#### **TRINITY CATHEDRAL** OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



MAY 5, 2024 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B CELEBRATING EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES SUNDAY (ECS) WITH OUR DIOCESE 10:00 am - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

> CELEBRANT – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN PREACHER – THE REV. CAROL GILBERT

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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces. Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship. "This is how we love one another!"

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude

A Fancie William Byrd Martin Jones, organ

Remain standing	
Processional Hymn	Hymnal # 400
	vs. 1, 2, 3 & 7

All Creatures of Our God and King

Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ is risen.People:The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* 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.** 

All sing Hymnal # S-278

Gloria in Excelsis

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

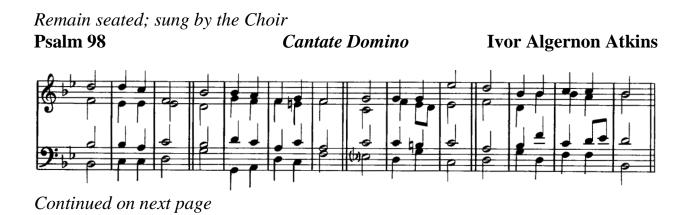
**Reflections on the Collect:** On ECS Sunday we petition God for a decanting of a libation composed of a love towards God that will give us an awareness of, and ability to labor for "such good things as surpass our understanding." Moreover, that abundance is something we concede is more than we can possibly comprehend or form a coherent enough desire to ask for clearly. Understanding that our labor in God is possessed of more potential than we can anticipate, we in our prayers ask God to crack us open, like seed germinating in the soil, to bring forth new life and a renewed service to others in the name of Jesus.

# The people are seatedFirst ReadingLector: Fay ManickeA Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

**Reflections on the First Reading:** What do we withhold from God? It is one thing to hold back formal sacraments as we seek to pull people into a deeper commitment to a practice of faith...is it another to hold back access to the Divine? What happens when Gospel Justice pulls us out of our own husks and shells and into a new and more open experience of the Divine in the world around us...and in an awareness that the Holy Spirit is accomplishing more than we could ever imagine?



- 1 Sing to the LORD a nëw song, \* for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for him self the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy be fore the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell there in.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* -- and the peoples with equity.

# Remain seatedSecond ReadingLector: Sue GummereA Reading from the First letter of John (1 John 5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

**Reflections on the Second Reading:** Recall Jesus' commandment to us? "Love one another as I have loved you." It is noted below. The first letter of John lifts up the love of God and its transforming grace in our lives and relationships. It also reminds us that if anything can be called a "success" in this life, it is that we are able to know love, offer love to others and receive it from God and our neighbor with open hearts. Loving is not a burden, but it is a weighty responsibility.

All stand, as able	
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal # 705

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Remain standing The Gospel: John 15:9-17

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

**Reflections on the Gospel:** Are we truly willing to love? Loving in Christ means a simple challenge: Are we ready to become a people who practice a "Yes! And!" when we are challenged...or are we people who offer instead a "No. But..." Jesus is sending us out into the world to plant, tend, harvest, and share the abundance of God's radiant love for a world that has been overshadowed by doubt, cynicism and despair. Our remedy, by Christ's commandment? Love one another. Simple and direct imperatives are sometimes hard to translate into swift and

sustained action. However, if we are mindful of the Holy Spirit and remain humble, loving and open, then much Gospel Justice will be evident in our work and mutual witness.

Sermon

The Rev. Carol Gilbert Deacon

All stand as able and say together A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

*Celebrant*: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God. There is no longer Jew or Greek. There is no longer slave or free. There is no longer male and female. For we are all one. We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this. We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

All stand 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: 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.

Remain standing

Prayers of the People for ECS Sunday	Lector: Frances O'Brien
The Lector and People pray responsively	

*Lector*: We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.*People*: Teach us to abide in your love.

*Lector*: We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

## *People*: Teach us to care for it with love.

*Lector*: We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.

*People*: Teach us to reach out to them with respect and love.

*Lector*: We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious.

*People*: Teach us to respond to their needs with love.

*Lector*: We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life.

*People*: Teach us to remember them with love.

*Lector*: Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next.

Silence ~ The People may add their own petitions

*Celebrant*: Gracious and loving God, on this Sunday we bless your Holy Name and lift up the ministrations of Episcopal Community Services. What we have asked for on this day, grant with effect and advantages as we serve and by your grace heal the world in the name of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The PeaceCelebrant:People:The peace of the Lord be always with you.And also with you.

## **Holy Communion**

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offe	rtory
Offertory Anthem	The Father's Love
	Cimon Lala

Simon Lole The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

All stand, as able

Offertory HymnHymnal # 413New Songs of Celebration RenderRepresentatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the<br/>Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

**Chalice bearer: Hilary Cox** 

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### *Celebrant and People:* Hymnal # S-128

#### Sanctus

## The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*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 and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink 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. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

## 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.

## Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be said . . .
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Hymnal # S-165

#### **Fraction Anthem**

*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. *All Baptized Christians are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table.* 

## **Communion Solo**

A Grounde William Byrd Martin Jones, organ

Communion Hymn Hymnal # 581

Where Charity and Love Prevail

The People are seated The Post-Communion Prayer Celebrant and People: 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.

Announcements

All stand, as able Recessional Hymn

Hymnal # 610

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

#### Blessing

*Celebrant:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

**A Voluntarie for my Ladye Nevell** William Byrd *Martin Jones, organ* 

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Mary Hopkins, Lawrence Monte, Carolyn Ford, Barbara Tweh and Zoe Ahaghotu.

We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God. O God, who makes us one.

We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel and Palestine, the People of Haiti, Anita Hill, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Brenda Smith, Elizabeth Nidweski, Eileen Cera, the Williams family, the Saunders family, the Davis family, Tom & Sherri Wheeler, Fred Cohen, Maggie Boczar, Ashley, Sabrina, Joshua, Donald Brokate, Ricardo Rosario, Michael & Leetta Tamn, Husayne Ferguson, Janet Thompson, Tresa Thompson, Gail Mitchell & family, Sandra & the Pemberton family, the Immordino family, Jane Bridge, and Bruce Montgomery.

We remember those who have died, especially the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops, and the Rev. Dcns: Henry P. Bristol, II, Janet Daniels, Carlton Dunn, Sally B. Maurer, Canon Clive Sang, and The Ven. Dcn. Theodore A. Foley.

#### TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY MAY 5, 2024 ~ THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ ECS SUNDAY

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**Following Christ, joining the Cathedral** – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 5/12 are: Cn. Terry Cooper, Susan Remmers, Cn. Clara Gregory, & John Gummere (alternate) Margaret Nartey (chalice bearer)

Greeters provide the first welcoming smile to members and visitors coming to Trinity Cathedral on Sunday morning. In fulfilling our mission as a home for all who enter, our greeter team affirms people's decision to join us, identifies those who may need support, and ensures our worship service proceeds with dignity, safety and joy. What is expected of a greeter?

- Arrive 20 minutes before the start of service.
- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- Provide information and directions to those who need them.
- Inform the ushers about those who may need special support.
- Watch for, and report, any concerning behavior to the ushers.

Please consider joining our greeter team! If you are interested in becoming a greeter, please speak with our Junior Warden, Ms. Margaret Nartey or sign up on the table right outside Synod Hall.

**This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry** – We can use assistance the Thursday prior to each Pantry date. This week's bagging day is Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm.

We are looking forward to our Fashion Show FUNdraiser coming up on June 8th! To help reach our fundraising goal, we are planning a basket raffle to be held at the event. Can you donate a themed gift basket, or the items to make one? Here are some theme ideas: Movie Night, Game Night, Baby Basket, Bathroom Basket, Hair and Nails, Car Wash, Basket of Cheer (wine or spirits), Beach/Pool, Mexican or Italian Specialties, Relaxation Day, and Lottery Tree. We are also open to Father's Dayspecific basket ideas: Dad's Day is right around the corner! **Gift cards are welcome, and can be used as the centerpiece of each basket.** If you would like to talk about donation ideas, please call Patrice in the office or speak with Margaret Nartey on Sundays. For more information on our event, please see the flyer posted on the main hallway bulletin board.

A Model Sign-up Sheet is out! – Want to join our June 8<sup>th</sup> FUNdraiser? "Fellowship and Fashion . . . from Your Closet" will include a Cathedral fashion show, where our models will wear two outfits from their closet: one casual, and one dressy or "semi-formal". We are looking for male and female models of *all ages*. <u>You can do this!</u> It's fun, and low-key. <sup>(2)</sup> If you want to participate, please sign up on the

sheet on the literature table in the main hallway. Speak with Margaret Nartey for more information, or call Patrice in the office. See our flyer for event details; tickets available next week!



Spring has Sprung at the Altar Guild Shop! Stop in and see the new arrivals ... Mother's Day is May 12<sup>th</sup> and graduations are just around the corner! FREE Gift Wrapping! Don't need a gift? Check out our new reusable beverage containers, garden pots, prayer books & beads, aprons, cook book, jewelry for all ages, inspirational home décor and much more! The Shop will be open today, May 18 & May 19. If you need something before those dates: Contact Lucy Adams for an appointment or online ordering at: trinitycathedralags@gmail.com

*Need a Mother's Day or bridal shower gift? "A Taste of Joy – Recipes of Trinity Cathedral"* cookbook is still available! - Proceeds from the sale of the books are going to provide fresh produce to our Food Pantry. Get yours today at the Cathedral Altar Guild Shop for just \$10 or contact Lucy Adams at <u>trinitycathedralags@gmail.com</u>. Also, if you are interested in selling the books, let Lucy know. Thank you for your support!

**Sanctuary Road:** An oratorio with orchestra, soloists and full chorus, is a powerful retelling of the book by the prolific Underground Railroad conductor **William Still**, and the stories (collected by personal interviews) of those he helped to find freedom. Composed by the award-winning duo of Paul Moravec and librettist Mark Cambell, this work will be presented by Princeton Pro Musica on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in Richardson Auditorium of Princeton University. Tickets available at: <a href="https://princetonpromusica.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/">https://princetonpromusica.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/</a> . This formidable work will expand and deepen audience members' understanding of the human and inhumane dimensions of our nation's saddest legacy. See choir members Bernard McMullan or Fran Perlman for more information.

**The UrbanPromise Summer Camp** - is just around the corner. Please let me know if you are willing and able to provide snacks for one week of summer camp. Camp starts July  $1^{st}$  and runs through August  $8^{th}$ . Camp runs Monday - Thursday each week with the exception of July 4th! Be in touch to discuss and/or brainstorm possibilities. Looking forward to hearing from you at (609) 273-3351 or via E-mail at: <u>gkoenig@urbanpromisetrenton.org</u>. If you E-mail, please put Summer Snacks in the Subject line! Thank you in advance for all of your support over the years. It has been a blessing to many children and their entire family, and to me! ~ Georgia Koenig, Volunteer Coordinator

We are re-starting our Lay Eucharistic Ministry to Hamilton Grove Care & Rehabilitation Center – We will lead worship and administer communion every first and third Sunday of each month to the facility's geriatric, infirm, and convalescing patients. Service leaflets are provided and we make every effort to send folks in pairs so they have assistance. Flu shots and TB vaccines are mandatory for anyone participating (must provide proof). COVID shots are welcomed but not mandatory. Please speak to Larry Spears or Dean John if you are interested in serving this community.

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am.

Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners "to go" from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



## THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

<b>TODAY (5/5)</b> <b>8:30 am</b> 9:15 am <b>10:00 am</b> 10:30a – 12:30p 1:00 pm	The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ ECS Sunday ~ Altar Guild Shop open Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only) Choir warm-up Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available) Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP Adult Christian Education, via Zoom
<u>Mon. (5/6)</u> 10:00am-3:00pm 6:30 pm	CATH – organ tuning Golf outing planning meeting, via Zoom
<u><b>Tues. (5/7)</b></u> 9 – 9:45 am	Weekly Zoom check-in for parishioners: For more info. on how to join us, call or text Nancy Hood-Boczar at (267) 614-5746, or E-mail shaktisocialwork4@hotmail.com
<u>Wed. (5/8)</u> 12:10 pm	Wednesday Healing Eucharist (in-person only) - CHP
Thurs. (5/9) 10:00 – 11:00 am 4:15 – 5:30 pm 4:45 pm 8 – 8:30 pm	Diocesan Fresh Start program - CHP TASK Meals – SH Food Pantry bagging Society of Mary Rosary Devotions via Zoom and phone access: Please E-mail Erica Warner at <u>vassose@aol.com for information on how to join us</u>
<u>Sat. (5/11)</u> 9 – 11:00 am 10:00 am	Trinity Strings music lessons in downstairs classrooms Food Pantry Grief Support Group - GR
<u>Sun. (5/12)</u> 9:15 am <b>10:00 am</b> 10:30a – 12:30p	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Happy Mother's Day!</b> Choir warm-up <b>Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)</b> <b>Remembering Bob Adams today</b> Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP