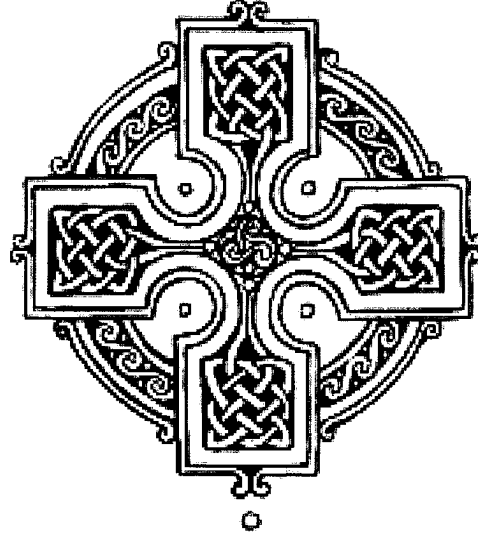


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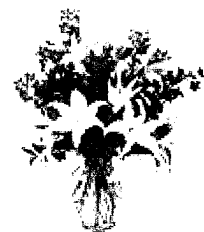
Our Mission:

To transform lives with the love of God

In Jesus Christ.



*The altar flowers today
Are given to
The Glory of God
In Thanksgiving for all the
Blessings we have received.*



March 30, 2008

The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome Happy Morning! We welcome all visitors today! If you are visiting us, we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to stay after the service for hospitality, and to become part of this new church that is being born.

Calendar. Please note these important upcoming events (see announcements for details):

Today	Adult Education: Faith and Science: Crossroads of Belief Seven Sundays through May 11
Sat., April 5	U2 Eucharist to Benefit the Millennium Development Goals, 5:00 p.m.
Sun., April 6	Youth Outreach Trip to UMOM
May 11	Pentecost & Mother's Day Brunch
May 18	Sunday School Graduation and Picnic

Jesus Rocks

Holy Communion with music of Bono/U2

U 2 C h a r i s t be a part of The EXPERIENCE

**"One love, one blood, one life,
you got to do what you should.
One life with each other:
Sisters, brothers...we got to carry
each other. One." (Bono)**

Saturday, April 5th . 5 p.m.

Preacher-Pastor Susan Snook

Music, Prayers, Worshipers, You!

**A benefit for Episcopal Relief & Development
To bring clean, healthy water to the developing world.**

Come and Change the World!

Faith and Science:



Crossroads of Belief

Is religion always in conflict with science? Does Christian faith require us to disbelieve the theories of science, or close our eyes to new discoveries and new ways of looking at the world? The answer is a resounding no! In this intensive exploration, we will look at scientific theories in diverse areas such as the Big Bang, Evolution and the Environment, and we will consider how God works through the natural world. Come join us!

Seven Sundays, March 30-May 11

10:00 Service of Holy Communion – All are Welcome!

11:20 to noon – Faith and Science Presentation

Nursery and Children's Sunday School Provided

March 30	What is Science? What is Religion?
April 6	Conflict between Science & Religion: What's the Big Deal?
April 13	Big Bang and Creation: Where Did It All Begin?
April 20	Darwin & Evolution
April 27	The Fundamentalist Worldview, Creationism & Intelligent Design
May 4	Ecology & the Environment in Christianity
May 11	Theology of the Human Body

About Our Speakers:

Mike George is the Director of Theaters Experience at the Arizona Science Center . He has worked in the planetarium field for almost fifteen years. During those years he has written and produced numerous planetarium shows and created countless scientific visualizations that have been used at the Dorrance Planetarium and other planetaria throughout the country. Mike holds a B.S. in Physics from Clemson University.

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WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING

Opening #8 Morning has broken

Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

When we enter, we sit quietly, speaking to God and preparing our hearts for worship.

Please stand and join us in singing.

Those who wish to do so may bow in reverence as the cross passes to acknowledge the sign of our salvation – the mark we all carry from our baptism.

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son, and to God the Holy Spirit

Whose infinite greatness enfolds the whole world,

In persons three and one, in essence simple and triune,

Suspending the earth above the waters, hanging the upper air with stars,

That Jesus, who ever-living lives, may be favorable to sinners.

May God be blessed for ages.

People: Amen.

All Sing S278 Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Collect of the Day summarizes the theme for today and "collects" our individual offerings into unified prayer that we might respond to the scriptures.

Peter proclaims the good news of Christ and the truth of his resurrection to the people of Jerusalem, who are marveling at the strength and faith of the apostles.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

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The Psalms, hymns of ancient Israel, speak of the hopes, joys and fears of God's people.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

The apostle writes words of comfort to Christians who are suffering for their faith. In Christ's resurrection lies their true hope.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

†Gradual Hymn: # 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

Please stand and sing the hymn.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The People are standing as the Gospel is read. This posture indicates reverence and respect.

Christ's peace comes to those who rejoice in his resurrection and those who doubt his presence. With love, Christ's presence is made known to all of us.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant: 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!" Jesus 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Phyllis Strupp

The Creed of St. Patrick

Please be seated.

Please stand.

This ancient Celtic creed, attributed to St. Patrick, shows characteristic Celtic poetry and concern for God's creation, while proclaiming an orthodox faith in God as Holy Trinity.

Our God is the God of all humans,
the God of heaven and earth,
the God of sea and rivers,
the God of the sun and moon,
the God of all the heavenly bodies,
the God of the lofty mountains,
the God of the lowly valleys.
God is above the heavens;
and he is beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea,
and everything that is in them,
such he has as his abode.
He inspires all things,
he gives life to all things,
he stands above all things,
and he stands beneath all things.
He enlightens the light of the sun,
he strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
he makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
and he places the stars in the service of the greater lights.
He has a Son who is co-eternal with himself;
and similar in all respects to himself;
and neither is the Son younger than the Father,
nor is the Father older than the Son;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: God of storm and rain cloud, hail, thunder and flood, in darker days we see your awesome power and recognize our own weakness. God of sunshine and warm breezes, slow moving streams and blossoming trees, in lighter days, we see your overwhelming love and recognize our own belovedness. Help us to recognize you within the elements of your created world and be grateful.

People: Hear us, gracious God.

Leader: God who shines the light of resurrection even into the darkness of death, in the midst of darkness in our world, kindle a fire that all may see your glory; burn brightly in the world around us so that we may see your work and hear your call. Burn in our hearts too, so that we may know how to answer your call.

People: Hear us, gracious God.

Leader: Loving God, we see all around us the evidence of your love and your loving provision for our needs. Yet there are others who lack life's basic essentials. Grant a spirit of responsibility to us and to all who work to correct inequality. Help us not to become immune to the suffering of others.

People: Hear us, gracious God.

We pray at all times in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18) We stand as a priestly people and offer intercessions for the whole world.

Leader: Gracious God, you know and care for each one of us deeply and intimately. Be with those who are in special need of your care, especially those we now name ... *(the congregation is invited to name those for whom they pray)* ... Give them the warmth of your healing, shine the light of your countenance upon them and bring them to full strength.

People: Hear us, gracious God.

Leader: Bless, O God, our world, and bring us peace: peace between neighbors, peace between kindred, peace between families, peace between nations, peace within the church, peace within our homes, the peace of Christ above all peace.

People: Hear us, gracious God.

Celebrant and People: We pray this in the name of the hand of God keeping us, the love of Christ shielding us, the strong Spirit bathing us, the Three each step aiding us. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Jesus, forgive my sins.
Forgive the sins that I can remember,
and also the sins I have forgotten.
Forgive the wrong actions I have committed,
and the right actions I have omitted.
Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation,
and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.
Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements,
and those when I have failed to boast of your works.
Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others,
and the leniency I have shown to myself.
Forgive the lies I have told to others,
and the truths I have avoided.
Forgive me the pain I have caused others,
and the indulgence I have shown to myself.
Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

During the confession, we recognize that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen your body, mind and spirit, and keep you close to the heart of God.

People: Amen.

The Peace

In the declaration of forgiveness Christ reconciles us in love to himself.

Celebrant: Peace be in your thinking. Peace be in your hearts. Peace with creation. Peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory # 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight

St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Please be seated.

We make offerings in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us.

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

All Sing: Doxology: Hymn # 380 Verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Please stand as the ushers bring forward the offering.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda ("Lift up your hearts" in Latin) is the invitation to the people to join in the Eucharistic offering, to raise minds and hearts to prepare to enter the heavenly banquet.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord [*Sanctus*] William Mathias (1934-1992)

In the Sanctus ("holy" in Latin) we join our praise to that of the whole Church, the whole creation, by sharing the song of angels and the company of heaven. (Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 118:25-26, Rev. 4:8)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

The Institution Narrative recalls the particular mighty act that is the focus of the service: God's gift of himself to us.

The word "Amen" ("So be it" in Hebrew) at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer indicates the people's participation in the Eucharistic prayer.

Our Lord taught us a simple, heartfelt prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread #S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. (*and may add*) Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All are invited to the Lord's Table for Communion: If you wish to receive the bread of life, come to the front and hold out your hand to take the wafer. You may eat the bread immediately or you may wait to receive it with the wine. If you wish to receive the cup of salvation, please assist the chalice to your lips for a sip of wine. If you wish to take the bread and wine simultaneously, you may dip the wafer in the chalice or allow the Eucharistic minister to do this for you. If you wish a blessing, rather than communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Song # 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*We sing as we go forth
 from God's Table
 having received Holy
 Communion.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

We believe, O Lord,

that in this breaking of your body and pouring out of your blood
 we become redeemed people.

We confess that by our sharing of this sacrament

we are strengthened in hope in the light of your resurrection.

And now, Lord, may we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you;

Cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you;

Thankful at moonrise and under starshine for the beauty of your universe;

And may we add what little may be in us to add to your great world. Amen.

Blessing: May the King shield you in the valleys,
 May Christ aid you on the mountains,
 May the Spirit bathe you on the slopes,
 In hollow, on hill, on plain,
 Mountain, valley and plain,
 May the Three in One bless you,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn # 370 I bind unto myself today

St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
 verses 1, 2, 4, 6, 7



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

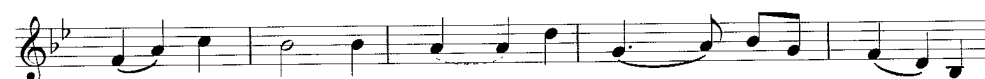


of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.



2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of

*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the

of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion:

giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,



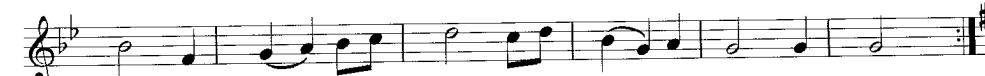
his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing

the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing



up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the

wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the



day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.

deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

*We are now
commissioned
to be broken
bread and
poured out
wine for
others, Christ
doing in us and
through us
greater things
than we might
do by
ourselves*

*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of

my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Prepare to enter the mission field!

Nativity News for March 30

Nativity's Christmas Card Ministry

Our church has found another way to help others, and benefit the environment at the same time. How??? By saving the face of your received Christmas cards! Tear it off and bring it to the church on the designated September Sunday.

These cards go to St. Jude's Ranch in Bolder City, Nevada, where abused and abandoned children are rescued from the trauma they have endured, through no fault of their own. As part of the children's therapy they will use our cards to make decorative things. It's a win-win. The child works our mental problems through creative work. And we carry our Jesus' word: "Suffer the little children unto me". Questions? Marty or Bob Christopher (480) 563-7493 or rchrist191@cox.net.

Knitters and Wannebes

March 28th at 9:30 at the church will be our next meeting. Please bring any finished projects you have. We will be putting our afghan squares together also. Look forward to seeing you there. Any questions please call Barbara Worthington. 480-575-7830 Or bandb718@msn.com.

Alleluia Fund Update

Next Sunday is **Alleluia Fund Sunday**. A Pastoral Letter from our Bishop will be read on that day, and you can bring in your offering envelope that was included in the brochure you received this past week from the Bishop. If you did not receive the brochure and envelope, please contact our office, as we have extras here. This is an opportunity to be part of the larger work of mission in Arizona, helping support new church plants and new growth initiatives in existing churches.

Education for Ministry

EFM is for anyone who seeks to engage on a path of discovery about their Christian faith in a serious way. EFM seeks to provide the serious study of important documents of faith in a seminar setting that permits participants to explore what they believe with one another. It does not presuppose agreement with any positions about past or present controversies, but is open to all who seek to explore their faith and ministry. The contents of the textbooks provide a basis for learning, but the interpretations, as in any educational endeavor, must develop as each group and each individual works through it. Although it emerges from an Anglican ethos, EFM works across the various differences that exist within Anglicanism as well as within other denominations as long as a spirit of inquiry and a personal respect for honest exploration exists. Talk to anyone who has completed EFM, or anyone currently enrolled, and you will find it is a very worthwhile *endeavor*. Pray about it and consider beginning in the fall.

Yoga Classes

Nativity will soon be offering a Christian based Yoga class. Please indicate your interest by signing the sheet at the front counter. Our instructor would like to have a consistent class size of 6 – 8 to begin the course. As soon as we have enough people, we will get started! Please contact Julie Cordwell with questions at Lazychef@aol.com or call 602-670-6642.

March Outreach Treasure Box

Each month Nativity's Outreach Ministry solicits specific items for donation to worthy causes. This month of March, we are asking for donations of:

TOILETRIES FOR ARMED FORCES

That will be donated to Packages From Home so that they can be sent to our troops overseas. You can include small items you may have picked up at a recent hotel stay or toiletries purchased locally. These items mean a lot to our brave men and women defending our freedom so far, far away from their homes and families. You can bring items to the church on Sundays or during office hours Monday through Friday and deposit them in the Outreach Treasure Box located in the church lobby. A special thanks goes to our children who decorated the Treasure Box so beautifully.

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."