

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 | 9:00am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

What's Happening

This bulletin contains everything you need to participate in the service.

Home Communion

When you would like communion brought to your home, please email the church office or Pastor Jenni.

Online Worship

To facilitate everyone being able to hear during the service, everyone will be muted except for the person speaking.

Please close all other applications on the device you are using. If you are having connection issues, try turning off the video. You will still be able to hear the service.

If your household has multiple devices going, mute the audio on all but one of them, it can cause feedback on the microphones if there are two or more devices broadcasting in the same room. Also, using headphones or earbuds can eliminate problems with active audio

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you weren't able to join us for our live service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

The Sanctuary Candle is given in thanksgiving of God's many blessings.

The Altar flowers are given by Barb McNeil in honor of her sister, Judy.

In-person, indoor worship

- Remember, we are safer at home and online worship will be streaming. If you are not feeling well, have been exposed to COVID-19, or are being treated for COVID-19, you need to stay home.
- You must register for church if you will be attending in the building.
- You must wear a mask at all times in the building, with these exceptions: you are a reader or intercessor at the lectern or pulpit and to consume communion.
- Masks will be provided, if you forget yours.
- All greetings, the Peace, and conversations must be physically distanced.
- We will not have paper bulletins. You will need a mobile device or print at home.
- There will be a collection basket at the entrance of the Nave, if you would like to bring your offering.
- You are welcome to be in the parking lot and stream the service - one of the clergy will bring you communion at the end of the service.
- There is no singing inside the building.

Entrance:

- Enter the church building through the Main doors.
- Please sanitize your hands before entering the building.
- Please do not touch door knobs or handles
- Please be seated on one of the numbered seats. You will need to remain there for the entirety of service, unless you are a reader.
- We require you to maintain good physical distancing, at 6-foot distance from others.
- We will be making note of who is present at worship in case we need to do contact tracing.

Restroom:

- **Restrooms** are available in the Parish Hall. The restrooms are for one-at-a time use, please wait for the previous person to exit.
- Please only touch the surfaces that are necessary and wipe them with a disinfecting wipe afterward.

Holy Eucharist:

- **This morning we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist. At the invitation to Communion, please come forward to the altar, either one "pod" together or one individual at a time, and receive the wafer. Then make your way to one of the wine stations, consume the wine and deposit the cup in the basket. Then make your way back to your seat.**

Exit:

- Leave the Nave through the center doors and make your way out the front doors.
- There can be no lingering in the Narthex.

The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn #199

Come ye faithful, v. 1&2

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Opening Proclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.

People: *Amen.*

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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 life; 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.

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

8:26-40

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles.

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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the

prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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.

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

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm

22:24-30

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
***I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship him.***

To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise
him:
"May your heart live for ever!"

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
***and all the families of the nations shall bow
before him.***

They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

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

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Musical Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

15:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Deacon: Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide 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. I 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

The Creed

*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 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.*

*With the Father and the Son who 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Friends, there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. So let us boldly pray to God, saying, "Loving God, put your words in our hearts."

Leader: Great vine-grower, remove anything your Church that hinders our love. May we abide in your Son Jesus. May he abide in us. We want to bear much fruit; we want to be disciples of your Son. Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: Ruler of the nations, under your reign the poor shall eat and be satisfied: make known your saving deeds to the ends of the earth. Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

Leader: Creator God, you nourish our bodies and our spirits with the fruits of the vine. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world: give us words to witness to your goodness. This morning we pray for the people of Port Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar. Loving God,

People: *Put your words in our hearts.*

Leader: Good Teacher, you sent Philip to the Ethiopian so that he would be transformed by understanding: bless our local colleges and universities. Give wisdom and understanding to all those who teach and all those who learn. Loving God,

People: *Put your words in our hearts.*

Leader: O God, you are love. You love us so much. We pray for our siblings in Christ, especially those in great need. Increase our love for them; teach us empathy. Bless them with your healing touch. Today we pray for **Bishop-elect Paula; Rob Robison; Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Garry; Cindy; Jewell; Gen Acampora; Alex and Natalie; Courtney; Jeff, Caryn, Missy, and Jessie; Noah West; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.**

You are invited to say aloud or offer silently your own prayers for those in need.

Loving God,

People: *Put your words in our hearts.*

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Liam Mellen, Chad VanHorn, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Ian Pocklington, Ethan Pocklington, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, and Clay Anderson.** Loving God,

People: *Put your words in our hearts.*

Leader: Let us join in rejoicing with those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, including **Andrea Lindblad (5/4), Grace Attiyeh (5/4), Dale Sander (5/8), Michael and Ruth Chatlien (5/5), Tony and Linda Waynick (5/6).**

You are invited to say aloud or offer silently your own thanksgivings for celebrations in your life.

Loving God,

People: *Put your words in our hearts.*

Leader: Almighty God, who truly to know is everlasting life: May your love be an eternal abode for all your saints.

You are invited to say aloud or offer silently your own prayers for those who have died.

Loving God,

People: *Put your words in our hearts.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our brokenness, but the faith of your Church, and

give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

Celebrant and People say together,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Musical Offertory

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship 1, Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, 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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosannah in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes

in the Name of the Lord

Hosannah in the highest!

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Alleluia.

People: ***We are one body because we share one bread and one cup. Alleluia.***

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion

You're Invited: *This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*

Host: *Our communion is by wafer. The priest will place the wafer in your hand.*

Wine: *Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern. You also may abstain from receiving the wine.*

Gluten: *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*

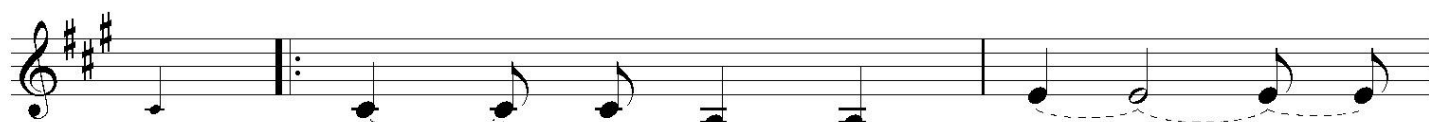
Spiritual Communion

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing. (Borrowed from our friends in Christ at St. Peter's, Chicago and *The St. Augustine's Prayer Book*)

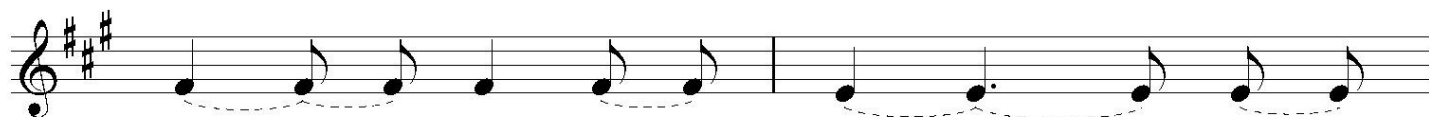
People: ***Gracious God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are present in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament, I ask you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.***

Communion Hymn #355

I am the bread of life, v. 1&2



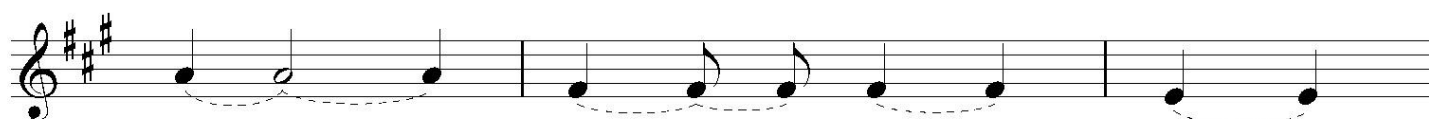
1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____ 5 Yes, day.

last day. _____ 2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes, day.

Final Ending

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

*The Deacon sends parishioners to bring Communion and companionship to the sick and homebound.
This morning we have parishioners who will lead the service at Sunrise Assisted Living Center.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
You're invited to stand or kneel, as able.

People: *God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through 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.

People: *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn #296

We know that Christ is raised, v. 1&2

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____ Al - le -
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.
 Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

10 10 10 with Alleluia

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Organ Postlude

9:00 Ministers

<i>Crucifer</i>	Megan Dailey
<i>1st Reader & Psalm</i>	Mark Johnson
<i>2nd Reader</i>	Miriam Berry
<i>Prayers</i>	Gin Bosserman
<i>Ushers</i>	Geoff and Cindy Pullinger
<i>Digital Verger</i>	Mike Robison
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