



Church OF THE Epiphany



"Do Not Hold On To Me"

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Feast of the Resurrection

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

March 31, 2024 | 10:00am

The Word of God

PRELUDE | "Gavotte from French Suite No. 5" (arr. David Hickman)

Piano, Horns

ENTRANCE HYMN | "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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Descant



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

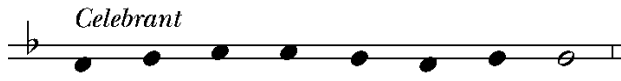
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

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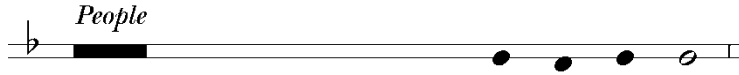
The people standing, the Celebrant chants:

Celebrant



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY |


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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 GLORIA | "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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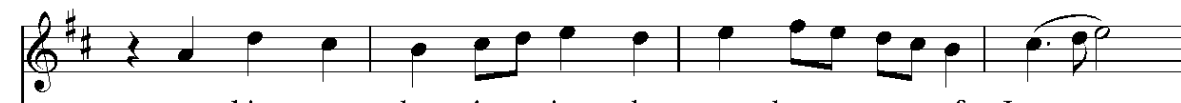
Descant




5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;




1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

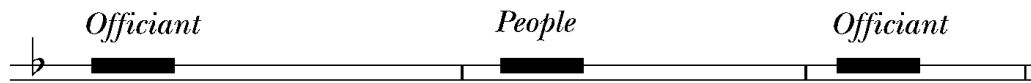
crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 Lessons

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING |

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

Silence may follow.



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for¹ he is¹ good; *
his¹ mercy en¹dures for¹ ever.
- 2 Let Israel¹ now pro¹claim, *
“His¹ mercy en¹dures for¹ ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my¹ strength and my¹ song, *
and he has be¹cöme¹ my sal¹vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exul¹tation and¹ victory *
—¹ in the¹ tents of the¹ righteous:
- †16 “The right hand of the¹ LORD has¹ triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right¹ hand of the¹ LORD has¹ triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not¹ die, but¹ live, *
and de¹clare the¹ works of the¹ LORD.
- 18 The LORD has¹ punished me¹ sorely, *
but he did not¹ hand me¹ over to¹ death.
- 19 Open for me the¹ gates of¹ righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will¹ offer¹ thanks to the¹ LORD.
- 20 “This is the¹ gate of the¹ LORD; *
—¹ he who is¹ righteous may¹ enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you,¹ for you¹ answered me *
and have be¹cöme¹ my sal¹vation.
- 22 The same stone which the¹ builders re¹jected *
has be¹come the¹ chief¹ cornerstone.
- 23 This is the¹ LORD’s¹ doing, *
and it is¹ marvelous¹ in our¹ eyes.
- 24 On this day the¹ LORD has¹ acted; *
we will re¹joice¹ and be¹ glad in it.

Silence may follow.

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.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN | "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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Please stand as you are able.

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL |

John 20:1-8

Please stand, as you are able.

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON |

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

THE NICENE CREED |

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Please stand, as you are able. Spoken in unison by all.

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

Remain standing, as you are able.

Deacon: We come with anticipation on this first day of the week to become witnesses, sharing in the resurrection life of Jesus, as we pray: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Lector: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***People:* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect:

You have anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, O Eternal One, and raised him from death on the cross into resurrection life: Feed us with his life as we eat and drink with him in this Easter Eucharist, that we may be his witnesses, sharing in the Spirit's work of reconciliation and peace, through the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN |

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The People stand or kneel as they are able.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Ministers 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.

THE PEACE |

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Please stand, as you are able.

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

People: And also with you.

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

THE OFFERTORY

Make your Easter offering using "Text-to-Give"! Text 'Give' to 480-725-3974, and you'll receive a one-time set-up link.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | "Alleluia! For Christ the Lord is Risen" (J.S. Bach)

Choir

On this most Holy day we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior; your generosity in response to the goodness of God's love helps Church of the Epiphany to continue God's mission in our community. Thank you for your generosity in this Holy season.

If you are visiting Church of the Epiphany for the first time or the first time in a little while, we would love to get to know you a little better! Introduce yourself by completing the connection card located in the pews in front of you. We look forward to knowing you better!

OFFERTORY HYMN | "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARIST PRAYER A

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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

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 | "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel, as able.

...The Celebrant continues...

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 |

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

Celebrant and people:

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM | "Be Known to Us"

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Antiphon: Cantor; then All

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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THE INVITATION |

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The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Wait at the front of the pews until a space is available then approach the rail and stand or kneel. A minister will move to you with bread and another minister with wine. Put your cupped hands out to receive the wafer. If you require a gluten-free wafer, put one hand over your cupped hand so that the minister does not give you a regular wafer. All persons are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing; if you prefer a blessing, please cross both arms over your chest as a priest approaches.

COMMUNION MUSIC | "Sarabande from French Suite No. 5" (arr. David Hickman)

Piano, Horns

COMMUNION HYMN | "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

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1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say:
 *2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
 *3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length-en-ning light,
 4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quishcd, heaven is won to - day!
 2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King;
 3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
 4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
 2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
 3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
 4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
 5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn-ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

EXIT HYMN | "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"

H 208

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to god, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE | "Courant from French Suite No. 5" (arr. David Hickman)

Piano, Horns

Lay Ministers

Lynda Odell, Cece Wilhite	Greeters
Rich Van Slyke, Lynda Woodson	Readers
Noah & Corin Landreth, Curtis Wood	Acolytes
Jane Konrad	Thurifer
Tamara Noel, Noah D'Oria	Eucharistic Ministers
Jerry Adwell, Lynn Adwell, Delaney Balk, Anne Bennett, Peter Crane, Cassidy Duclos, Grant Duclos, Beth Hunt, Ava O'Brien, Maureen Schmid, Joy Shearman, Carolyn Smith, Colleen VanSlyke, Rich VanSlyke, Barbara Veitch, Steve Veitch	Parish Choir
Alex Mather-Charles	A/V Minister

Guest Musicians

Aaron White	Trumpet 1
Jose Antonio Guevara	Trumpet 2
Zach Monroe	Horn
Jenny Zapotocky	Trombone
Braden Cearley	Tuba

Parish Leaders & Vestry

Alex Davis	Senior Warden
Curtis Wood	Junior Warden
Ann Neal	Treasurer
Andrea Stewart	Clerk
Cece Wilhite, Jan Wagner, Jude Wickelgren, Aaron Van Briesen, Steve Geislinger, Heidi Thomas, Pat Blackman, Kathy Carney, Beth Hunt	Vestry

Parish Clergy & Staff

The Rev. C. Hunter Ruffin	Rector
The Rev. Carmen Valenzuela	Pastor for Community Life
The Rev. Martha Seaman	Deacon
The Rev. Canon Stephen Schaitberger	Seasonal Assisting Priest
The Rev. Dr. Corey Meier	Assisting Priest
Dr. Miriam Hickman	Organist, Pianist
Matthew Flora	Choir Director
Nellie Lichtenstein	Nursery Attendant
Christian Rodriguez-Ortiz	Communications Assistant