

Welcome to St. John's Church



“Last Day of Corinth,” Robert-Fleury (1870)

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Choral Prelude *O Almighty God* George Barcrofte (1555-1610)

Translation: *O Almighty God, Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Opening Hymn # 7 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-cous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People ***For ever and ever. Amen***

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.***

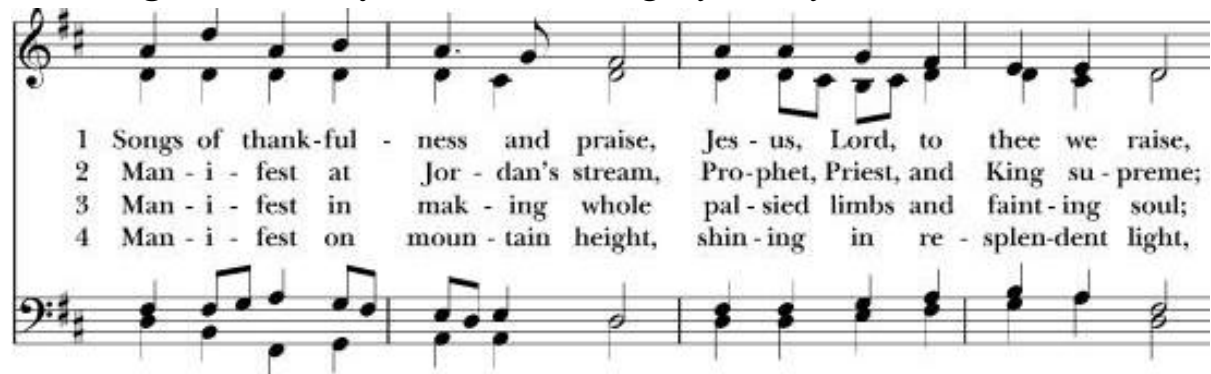
The Kyrie *Missa Sidus ex claro*

Orlando di Lasso (c.1532-1594)

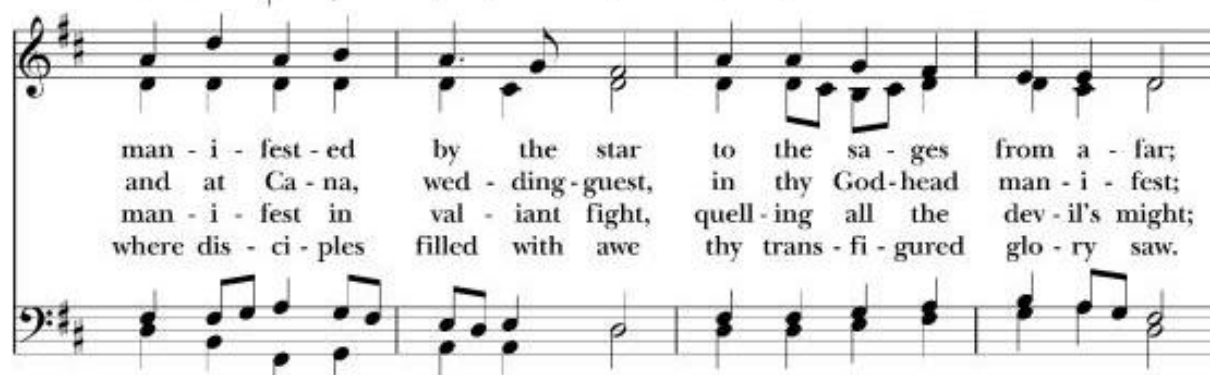
Translation: *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Song of Praise, Hymn # 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew scripture reading the servant of the Lord reflects movingly on his mission – its sorrows and frustrations – and God’s high calling and promise to be with him.

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah (49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, “You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God.”
And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength-he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,

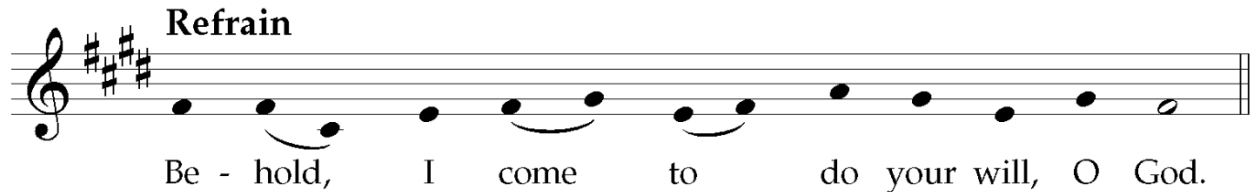
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of God.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 40:1-11 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain.*

Refrain



Be - hold, I come to do your will, O God.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

INTRODUCTION: In this reading Paul greets the members of the new Christian community in Corinth and offers thanksgiving for their growth in Christ.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians (1:1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 542

Christ is the World's True Light

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

INTRODUCTION: In our gospel passage John the Baptist declares who Jesus is.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. John (1:29-42)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and

said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Rector

The Nicene 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven
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,
who with the Father and the Son 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

The Prayers of the People

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, cast your eyes of mercy on your people who entrust their prayers to you, responding, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ For the light of Christ that never fades away, that it may shine through our words and actions, revealing the saving grace of the Anointed One; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That the leaders and peoples of every nation may be willing to pay the price of peace through compromise, compassion, humility, and forbearance; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For an increase in vocations to the Religious Communities of our Church, that we may continue to be guided by their life of prayer and sacrificial works; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For relief for those who live with debilitating anxiety, and to those who bear the scars of poverty and emotional desolation, that they may experience the fruits of your eternal and holy presence; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ In thanksgiving for our sacred fellowship with Christ, may we move from strength to strength in our spiritual life so that its fruits may flow into our workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For the baptized who have entered into their eternal rest, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that our Eternal Judge will look kindly on their souls; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That the true light that enlightens even the far reaches of the universe and the deep recesses of the sea, will open our eyes to the beauty of creation and encourage us to be good stewards of its bountiful gifts; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

Let us continue our prayers to the one who calls us to faithfulness and strengthens us for the journey, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2.*

Offertory Anthem *What is This Lovely Fragrance?*

Dale Grotenhuis (1931 - 2012)

Text: What is this lovely fragrance filling the air like the flowers that bloom in spring? Shepherds, O tell us, what is this beauty, can it be heavenly caroling? What is this light so soft, so tender, shining from out the eastern skies? Spreading its rays like beams of love, like beams of love for all to see. Shepherds, now haste, come quickly, follow the light to the manger, cold and bard. Within it lies the holy Jesus, coming with love for all to share.

The Great Thanksgiving

God 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 God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit, you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus *Missa Brevis Oratio* Giovanni Gastoldi (c.1550-c.1609)

*Text: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Then the Celebrant continues

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."

Celebrant and People

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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, St. John, our Patron,
and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
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. **AMEN.**

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.***

Fraction Anthem S # 154

Christ Our Passover

Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei *Missa Brevis Oratio* Giovanni Gastoldi (c.1550-c.1609)

Text: *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says 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.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

INSTRUCTIONS: *Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest after receiving the bread so to indicate.*

Communion Hymn # 302 *Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted*

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea-sure,
formed un-to thy will. As grain, once scat-tered on the hill-sides,
didst give us food for all our days, giv-ing in Christ the
was in this bro-ken bread made one, so from all lands thy
Bread e-ter-nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath-ered in-to thy king-dom by thy Son.

Let us pray.

*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, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Priest gives the blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 529

In Christ, There is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant & Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee: *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Reader*

MB Witt: *Chalicer*

Fr. Geoff: *VeeJay*

MB Witt, Corinne Johnson: *Altar Guild*

Karen Saxe; Natalie Dyer: *Ushers/Greeters*

The Gum Family: *Coffee Hour*