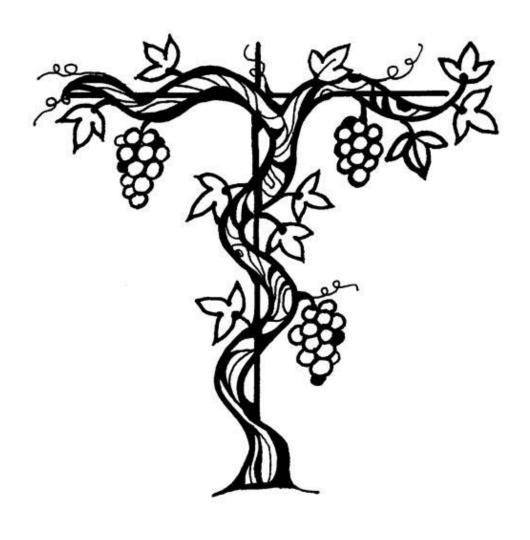
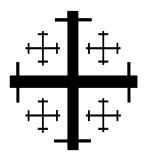
## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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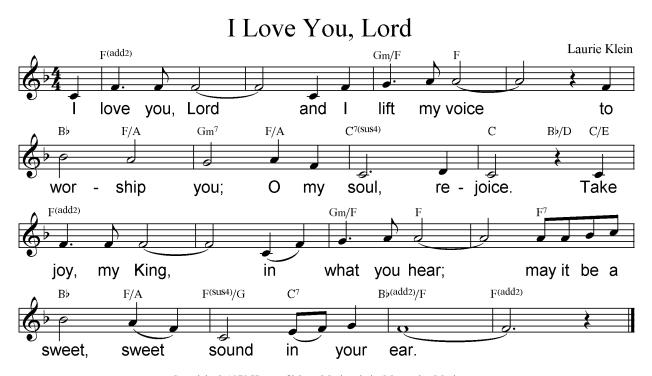


## The Liturgy at Calvary



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

# Prelude *Toccata F Major* BuxWV157 Dietrich Buxtehude [1637-1707]



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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. If you say, "I love God," yet hate your brother or sister, you are a liar. For if you do not love your brother or sister, whom you have seen, you cannot love God, whom you have not seen (1 John 4:7-8,20).

## Silence is kept for confession and reflection

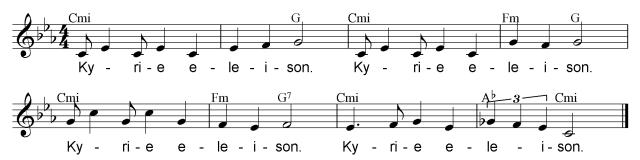
- L Most merciful God,
- C You are love, O Lord. Live in me that I may live in you. By your spirit give me faith to rely on the love you give me; that loving you, I might also love others (1 John 4:16).
- This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:9-10).

## Reprise I Love You Lord

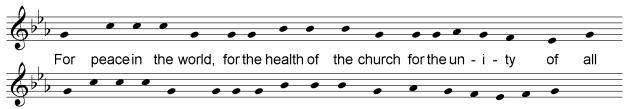
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ★ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

## **Kyrie Eleison** *Greek, Lord Have Mercy*

#### All

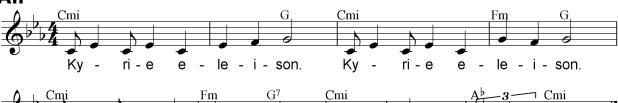


#### Cantor



for this ho - ly house for all who wor-ship and praise. let us pray to the Lord:







### **Cantor**



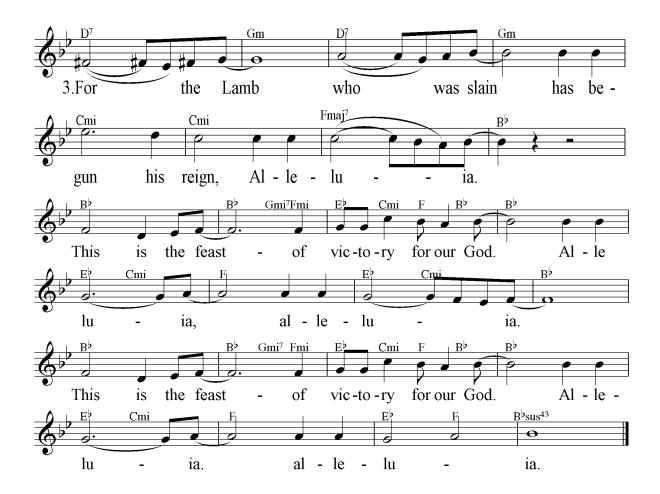
#### All





## This Is the Feast of Victory





## **Prayer of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray... O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

## First Reading Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>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.) <sup>27</sup>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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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.

33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>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.

L The Word of the Lord

### C Thanks be to God!

## Cantor/Choir Sing Refrain; all echo & sing ff. verses

#### Psalm 22 Viktor Andersson Refrain Am /G /D Εm far from me O Be not God. Has - ten now and res - cue me. For you are my strength; my strength and mv sal va - tion.

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- **1.** I will stand in the congregation and I will praise your name. Stand in awe and give glory Declare your name to every one
  - **REFRAIN**
- **2.** God never disdains the poor despises not poverty. Hides not from those in need. God answers when they call.

#### **REFRAIN**

3. All the ends of earth shall remember and then return to their God. All nations shall bow down to God who rules the world.

#### **REFRAIN**

### Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

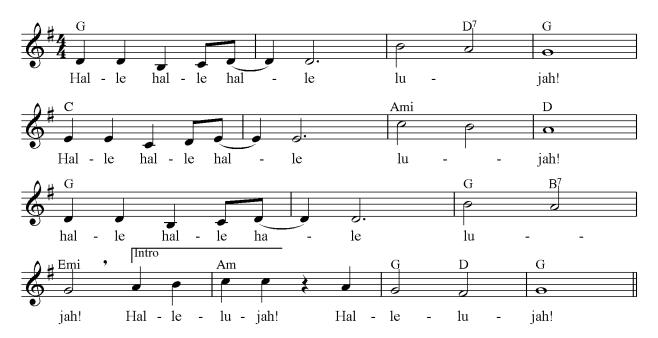
<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

#### L The Word of the Lord

#### C Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the Holy Gospel



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

## C Glory to You, O Lord!

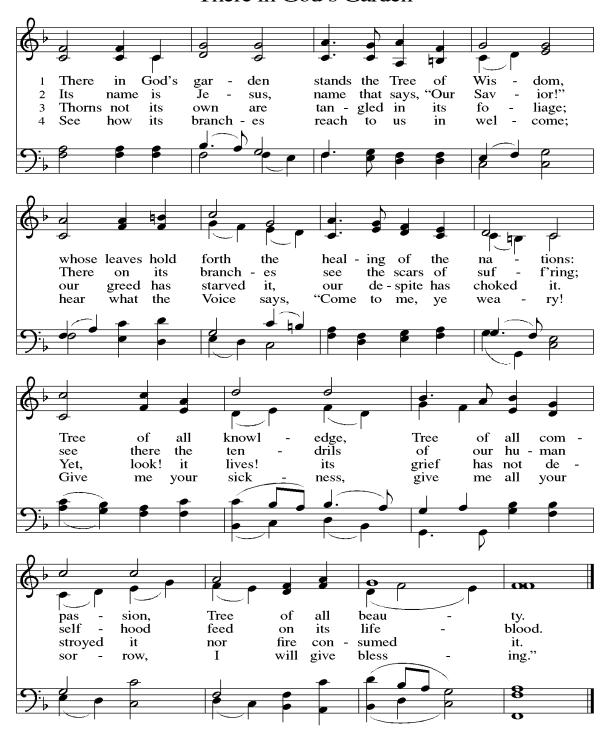
[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁵If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The Gospel of Our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

**Sermon** *Pr Kyle* 

#### There in God's Garden



- 5 This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

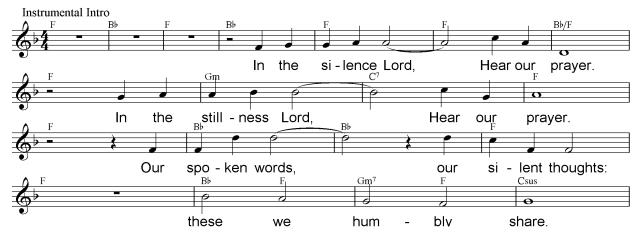
#### Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God.

ALL 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 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius man. 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

## **Prayers**

A Rejoicing in the wonder of new life in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.





after each petition

A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.** *concluding with* 

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord C Amen

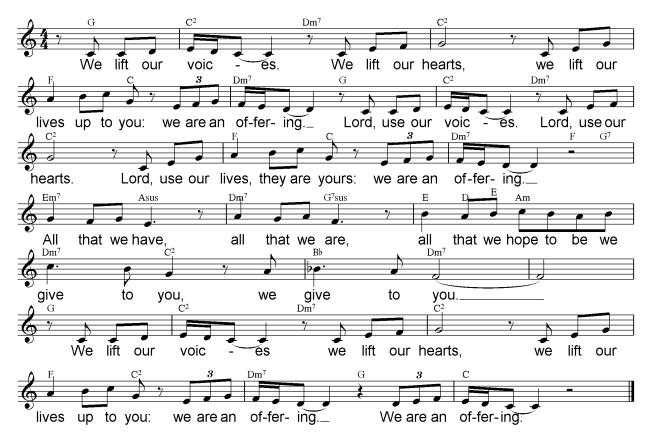
#### **Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

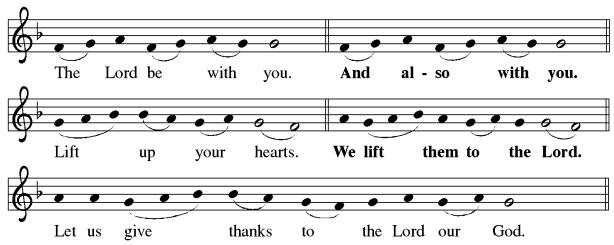
Offertory Assurance (Blessed Assurance)
Phoebe P Knapp [1830-1905]
Arr. Michael Hassell [1952-2019] & Viktor Andersson





- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

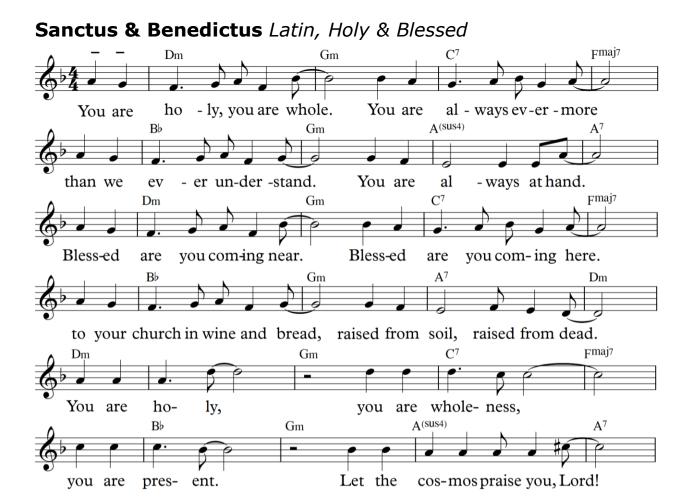
## **Great Thanksgiving**

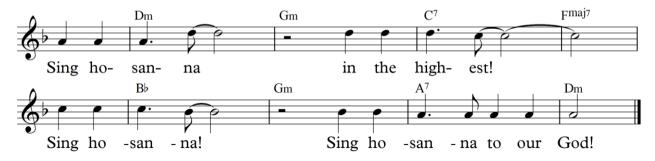




P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Eucharistic Acclamation**



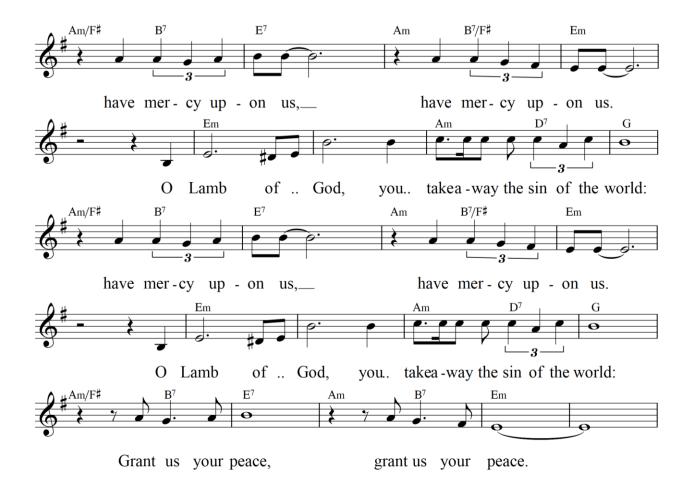
P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

## Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb Of God]



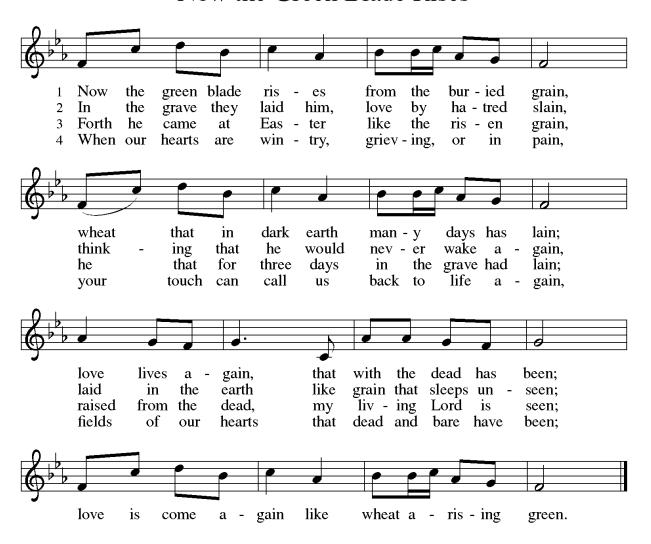


### **Holy Communion**

**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide. All are welcome. Wine is Red Grape Juice is White Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

## Now the Green Blade Rises



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### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

#### C Amen

## **Post Communion Canticle**



Text: Henry Smith

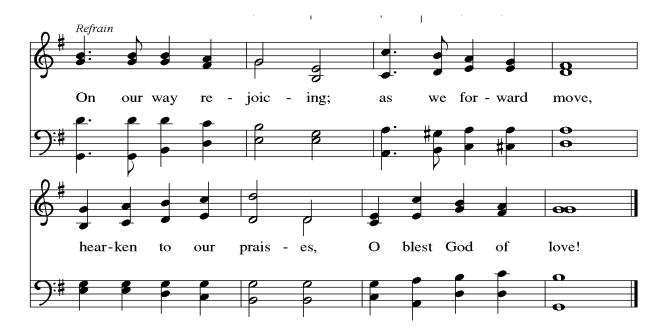
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

- A Let us pray... Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

  Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C** Amen
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace. **C Amen**

## On Our Way Rejoicing





Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Fantasia G Major Lentement BWV 572 J S Bach [1685-1750]

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

## Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380 Monday, April 29, 2024

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

## Philip and James, Apostles Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

## Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373 Thursday, May 2, 2024

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

## Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387 Saturday, May 4, 2024

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

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