

*Welcome to*

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Committed to living a faith journey that is  
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



## The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 ☩ 9:30 a.m.

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector

Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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# Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different lifestyles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However, we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

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## Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

David & Diana martin in loving memory of her grandmother, Beatrice Martinez on her birthday, February 12 and in celebration for their children, Hannah & Joseph for their birthday, February 15.

*If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church office at 369-3381.*

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### Those Who Serve Today

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

*Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

*Preacher:* Andee Zetterbaum

*Choir Director:* Steven Weikle

*Pianist/Organist:* Michael Tompkins

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Anne Reeve (CW) & Fran Bott (CJ)

*Lectors:* Bob Gorczyca & Jim Reeve

*Camera Acolyte:* Joey Soria (GF)

*Crucifer:* Beth Elwood (CW)

*Ushers:* Debby Weberski & David Diekman

*Sound:* Dick Williams

*Altar Guild:* Bumni Olowoyeye & Aleathea Langone

*Vestry Open/Close (Announcements):* Debby Weberski / Margaret Meyers

*Designer Guild:* Ejae Perry & Mandi Sager

*Nursery Care:* None until further notice

*Sunday School:* Ruth Diekman

*Coffee Hour:* TBA

*Counters:* Sharon Farnsworth & TBA

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

*Pastorale*

by Domenico Zipoli

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## Entrance Hymn *(Standing)*

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

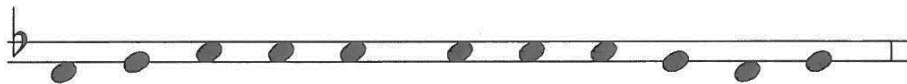
Hymnal 544

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## Opening Acclamation

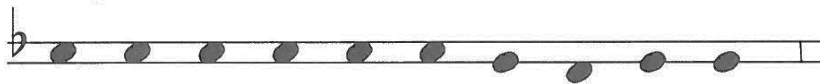
EOW1

*Celebrant*



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

*People*



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

## Collect for Purity *(Celebrant continues)*

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.**

## Song of Praise *(Celebrant & people)*

*God is Love (vs. 1&2)*

Hymnal 379

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Bob Gorczyca

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. (*Jeremiah 17:5-10*)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 1

Bob Gorczyca

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Jim Reeve

## A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because

we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.  
*(1 Corinthians 15:12-20)*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Love's redeeming work is done*

Hymnal 188

## A Reading from the Holy Gospel Luke

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets." *(Luke 5:17-26)*

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Nicene Creed** *All stand as able.*

Deacon Tom Hampson

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People – Form III

Anne Reeve

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## Confession

EOW

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God. (*stand or knee as able.*)

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of our Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Peace is exchanged.*

## Announcements

**Birthdays and Anniversaries Blessings** *All together,*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Offertory Sentence



# The Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory Anthem

*Thine arm, O Lord in day of old*  
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Hymnal 567

## The Doxology

*Praise to God (vs. 3 only)*

Hymnal 380

*Offering envelopes may be found in the pews.*

## The Great Thanksgiving EOW Payer 1 (Standing)

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy god, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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.

*Proper Preface of the Season/Chosen by Celebrant*

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

*(Celebrant and People)*

## Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S-129

*The people stand or kneel. 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*(Celebrant and People)*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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, blessed John the Baptist 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.



# The Lord's Prayer

(traditional)

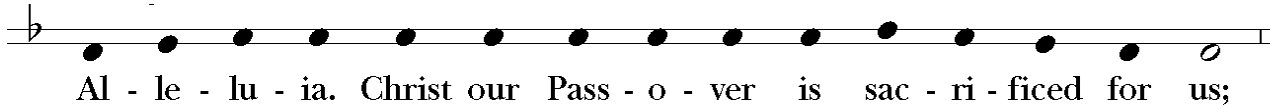
*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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.

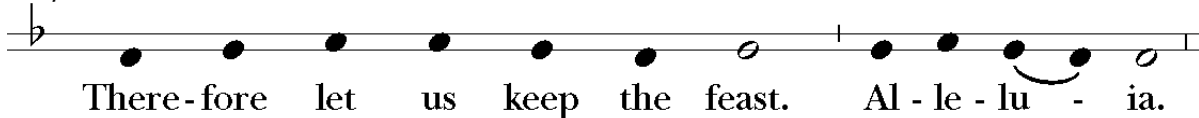
# The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S152

*Celebrant*



*People*

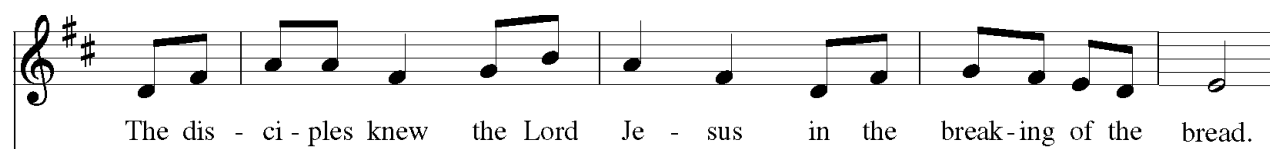


# Fraction Hymn

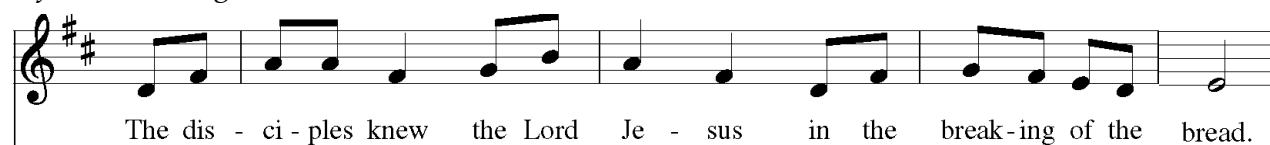
*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

WLP 877

*Choir/Cantor*



*Refrain- All Sing*



*Choir/Cantor*

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

*Refrain - All Sing*

Choir/Cantor

One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.

All Sing



Celebrant continues,

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.

## Communion Music

*Day by day*

Hymnal 654

## Sending Eucharistic Visitors *All together*

In the name of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## Post communion Prayer *(standing)*

EOW

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

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

*O for a thousand tongues*

Hymnal 493

## The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the peace of the word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

*A Festive Trumpet Tune*

by Gilbert Martin

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## Upcoming Calendar

### Monday, February 17

10:00 am, Parkinsons Care Support Meeting, Hospitality Room

### Tuesday, February 18

6:00 pm, Vestry Monthly Meeting, Hospitality Room

### Wednesday, February 19

10:30 am, People of Faith Bible Study, Nursery

12:00 Noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historic Chapel

6:30pm, Choir Practice, Hospitality Room

### February 19 - 27: Rev. Betsy Out of Town

### Thursday, February 20

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom

### Saturday, February 22

12:00 Noon, Bingo Luncheon and Games, Church Narthex

### Sunday, February 23

9:30 am, Morning Prayer, Church

**Join us every Wednesday at 12 Noon for Noon-Day Prayer in the Chapel.**

**Compline Prayer Thursdays @ 8:00 pm:** Here's the link for the **Thursday, 8:00 PM,**

**Compline service.** Topic: Compline Time: 8:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473384767?pwd=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnlnNWm41nZPDJIT87T.1>

Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

**Labyrinth in the Historic Chapel** - During the season of Epiphany, a labyrinth will be available for your use in the Historic Chapel. Walking a labyrinth is one of the oldest forms of contemplative prayer in which one weaves themselves inward toward the

center and then back out again. Descriptions and ideas for prayer when using it will be available. The labyrinth will be available on Sunday mornings and during office hours. Please see Penny, Rev. Betsy, or Dc. Tom for access to the chapel. Note: this labyrinth is on generous loan from St. Raphael's in Oakhurst. Please remove your shoes prior to walking on it.

**Fun and easy ways to get involved!** - I know you're thinking, I would like to help out at church but it needs to be easy and fit in my schedule. Think about doing one of the following items just ONCE a month or every other month...

**Counter:** Help count the collection plate and take a deposit to the bank. You will be buddied up with another person.

**Sound Person:** You will be trained.

**Coffee Hour:** Find a friend to buddy up with or Penny can help you find someone.

**Camera Acolyte:** You will be trained.

**Usher:** We will find a person to Usher with you. Easy and a fun way to say "Hi" to everyone.

**Altar Guild:** These ladies and gentlemen set the altar with everything needed for our Sunday Services. You will be trained and partnered.

**Designers Guild:** Ever wonder who puts together all the flowers and extra decorations in the church for each Sunday? You will be trained and buddied up with someone. No special skills required.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Crucifer:** These are the robed people who serve with Rev. Betsy and Dcn. Tom during the service. You will be trained.

There are many more ways to help, just talk to Penny in the office if you are interested. You can email at [stjohnslodi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohnslodi@sbcglobal.net) or call 209-369-3381 and leave a message.

### **LGBTQ(QIP2SA+)- say What? - An Introduction to the many ways of being human**

From 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, March 1 a workshop at St. John's Lodi is being held. Check out the February Newsletter for more details or ask Andee Zetterbaum questions.

The program is designed to be a safe space to learn and explore via presentations, interactive breakout sessions, sharing of some personal stories, and time for questions and conversation.

The workshop is FREE (\$10 per person freewill donation suggested to help cover expenses). Pre-registration is required – click here to

register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lgbtqqip2sa-say-what-tickets-1210112291439?aff=oddtcreator>

**Greg Wilson Men's BBQ - Sunday, March 2 - Special Announcement-** We invite the Women of St. Johns to join the men on Sunday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. Let us do the cooking. Please see the ministry table to sign up!

**2025 Vestry Members**

Fran Bott, Senior Warden  
Eric Goossens, Junior Warden  
Andee Zetterbaum, Secretary  
Beth Elwood, Clerk  
Stacey Bagnasco  
Bob Gorczyca  
Katie Howard  
Brad Huffman  
Charlene Martin  
Margaret Meyers  
Christina Soria

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist  
Presents...



Saturday, February 22, 2025  
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm  
Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes:  
12:00 noon: Doors Open  
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Luncheon  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: 10 Bingo Games  
2 Bingo Cards

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Please check out the Ministry Table to sign up to attend or donate items for our Pancake Supper!



**Ash Wednesday - March 5 - 12:00 Noon and 6:30 pm.** Both will take place in the Historic Chapel. No communion at the 12 Noon service. Music and communion at the 6:30 pm service.

**St. John's Welcomes you to**



**Wednesdays in Lent**

**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9**

**5:00 p.m.          Soup Supper - Church Narthex**

**6:00 p.m.          Lenten Class - Hospitality Room**



**Check out the Ministry Table for sign ups and more information!  
The Author, Pamela Dolan, will be joining us at our last Lenten Study.**

*Please consider bringing a can of soup for the food basket.*

*If you would like to provide a soup, please sign up*