St. Margaret's Episcopal CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 | 8 & 10 AM

The Reverend Andrew Butler, *Rector* | The Reverend Patricia Horkey, *Associate Rector* The Very Rev. Canon John Crean, *Assisting Priest* | The Rev. Canon Charleen Crean, *Deacon* 47535 Hwy 74 · Palm Desert, CA 92260 · 760-346-2697 · www.stmargarets.org

We acknowledge with respect the Cahuilla people as the Original Peoples of this land.

Welcome to worship at St. Margaret's! As Episcopalians, we express our love for God through our worship and it lies at the heart of who we are at St. Margaret's. Our Liturgy, including the patterns, words, and actions found below are one of the blessings of our faith. We invite you to participate as you are comfortable by **responding and reading in unison the bolded text** and to stand for portions of the liturgy as you are able. Childcare is available every Sunday, with a more structured Sunday School program offered the first Sunday of every month. Hearing devices are available in the Foyer. Join us in Karns Hall following the service for coffee and fellowship. If you are a guest, please fill out the Welcome Card in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are always welcome here.

PRELUDE

Passacaglia, Fughetta and Finale on *Abbot's Leigh* Voluntary on *McKee* Soft Voluntary

Austin Lovelace Dale Wood Harry Alfred Harding

Please stand.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION · 448 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

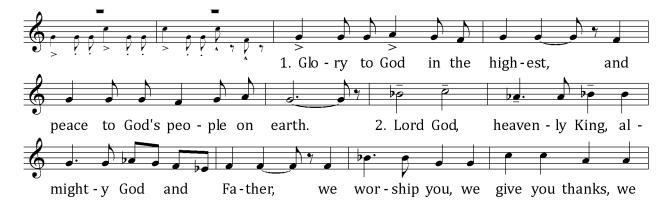
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

GLORIA · S 278 William Mathias





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" the theme of the day or season revealed in the Scriptures for the day.

God be with you.

And also with you.

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 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40).

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22 (24-30)

chant: Edward John Hopkins

Psalms are Hebrew hymns originally meant to be sung. The antiphon is sung first by the choir then repeated by the congregation and as noted. Verses are sung by the choir.



- My praise is of you in the great assembly: 24
 - I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you:
 - "May your heart live for ever!"
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, 26 and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
- For yours is the royal power, O God; 27 you rule over the nations. Antiphon
- To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; 28 all who go down to the dust fall before you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve vou: they shall be known as yours for ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn 30 the saving deeds that you have done. Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON A reading from the first letter of John (4:7-21).

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Please stand.

HYMN AT THE GOSPEL · 379 God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Abbot's Leigh

THE HOLY GOSPEL

This reading comes from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. We stand now to show the importance placed on lesus' words and actions.

★ The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Dr. George Lynch

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE and confirmed in 381 CE, this creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity. The word "catholic" in this context is to be understood as universal.

Deacon

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the 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

Intercessor

O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

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; especially our bishops Michael and Susan, and our clergy, Andrew, Tricia, John and Charleen;

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 especially Joseph our President;

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 illness, grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

★ Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pause to name those who have died.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Presider

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The presider then announces the good news of forgiveness \maltese .

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The passing of the Peace of Christ is one of the Church's most ancient liturgical practices and is a tangible reminder that we're not in this alone in this life because Christ calls us into community. Feel free to extend Christ's peace to those around you in any way you feel comfortable.

Please be seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

We now prepare for the sacred drama of the Holy Communion and joyfully return to God a portion of what God has given to us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Now the altar is prepared for Holy Communion and our ushers receive our financial gifts. All are invited to make an offering to support the ministries of St. Margaret's.

I Am the True Vine

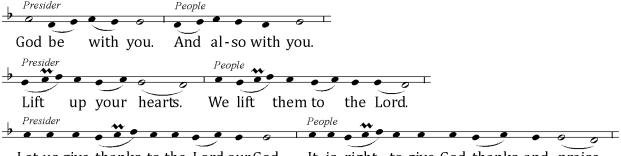
Music: Peter Aston Words: John 15:1–2, 5, 8–9, 12

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Ev'ry branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it my bring forth more fruit. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, the ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

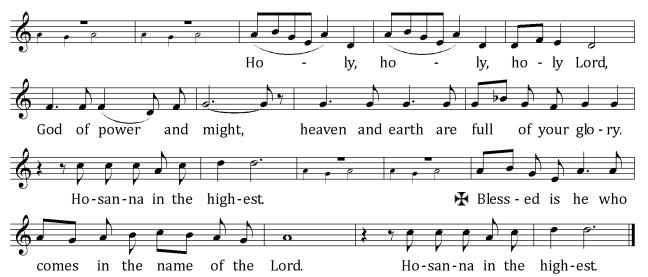
Here we do what Jesus asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, recalls Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood.



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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

SANCTUS · S 128 **Mathias**



Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

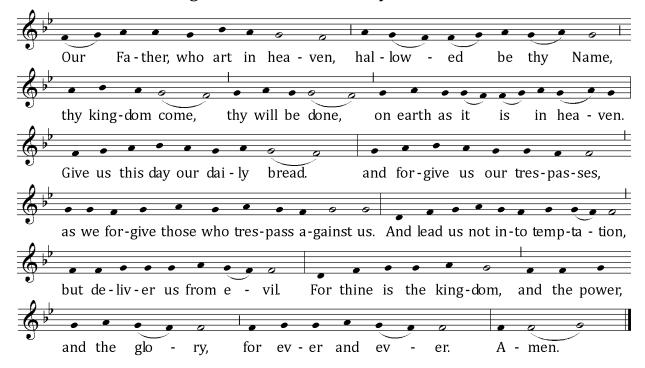
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being **E sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

*The all capital letter "Great Amen" is the "people's prayer" that concludes the Eucharistic prayer, and should be said with emphasis. As the Eucharistic celebration is shared by the congregation and the presider, the Great Amen emphasizes the assent of the people to the words spoken on their behalf by the presider.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



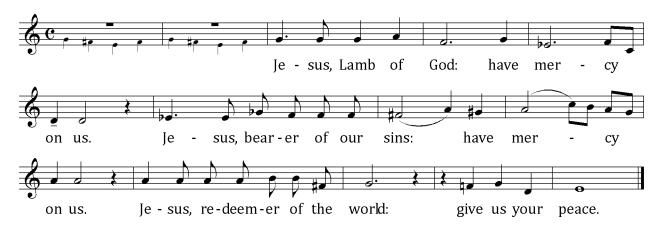
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM · S 165

Mathias



THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at St. Margaret's by processing to the center aisle to receive and then return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you would like to drink from the chalice, please say 'chalice' to the minister. Otherwise we will place the host in your hands after dipping it into the wine. Request a gluten-free host, if needed. Please cross your arms over your chest if you'd prefer a blessing.

Prayer Ministers offer Healing Prayers during this time, at stations in the outside aisles.

THE POSTCOMMUNION 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.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

It is here that Eucharistic Visitors receive bread and wine to take to those who are sick or homebound. Deacon

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.**

THE BLESSING *

HYMN AT THE CLOSING · 457 Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone

St. James

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Maestoso in A Major

Margaret Vandrell Sandresky



God's beloved daughter, Pat Mauritzen, died on April 20, 2024. Pat was a long time faithful member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and a devoted Sister of the Daughters of the King. She is fondly remembered by her fellow Sisters as always remaining prayerful and positive in spite of her debilitating illness. Pat Mauritzen's Memorial Service will be held at a later date here at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Please hold in your prayers Kathie Allen, a dear friend to Pat and the entire Mauritzen Family. Condolences may be sent to Kathie Allen at 79705 Calle Grant, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203.

Into thy hands, O Merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Pat. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into thy glorious company of thy saints in light. Amen.

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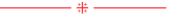
TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Andrew Butler (8AM), The Very Rev. Canon John Crean (10AM), *Presider* Dr. George Lynch, *Preacher*

The Rev. Canon Charleen Crean, Deacon

Vergers: Thom Allen, Meredith Hardy | Acolytes: Steven Smith, Susan Gettis, Courtney White Lectors: (8AM) Robin Nugent, (10AM) Lew Gray, Steven Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Patricia Neal Jensen, (10AM) Margo Baxley, Kathleen Dale, Vicki Lust, Kate Perattoni, Jan Romerdahl, Cynthia Thompson | Prayer Station: (8AM) Robin Nugent, (10AM) Jane Hodnik, George Lynch | Ushers: (8AM) Diane Crawford, Michael Stemmeler, (10AM) Michael Stanley, Elaine Millam | Greeters: (8AM) Bob Kimball, (10AM) Pat Stanley, Glenda Erdman, Pauline Eubanks, Karen Weiseth | Camera Operator: Susan Owen



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for these whom we know and love.

Pete H., Margo R., Fred De L., Loren R., Monica B., Michelle and Family, Annie R., Rob, Chad, Judy L., Tom L., George F., Jon O'C., Robert S., Peggy D., Roger D., Lorinda C., Butch, Randy B., David Ed., Ken, Jane H., Richard Francis T., Gay Grace, Leslie, Mark, K.B. Dallas, Jerry H., Jim T., Camerone P., Greg S., Marilyn, Paula, Patricia E., Nancy B., Dan C., Bob, Jim H., David C., Nancy B., Connie V., Gisela V., Peg L., Bob G., Barb G., Fran D., Liza F., Jane D., Val D., Elaine C., Conie Lou S., Janet D., Pat S., Cort, Celeste.

We remember those who have died.

Pat Mauritzen, Carol Cole, Craig

+ + + St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
+ + + Open Hearts, Open Doors

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS Capital Campaign As of 4/25/24, we have raised

\$3,565,756

towards our goal of \$4,250,000, with only \$684,244 to go!

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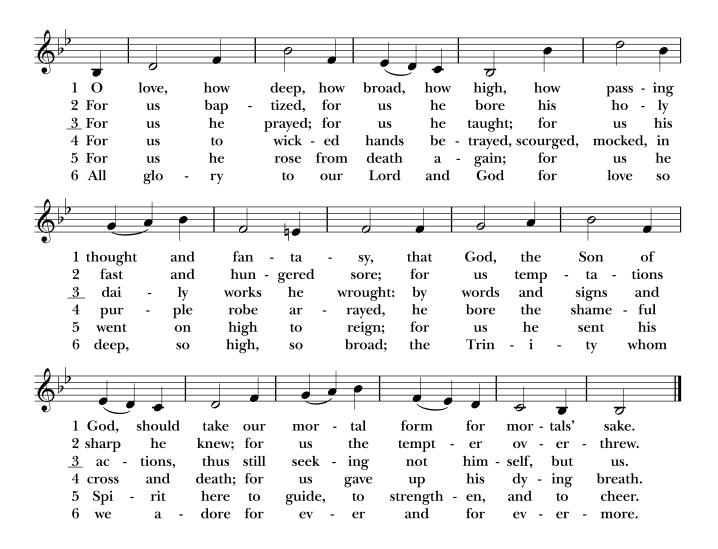
TODAY! Sunday, April 28, After both services.

Your Capital Campaign Committee invites you to a special family event. This is for all parents, grandparents and children who belong to St. Margaret's and their friends....and for anyone at St. Margaret's who loves ice cream!

OUR DEAR BELOVED ST. MARGARET'S FAMILY,

Thank you for your generous and moving recognition of our service and ministry to St. Margaret's since our arrival in 2001. We are humbled and deeply touched. The St. Margaret's community means so much to us, and the outpouring of love you showed us last Sunday is emblematic of what St. Margaret's stands for: a warm, inclusive, welcoming community. We are blessed to be able to continue our worship and service with you.

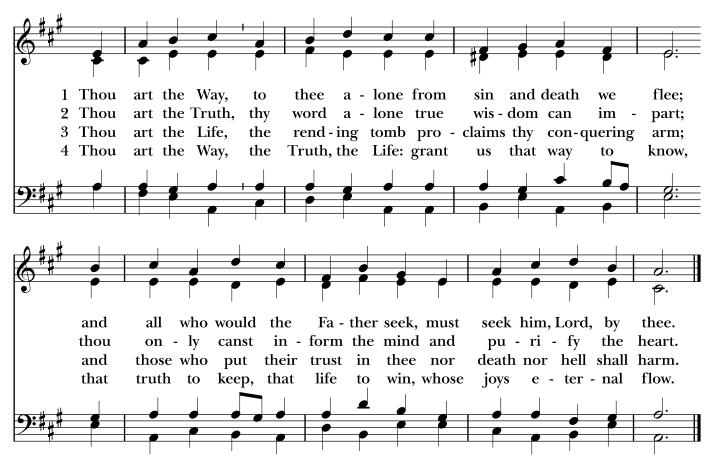
With love and gratitude, Cash and Betty Baxter



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