

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Lime Rock, CT

*Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM*

*Please take a candle and gather with us outside under the porte cochere.*

**The Invitation**

**The Kindling and Blessing of the New Fire**

**The Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

**The Procession and The Exsultet**

*Repeated three times as the Paschal candle proceeds to the front of the nave.*

*Cantor*      The Light of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The cantors continue:*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,  
bright with a glorious splendor,  
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty  
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;  
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with God,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Pastor*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Pastor*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The cantors continue:*

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people. This is the night, when you brought our ancestors, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God. Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning; he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FLOOD

### **A reading from the Book of Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13**

The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the

ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Andean Music:** "El Condor Pasa" - Peruvian Folklore, arranged by Etienne Perley, Carlos Boltes

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

### **A reading from the Book of Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back

upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Andean Music:** "Vientos serenos" - Peruvian Folklore, arranged by Etienne Perley, Carlos Boltes

**Psalm 143** "Lord, hear my prayer" Domine, exaudi

by John Dowland (c.1563–1626)

Lord, hear my prayer, hark the plaint  
That I do make to thee.  
Lord, in thy native truth and in Thy justice answer me.  
In judgement with thy servant Lord, O enter not at all,  
For justified be in thy sight  
Not one that liveth shall.

## **EASTER BEGINS!**

*Pastor*        Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*        **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Pastor*        Cristos anesti!

*People*        **Alethos anesti!**

*Ring the bells!*

*Pastor*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Pastor*        Let us pray together our collect.

**O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:3-11**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 199** Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

*St. Kevin*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia



Christine Gevert, for Trinity Church, 10-2017

*Pastor*        The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**28:1-10**

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Pastor*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

The Rev. Heidi Truax

**Time for silent reflection**

# The Apostles' Creed

C. Gevert



1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther al - migh - ty, cre - a - tor of heav - en and earth. —



2. I be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, his on - ly Son, our Lord.



He was con - ceived by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit and born of the Vir - gin Ma - ry.



He suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, was cru - ci - fied, died, and was bur - ied.



He des - cend - ed to the dead. On the third day he rose a - gain.



He asc - end - ed in - to heav - en, and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.



He will come a - gain to judge the liv - ing and the dead. —



3. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the ho - ly ca - tho - lic Church,



the com - mun - ion of saints, the for - give - ness of sins, the re - sur - rec - tion of the bo - dy,



and the life ev - - er - last - ing. A - - - men.

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

**Offertory Anthem** “My Song in the Night” for Choir, Viola and Piano  
Southern Folk Hymn, arranged by Mark Shepperd

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,  
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day and my song in the night.  
O why should I wander an alien from Thee,  
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see.  
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight.  
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.  
Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,  
Draw me, my Savior—so precious Thou art!  
Fold me, oh, fold me close to Thy breast;  
Shelter me safe in that “haven of rest”;  
Shelter me safe in that “haven of rest.”  
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight.  
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

**Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3**

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

## HOLY COMMUNION

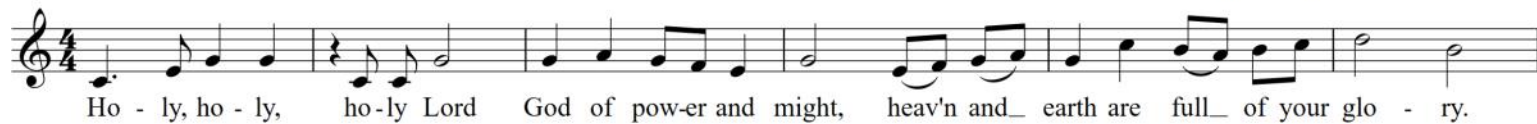
*Pastor* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Holy, holy, holy [Easter]

Christine Gevert  
For Trinity Church Lime Rock, Apr. 2019



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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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.

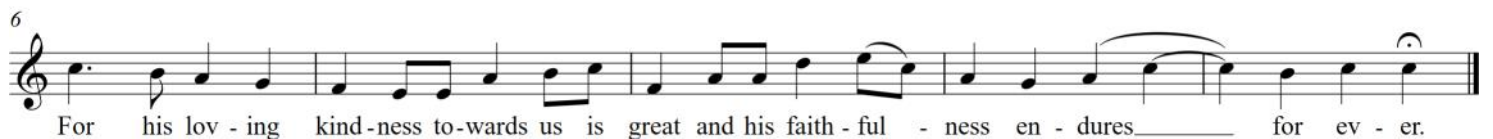
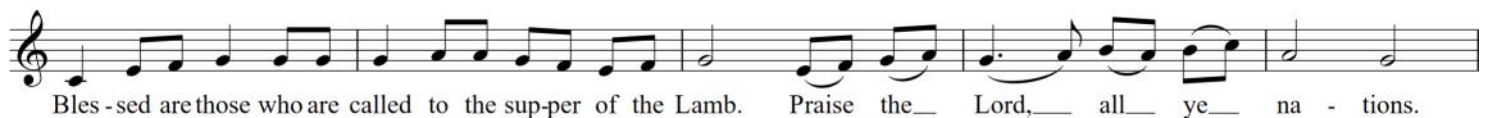
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### Fraction: Blessed are those [Easter]

Christine Gevert  
For Trinity Church Lime Rock, Apr. 2019



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*Pastor* These are the gifts of God for you and me, the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lives for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

**Communion Andean Music:** “Vientos del Sur” - Bolivian Folklore  
arranged by Etienne Perley and Carlos Boltes

### **The Postcommunion Prayer**

**Blessed are you, Lord God our Father, by whose power our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. We rejoice and celebrate that he who was dead is alive, that he who was buried is risen. Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory. Amen.**

From *Clouds and Glory* by David Adam pg. 58

### **Easter Blessing**

The joy of the resurrection be yours: The power of the risen Lord protect you: The peace of the Lord of Life give you wholeness: And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 182** Christ is alive

*Truro*

### **Dismissal**

**Postlude** Andean Music: “Takirikusun” - Ecuatorian Folklore  
arranged by Etienne Perley and Carlos Boltes

*Please join us outside after the service under the porte cochere for roasting marshmallows and eating s'mores.*

## **SERVING THIS EVENING**

The Rev. Heidi Truax, Rector  
Christine Gevert, Music Director

*Guest Musicians:* Etienne Perley, zampona (Andean pan flute,) Carlos Boltes, charango, viola and singers from Crescendo

*Minister of Communion:* Michael Cuoco

*Readers:* Barry Anderson, Michael Cuoco, Linda Lloyd

*Easter Flowers:* Theresa Kenny and Flower Committee

*Altar Guild:* Michael Cuoco

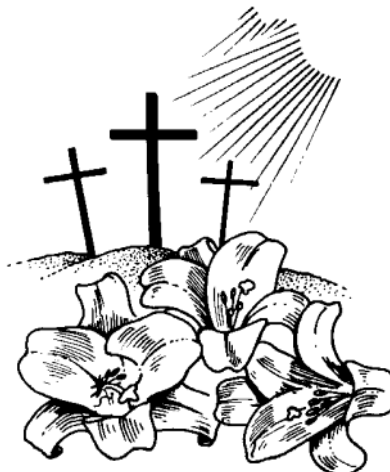
*Keepers of the New Fire:* Jeremy Dakin, Jarrod and Brennan Sisk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sun. April 9** 8:00, 10:30 AM Easter Services with music and Easter egg hunt  
Music features Trinity and Crescendo w/ music by Philips and Mouton  
4:00 PM Misa de Pascua con Revs. Félix Rivera y Heidi Truax  
Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua después del servicio
- Sunday, April 16** Please bring plants to plant in our gardens in celebration of Earth Day  
Noon—Vestry meeting
- Friday, April 28** 7:30 PM Crescendo Concert “In Search of the Bridges”
- Saturday, May 6** 10:30 AM we visit Congregation Beth David in Amenia, NY  
for Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Sunday, May 28** 10:00 AM Pentecost service at Salisbury Congregational, Bishop Jim Curry preaching
- Sunday, June 4** Trinity Sunday  
10:30 service—Congregation Beth David and Rabbi Jon Haddon come to visit
- Saturday, June 10** 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM—Guns to Garden tools—forge demonstration at Hewat  
Community Garden, Salmon Kill Rd., Salisbury, w/ Jim Curry, local churches & organizations

## Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal
- Tuesdays** 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge  
6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women’s AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom (except no class in Holy Week or Easter Week)
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office



## EASTER FLOWER GIFTS

By:

Heather Chapman

In Honor of:

Erica Joncyk  
Garth Kobal, who is recovering from kidney transplant surgery. He is a past Pres. of Hunt Library Friends

By:

Beverly Becker

In Memory of:

Virginia Sturges Ferranti, Gail Sturges Capozzi  
Stephen Sturges

Cheryl Duntz

M. E. Freeman

Tom and Alice Tweed

Francis W. Freeman, Elizabeth I. Freeman

Hachmeister Orzano family

Marie Claire Tabard, Nan S. Ivester, Mary O. Gregorie  
Dorothy and Paul Wentroble, Rev. David Wentroble,  
C. Fred Hachmeister, Nancy Margaret Roth, Erika and  
Eberhard Olze, Paula Ripollone, Joseph E. Orzano Sr.,  
Randella Sawyer Orzano

Martha Nesbitt

The Sisk Family

Zoe Nesbitt, Ezekiel Nesbitt

All our grandparents and great grandparents who are  
no longer with us

Heidi Truax

Jane Tuttle

Diane Walters

Bette and Hans Lorenz, Mary Catherine Rowan

George Tuttle and Anne Tuttle Roller

Those in the Bradley/Walters family who are  
no longer with us

Arete Warren

William B. Warren

Permanent Flower Memorials

George, Marie and Robert Brown

Rydon Ronshaugen

Jean Wright Israel

Elsie Leonard

Pauline Murray

Helen and Scott Walker

Millidge Walker

Reed Williams

Trinity Altar Guild Memorials

Edith Talmadge

Helene K. Brown

Agatha Dakin

Maye Ronshaugen

Emma Belter

Trudy Washburn

## The Trinity Vestry

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden  
M. E. Freeman, Junior Warden and Treasurer  
Beverly Becker, Clerk  
Marian K. Beers, Jim Conzo, Michael Cuoco, Al Dorf  
Theresa Kenny, Alan Swide



Our dove  
window  
before the  
return of the  
stained  
glass

### **Music Credits for Live Stream**

The Exsultet chant, Source: The Altar page 351, Church Hymnal Corporation 1980, and Hymns 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain *St. Kevin*, Doxology 380 vs 3 *Old 100th*, and 207 Jesus Christ is risen today *Easter Hymn* are in the Public Domain.

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