



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: Sing, O Sing BB 565

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice, let us be glad! This day was made by the Lord; let us rejoice in salvation.

Sprinkling Rite: *God, you have moved upon the waters, you have sung in the rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daughters, make us people of the water and your name.*

Preparation Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BB 481

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: Unless A Grain Of Wheat BB 504

Recessional: Hail Thee, Festival Day BB 737

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR
APRIL 30, 2023
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



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Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 7	Property Management
May 14	Catholic Communications

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Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We thank all who made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP – SURVIVING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

Are you struggling with life changes, isolation, and difficulties resulting from separation or divorce? Catholic Charities NH is hosting a five-week online support group called “Surviving Divorce and Separation.” This group is designed for individuals who are facing new realities during or after separation or divorce. You will have the opportunity to both receive and offer support to others experiencing similar situations, and together, discover that you are not alone. **Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 24th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom.** To learn more or to register, please visit www.cc-nh.org/separation.

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremblay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

BLESSING OF MOTHERS

A special blessing of mothers will be given at all Masses on the weekend of **Mother's Day, May 14, 2023.**



MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Our ministry aims to emulate St. Joseph and become better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. There are no dues and the Men of St. Joseph do not participate in projects or other volunteer efforts as a group, but instead, gather together for sharing among men to help them be a better person, a better family man, and a better member of the Church. Join us on Saturday morning, **May 20, 2023 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the parish hall on the Plaistow campus.



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Fr. Albert at the parish office for more information.

RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline For Married Couples

Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) means rediscovery in French. This program helps couples put their broken pieces back together and rediscover their love for each other. This program starts with a weekend which teaches couples a new form of communication called Dialogue and lets couples know that they are not alone. Our next Retrouvaille weekends are **June 9-11, 2023, August 18-29, 2023, and November 10-11, 2023.** For more information, email 3023@halpourmarriage.org.

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Spring even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Spring months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, May 7

10:00 AM Religious Ed – K to 6 *Plaistow*

Wednesday, May 10
Holy Angels Church Open
All Day For Prayer

Thursday, May 11

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

Saturday, May 13

9:00 AM Marian Apparitions Workshop *Plaistow*

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

BUSTED HALO

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at www.bustedhalo.com.

THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be! www.thegodminute.org

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, May 6 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Sarah Delle Chiaie by the Lawrence family
Plaistow

Sunday, May 7 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

8:00 AM Francis Antczak by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Monday, May 8 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

8:00 AM For the Benefit of the Metcalf family
by Barbara Metcalf
Newton

Tuesday, May 9 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 AM People of the Parish
Plaistow

Wednesday, May 10 ~ John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

6:30 PM Adelaide Sullivan by Gayle and Ed Wencis
Plaistow

Thursday, May 11 ~ Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

8:00 PM James Eisner (Month's Mind)
Newton

Friday, May 12 ~ Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

Pancras, Martyr

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

No Mass

Saturday, May 13 ~ Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 (Day)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Adelaide Sullivan by Beverley Viglione
Plaistow

Sunday, May 14 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

8:00 AM Michael LeDuc by the Stanley family
Newton

10:00 AM The Intentions of the Jubilarians of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Plaistow

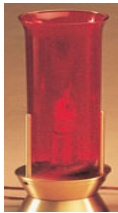


END OF LIFE PLANNING

Three Beliefs is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. *Three Beliefs* explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law. *Three Beliefs* contains a helpful FAQ section and wallet cards that include important information for healthcare providers.

The New Hampshire Advance Directive form was revised by a law that is consistent with Catholic teaching and the changes to the New Hampshire form. If you completed an advance directive before 2021 and your intentions for your end-of-life care have not changed, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you completed the October 2007 version of *Three Beliefs* and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Copies of *Three Beliefs* are available at the church entrance.



The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of

Francis Antczak

by the Burge family

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing, is moving from New Jersey to Pennsylvania. In order to get everything set up at their new location, they have asked that we submit all of our May bulletins early. Below are the early deadlines for submissions to our May bulletins:

For the May 21 bulletin – Tuesday, May 9

For the May 28 bulletin – Tuesday, May 16

Thank you for your cooperation!

Diocese of Manchester
Eucharistic Revival

Relic Tour

OF BL. CARLO ACUTIS AND
ST. MANUEL GONZÁLEZ GARCÍA

SAVE THE DATE OF THE LOCATION
CLOSEST TO YOU

ENDING WITH
**NEW HAMPSHIRE
CATHOLIC EXPO**

SCHEDULE

- May 10: St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester
- May 11: Our Lady of the Mountains, North Conway
- May 12: St. Anne, Berlin
- May 13-14: North American Martyrs, Colebrook
- May 15: St. Denis, Hanover
- May 15: Aquinas House, Dartmouth College
- May 16: Parish of the Holy Spirit, Keene
- May 17: St. Martin, Somersworth
- May 18: Immaculate Conception, Nashua
- May 19-20: St. Andre Bessette, Laconia
- May 20: New Hampshire Catholic Expo. Come and see the variety of Catholic organizations, ministries, programs and retailers in New Hampshire! St. Andre Bessette Parish Laconia

EucharisticRevival@rcbm.org faceofthefamily.org

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call 603-6630192 or email ProjectRachel@rcbm.org for Project Rachel in New Hampshire.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

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❖ Community News ❖



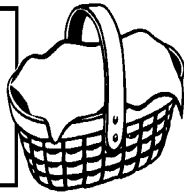
SAINT JUDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus of our Parish are sponsoring a monthly food drive to support the Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry. A list of items needed, along with a paper shopping bag, will be distributed at the end of Masses on the 3rd weekend of each month to those who wish to participate. We ask that you bring back the non-perishable food items the following weekend (4th weekend of the month). You are also welcome to drop off donations at the Parish Office during normal business hours or at one of our Parish churches. Monetary donations are also welcome (make checks payable to Saint Luke Food Pantry), or gift cards to local supermarkets. Thank you for reaching out to help families in our community who need assistance. The Knights and the Food Pantry appreciate your generosity and support.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is being on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall in Plaistow, NH (Holy Angels). Bring your own coffee. For more information, call 617-921-9899.

**St. Vincent
de Paul
Society**



THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Easter Lily Fundraiser. It was a complete success! We sold out!!! St. Vincent de Paul appreciates your kindness in supporting our good works in assisting those in need in our community.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM.** We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. **New members are always welcome!**

If you seek assistance or need information about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, OH LORD, and answer me
for I am poor and needy.**

CURSILLO

If you have a desire to know Jesus more closely, a Cursillo is for you. The Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity. The purpose of the weekend is to facilitate a meaningful personal encounter with Christ and his body, the Church. The three day weekend is also the bridge connecting the faithful with the supportive post-Cursillo community, where we live our faith joyfully with our fellow Christians. Cursillo weekends are being offered at the Sato Center in Hookset, NH. To find out more, contact Mark Collopy at 603-833-7341 or explore www.nhcursillo.org.

VITA NOVA: Married Couples Day of Enrichment



DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of St Luke the Evangelist Parish. We welcome any practicing Catholic man, 18 or older, to join the Knights. We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community. Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at dans49@comcast.net or you can now join online: www.kofc.org/joinus

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL #6617
WWW.KOFC6617.ORG**



Incense

Have you ever seen good incense? It looks like chunks of rock or beads of glass. Some incense looks like jewels.

What is incense? Certain kinds of bushes and trees have thick, gooey, sap-like substances called resins that drip from cut branches. Drops of resin dry and harden. Many resins have strong aromas, and some release their aromas when heated. These are used as incense.

You don't set fire to incense. Instead, you gently heat it until it melts, usually on top of burning charcoal. First the incense melts, and then it starts to smoke. Ask someone to show you the church's incense and how it is used.

For Christians, the smoke has many meanings. It rises heavenward, like prayer. It smells weird and wonderful. It surrounds us with mysteriousness, like the cloud that filled God's Temple. This cloud was so thick that the priests couldn't see what they were doing! Read about this cloud in the Bible's First Book of Kings, 8:1–30. Why do you think that something as fleeting as a cloud is a good symbol for something as eternal as the presence of God?

Most church-supply stores sell incense, or perhaps you can buy some from the parish. At your next family barbecue, give thanks to God by tossing some incense on the charcoal. Watch how the incense melts and smokes. Watch how the smoke curls and billows as it rises into the sky.



The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus directs us to not let our hearts be troubled. Our faith in Jesus can keep us filled with God's peace. In this week's Gospel, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for each of us in heaven. We will get there through following Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. As Jesus tells his Apostles, whoever has seen him has seen the Father.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child concluded this week that Jesus is not just someone we follow, but also a friend. Talk with your child about how we follow Jesus. Then discuss how Jesus is our friend. Consider placing the drawing your child did in class in a prominent place. Each time you see it, repeat the message from Jesus.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child created a church from cutouts in the lesson. Take a look at it together, then talk about how your own church is set up. How are the pews lined up? What does the art look like? Is there stained glass? Describe the altar and other special areas of the church.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child learned about Jesus' Way. He healed people. He made friends, and he taught people how to live a holy life. Ask your child what happens when we receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Explain how you understand the Holy Spirit's action in your life. How does your family share Jesus' Good News in the world?

Venture (Grades 4-6): Ask your son or daughter how Chief Seattle's quote describes our relationship with God and each other. In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that whoever believes in him will do his work on Earth. Discuss ways that you already do this and talk about how you might do even greater things. A discussion about things that your child worries about may be timely this week as Jesus tells his friends to have faith to calm their troubled hearts. Talk about how the Second Vatican Council opened the Church to the modern world. Is there anyone in your family who remembers the time before the Council?

Visions (Grades 7-9): Your youngster discussed the work that Christians do. Talk about how your son or daughter does that work today. Jesus says in the Gospel this week that he is going to prepare a place for each of us in heaven. Make sure your young person understands how to get there through Jesus. Ask your youngster why we are all "living stones." What ministries are members of your family involved with, and what are some that you might consider exploring? Adopt the Living Stones Prayer Service for home this week.

Pray Together

Pray that each member of the family will use his or her feet, hands, voice, head, and heart to help us build the living temple of God's house. During family prayer, make the Sign of the Cross on each other's heads and hands. Bless each other to do God's work this week and on into the rest of your lives. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and courage.





Bringing Home the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

May 7, 2023

What Is God Really Like?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; “the big guy up there.” Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions

flowed from Jesus’ constant reference to God as “Father.” That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus’ being and existence.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: “Look at me!” His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that this is what God is really like?

The disciples want to know what God is like. Jesus says, “Look at me!” †

Sunday Readings

Acts 6:1–7

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.

1 Peter 2:4–9

Come to him, a living stone...and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

John 14:1–12

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**Want to see God?
Observe Jesus.**



A Word from Pope Francis

One could summarize the diaconal spirituality...of service... ready to say yes, docile, without making life revolve around one’s own agenda; and...looking at everyone, especially those left out, those who feel excluded.... To receive not only the needy, but those who have pain.... I entrust this to you.

ADDRESS TO THE PERMANENT
DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ROME,
JUNE 19, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I imagine God?
- How do I feel about people who think differently about God?

Ministries Grew from Needs of People

By Paige Byrne Shortal

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution."

Acts 6:1

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the early church struggling to survive its infancy. Jesus didn't leave instructions about what to do when there were Greek members and Hebrew members who came from cultures so different that communication was painfully difficult. Greek meets Jew was as much of a clash of cultures as Midwest meets Mayan. But they were all believers, all on fire with the Spirit, all filled with the excitement of participating in something new, something right and just.

Jesus' plan for us?
Pray. Discern. Act.

"So the twelve called together the community of the disciples



and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to the task....'"

Acts 6:2

The first deacons
(Diakonos: Greek for "service")

For a while, the ministry of deacon died out and became only a rank or stopping place on the way to priesthood.

We still have vestiges of this in the title transitional deacon. Vatican II restored the diaconate, and those we now call permanent deacons are not "mini-priests," but men with their own unique call to service.

As the Church grew, so did the need for people with different gifts to minister to the community. While the early Church was a small group of outlaws, worshiping in secret for fear of their lives, there wasn't much need for ministries like lector, catechist, cantor, minister of the Eucharist, greeter, or usher. Nor were there pastoral councils or commissions for finance, liturgy, social services, and education. These ministries all arose out of need as the Church grew.

The Spirit's work within the Church continues, calling men and women to ministries never imagined in the infancy of the Church. The plan remains: PRAY—fervently! DISCERN—carefully! ACT—courageously! ‡

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, when there is conflict within our family or community, send your Spirit to guide us to reconciliation and unity, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

Jesus reveals to us a God who is as close to us as the poorest person is. I keep marveling at the radicality as well as the simplicity of Jesus' message. He breaks right through all the questions about what to do in order not to offend God and places the poor in front of us, saying, "This is me...love me." How radical and how simple!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

May 8–13

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:5–18 / Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 14:19–28 / Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:1–6 / Jn 15:1–8

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:7–21 / Jn 15:9–11

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 15:22–31 / Jn 15:12–17

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:1–10 / Jn 15:18–21

Bringing Home
the **Word** 

May 7, 2023

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