

A SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT
THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN
15 MARCH 2026

The Opening Acclamation *Please stand*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Tolling of the Bells

While the bells are being rung, this prayer may be used by the people for silent meditation.

We adore thee, most Holy Trinity, we worship thee, and thank thee that Thou hast revealed to us this glorious Mystery. Grant, we beseech thee, that persevering in this Faith, and loving thee above all things, we may see thee and glorify thee eternally, whom we confess here, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God in Three Persons, blessed for evermore. Amen.

The Decalogue

The Celebrant chants the Decalogue; the people chant the response.

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People ***Sung response***



Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People ***Sung response***

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.

People ***Final sung response***



Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Confession of Sin *Please kneel*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

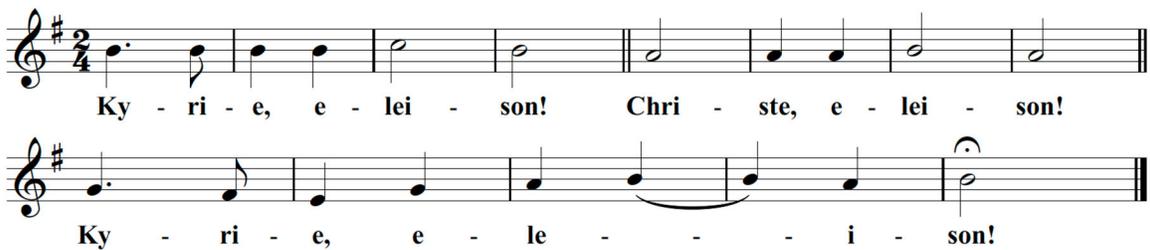
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Kyrie

Cantor Together, let us pray to Christ our Lord, who intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father:



Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son! Chri - ste, e - lei - son!
 Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son!

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, you were sent to heal the contrite. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, you came to call all sinners. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, you intercede for us at the right hand of the Father. Have mercy on us. **Kyrie**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

..... **The Liturgy of the Word**

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I

have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.”⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

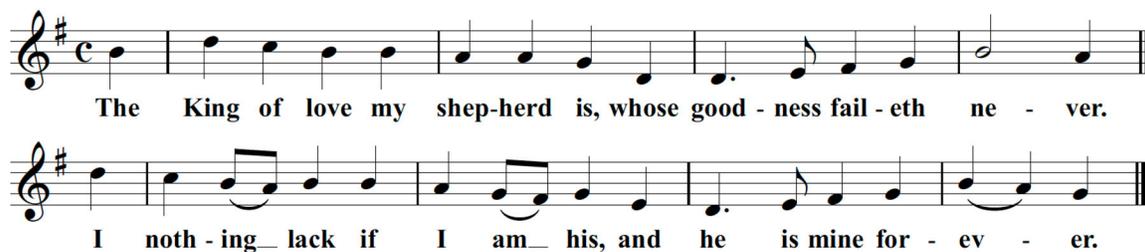
The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:1-14

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver.
I noth - ing lack if I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.

Verse 2

*Where streams of living water flow,
'my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*

Verse 3

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

Verse 4

*In death's dark vale, I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.*

Verse 5

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth.
And oh! what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!*

**The Gospel** *Please remain standing***John 9:1-13, 28-38**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹ As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
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 *Please kneel*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*



..... The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

On a Hill Far Away

The Congregation is invited to sing during the offertory

On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, the em-blem of suff-'ring and shame. And I
 love that old cross, where the dear - est and best, for a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
 So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, till my tro-phies at last I lay down. I will
 cling to the old rug-ged cross, and ex-change it some day for a crown.—

O that old rugged cross,
 so despised by the world,
 has a wondrous attraction for me;
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
 to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
 its shame and reproach gladly bear;
 then he'll call me some day
 to my home far away,
 where his glory forever I'll share.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
 till my trophies at last I lay down.
 I will cling to the old rugged cross,
 and exchange it some day for a crown!*

Refrain

In that old rugged cross,
 stained with blood so divine,
 a wondrous beauty I see;
 for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
 to pardon and sanctify me.

*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
 scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Sanctus

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

Please kneel

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

It is customary to omit the word Alleluia during the Lenten season, saving it for the joy of Eastertide.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Communion Music

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Communion Music

There's nothing worth more,
that will ever come close;
no thing can compare.
You're our living hope.
Your presence, Lord.
I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone
in your presence, Lord.

Communion Music

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine!
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for, by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for, in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Holy Spirit

*Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come, flood this place
and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God,
is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.*

Let us become more aware of your presence.
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.

Yet Not I

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.
The future sure; the price it has been paid,
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea!
Oh the chains are released!
I can sing: I am free!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home!
And, day by day, I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
yet, not I, but through Christ in me!

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

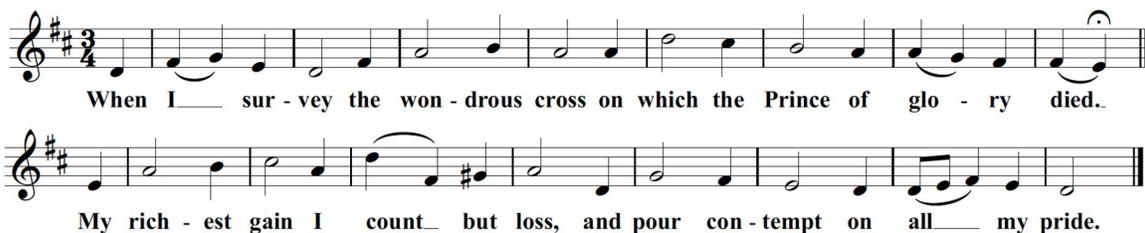
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer over the People

Look down in mercy, Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn *Please stand*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the Prince of glo - ry died.

My rich - est gain I count_ but loss, and pour con - tempt on all_ my pride.

Verse 2

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

Verse 3

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Verse 4

*His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree.
Then, am I dead to all the globe
and all the globe is dead to me.*

Verse 5

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,
People **All the time!**
Gospeler All the time,
People **God is good!**
Gospeler Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**



Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Alan L. Reid
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Leah M. Slawson
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Director of Music	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Rick Oates and Cornelius Jackson
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Rick Plaskett, Christy Holding, and Mark Wilkerson
Crucifer	Ava Cain
Server	Molly Daniel
Gospel Torch Bearers	Simon Glass and Deepa Glass
Altar Guild	Kim Craven, Beth Hardy, Rebecca Stuart, Leslie Hahn, and Teri Klose
Greeters	Shannon Crane and Jeff Crane
Prayer Team	Kat Murchison, Rick Murchison, Marybeth Farris, Hope Mardre, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Marshall Simons, Stuart Shumack, David Rees, Randy McNeil, and Ted Klose



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Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am Sunday
Christian Education: 11 am Sundays, 6 pm on Wednesdays, and opportunities throughout the week

The Rev. Cn. Andrew M. Rowell - Rector
The Rev. Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay - Associate Rector
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The Rev. Alan L. Reid - Pastoral Associate for Prayer Ministries
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