

EASTER DAY



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN

5 April 2026

..... The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn *Please stand*

Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky

Light's glitt'ring morn be-decks the sky! Heav'n thun-ders forth its vic-tor
 cry! *Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!* The glad earth shouts her tri-umph
 high, and groan-ing hell makes wild re - ply: *Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -*
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse 2

*While our Lord Christ, the mighty King,
 despoiling death of all its sting
 - alleluia, alleluia! -
 and, trampling down the powers of night,
 brings forth his ransomed souls to light.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 3

*That Eastertide with joy was bright!
 The sun shone out with fairer light
 - alleluia, alleluia! -
 when, to their longing eyes restored,
 the glad apostles saw their Lord!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 4

*He bade them see his hands, his side,
 where yet the glorious wounds abide;
 - alleluia, alleluia! -
 the tokens true which made it plain
 their Lord indeed was ris'n again.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 5

*Jesus, the King of gentleness,
 do thou thyself our hearts possess,
 - alleluia, alleluia! -
 that we may give thee all our days
 the tribute of our grateful praise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 6

*From every weapon death can wield,
 your own redeemed for ever shield.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 O Lord of all, with us abide
 in this our joyful Eastertide!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Introit

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

J. Rutter

The Flowering of the Cross

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

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.*

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Gloria



Glo - ry be to God in_ hea - ven, songs of joy and peace we bring!
Lamb of God, who on_ your shoul - ders bore the load of this world's sin.
You, O Son of God, are_ ho - ly; you we praise with one ac - cord.



Thank - ful hearts and voi - ces_ rai - sing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing!
On - ly Son of God the_ Fa - ther, you have brought us_ peace with - in.
None in heav'n or earth is_ like you; on - ly you are_ Christ the Lord,



Lord, we thank you; Lord, we bless you. Glo - ry be to God our King!
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; now your glo - rious reign be - gin!
with the Fa - ther, and the Spi - rit, ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!



Glo - ry be_ to_ God our King!
Now your glo - rious_ reign be - gin!
Ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!

The Collect for Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

..... The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous;
the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

²² The same stone which the builders refused
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD’S doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

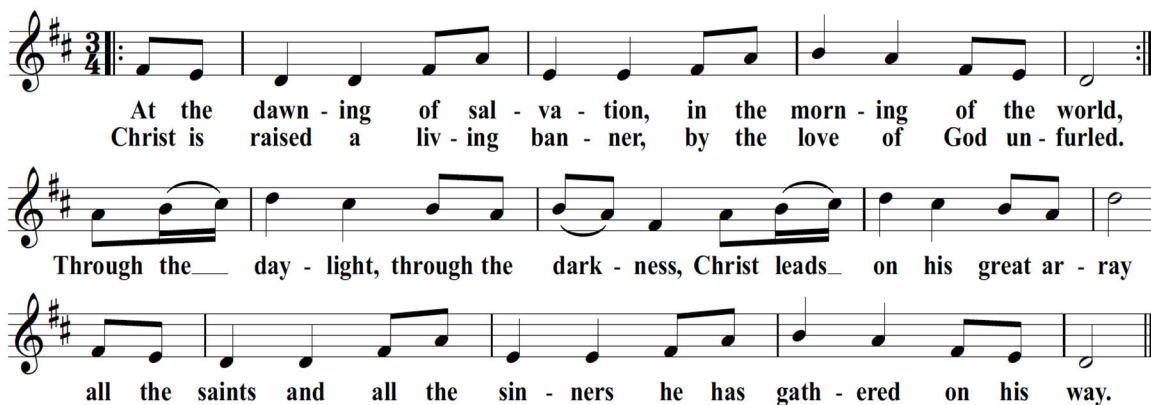
¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





At the dawn - ing of sal - va - tion, in the morn - ing of the world,
Christ is raised a liv - ing ban - ner, by the love of God un - furled.

Through the day - light, through the dark - ness, Christ leads on his great ar - ray

all the saints and all the sin - ners he has gath - ered on his way.

Verse 2

*He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has triumphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once, he gives it
evermore, that we may live!*

Verse 3

*For the glory of salvation,
in the dawn of Easter Day
we will praise you, loving Father,
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit.
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.*

The Gospel *Please remain standing***Matthew 28:1-10**

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

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

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell

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*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin *Please remain kneeling*

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *Please stand*

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

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

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

..... The Holy Communion

Setting of the Table

Excerpt from Symphony No. 2 ('Resurrection')

G. Mahler

*Sterben werd' ich, um zu leben!
Aufersteh'n, ja aufersteh'n wirst du,
mein staub, nach kurzer ruh'!
Unsterblich leben, unsterblich leben
wird der dich rief dir geben!*

*I shall die, so as to live!
Rise again, yes, you will rise again,
my dust, after a short rest!
Immortal life, immortal life
will be given you
by him who called you!*



*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 - Renewed Ancient Text *Please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry! Ho-san-na in the high - est!
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho-san-na in the high - est!
 Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Prayer of Consecration *Please kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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.**

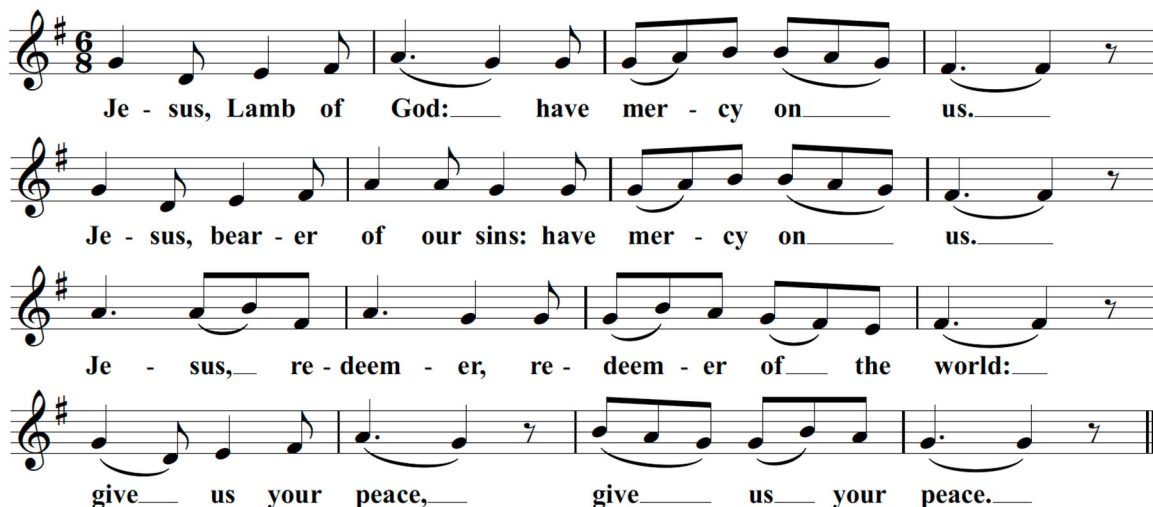
Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.



Communion Music

All Hail King Jesus

There was a moment when the lights went out,
when death had claimed its victory:
the King of love had given up his life;
the darkest day in history.

There, on a cross they made for sinners,
for every curse his blood atoned.
One final breath, and it was finished,
but not the end we could have known.

For, the earth began to shake,
and the veil was torn.
What sacrifice was made,
as the heavens roared!

All hail King Jesus!
All hail the Lord of heaven and earth!
All hail King Jesus!
All hail the Saviour of the world!

There was a moment when the sky lit up;
a flash of light breaking through.
When all was lost, he crossed eternity;
the King of life was on the move.

For, in a dark, cold tomb,
where our Lord was laid,
one miraculous breath,
and we're forever changed!

Chorus

Let every knee come,
bow before the King of kings.
Let every tongue confess that he is Lord.
Lift up your shout, let us join with all of heaven,
singing, "Holy!", singing, "Holy!"
Cry out, "Holy!", singing, "Holy!"

Chorus

Communion Music

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, cornerstone!
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love!
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all!*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Communion Music

I cast my mind to Calvary,
where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet,
my Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,
they laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone;
Messiah still, and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God!
O praise his name forevermore!
For endless days, we will sing your praise,
O Lord, O Lord our God!*

Communion Music

Though I walk through the valley
and I can't see the way;
when the shadows surround me,
I will not be afraid.

For I know you are with you,
you will always provide.
Though the path may be lonely,
you will stay by my side.

I will rest my soul.
I'll trust in you, alone.

*For the Lord, my Shepherd,
leads me, leads me,
and he is all I need.
In the darkest valley
I know, I know
my Shepherd is all I need.*

Cornerstone

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone;
faultless, stand before the throne!

Chorus

O Praise the Name

Then, on the third, at break of dawn,
the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King!

He shall return in robes of white;
the blazing sun shall pierce the night,
and I will rise among the saints,
my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

Chorus

Shepherd

Lord, I know that you seek me
when I'm trying to hide,
and your love, it pursues me
all the days of my life.

I will rest my soul.
I'll trust in you, alone.

Chorus

I rest my soul
in you, alone.
You light my way.
You lead me on.

Chorus

Communion Music

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face towards you,
and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen!

May his favour be upon you,
and a thousand generations,
and your family and your children,
and their children and their children.

May his presence go before you,
and behind you, and beside you,
all around you, and within you.
He is with you, he is with you
in the morning, in the evening,
in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing.
He is for you, he is for you.

Amen, amen, amen!

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Heavenly Father, 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.*

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, conq-uring Son! End - less is the vic - t'ry
 thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 kept the fold-ed grave clothes where thy bo - dy lay. *Thine be the glo - ry,*
ri - sen, conq-uring Son! End - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Verse 2

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
 Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Verse 3

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
 Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
 Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
 Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

The Dismissal

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

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Leah M. Slawson
Assisting	The Reverend J. Michael Chitwood
Director of Music	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
Vergers	Angela Schofield and Cornelius Jackson
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Leigh Parker, David Cobb, and Emma Durham
Crucifer	Jack Crane
Server	Ava Crane
Gospel Torch Bearers	Zoe Garrison and Copeland Ming
Cross Torch Bearers	Lucy Hubbard and Titus Eastman
Altar Guild	Tricia Seay, Amy Chitwood, and Beth Hardy
Greeters	Susan Barnes and Bobby Barnes
Prayer Team	Marybeth Farris, Kay Wilson, Judy Derickson, Catherine Woodson, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Jeff Crane, Bill Palmer, Jeremiah Short, Warren Philips, and Billy McLemore



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