

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21st, 2024

10:30am, Rite II



Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

#### Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God**, **you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

#### Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

#### Prelude

#### Procession

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

# CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.** 

#### Gloria



#### Collect

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

#### **First Lesson**

Acts 4:5-12

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The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

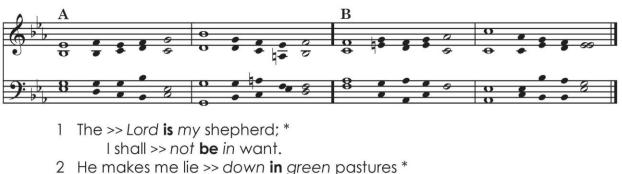
> `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





- and leads me >> be-**side** still waters.
- 3 He >> re-vives my soul \* and guides me along right path->> ways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I >> shall fear no evil, \* for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, >> they **com**-fort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence >> of **those** who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup >> is **run**-ning over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the >> days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of >> the Lord for ever.

# New Testament Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

#### **Gradual Anthem**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Carlton T. Russell

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.Thy hand, in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread;My cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; Oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

The	Gospel
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John 10:11-18

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Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .
<b>People</b>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Deacon	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	And also with you.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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#### 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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made human.

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.

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

With joy and gladness, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world, that it may be a sign of new life to the weary and the lost, we pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, show us your light.

For all the leaders of the Church, that they may lead us in paths of peace and renewal, we pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, show us your light.

For the nations of the world and those who lead them, that they may strive for justice and a new birth of freedom, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.** 

For the peace of the world, that those who use violence and those who condone it may have a change of heart, mind, and soul, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.** 

For all whose labor eases our lives, especially those who work in health care, long-term care, and hospice, that they may know themselves to be the hands of God, and may see God's holy angels at work among them, we pray to the Lord. Lord, show us your light.

For the sick, the disabled, and all who suffer, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may see new growth from branches long barren, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.** 

For The Anglican Church of Australia, and for St Martha's Church, Bethany Beach, that they may know and share the joy of the empty cross and empty tomb, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.** 

For all who serve in the armed forces and all who go in harm's way to protect others, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.** 

For those who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may have light and peace, and rest with all the saints, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, show us your light.** 

With saint and angels, we proclaim:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death with death, and bringing life to those who dwell in tombs. Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- All 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 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 PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People** And also with you.

#### OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

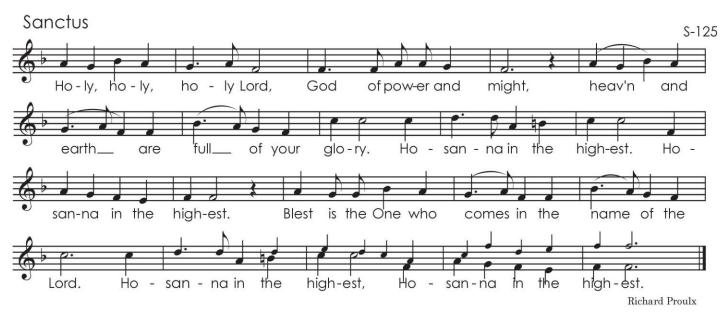
# Offertory Hymn

The King of Love		Hymnal #645
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4. In death's dark 5. Thou spread'st a 6. And so through	vale I fear no ta - ble in my all the length of	ill with thee, dear sight; thy unc - tion days thy good - ness
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com - fort still, thy of de - light from sing thy praise with	n thy pure chal	to guide me. - ice flow - eth! e for ev - er.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	The Lord 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 our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*] 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:



The people stand or kneel.

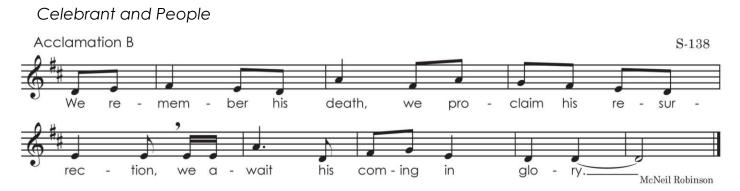
The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



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

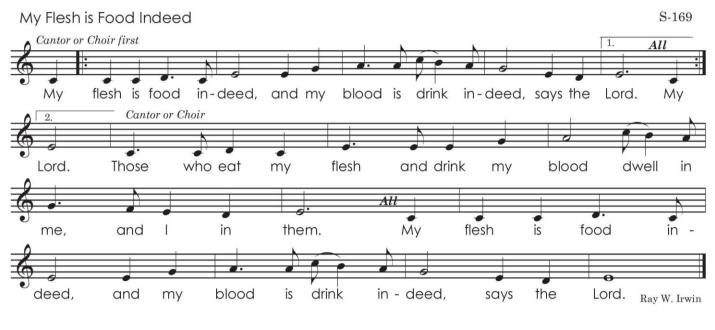
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put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

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

- Celebrant And now, as our Savior 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.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **Fraction Anthem**



Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world; Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

#### THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

-silent prayer-

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Announcements Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### The Blessing

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

#### Processing into the comminuty



#### Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

> Land Acknowledgment The Episcopal Church in Delaware

The churches, buildings, and properties of the Episcopal Church in Delaware are located on land that was and continues to be home to the Nanticoke and Lenni-Lenape people.

We honor and express gratitude for the native peoples who have inhabited, cultivated, and nourished this land for thousands of years. In paying our respect to their rich and diverse cultures, we acknowledge and lament the violence and systematic oppression inflicted upon indigenous peoples.

We repent of these historic and ongoing sins. With God's help, we will strive for justice and peace among all peoples, and respect the dignity of every human being.

The altar flowers this week were given by Rue Manning in memory of Phyllis L and Anthony W Manning

**Please take this service booklet home with you**, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

#### Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

#### Growth and Fellowship:

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
  Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:00 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

#### **Upcoming Parish Events:**

- April 28<sup>th</sup> visit from Bishop Brown, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10am, lunch following
- May 19th Pentecost, outdoor worship and picnic

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website: <u>www.StThomasNewarkDE.church</u>

# Parish Calendar

#### **Monday**, 4/22

- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

## Tuesday, 4/23

- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6:30pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

#### Wednesday, 4/24

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm
- (G, K) Private meeting 6-9pm
- (P) Prayer Shawl Ministry knit-together, 7-8:30pm
  - $_{\rm O}$   $\,$  ALL are Welcome to drop in

## Thursday, 4/25

• (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7pm

#### Friday, 4/26

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

#### Saturday, 4/27

• No current reservations

#### Sunday, 4/28

- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Visit from Bishop Brown
  - ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10AM
  - Light lunch following in the Overflowing Cup Café
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

#### Location key:

- (C) Classroom off the Great Hall
- (G) Great Hall
- (Gr) Grove
- (K) Kitchen
- (M) Music Room
- (P) Parlor
- (S) Sanctuary
- (U) Undercroft
- (Z) Zoom

# Parish Prayer List

Adele T Archer family Austin M & Krissy V Barbara H Barbara S Barry G Bernice R Betty H Blackman family Bob M Bob P Bob S Bob T Brendan S **Brennan** family **Brighton P** Carew family Carl J Carol G Carol M Carolyn V **Cecily SH** Charles B Charlie H Charlie M & Ellen S Chris C Chris E Chris G Christine & Erich Christine A & Francis Christine D Chuck & Paula R Claire L Connie L Court W D Green Daphne D David W Denise B Dennis R Devon MD Diane B Elaine W Elmer T Erin & family Faith L Flora R Frank W Fred & Lori Freddie B George H Gina H Giorgio & family Harrison family Janice F Jean & Richard P Jeff S Jim B Jim C Jim R

Jim T John D John M John S Jonny K Judy B June G Karen R Kari F Kathryn D Kellie Kelly K Krista B Lane family Laura G l iz R Lorraine CS Mara, Mike, & Martha K Marge C Margy H Maria P Marian S & family Marianne A Martha M Mary T Maryanne & Bob Matt S Michael C

Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Pam D Paula B Reggie I **Richardson family** Rick R Ricky G Shannan D Shannon A Sharon O Sheron H Shirley B Sondra B Sophie A South family Stacey & family Stephen M Stover B Sue L Susan & family Terri B Thomas M Tom H Tom P Tom S Vicki G Walelgne

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Mike G

Adam Annie R Ben Bob Bradley Brett Brian Charlie K Christie J Duncan P Grace H James Jeremy Joe Josh Kagen Kate Kathy Kevin Luke Marvin Matthew Nate Nicholas Stacy Stuart Tina Tyler Victoria

To update or add to our parish prayer list, please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly. Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.

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# April Birthdays

David Payne	April 3
Judy Grabowski	April 6
Julie Hall	April 8
Dawn Law	April 10
Catherine Westbrook	April 10
Francine Belinski	April 14
Joline Fincher	April 14
Tracy Tunis	April 14
Donna Weaver	April 15
Lisa DiRenzo	April 16
George Grier	April 16
Tammy Gregg	April 18
Barbra Eldred	April 22
Georgio Melloni	April 22
Dan Moore	April 23
Cameron Mathias	April 29

# **April Anniversaries**

Frank & Stephanie Belinski	April 24
Brook & Nicole Cebula	April 25
Bob & Cathy Wojewodzki	April 25





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The Vestry

Rector's Warden: Marilyn Prime Treasurer: Amy Keach People's Warden: Joan Bennett Clerk of the Vestry: Sally Price

<u>Class of 2025</u> Joan Bennett Mike Grabowski Marilyn Prime <u>Class of 2026</u> Sally Price Robert Sido Belinda Young-Payne <u>Class of 2027</u> Mark Bastianelli Jinglan Redder Justin Sausville

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