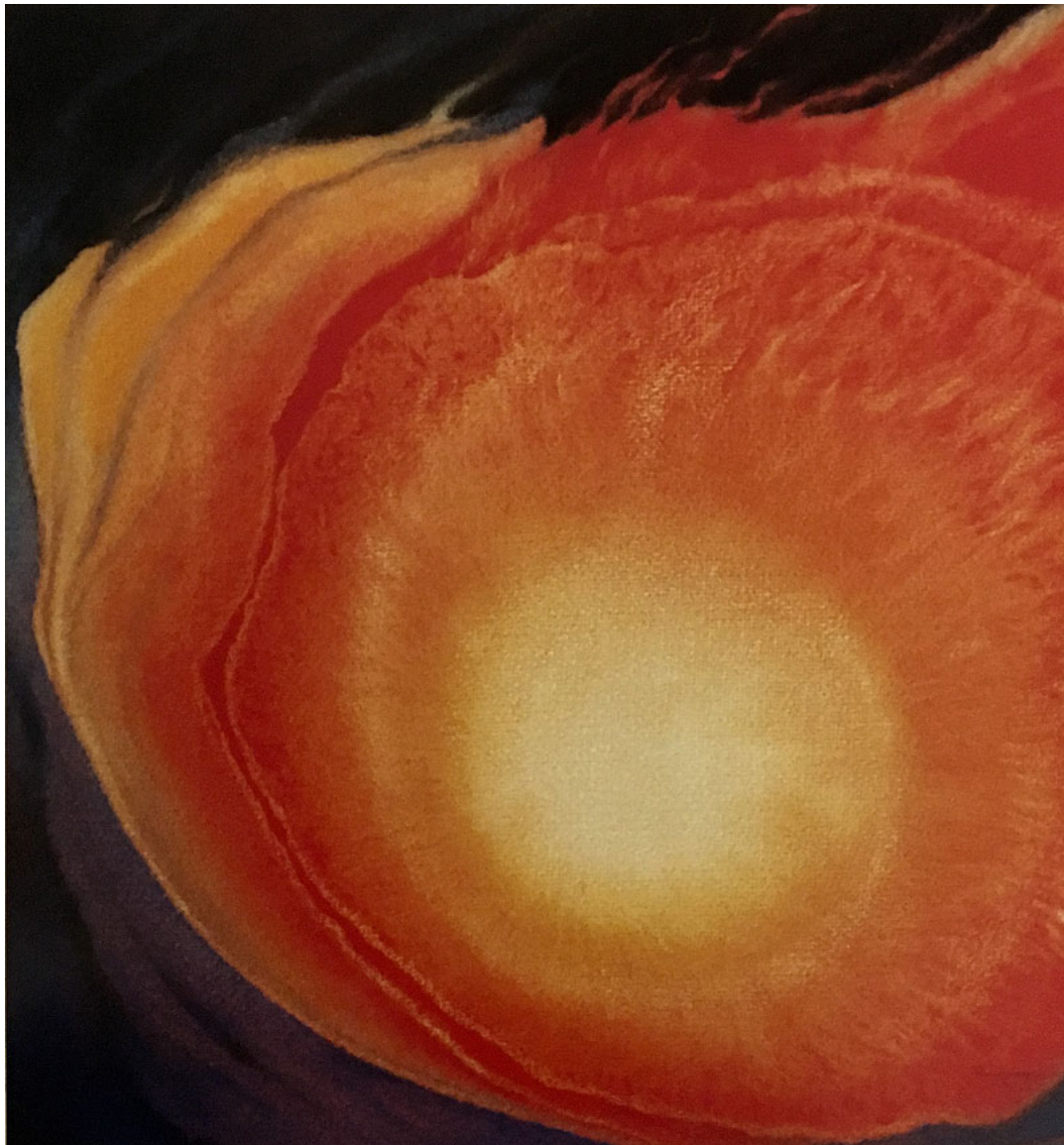


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

11:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SAN MIGUEL Y TODOS
LOS ÁNGELES

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!

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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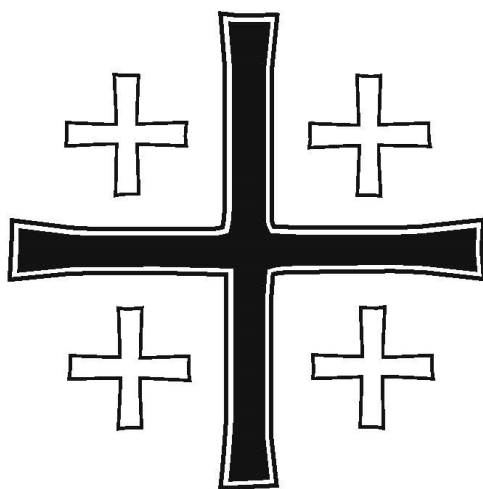
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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.

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COLLECT

Common Worship: Additional Collects, 2004

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together.

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 4:4-7 (Common English Bible)

Lector A reading from Philippians.

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

THE CANTICLE

The First Song of Isaiah Isaiah 12:2-6
Simplified Anglican chant setting by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



© 1979, Robert Knox Kennedy.

Surely, it is God who / **saves me**; *

I will trust in the Lord and not be a-/-**fraid**.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-/-**fense**, *
and God will be my / **Savior**.

Therefore you shall draw water with re-/-**joicing** *
from the springs of sal-/-**vation**.

And on that day you shall / **say**, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's / **Name**;

Make the Lord's deeds known among the / **peoples**; *

see that they remember that God's Name is ex-/-**alted**.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done / **great things**, *
and this is known in all the / **world**.

†Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your / **joy**, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of / **Israel**.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18 (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.**

Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire.”

The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.”

Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?”

He answered, “Don’t cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.”

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.” With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

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

Rejoice in the Lord always

Anonymous
(16th century)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Philippians 4:4-7

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.

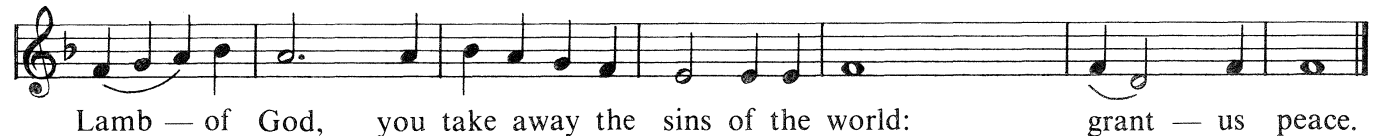
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

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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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

COMMUNION MOTET

Sicut cervus

G. P. da Palestrina
(1525/6-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As a deer longs for springs of water,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

Psalm 42:1

HYMN

Wayfaring Stranger



1 I'm just a poor way-far-ing stran-ger, I'm trav'-ling
 2 I know dark clouds will ga-ther o'er me, I know my
 3 I want to sing sal-va-tion's sto-ry, In con-cert
 4 I'll soon be free from ev-ery tri-al, This form shall



through this world be-low; There is no sick-ness, toil, nor
 path-way's rough and steep; But gold-en fields lie out be-
 with the blood-washed band; I want to wear a crown of
 rest be-neath the sod; I'll drop the cross of self de-



dan-ger, In that bright world to which I go. I'm go-ing
 fore me, Where wea-ry eyes no more shall weep. I'm go-ing
 glo-ry, When I get home to that good land. I'm go-ing
 ni-al, And en-ter in my home with God. I'm go-ing



there to see my fa-ther, I'm go-ing there no more to roam;
 there to see my mo-ther, She said she'd meet me when I come;
 there to see my bro-thers, They passed be-fore me one by one;
 there to see my Sa-viour, Who shed for me His pre-cious blood;



I'm just a-go-ing o-ver Jor-dan, I'm just a-go-ing o-ver home.

Words: Traditional

Music: American folk song; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer

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

Soon and very soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
2 No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
3 No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
4 Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —

The musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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 Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —

Hal - le - lu - jah, — Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King! —

— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

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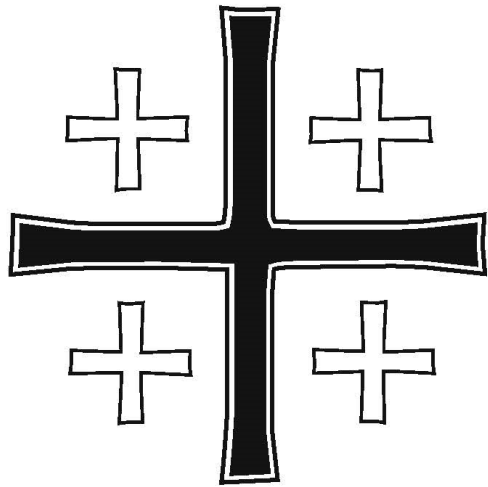
DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter with The Rev. John Scannell
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Choir Director	Brian Fairbanks
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Lector	Andrea Lampman-Barnett
Prayer Leader	Steve Flagg
Eucharistic Ministers	Jana Gregory, Thrina Parent
Livestream Tech	
Ushers	John Davis, Sheryl Fullerton
Bread Baker	Charlene Sabin
Altar Guild	
Vestry Greeter	

VESTRY

Senior Warden	Thrina Parent
Junior Warden-Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Junior Warden-People	Sheri O'Brien
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
Treasurer	Dave Reilly
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Second Year	Lindsay Gutiérrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
Third Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
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