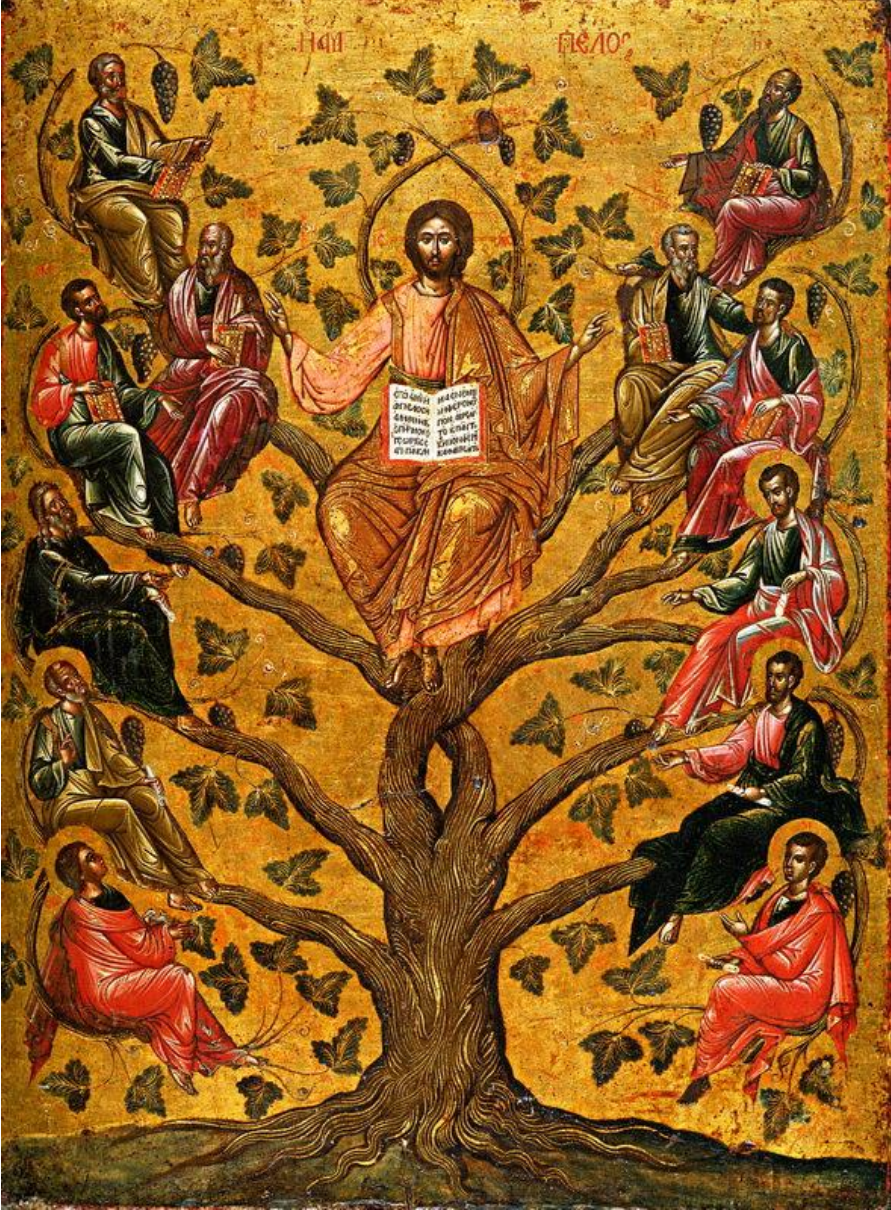


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Rogers, AR



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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Welcome

If you're new here, WELCOME! Thank you for coming. We pray that our time together in the Word would build up and strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ. Please fill out the Welcome Card that you'll find in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate on your way out. If you prefer, you can use the QR code shown here or visit <https://holytrin.link/HTLCCheckIn> to register your attendance online. And come again!



If you don't have a church home in Northwest Arkansas, we invite you to consider making Holy Trinity your church home. Speak with Pastor Longman, Pastor Mike, or one of our elders (look for a blue nametag) for more information. As a reminder, please be sure to turn off or silence your cell phone during the service.

As We Gather

The waters of Baptism connect us to God forever. Baptism, through water and the Word, creates faith in our hearts by which we are able to confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh and is from God. Through Baptism, we are able to believe, to love, and to bear fruit. In the fulfillment of all deeds, witnessing and believing, we are to abide in the Word, which is Christ Himself.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Acknowledgments

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Opening Hymn: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

LSB 697



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2 To us on earth He came to bring From
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

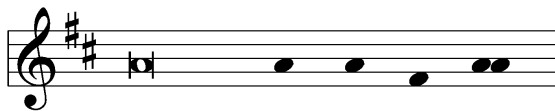
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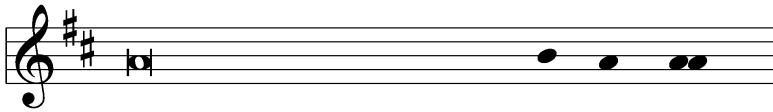
LSB 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



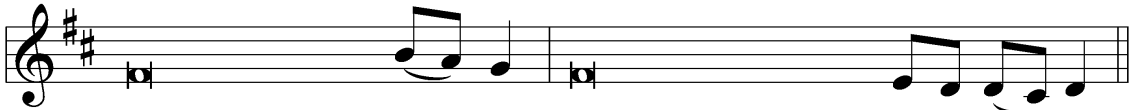
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



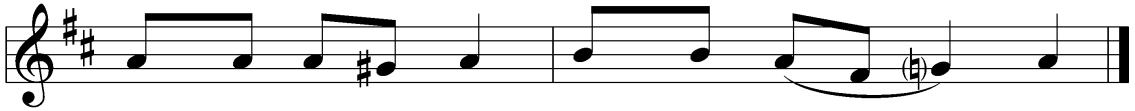
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



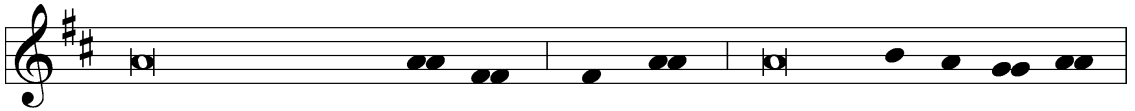
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

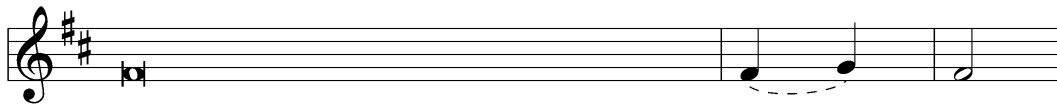


L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



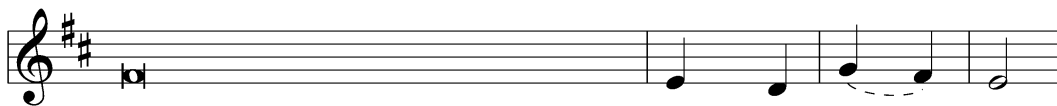
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



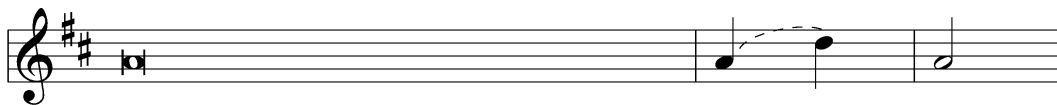
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

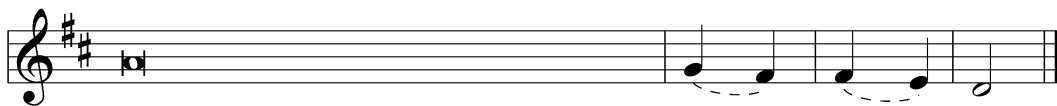


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 4

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not

love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Always

by Chris Tomlin

Bonnie and Roger Gust

Gospel

John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Easter)

LSB 222



- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



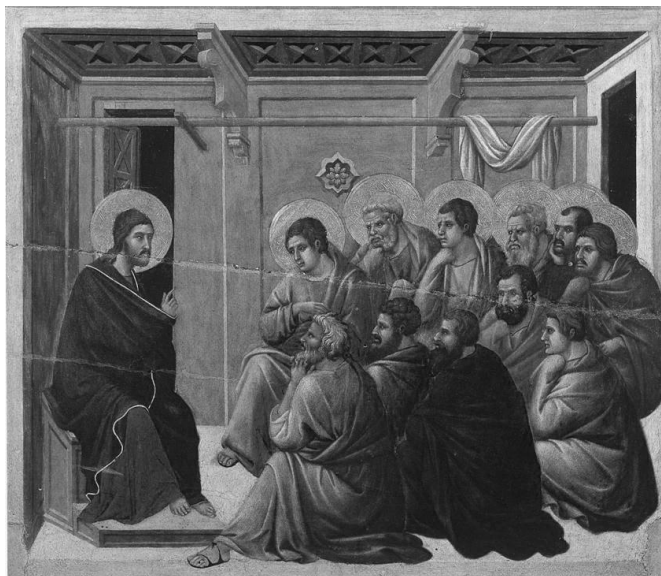
C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Children's Message

Rev. Eric Longman



"Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles," tempera on wood by Duccio di Buoninsegna, between 1308 and 1311. Detail of the Maestà altarpiece located in the Duomo (Cathedral) of Siena, Siena, Italy.

Office Hymn: Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540 sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's
△ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.
Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon

Rev. Mike Meyer

Te Deum: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Presentation of Our Offerings

Knowing that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17), we share some of the financial blessings that God has given to us through regular offerings that help advance the Gospel and enable all of the various ministries that we undertake. Members commit to "support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with [their] prayers and the gifts that God has given [them]." If you are a guest, there is no obligation placed upon you; we share the Gospel freely. If you feel moved to make a financial donation, please know that it is very much appreciated. Offerings may be left in the plate on the table just outside the Sanctuary doors.

Kyrie

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Prayers of Holy Trinity

Lord's Prayer

C **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 and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

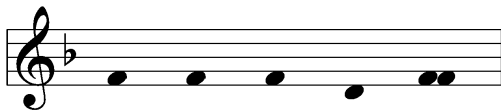
L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus

LSB 228



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 sts. ref-6

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Verse 5

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Verse 6

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES

Worship 8am and 10:45am
Bible Study Hour 9:30am

Bible Study w/ Pr. Longman Classroom 1
Men's Bible Study Classroom 6
Women's Bible Study Conference Room
Sunday School Chapel

Calendar <https://www.holytrin.org/calendar>

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Holy Trinity is to:

SPREAD God's Grace
GROW in Christ
CARE for Others



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK (April 28, 2024)

8:00am	
Reader	Elaine Launderville
Greeters	Rich Rumpf & Marian Venenga
Acolyte	Arabella Adams
Streaming	Owen Winters
Media	Beth Kikoen
Elder	Dave Ferguson
Ushers	Team B

10:45am	
Reader	Dave Lehenbauer
Greeters	John & Kathleen Thompson
Acolyte	Emma L'Hommedieu
Media	Jean Gregesich
Elder	Duane Wright
Ushers	Team D

Weekly	
Lead Counters	Fred & Shirley Lewis
Lawn Care	Team 4
Altar Guild	Beth Kikoen Krista Malone

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEK (May 5, 2024)

8:00am	
Reader	Judy Jones
Greeters	Dean & Nancy Eisma
Acolyte	Aubrey Studyvin
Streaming	Mac MacGowan
Media	Dave Heintz
Elder	Clayton Studyvin
Ushers	Team E

10:45am	
Reader	Peggy Jones
Greeters	Brent & Libby Garner
Acolyte	Stella Horath
Media	Cooper Meyer
Elder	Ben Miller
Ushers	Team F

Weekly	
Lead Counters	Bill & Jean Gregesich
Lawn Care	Team 5 (edging)
Altar Guild	Mary Frevert Mary Mayer