

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

When the Saints Go Marching In

Composer unknown

Played by the Jazz Ensemble

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

D.C. for Refrain

Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song.

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.**

Clarinet solo

Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry, ha-le-lu-jah, Lord we

praise your Ho-ly name. — Glo-ry to God in the high-est and

peace to His peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-

might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you. We

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly

Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we

praise your Ho-ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, ha-le-lu-jah, Lord we

praise your Ho-ly name. — You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on

us: you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the

Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of the Fa-

- ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, ha-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly

name. A - men.

People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Dominus regnavit*

Psalm 99



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The Lord is Sovereign; let the people / tremble; *
the Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth / shake.

The Lord is great in / Zion; *
and is high above all / peoples.`

Let them confess the name of the Lord,
which is great and / awesome; *
the Lord is the / Holy One.

"O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,
you have established / equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in / Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our / God,
and fall down before the footstool of the / Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your / name, *
they called upon you, O Lord, and you / answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of / cloud; *
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you / gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them in - / deed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil / deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship upon God's holy / hill; *
for the Lord our God is the / Holy One.

The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior.

Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Down by the riv - er - side. 1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no

I ain't goin't more. stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no

I ain't goin't more, stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't
 stud - y war no more, -

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no more.

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

The Creed

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,

maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,
who created all people in the Divine image,
who led people from slavery to freedom
through exile and exodus.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human,
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,
who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,
was crucified by the state, died, and buried.

On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,
destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,

a communion of saints across countries and centuries.

I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,
where our passport is love,

our bodies are resurrected and healed,
where the image of God in all of us is honored,
where we will not be strangers or guests
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd. AMEN

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that sustains us from day to day. Enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to your service.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Help us to look with compassion upon those who live with injustice, terror, hunger, disease, and death as their constant companions.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

As your son came to earth not to be served, but to serve, stir in us the desire to serve, to open hearts and hands to the stranger, the lonely, the broken in mind and spirit, and those who come to these shores from foreign lands.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Help us make our nation a reflection of your kingdom, a place of justice and peace, where all are welcomed and cared for, and where there are no outcasts.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those on our prayer list including **Priscilla Davis; Brenda Patten; Penny France; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.**

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially **Tim Leyden**, father / father-in law of Tim & Jessie Leyden, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Diego Orzoco & Jessica Peoples; Brenda Patten; Suzanne & Ralph Paulk; and Katie & Alexander and Violet and Elijah Pierre.**

Celebrant continues

O God, the creator of all, whose son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

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

Offertory Anthem

Give me Jesus
Steve Hauser, soprano saxophone

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Mark Patterson

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 106

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord



1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, When my life is
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears And the night draws near, And the day is



1. weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
2. al-most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my
3. past and gone, At the ri-ver I stand, Guide my



1. on to the light: Take my hand, Pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
2. hand lest I fall: Take my hand, Pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
3. feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, Pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 LEVAS 251

G.W. Brown, arr. Parks

(Clarinet solo)

5

10

15

22

29

36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _____
God of pow - er and might, Heav-en and earth _____ are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____
_____ Blessed is the one who comes _____ in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 Mary, Dunstan 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.**

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 for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

The Breaking of the Bread: 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

In him there is no darkness at all.

I want to be with Jesus.

The night and the day are both alike.

When we have run with patience the race,

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The Communion of the People *All people are invited to receive Communion.*

Communion music

Meditation

A.C. Jobim

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

O God, you made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. Amen.

The Blessing

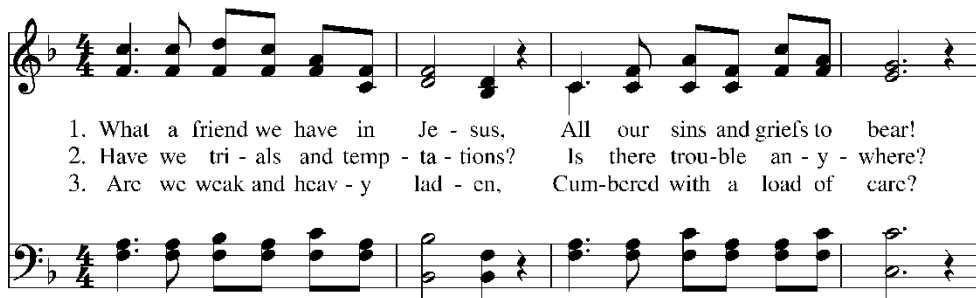
May God bless us with discomfort
at easy answers, half truths, and superficial
relationships, so that we may live deep
within our hearts.

May God bless us with tears to shed
for those who suffer from pain and rejection,
so that we may reach out
to comfort them and ease their pain.

May God bless us with anger
at injustice and oppression,
so that we may work
for justice, freedom, and peace.

And 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.

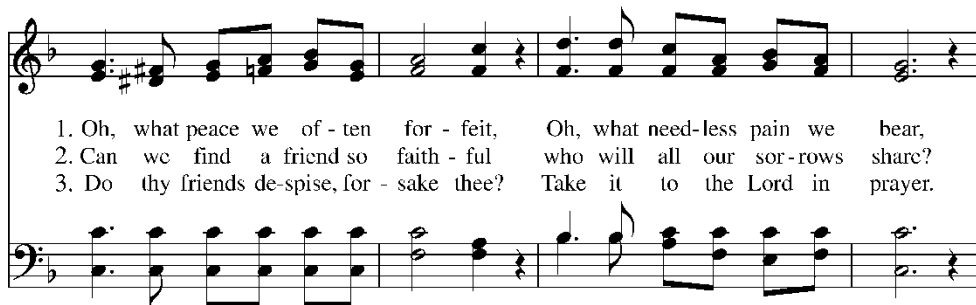
AMEN.



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bere'd with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866). Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918).

The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

H. D. Loes (1892-1965)

We welcome and thank our guest musicians for this Sunday's Jazz Eucharist.

Drums: Adam Goodhue

Bass: Chris Riggerbach

Clarinet/Reeds: Vinnie D'Agostino

Brian Parks is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists and the director of Quadratum, a unique school for young people interested in rigorous doings and direct-impact service projects. He has held visiting faculty appointments in Music Theory at Ghanaian Drumming at Wesleyan University; and adjunct positions at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Music History and Composition. Additionally, he has given papers, lectures, or masterclasses at Oxford University, Emory in Music At Wesleyan University, he became the first person in the music department's history to take two separate Masters degrees, one in Composition and one in Ethnomusicology (a dubious feat, maybe). At Wesleyan, he studied composition with Ronald Kuivila, Alvin Lucier, and Anthony Braxton; Ghanaian Drumming and Singing with Abraham Adzenyah; South Indian (Carnatic) music with David Nelson; and organ with Ronald Ebrecht.

Brian Parks MA

Fellow, American Guild of Organists

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Director of Music, St. Dunstan Episcopal Church (stdunstan.net)

The altar flowers are given in celebration of John Gimson's birthday.

Happy Anniversary

Gwen & Tom Barnett February 19

Happy Birthday

Bessie Holland February 21

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Priscilla Davis; Brenda Patten; Penny France; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

Family: Kristen Macys, Kathy Benedict, family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Bryan Wilson**, brother of Mary Jane Hannah; **Terra Garrett**, cousin of Cathleen Hackett; **Jane Schneiderwind**, sister of Mimi Gold; **Cody Young**, cousin of the Reece Family; **Roswitha Moos**, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; **Tiffany Lucas**, niece, of Vivian Siggers; **Joyce Emmons**, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; **Chris Ekmark**, cousin of Heather Robertson; **Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley** family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Charlie Bunn**, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; **Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams**, sisters of Bessie Holland; **Oakley Family**, cousins of Priscilla Davis; **Mary Jane Hobbs**, sister of Sara Thomas; **Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; **Karen**, sister of Steve Hauser; **Jessica LeClaire**, sister of Sara Thornton; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O'Connell; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: Cookie Dennis; Kelsey Clark; Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Patricia Woods; Walter Buchanan (Rhea Hannah); **Able Mable Thomas, Bill Goodhew** (Lee Morris); **Bob Adams** (Mary Jane Hannah); **Marilyn Reynolds** (Bessie Holland); **Tony Rizzuto** (Daria Jones); **Carol Davis, Carolyn Timmons** (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); **Sara Corredor** (Tiffany Wilson); **Rik Rasmussen** (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Gay McNeely, John Ware** (Suzanne Van de Mark); **Lauren Courtney Robinson** (Lindsey Reece); **Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser** (Brown family); **Barry Mazor** (Bob Wolfson); **Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas** (Cathy Leake); **Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard** (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); **Carolyn Neely Holmes** (Vivian Siggers); **Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold); **Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis).

We give thanks for our parish especially **Diego Orzoco & Jessica Peoples; Brenda Patten; Suzanne & Ralph Paulk;** and **Katie & Alexander** and **Violet** and **Elijah Pierre**.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially **Tim Leyden**, father / father-in law of Tim & Jessie Leyden.

Ministry Schedule

	February 15th	February 22nd
Vestry on Duty	Marshall Kress	Sarah Hancock
Lay Reader 8:30	No Service	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: 10:00	Alexander Pierre	~
Lay Reader: 10:45	~	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 st Lesson	Jon Throop	Rhea Hannah
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Josh Taylor	Shirley Morgan
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Altar Guild	Ralph /	Claudia / Ralph
Flower Guild	Claudia Gimson	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

Announcements

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18th There will be services at Noon and 7pm

Sunday, March 8th – Daylight Savings Begins

HOLY WEEK:

March 29th – **Palm Sunday** – Services at 8:30 and 10:45

April 2nd – **Maunder Thursday** – Service at 7 pm

April 3rd – **Good Friday** – Service at 7 pm

April 4th – **The Easter Vigil** on Saturday – Service at 7 pm

April 5th – **Easter Day** – Services at 8:30 and 10:45

Vestry 2025 - 2026

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden;
Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Paulk; Sarah Hancock;
Marshall Kress; Jessica Peoples; Alexander Pierre; Tom Wilson

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate

The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate

Brian Parks, Parish Musician

Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator

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