

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

11:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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IGLESIA EPISCOPAL

# WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

**WE MANIFEST JOY** through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

**WE EMBRACE RESILIENCE** by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

**WE SEEK JUSTICE** by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

**WE LIVE IN LOVE** through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

We are grounded in the Episcopal Church tradition, expressed from the creative perspective of our community. We are learning how to live into the bilingual and multicultural diversity of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.

Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! The very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, though some children prefer to remain in worship with their families. Early in the service, school-age children (generally, grades K-5) will be invited downstairs for their Liturgy of the Word, and they return to the gathered community before Communion. Also, coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you! Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering plate when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed below.

Thank you for coming together!

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St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

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# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

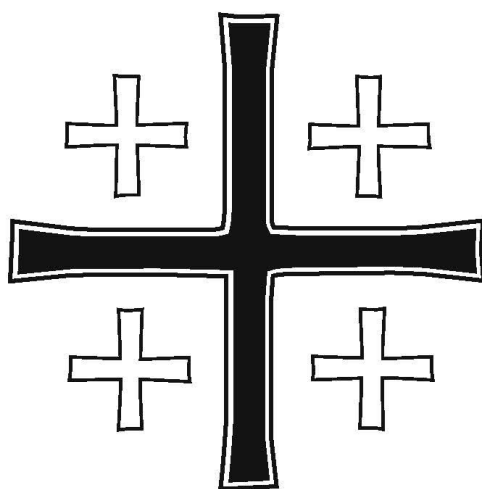
Chorale Variations on *Tröstet, tröstet meine Lieben* (Comfort, comfort ye my people)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

## A WORD OF WELCOME

## PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND MILESTONES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Please stand as able

# HYMN 75

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Ascension



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
2 O\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
feed his\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our\_\_\_\_ God\_\_\_\_ may go!  
na - tions shall\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
lead them, and\_\_\_\_ bring them\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

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## GREETING

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

## KYRIE

Heritage Mass



Lord, — have mer- — cy. Lord, — have mer- — cy. Christ, — have mer- cy.



Christ, — have mer-cy. Lord, — have mer- — cy. Lord, — have mer- — cy.

Music: Owen Alstott, © 1978, CTSO, 2816 E. Burnside St., Portland, OR, 97214.

## COLLECT

FWM Proposed Prayers, 2004

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray together.

**God of mercy, may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts, lighting the way from the shadow of darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

*School-age children are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word to hear stories about the Good News of God's love. Children return to their families at the Peace.*

*Please be seated*

**SCRIPTURE**

Philippians 1:3-11 (Common English Bible)

*Lector* A reading from Philippians.

I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

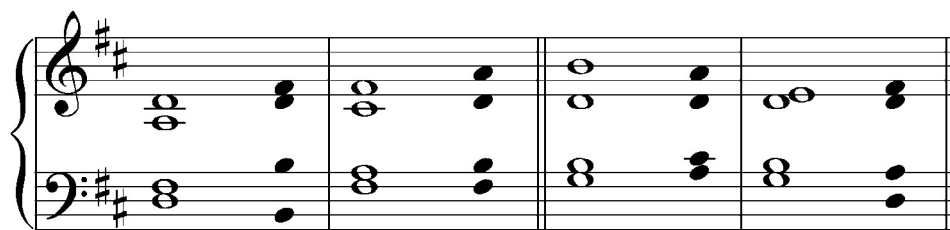
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*Please stand as able*

**CANTICLE 16**

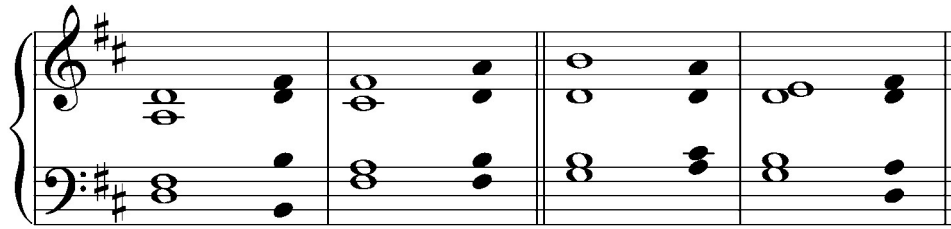
The Song of Zechariah  
Simplified Anglican chant setting by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



Blessed be the Lord, the God of / **Israel**; \*  
he has come to his people and set them / **free**.  
He has raised up for us a mighty / **savior**, \*  
born of the house of his servant / **David**.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our / **enemies**, \*  
from the hands of all who / **hate us**.

He promised to show mercy to our / **fathers** \*  
and to remember his holy / **covenant**.



This was the oath he swore to our father / **Abraham**, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our / **enemies**,  
Free to worship him without / **fear**, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our / **life**.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the / **Most High**, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his / **way**,  
To give his people knowledge of / **salvation** \*  
by the forgiveness of their / **sins**.

In the tender compassion of our / **God** \*  
the dawn from on high shall break up-/-**on us**,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / **death**, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of / **peace**.

## GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6 (Common English Bible)

*The Deacon or Priest says*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be leveled. The crooked will be made straight and the rough places made smooth. All humanity will see God’s salvation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

*Please observe a moment of quiet reflection*

*Please stand as able*

## THE CREED

Arfon

*Please sing together*



1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all  
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and  
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,  
cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—  
saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in  
True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that  
where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's



God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it  
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed  
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Arfon* (Major), Welsh hymn melody, harm. Carlton R. Young.

*Please remain standing as able*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Deacon or Priest says*

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may work to renew all life and share the abundance of the earth in service to one another, and to your honor and glory. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for all on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts or with our voices.

*Pause for the offering of additional prayers.*

*Leader* In your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray for those we now name in our hearts or with our voices

*Pause for the offering of additional prayers.*

*Leader* In your mercy,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all in need of help; for you are gracious, lover of souls, and to you we give thanks, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

*The Presider says*

In the midst of this new season of waiting, we confess to God:

*People* **We have resisted the light of your love; we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. We stand in need of your love.**

**Holy Parent, make us holy.**

**Holy Child, make us holy.**

**Holy Spirit, make us holy.**

**Holy God, make us whole. Amen.**

*Presider* God forgives you and loves you, and invites you to continue freely on your way.

## **THE PEACE**

*The Presider says*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet each other with a sign of peace*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

*The Presider says the Offertory Bidding*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Prepare the Way*

Dala Melody

adap. and arr. Margareta Jalkeus (b. 1966)

Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high;  
sink low ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;  
The righteous King of glory, Foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is he that came in God's the Father's name.

O Zion, he approaches, your Lord and King for aye;  
Strew palms where He advances; spread garments in His way.  
God's promise faileth never, Hosanna sound for ever.  
O blest is He that came in God the Father's name.

*Please stand as able*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

From the Church in South India

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to our Creator.

*People* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving, O God, holy Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son Jesus you came to us while we yet wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us to leave what is comfortable to be disciples, friends and partners.

With outstretched arms on the cross, Jesus bore our sins; and by his resurrection we are saved. Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we often create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people to continue your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:

# SANCTUS

Heritage Mass



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is the One who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## *The Presider continues*

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, 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.

The same way after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And now together we proclaim:

*All*        **We remember your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection,  
and we await your coming.**

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Creator, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* As Christ teaches us, we pray.

*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

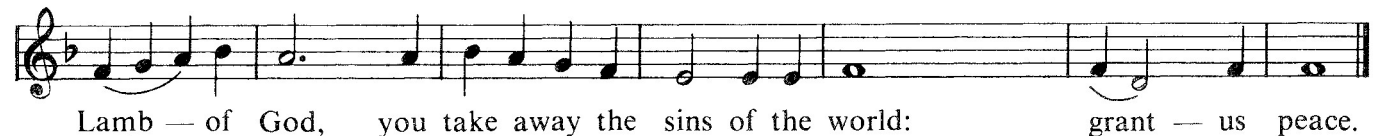
## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Lamb of God*

Heritage Mass



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## INVITATION

from The Iona Community

*The Presider says*

Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.*

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar.*

*To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches.*

*To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other.*

*To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth.*

*If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.*

*Healing prayers are available in the Columbarium (left door)  
during Holy Communion, and in the Chapel (right door) following the service.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## COMMUNION MOTET

*Advent Message*

Martin How  
(1931-2022)

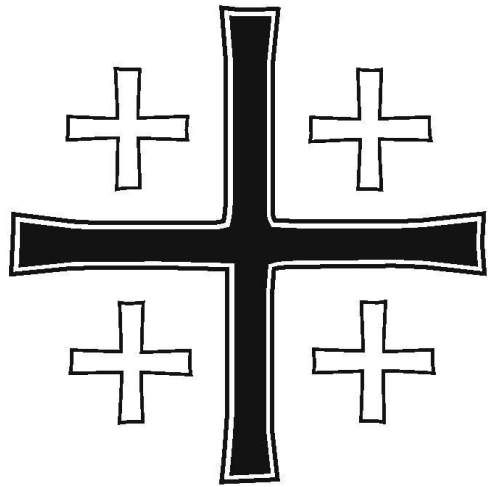
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Amen Come Lord Jesus.

O come quickly, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord come.

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
Make straight in the desert, A highway for our God.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus come.

Yea come quickly, come Lord come. Amen, Come Lord come.



1 I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old — how  
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the  
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The  
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow lamb. wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, The  
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when



peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the  
no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

know - ledge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the seas.  
reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth with joy.

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*Please stand as able*

## **SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Presider* In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with *N*.

*All* You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Presider* Let us pray. Blessed be God who calls us together.

*People* Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

*The presider blesses the people, saying*

Go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God, holy and eternal Trinity, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

## HYMN 65

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

*Bereden väg för Herran*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

### *Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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## **DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (*Savior of the nations, come*), BWV 659

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Preacher	Matt Haines
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Choir Director	Brian Fairbanks
Crucifer	Henry Welch
Lector	Jan Clark
Prayer Leader	Karen Oglesby
Eucharistic Ministers	Becky Tooley, Matt Haines
Livestream Tech	Steve Walton
Ushers	John Davis, Karen Oglesby
Bread Baker	Marie Bagwell
Altar Guild	Jennie Street, Julie Grandfield, Kirk Lambert
Vestry Greeter	Kevin Warren

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Senior Warden	Thrina Parent
Junior Warden-Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Junior Warden-People	Sheri O'Brien
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
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	Kevin Warren, Ann Wetherell
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	Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
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	Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
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