



St. John AUGUSTA

April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

Tallis' Canon

Sung by all in 4 part canon, seated.

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1. Your love, O God, has called us here, for
2. O gra - cious God, you con - se - crate all
3. O God of love, in spire our life, re -
all love finds its source in you, the per - fect love that
that is love - ly good, and true. Bless those who in your
veal your will in all we do; join ev - ery hus - band,
casts out fear, the love that Christ makes ev - er new.
pres - ence wait and ev - ery day their love re - new.
ev - ery wife in mu - tual love and love for you.

* HYMN

384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

Hyfrydol

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
 into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in thee inherit;
 let us find that second rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning,
 set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee;
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* GREETING

No one has ever seen God;
 if we love one another,
 God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

* OPENING PRAYER

God,
 you sent your Son into the world
 that we might live through him.
 May we abide in his risen life
 so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another
 and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,

Meineke

world with out end.
Amen. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,
and fill us full of light;
open wide the door of our hearts,
that we may receive and entertain thee
with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

New Testament p. 292

ANTHEM

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Van Denman Thompson

Text: 1 John 4:7-12,26

PSALM

Psalm 22:25-31

response 2

UMH p. 752

***Sung Response: All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord***

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!
My your hearts live for ever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before the Lord.**
For dominion belongs to the Lord
who rules over the nations.
**All who sleep in the earth
shall bow down to the Lord.**
All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord,
and I shall live for God.
Posterity shall serve the Lord;
each generation shall tell of the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

Sung Response

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

New Testament p. 133

SERMON

Receive Love

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

UMH p. 880

**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 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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the 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.**

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Nocturne in C# minor

Frederic Chopin

* DOXOLOGY

94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Laast Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

402 Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I Want to be a Christian

**1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
 In my heart, in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

2 Lord, I want to be more loving**3 Lord, I want to be more holy****4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus**

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Hyfrydol* (Love Divine)

Paul Manz

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	The Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Sandy Hobbs
Lay Reader	Charles Piercy
Greeter	Joan Piercy
Usher	Charles Piercy
Acolyte	Annabelle Quattlebaum
Crucifer	Josh Scaper
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Cantor	Courtney Enfinger
Pianist	Larry Millen
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton
Offering Counter	Dan Griggs

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mary Louise Dixon in honor of her birthday and the 50th wedding anniversary of Mary Louise and her loving husband, Richard, by Beth, Charles, Emmy, and Matthew Dixon.

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Weekly Stewardship	
2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$4,019
YTD Giving	\$114,917
YTD Other Income	\$534
YTD Expenses	\$170,825
Attendance 4/21	Sanctuary: 136 Online: 37

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