

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

The Holy Eucharist

10 A.M.

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10 A.M.

Prelude

String Quartet No.13 in B-Flat Op.130:
V. Cavatina- Adagio molto espressivo

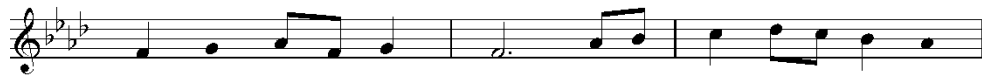
Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Louis Winkle



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
 *2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
 *3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity *said by the Celebrant*

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.**

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
 Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
 Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 alt the God who made you.
 alt the God who made you.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Scandalous God, sowing weeds among the crop, raising bread with impure yeast, offering treasure beyond price, casting a net that catches good and bad; throw down our mean idols of purity and possession and let the Son of man show us your inclusive provocative, wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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



Happy are they all who fear the / Lord,
and who follow in his / ways!

You shall eat the fruit of your / labor;
happiness and prosperity shall be / yours.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your / house,
your children like olive shoots round about your / table.

The man who fears the / Lord
shall thus indeed be / blessed.

The Lord bless you from / Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your / life.

May you live to see your children's / children;
may peace be upon Isra - / el.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
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

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon human labor send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and just reward
in their work; free the exploited and the oppressed.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will
to share the fruits of the world.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon the seas and water send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve
the seas, lakes, and rivers.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war
brings want, children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and justice, give hands to care and heal and
compel us to be generous. We pray especially for peace in Ukraine.

Hear us, Lord.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation remembering those on our prayer list
especially our parishioners, **Suzanne Van de Mark, Penny France, Sibley Fleming, Eileen Zimmer,**
Priscilla Davis, and John Floyd.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including our parish community, especially, **Susie & Jon Throop; Alan Toney; James Tran & Misty Bentz and Katie Turner.**

Silence

The Celebrant continues

Liberating God, grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

“O Breath of Life”

Traditional English
Arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Offertory Anthem

*O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
Revive your church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.*

*O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in your tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore; for this we plead.*

*O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive your church in every part,
Revive your church, in every part!*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: *Mannheim*, melody from Vierstimmiges Choralbuch 1847; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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 God thanks and praise.**

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.

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

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem WLP 865

Christ our Passover

Mass of St. Columbia



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.


The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Refrain
2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everlasting 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.

Blessing

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

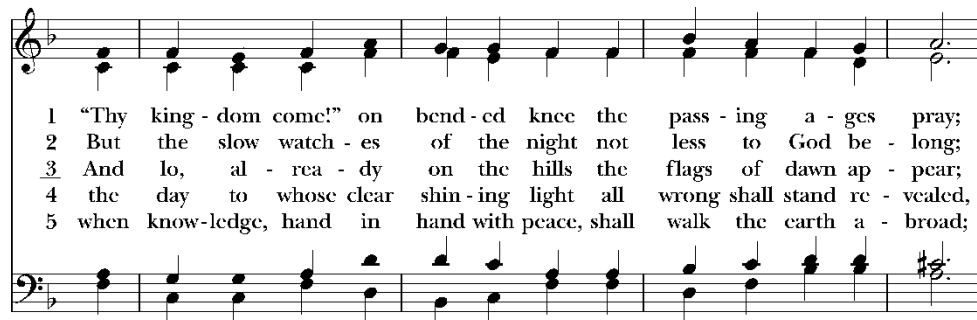
May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

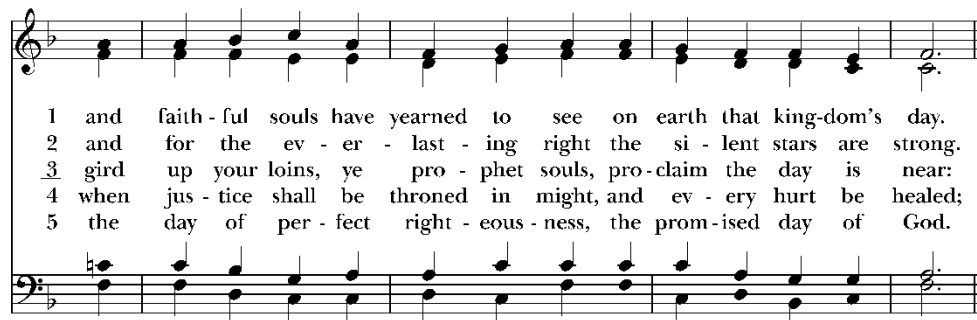
Recessional Hymn 615

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

St. Flavian



1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - cd knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro-claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom-ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Concerto in G major, BWV 972: III. Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

arr. J.S. Bach

Ministry Schedule

	July 30th	August 6th
Vestry on Duty	Bob Longino	Kate Gaul
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Bob Longino	Alex Pierre
Lector 1 st Lesson	John Morgan	Kate Gaul
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Marshall Kress	Katy Pierre
Ushers / Greeters	Nina Braziel	Tom Barnett
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy	Elizabeth /
Flower Guild	Lucy Kaltenbach / Suzanne Van de Mark	Nancy Dillon
Coffee Hour Hosts	Donna Thomas / Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	Harriett Smith / Claudia Gimson / Suzanne Redmon

Happy Anniversary

Lisa & Tom Wilson August 2

Happy Birthday

Bruce Lafitte August 1 **Whit & Greer Blount** August 2

Mimi Doctor August 3 **Ben Thomas** August 4

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Suzanne Van de Mark; Penny France; Sibley Fleming; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, Bob Longino; **Sergio Whyte**, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; **Sue Camara**, mother of Mike Camara; **Antoinette Watts**, sister of Marshall Kress; **Paul Stein**, nephew of Harriett Smith; **Sam Gilgour**, brother of Katie Turner; **Jessica LeClaire**, sister of Sara Thornton; **Scott O'Connell**, brother of Mark; **Gray Cavender, Aaron Atkinson**, family of Bob Longino; **Nancy Moore**, family of Mary Jane Hannah; **Jim Montsinger**, nephew and **Claude Thompson**, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Bill Fields**, brother of Nancy Dillon; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Katy Greenawalt**, sister of Lee Morris; **Jack & Linda Mobley** and **Vincent Lafitte**, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Tiffany Lucas**, niece, **Linda Johnson**, sister of Vivian Siggers; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O'Connell; **Priscilla Williams**, sister of Bessie Holland; **Jeannette Davis**, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Mary Jane Hobbs**, sister of Sara Thomas; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold; **Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer (Paul Zimmer); **Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington**, (Rhea Hannah); **John Heller; Jacki Labat**; (Lee Morris); **Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig** (Lindsey Reece); **Jackie Quinn, Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas**, (Cathy Leake); **Bob Laney** (Bob Wolfson); **Randy Yates** (Bruce Lafitte); **Lisa Ridges, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry**, (Davis Family); **Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **Cindy Hind**, (Fair Sutherland); **Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard**, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); **Steve Murray**, (Bob Longino); and **Susan Glenz-Pierce**, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

We pray for who have died.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Susie & Jon Throop; Alan Toney; James Tran & Misty Bentz** and **Katie Turner**.

Vestry 2023 – 2024

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden;
Lynn Hood; Wayne Hood; Susie Throop;
Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Ralph Paulk

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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