale Davis

Streaming Director ~ Caroline Smith

Bread Baker ~ Leslie Smith

Children's Chapel ~ Darlene Klenzmann

Recycling ~ next week

Connection Time ~ help needed

₹ Prayers of the Community **₹**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's (Alexandria); Trinity (Manassas).

For those nominated to be our next Presiding Bishop: Nebraska Bishop J. **Scott** Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop **Daniel** G.P. Gutiérrez, Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York Bishop **Sean** Rowe, and Atlanta Bishop **Robert** Wright.

We pray for our bishops Mark Stevenson and Gayle Harris, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and our parish clergy, Hilary, Joe, Briggett, Heather, Frank, and Bradley, and our seminarian Lucius.

For healing in our parish: Briggett Keith; **Carleen** Penny; **Fred** and **Susan** Boze; **Mark** Skolnick; **Gayle** Turner; **Marie** McGranahan-Turner; the **Hawes Family**; **Bonnie** Steffey; **Barbara** Crowder.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Susan Goff and Tom Holliday; Dan Griggs; Cheryl Groce-Wright.

Pray for our family members and friends: Mary Lewis (mother of Angie Palmer); **Judah** Cannon, nephew of Phoebe Winter and Eric Watterson); Polly Akers (friend of Joe and Darlene Klenzmann); Lee Hyden (daughter of Anne Kambourian); Mary Stewart (mother of Debi Taliaferro); Joe Lavachek (stepfather of Darlene Klenzmann); **Davis** Spain (friend of Darlene Klenzmann); **Pamela** Thomas, Tommy and Betty Baer (friends of Steve Van Voorhees and Peggy Hombs); Phyllis Kerr (sister-in-law of John Kerr); Malynda Leigh Irby (daughter of Ernie Irby); Thomas Hains (father of the daughter-in-lawof Julie Edwards and Nan Ottenritter); Brycon and Riley (great-nephews of Patty Galdun); Jane Smith (mother of Caroline Smith); Marti Prest (daughter of Joan Prest); Jeanette Idle (friend of Anne Snyder); Paul Cameron and Sydni Roberson (friends of Steve Van Voorhees and Peggy Hombs); Uli Robinson (friend of Anne Snyder); **Robin** Young Ames (cousin of Caroline Smith); **Missy** Lovewell (sister-of-choice of Kath Ruggeri); **Deb** York (sister of the Rev. Katherine Dougherty); **María** Carmen Calderón Viuda de Hencke (mother of Eugenia Hencke Calderón); Liz Turner (friend of Anne Snyder); Rev. Ursula Shone and Dr. Eric Albone (friends of John Kerr); John and Leslie Wilson (son and daughter-in-law of Larry and Sheila Wilson); James (Heather Baggett's grandfather); Mary Page Jones (friend of Joella Rhoades); Danny and Ben (friends of Maria Scott); Edgar Martin Mullins (uncle of Laura Patillo); Gary Land (friend of Anne Snyder); **Stephen** and **Iralin** Peple (friends of Anne Snyder); **Joey** (sister of Patty Galdun); Michele (sister of Patty Galdun); Lee and Don Switz (friends of Anne Snyder); John Martin (friend of Anne Snyder); Lauren Breeze; Erin Tagupa (mother of Briana Vineyard); Matt Williams (friend of Anne Snyder); Bill and Lola Custis (cousin of Mary Davis); Hal (friend of Anne Snyder); Eleni (granddaughter of John Kerr); **Sarah** Rogers (sister of Ellen Hall); **Louis** and **Marti** Williams (friends of Cherie Miller); **Bob** Martin (friend of Cindi Hanayik); **Sydney** Kelley (friend of Liam Davis-Vojta); **Nancy** Tate (friend of Christ Family); **Steve** Place (friend of Christ Family); **Ruth** Cassady (grandmother of Chris Richardson); Bob Daraio (friend of Gayle Turner); Heather Macias (friend of Cherie Miller); Cyndi Dour (friend of Peggy Hombs); Scott Terry (neighbor, friend of Leslie and Bill Smith); Leland Stockwell (friend of Mary Thorpe); **Teresa** Heath (friend of Larry and Sheila Wilson); **Kate** (daughter of Sue Taylor's friend); **Eliza** Rogers (niece of Ellen Hall); **Ursula** Smith (friend of Bonnie and Gary Steffey); **Tammy** Shackelford (family of Deb Love and Carol Gibbs); **Jeannette** Miller (sister of Patty Sheldon); **Bill** Chewning (father of Kim Chewning-McCarthy); Nancy Chittum (friend of Patty Galdun); Lydia Johnson and Family (friends of Patty Galdun); Mary Ruth Terry (mother of Christine Garcia); Ella Shaffer Hicks (niece of Patty Galdun); Thomas Quigley (friend of George Collier).

We pray for all leaders of national and local government, especially Joe and Kamala, Glenn, and Levar.

We pray for an **end to racism** and **anti-Semitism**.

Metro Richmond at Prayer: We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all who seek God on behalf of others; for pastors, ministers, missionaries, lay leaders, congregants, intercessors, and other servants of Christ.

Pray for Thomas Jefferson High School and **Franklin Military Academy,** and their students, faculty and staff.

♣ Announcements **♣**

Bishop Stevenson to visit next Sunday ~ We are delighted to welcome our Bishop Diocesan, E. Mark Stevenson as our presider and preacher next Sunday, April 14. The offering that day will go to the Bishop's discretionary fund, all cash, and checks with "bishop" in the memo. Bishop Stevenson will be confirming Dale Davis and receiving Arnaldo Cardona. Congratulations Dale and Arnaldo! Please join us for a reception/Connection Time following the service to continue our celebration.

Mobile, Liturgical Art ~ During Lent, we invited everyone to create art on cardboard circles, reflecting the themes of Hope, Joy and New Life. The result is this beautiful mobile, which will be on display through the Easter season. It's full of color, life, and community, just like Holy Comforter!

Our Seminaria Lucius Chapin's last Sunday with us ~ We will send Lucius off with a prayer on Sunday, April 21. Please join us to celebrate Lucius and the time we have shared together. He has been with us since September 2023.

Maria Scott has been appointed to the vestry ~ We are delighted to announce that Maria Scott has been appointed to fill a vacant spot on the vestry. As per the canons, she will serve this year until our next parish meeting, which will be held in January or February of 2025. At that time, she may stand for election to finish the remaining two years of the vacancy if she chooses to do so. Maria will be our vestry liaison to Adult Formation.

Tuesday Morning Book Group \sim Tuesdays at 11:00 am. We are discussing the book, *Ladder to the Light*, by Bp. Steven Charleston.

Today! Good Samaritan Sunday, *Social Justice and Outreach* ~ On the first Sunday of the month, we focus on our Food Pantry, celebrating the work that we do and the people we serve. You are invited to bring food for our food pantry friends to the Altar Table after the Offertory Anthem during our Presentation hymn. Our next Good Samaritan Sunday will be **May 5. The pantry can use any food you bring at any time, and we particularly need: breakfast cereal and pasta. Thank you!** Our guests appreciate toiletries and household goods such as paper towels and cleaning fluid. We cannot take used clothing. We need grocery-sized paper bags but we don't need plastic bags. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

Connection Time ~ Please consider hosting our coffee hour/ Connection Time. Instructions for the coffee machine are posted in the kitchen. Coffee and water are requested. Light snacks are welcomed but not required. Use the Signup Genius to volunteer. Thank you. <u>Signup Genius</u>

Lectionary Study ~ Join us on Zoom, at 4 pm, on Thursdays. The Zoom link is found on our website, hoco.org. We consider the biblical readings for the coming Sunday. Our rector, Hilary, leads this time of reflection and discussion. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday!

Sunday Morning Class ~ We meet every Sunday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Our curriculum is *The History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch*. **All are welcome: join us anytime to 'taste and see'!!** Contact: Peggy Hombs.

Monday Night Class on Zoom ~ The Monday Evening Adult Class from 7:00-8:00 pm. via Zoom. (The Zoom link is found on the Holy Comforter website homepage.)

Wednesday Worship \sim at church: Centering Prayer, 11:45 am, for 20 minutes, and then a service of the Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm. We often observe the feast day of a saint of the Church.

Liturgical Resource being used in our service today ~the Nicene Creed comes from *Enriching Our Worship*, a publication of the Episcopal Church, 1997. At our last General Convention, 2022, this resource, along with others, was approved for use as if included in the *Book of Common Prayer*. The removal of the Filioque clause (that the Spirit proceeds from the Father *and the Son*) was approved by the Lambeth Conference in 1988 (a gathering of all Anglican bishops once every ten years) and our General Convention in 1994.

₹ Calendar **₹**

Sunday, April 7 Good Samaritan Sunday

8:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Class № 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist № 4:00 p.m. ~ Let Go and Let God (AA) № 7:30 p.m. ~ Back to Basics (AA)

Monday, April 8

Tuesday, April 9

Wednesday, April 10

Thursday, April 11

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting № 12:00 p.m. ~ How Al-Anon Works (12 Step) № 4:00 p.m. ~ Lectionary Study № 6:00 p.m. ~ Drop the Rock (12 Step) № 7:00 p.m. ~ Choir rehearsal № 7:30 p.m. ~ OA Meeting

Friday, April 12

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

Saturday, April 13

 $8:45 \text{ a.m.} \sim AA \text{ Meeting}$

Sunday, April 14 Episcopal Visitation