The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024





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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest, To all who are mourning and long for comfort, To all who struggle and desire victory, To all who sin and need a Savior, To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness, And to whomever will come, This church opens her doors, Offering welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SERVING YOUR CHILDREN

At any time, the foyer and cry room are available to help you sooth fussy children and then rejoin us.

DURING OUR SERVICE

Infant Nursery (nursing mothers and babies): Through the foyer, to the right as you exit the sanctuary, down the hallway through the fellowship hall, located at the end of the hallway on the left.

Toddler (1-3 years): Through the foyer, to the right as you exit the sanctuary, down the hallway through the fellowship hall, located at the end of the hallway on the left.

Parents may collect their infants and toddlers during the Passing of the Peace to bring them into the service.

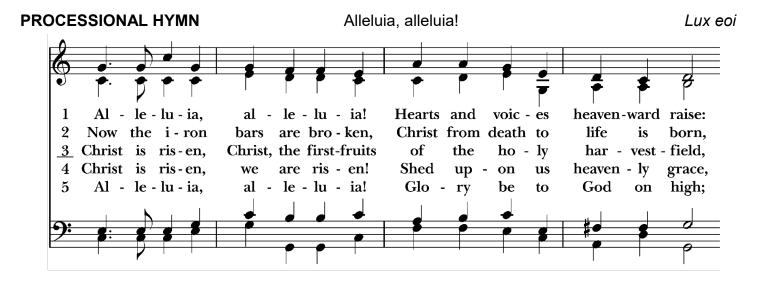
Young Children (4-8 years): Through the foyer, to the right as you exit the sanctuary, down the hallway through the fellowship hall, located at the end of the hallway on the right. Children return to their families during the announcements.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence. Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in praise and adoration.

PRELUDE

Congregational responses are indicated in boldface.





THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR PURITY

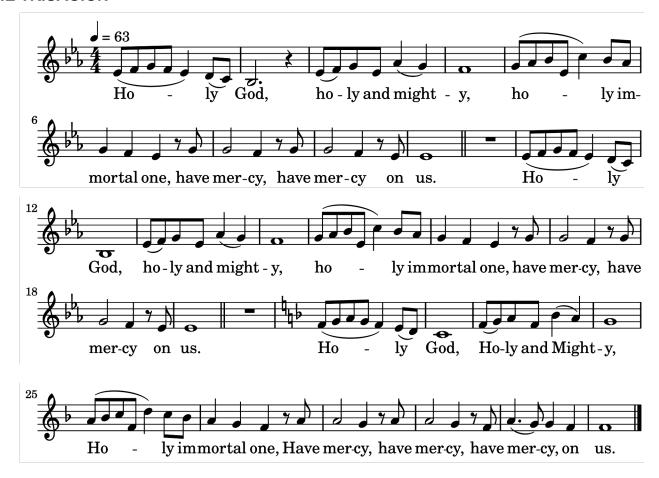
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE TRISAGION



SONG OF PRAISE

ΑII

A Song to the Lamb (Dignus es)

John Abdenour

Refrain first sung by the Choir, then by all and after each verse.



Choir For you created everything that is, all things took form according to your will.

Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

Choir And yours by right, O Lamb that once was slain, for with your blood you

have redeemed for God. From every nation, people, tribe, and tongue, a countless

priestly host to serve our God.

All Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

Choir And to the One who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb be

worship, dominion, splendor, and praise, for ages past, and for ages yet to come.

All Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

THE COLLECT

Kneeling or seated.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A Collect is a prayer that summarizes (collects) the theme for the worship service.

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 glory; 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.**

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Let us pray together for our children:

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith, that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After The Collect for Children, the children leave the Sanctuary for Children's Church.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

We encounter our risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-10

After Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66

Read responsively by full verse.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.
- 2 Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; * through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.
- 3 For all the world shall worship you, * sing to you, and praise your Name."
- 4 O come and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; * therefore in him let us rejoice.
- 6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples, * and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- 8 Who holds our soul in life, * and does not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us, as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare * and laid trouble upon our backs.
- 11 You allowed men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of plenty.
- 12 I will go into your house with burnt offerings * and will pay you my vows,
- 13 Even those which I promised with my lips * and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 14 I will offer you burnt sacrifices of fattened beasts, with the incense of rams; * I will offer bullocks and goats.
- 15 Come here and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 16 I called to him with my mouth, * and gave him praises with my tongue.
- 17 If I had inclined toward wickedness with my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me.
- 18 But God has heard me * and considered the voice of my prayer.
- 19 Blessed be God who has not refused my prayer, * nor turned his mercy from me.

1 JOHN 3:11-24

After Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

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

JOHN 14:15-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We stand for the Gospel, recognizing that, in it, Jesus is being presented in our midst.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Easter Alleluia

Victory



SERMON

Please be seated.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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

Kneeling or seated.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

First in silence, then aloud together.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

To confess our sins is to acknowledge our state of need for Christ.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We are assured that our need for God's forgiveness is granted by Him through Jesus.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The "Peace" is rooted in Luke 24:36–49. In these words we hear the promise that the power of the evil one has been overcome.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

God welcomes his people to feast with him at his table. This meal, a means of grace for us, is a rehearsal of the central act of the Christian faith: Christ's death on the cross — his body broken and his blood shed as a sacrifice for our sins.

THE OFFERING

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry P. King

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

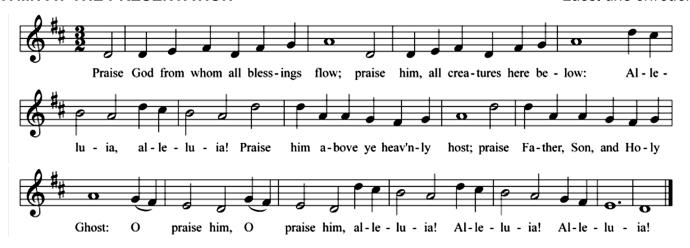
Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth:

we have confidence before our God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

~1 John 3:17-23



Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

And of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please Stand.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

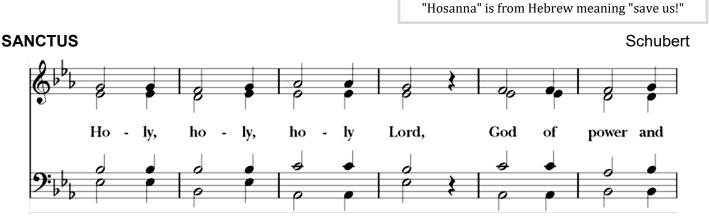
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

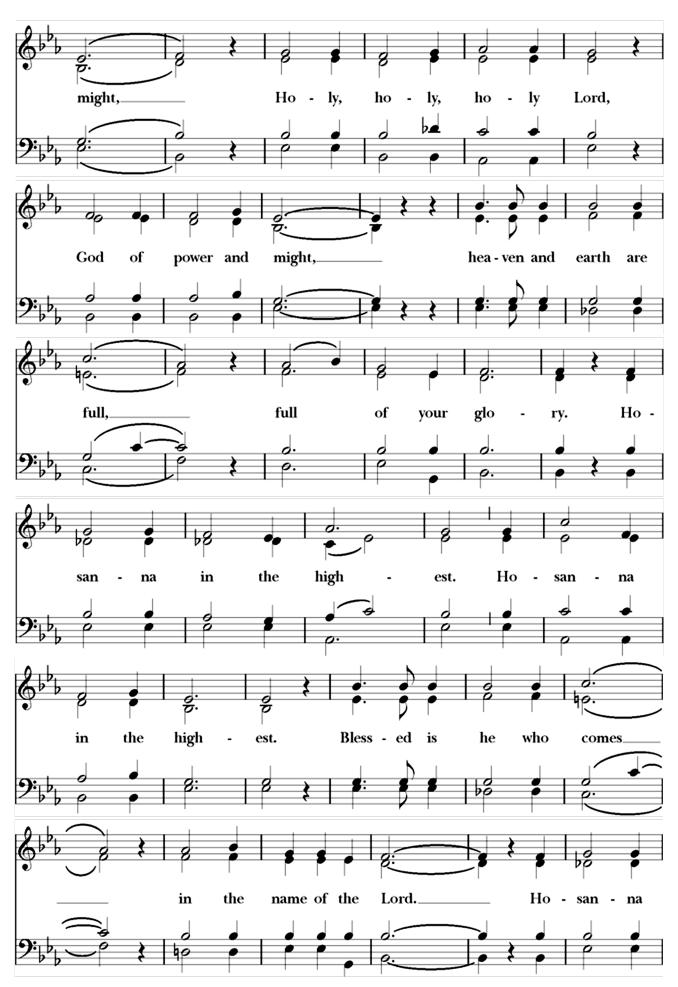
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy; 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

These opening words of the Lord's Table feast are sometimes called the "Sursum Corda" (Latin for "Lift up your hearts"). Christians have used these words in their worship gatherings since at least 215 AD.







THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION & REDEMPTION

Kneeling or seated.

Let us pray.

Holy and gracious Father: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

We set apart common elements for special use. As Jesus instructed, we take the Lord's Supper "in remembrance" (Luke 22:19) of Jesus' finished work of salvation through his life, death, and resurrection. This meal is a "sacrament": an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. As we receive the bread and wine in faith, we become partakers of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

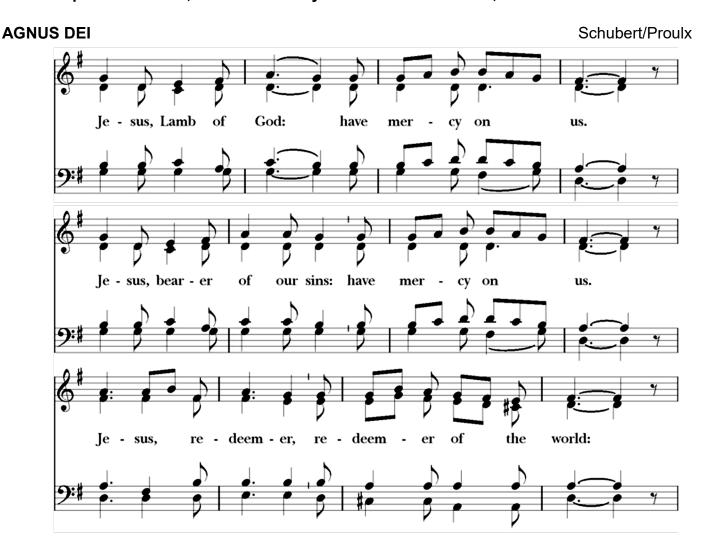
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, We humbly prepare to participate in the heavenly feast.

therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



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THE DISTRIBUTION

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 regardless of denomination who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, and strive to walk in love with their neighbors are welcome at this table. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not profess faith in Jesus or are a Christian unprepared to share in this meal, we invite you to come forward to receive prayer. Please indicate your desire to refrain from this meal by crossing your arms on your chest and our pastor will be glad to pray for you.

During Communion, the prayer teams are available to pray with you about any concern you may have.

COMMUNION MOTET

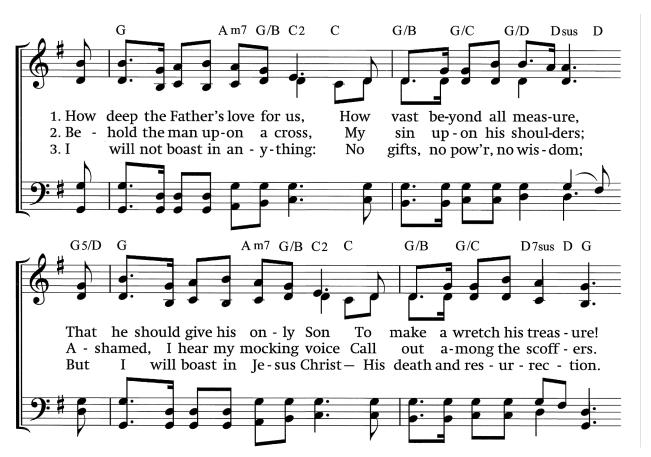
If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

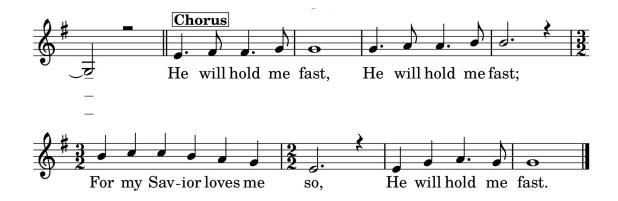
COMMUNION HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

St. Agnes







THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by 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.**





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DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Having met God as a church at St. John's, we go out to be the church in the world.

POSTLUDE

CLERGY AND ASPIRANTS

The Right Rev. Steve Breedlove, Diocesan Bishop
The Right Rev. Alan Hawkins, Bishop Coadjutor
The Right Rev. Quigg Lawrence, Bishop Suffragan
The Rev. Mark E. Rudolph, Rector
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Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices	Lux eoi
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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Hyfrydol
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Roland Hugh Prichard (1811-1877)	
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O Love of God, How Strong and True	Jerusalem
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Baby Shower



About:

Our church is partnering with Anglicans For Life for a nationwide baby shower benefiting local women who are facing unplanned, crisis, and new pregnancies. Your participation is part of a national effort to support women and their babies. Together, let's show the world what the church can do for life!

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Please Donate:

- Baby clothes, new and gently used, 0 - 12 mos, both boy & girl but, especially boys items that are new or newer looking.
- Baby lotions, washes, new baby towels, receiving blankets.
- Baby toys that are little are great, but please no big toys!

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Please place donations around changing table in the Narthex.

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