# Welcome to St. John's Church



# The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day *April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

The health and safety of our congregation and community is the highest concern of St. John's. Consequently, we have heeded the recommendations of our Bishops, the Standing Committee, and our government to suspend public events, to aid in the mitigation of the coronavirus in our state. We are "live streaming" our 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship on the St. John's Facebook page, at

https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchWashingtonCT/

# Our church buildings are closed.

The Parish Office is closed.

The Parish Administrator is working mostly from home, as directed.

Parishioners are asked to contact her by office email or voice mail.

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# **Liturgy notes:**

**EASTER**: Liturgical practices at St. John's will, of course, change during the Season of Easter in a variety of ways, to reflect the theme of renewal of life and the focus on Christ's resurrection. For instance, the opening acclamation is different, viz: "Allelulia, Christ is risen."

Moreover at St. John's, we will use Rite II throughout the season, with its shift of focus away from Christ's death and sacrifice onto the larger history of the salvation story. The High Altar will be moved out, with the celebrant facing the people, as symbolic of God's immanent presence among us as we consecrate the bread and wine at Eucharist

A Hymn of Praise, # 180 "He is risen, He is risen," will be used in lieu of the Gloria for Easter. We will return to using the Prayers of the People written by Bishop Wolf, which change weekly to reflect the lessons of the day. The priest will dress more celebratory, wearing cassock/alb, stole, and chasuble, and will again chant the Sursum Corda and Preface.

On Easter Sunday, the Priest will chant the Gospel and the congregation will renew their Baptismal Vows *in lieu* of the Nicene Creed. Incense may be used. 'Christ our Passover' will become our seasonal Fraction Anthem. The silver vessels on the Altar will replace the simpler ceramic Chalice and Paten used during Lent, and the brass candlesticks will be returned to their places. Sanctus bells will be continued, and flowers will appear at the High Altar again. And until the day when our parishioners can again all come to the church physically to worship as one, the basket of blessed Palms, should be visible in the live streaming of our Services as a prophetic symbol of that day, yet to come.

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# Order of Worship

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted

A prayer to be quietly prayed by all before the Service begins:

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your lifegiving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship

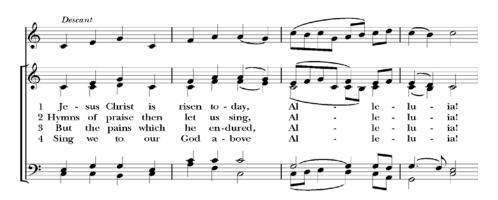
**PRELUDE** 

A-Trumpeting Voluntary in D Dale Wood (1934-2003) Peter Prelleur (1705?-1741)

THE OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymnal 207





# THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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



# THE COLLECT FOR EASTER

BCP, p. 222

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE WORD OF GOD

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF Acts 10:34-43

In this lesson Peter realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the crucified and risen Jesus. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has shown this to be the divine will, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. The risen Jesus has appeared to chosen witnesses, and all who trust in him receive forgiveness of sins in his name.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

#### The cantors chant the psalm.

# THE PSALM

# Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino

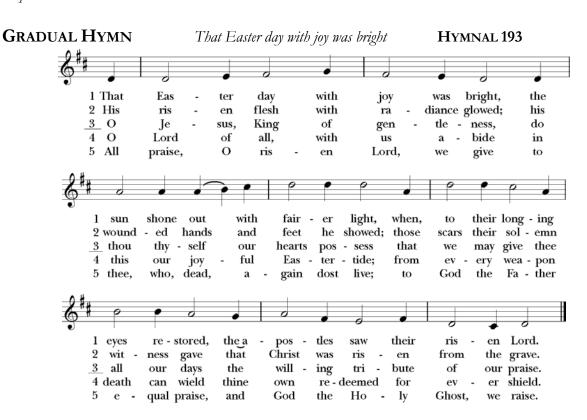
- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*
  "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \* the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \* but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*
  I will enter them;
  I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \* he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Those who have shared in the experience of Christ's resurrection are to set their minds on the things that are above. Although disciples still live on earth in anticipation of the glory to come, in another sense they have already died to their former ways of sin. The true meaning and destiny of their lives is hidden with Christ in God.

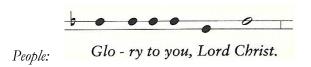
If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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



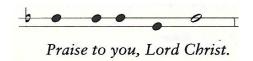
# THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 28:1-10

Our gospel tells of Jesus' resurrection. It is about daybreak as the women come to the grave. No human eye sees Jesus rise, but there is a earthquake and an angel of the Lord rolls away the stone covering the tomb. He tells the two Marys that Jesus goes before his disciples to Galilee. With both fear and joy in their hearts, they run to tell the disciples and, on the way, are met by their risen Lord.



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord



People

THE SERMON

"the Resurrected One"

Fr. Geoff, Priest-in-Charge

seventh in a seven-part Lenten series entitled "The Life of Jesus"

#### THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP, p. 292

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus

Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the hod

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return

to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every

human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** 

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ has burst through the tomb of death, victorious over its power, revealing the triumph of light over every darkness. In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ In thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus, who empties our spiritual tombs and reveals the way to abundant life; let us pray.

# Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the leaders of the nations, especially N., our President, that they may guide the world to a greater fulfillment of its quest for freedom, justice, and peace; let us pray.

# Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the innocent in troubled places and wherever strife stifles harmony, that the actions of the global community may free all who are suffering or imprisoned unjustly; let us pray.

# Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For the Church, for the bishops throughout our Anglican Communion, and especially N., our Presiding Bishop, and N., Bishop of our diocese; and for each of us, that we may embrace the mystery of the Pascha, and give witness to the living Christ in our midst; let us pray.

# Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, those who have left us an inheritance of God's blessings, and who now join in the chorus of angels and the saints in paradise; let us pray.

# Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for all who have gathered here today to share in this Holy Eucharist, that we may each be changed by the message of new life, and the Food of eternal hope, growing richly and fully into the forgiving compassion of Jesus; let us pray.

# Hear us, O risen Christ.

Christ, Morning Star, shine in us and through us as we continue our prayer.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion.

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. All are invited to make a gift to support the ministry of St. John's by visiting <a href="http://stjohnswashington.com/stewardship/">http://stjohnswashington.com/stewardship/</a>



## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

(Ephesians 5:2)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

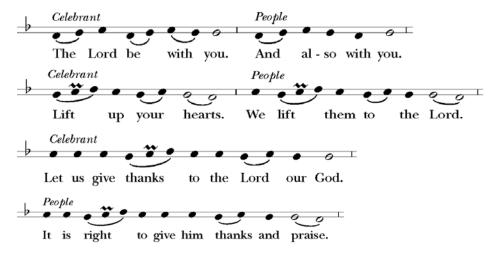
Alleluia

William Boyce

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

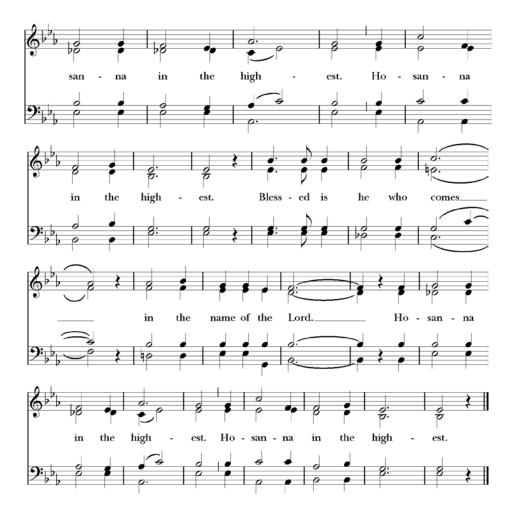
The people remain standing.



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** HYMNAL S130 Lord, God power and hо hо might, Но ho Lord, might, God power and hea-ven and earth are full, full of glo Ho your



We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

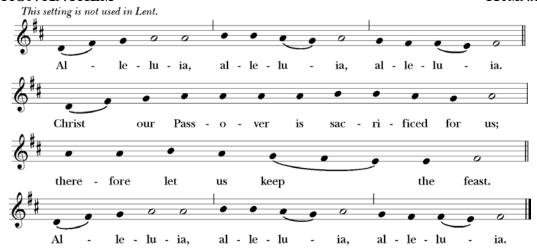
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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

# **FRACTION ANTHEM**

HYMNAL S154



THE INVITATION BCP, P 338

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

# THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

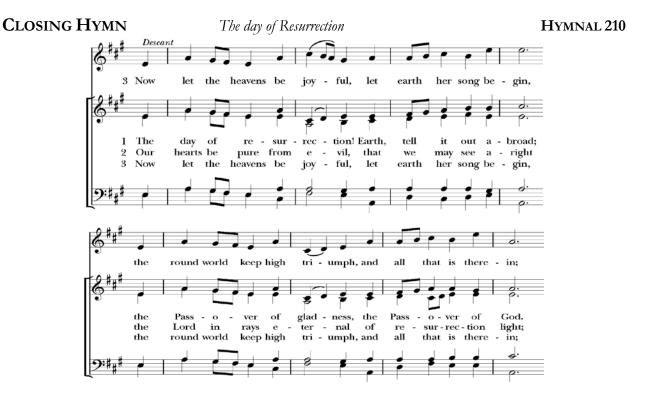
Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

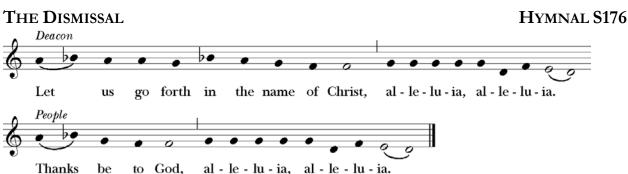
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.. **Amen.** 

The Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 







**POSTLUDE** 

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dale Wood

#### A PRAYER IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer.

May we who are merely inconvenienced at this time, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those who are most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those must choose between preserving their health or paying their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children while the schools are closed, remember those who have no other options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no savings at all.

May we who must self-quarantine at home, remember those who have no homes.

And finally as fear grips our nation, let us choose love during this time of pandemic when we cannot physically wrap our arms around one and another,

let us find other ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors in our communities.

Amen.

# St. John's Easter Flowers & Music are given by...

Joan Beattie

In memory of John & Gertrude McAlevey and Nayvee Grace Wilson

Emily Fitzhugh

In memory of Ann Bellfield Thornton.

Reverend Dr. Geoff Hahneman and Reverend Dr. Lisa DiNunno Hahneman In memory of Kenneth & Gloria Hahneman and Joseph & Bette DiNunno

Tillie Page Laird and Hunter Brown

In memory of Jim Laird, Frances & Ted Mygatt and Kenzie Brown In thanksgiving for Kenzie II

Susan & John Magee

Holly Flor and Rudy Mangels

In memory of Matthew Flor and Wayne Flor In thanksgiving for Bradaigh, Thor, Aksel, Imogen, Erica & John

### Assisting With This Morning's Liturgy

Celebrant The Reverend Dr. Geoff Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

Music Director Dr. Marguerite Mullee

Organist Jon Lafleur

**Lector** The Reverend Dr. Lisa DiNunno Hahneman

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