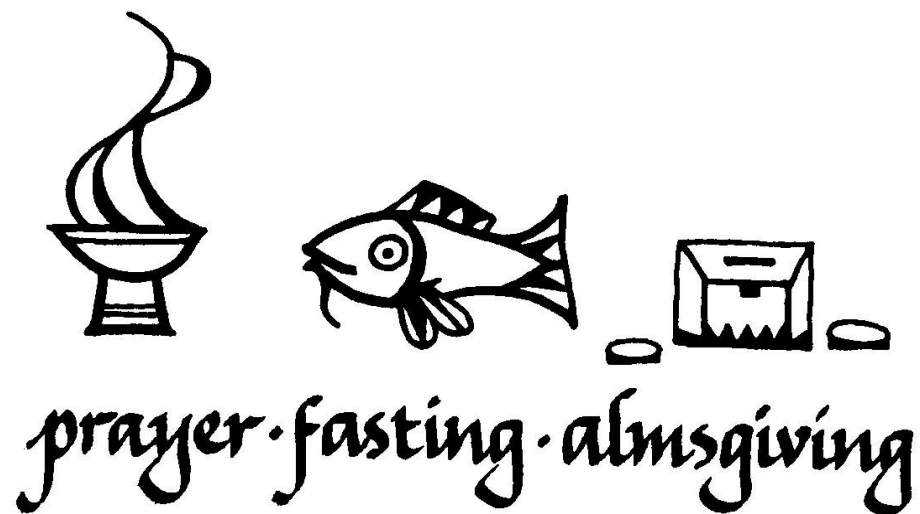


Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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), Enriching Our Worship 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 life styles, 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.

Today's Sanctuary Light is given to the glory of God by:

None.

If you would like to donate for the Lent Sanctuary Light, please contact the church office at 369-3381.

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson (B)

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Elwood (CW)

Lectors: Hennie Van Konynenburg & Rosemary Cress

Camera Acolyte: Carlo Bagnasco

Crucifer: Stacey Bagnasco (CW)

Ushers: Debby Weberski & Tom Gundershaug

Sound: Stephanie Pilcher

Altar Guild: Dee Mayfield & Aleathea Langone

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Beth Elwood /Stacey Bagnasco

Designer Guild: None

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Peggy Moos

Coffee Hour: Margaret Meyers

Counters: Eric Goossens & Tom Gundershaug

The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Peace and Silence

by Jacques Bethier

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Entrance Hymn *(Standing)* *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

Opening Acclamation

Hymnal S82

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Confession of Sin *Deacon or Celebrant then says,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

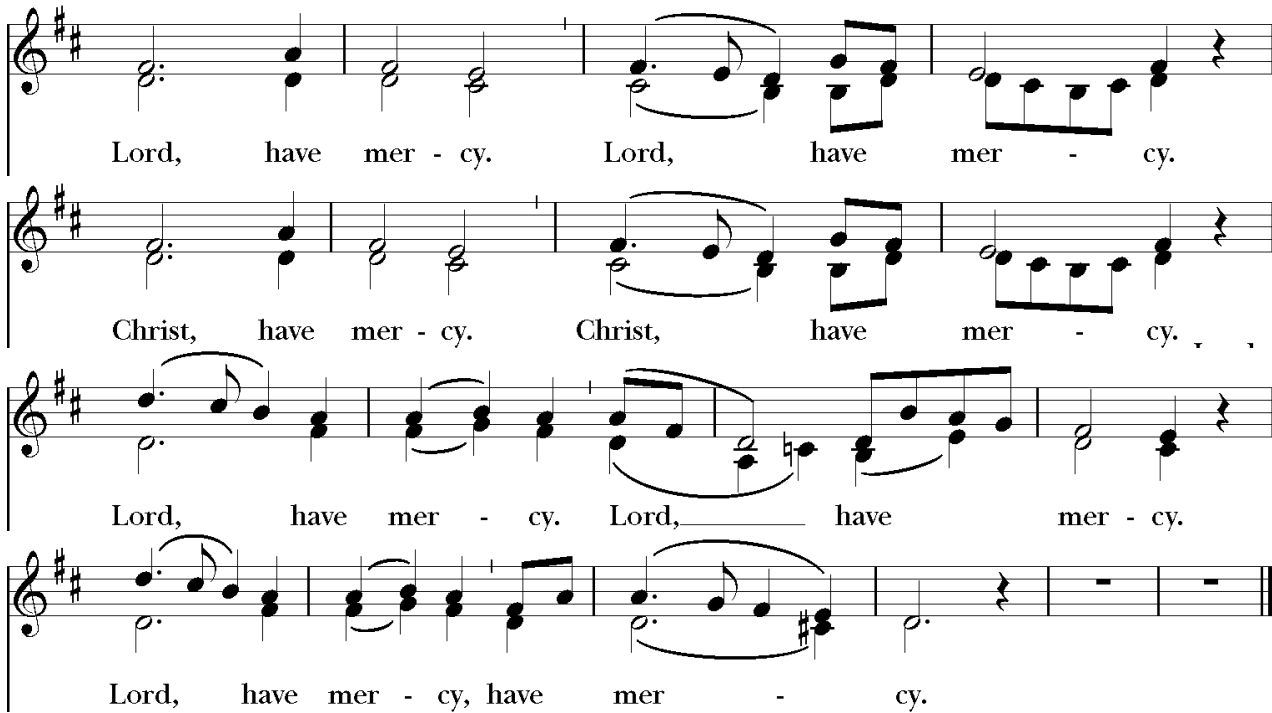
**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.**

Celebrant continues,

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

The Kyrie *Stand as able.*

Hymnal S96



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Hennie Van Konynenburg

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise. (*Isaiah 43:16-21*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Hennie Van Konynenburg

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians Rosemary Cress

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More

than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 3:4b-14*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Fight the good fight with all thy might
(verse 1 & 2)

Hymnal 552

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." (*John 12:1-8*)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Silence

Nicene Creed *All stand as able.*

**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.**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, Lodi, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John the Baptist and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

In boldness, look to God for help

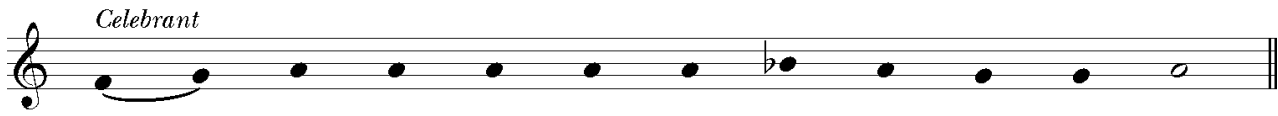
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Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

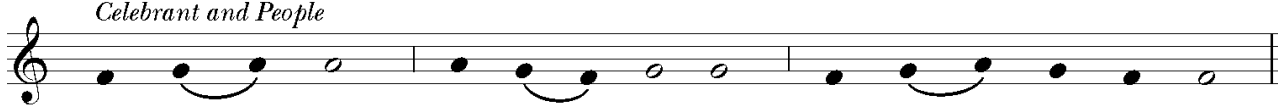
Hymnal 380

Celebrant



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.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 *(traditional)*

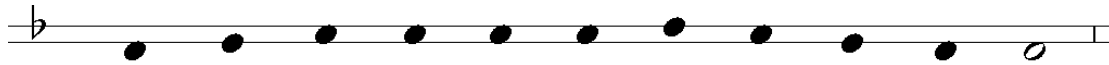
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Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

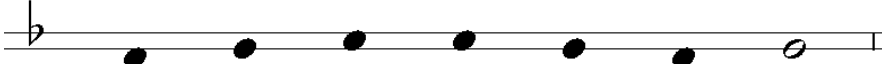
All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S153



Celebrant: Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



People: There - fore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Hymn

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Celebrant: 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 of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please form two lines in the center aisle. There are two standing stations. Please come forward immediately to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available. You may receive just the bread or the wine or both. We offer the chalice to drink from, but due to practical considerations, do not allow intinction (dipping) of the bread in the wine. Thank you for your understanding. Please place hands crossed over your heart if you wish to receive communion in one kind, or a blessing.

Communion Music

Jesus, Remember Me

Taizé I



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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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.

Postcommunion Prayer *(standing)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church* Hymnal 149

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to prepare for the Pascal Feast

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arranged by Robert Powell

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Announcements

Monday, April 7

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

Tuesday, April 8

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

6:00 pm, Monthly Vestry Meeting, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, April 9

12:00 noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historical Chapel

5:00 pm, Soup Supper, Narthex

6:00 pm, Lenten Study, Narthex

7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, April 10

8:00 pm, Compline Prayer, Zoom

Saturday, April 12

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, 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=7xJY6MbaOLFjrnINWm41nZPDJIT87T.1>
Meeting ID: 824 7338 4767 Passcode: 168908

Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Classes – Join us Wednesdays in Lent at 5:00 pm for a soup supper and at 6:00 pm for our Lenten Study Class. We are studying “Contemplative Gardening” by Pamela Dolan. Before Wednesday April 9, please read Chapter 5 of the book.

Holy Week - April 13 - 20, 2025

Sunday, April 13

9:30 am

***Palm & Passion Sunday**

Procession & Passion Reading

Tuesday, April 15

1:00 pm

Chrism Mass & Renewal of Ordination Vows

St. James Cathedral, Fresno

Wednesday, April 16

12:00 Noon

Noon-Day Prayer

Historic Chapel

Thursday, April 17

6:00 pm

7:00 pm to Midnight

Maundy Thursday Foot washing

Eucharist, Stripping of Altar

Garden of Gethsemane Watch

Friday, April 18

12 Noon

4:00 pm

Good Friday

Passion & Prayers

All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19

7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Historic Chapel

Sunday, April 20

9:30 am

Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist, **Reception & Children's Egg Hunt

***Palm Sunday Readers Needed** – We need readers for acting out “The Passion” on Palm Sunday. If you are able to help, please contact Penny in the office.

****Easter Sunday Finger Food Potluck Coffee Hour** – On Sunday, April 20th, please join us for a Potluck style coffee hour. Bring your favorite finger food to share. Debby Weberski and Katie Howard have agreed to set up and facilitate the potluck. We need 2 people willing to clean up after. Please see Penny in the office if you are able to help out. Thank you.

Toys Needed for Easter Egg Hunt on April 20 - Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for elementary school age children and younger will be held on the West lawn after the 9:30 am service on Easter Sunday, April 20th. The office would appreciate donations of plastic eggs, small toys and wrapped candy for the hunt. Thank you!

More Easter Help Needed – We are in need of 2 to 3 people to oversee, set up and run the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20. Please let Penny in the office know if you are interested in this fun job.

Garden of Gethsemane Watch Thursday, April 17 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. – After the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, the church will be open all night for prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane created by the Designer Guild in the narthex. People are invited to sign up to pray one hour, reminiscent of Jesus’ invitation to “watch and pray.”

Flowers at Easter - At the back of the bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday we have a few pages dedicated for all people to dedicate remembrances or celebrations for the Easter Season. Please sign up at the ministry table. Last year’s list is there and if you want the same as last year, just initial the entry. If you want a new entry, please fill out the orange form. Suggested \$25 donation.

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