



**HOLY SPIRIT**

*Episcopal Church*

Where ALL are welcome.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

April 28, 2024

10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

ENTRANCE HYMN *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more* Hymnal 296

## The Word of God

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

Hymnal S 278

*The following is sung, all standing as able*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

*The people sit.*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

A Reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

**“May your heart live for ever!”**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
**they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached

perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
 People           Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**           *Like the murmur of the dove's song*           Hymnal 513  
*All stand as able.*

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

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

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

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

## **GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

*All stand as able.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

Jessica Walker

*Brief moment of silence to follow.*

## **THE CREED**

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*All stand as able.*

We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

*All remain standing as able.*

*Celebrant: As branches of Jesus, the living Vine, abiding in the Spirit of love, we bring our prayers to God: Eternal Loving One, accept the wishes of our hearts as we pray faithfully: For God is love; and perfect love casts out all fear.*

Litanist: Gracious One, you have called us to abide in your life and to bear witness to Christ the Lamb: Grant that the Church may reveal your love through Jesus, that we might live in him and bear good fruit. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop



of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Light of the Word, dominion belongs to you, for you rule over the nations: Raise up for your Church bold witnesses like Philip who will testify to the rich and powerful about God's good news which is perfected in love, so that peace may abound in our time. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Attentive Vinegrower, you tend the branches and fruit of your vineyard extending to the ends of the earth: Let your loving attention reach out to all people who live in suffering and threatening conditions, that they may be restored to life and fruitfulness.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God: Inspire all in our community to seek to expand the fruits of compassion and care so that the poor shall eat and be satisfied and all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris.

For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

You have first loved us and called us to love our neighbor as ourselves: Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Fred, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Ellie, Daphne, Carson & Howell family, Anne, Sonya and all on our prayer list.

Accept our grateful thanks for your abundance in our lives.

Gather into your banquet all who have died, may their hearts live forever!  
For God is love;

**and perfect love casts out all fear.**

*Celebrant: You have planted us in the nurturing ground of your steadfast love, O God, and grafted us into the life of your resurrected Son, Jesus: Keep us evermore abiding within your Spirit of love, that we may bear the fruit of reconciliation for all that is and is to come, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Priest stands and says*

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

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*All stand as able.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY

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*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I will sing praise*

by J. Martin

*Celebrant*           All things come of thee O Lord  
*People*               And of thine own have we given thee.

## DOXOLOGY

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The People remain standing as able.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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 People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

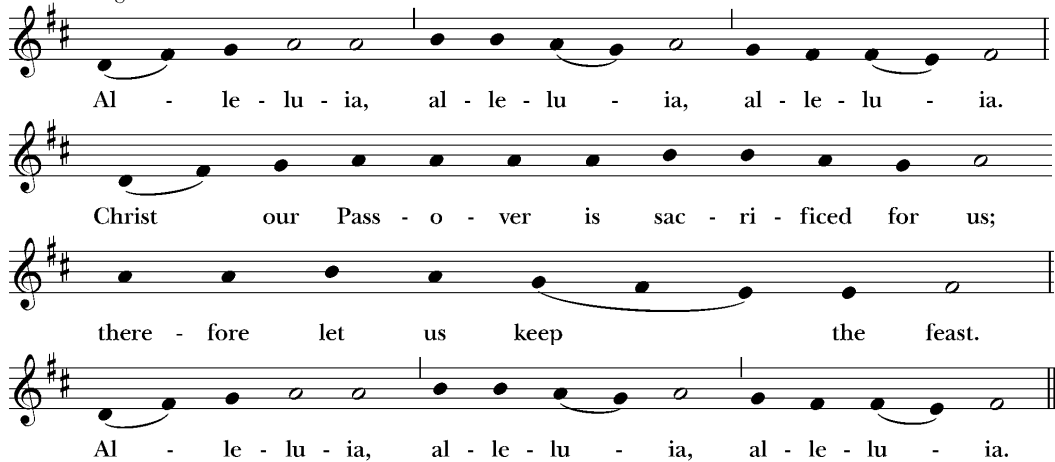
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy Name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S154



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

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Pass it on*

Alleluia III 133  
(yellow book)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*



RECESSIONAL HYMN

*God is Love, let heaven adore him*

Hymnal 379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

**DISMISSAL**

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Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion.** If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

**NURSERY:** We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

**Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew,** Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner, Norma Black-Glossop,** Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), **Kimberly Worthy,** Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), **Wiley Ashley,** Laura Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), **Jane Taylor,** Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), **Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett,** Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Kot (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), **Dawn Johnson,** Braxton Lipscomb (June Hayles), **Pam Webster, Ellie Brandon, Daphne Grimsley,** Seeley Lewis (Marilyn Quinn), Bryan Family (Nancy & Steve Campbell), **Carson Howell & Howell family, Anne Meydrech,** Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), **Sonya Urquhart,** Kimberly Brand (Jan Waggoner)

**For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces:** Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD),** Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA)

**In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in April:** June Hayles (1<sup>st</sup>), Joanna Seibert (5<sup>th</sup>), Judy Dyer (7<sup>th</sup>), Steve Campbell (11<sup>th</sup>), Robert Seibert (21<sup>st</sup>), Alan Jaeger (22<sup>nd</sup>), Jayne Mackey (25<sup>th</sup>), Sterling Miller (25<sup>th</sup>), Lawson Prince (26<sup>th</sup>), Chuck Rumbley (29<sup>th</sup>), Linda Ryall (29<sup>th</sup>), Amber Pierce (30<sup>th</sup>), Courtney Gibb (30<sup>th</sup>)

## **Servers**

**Acolyte/Chalice Bearer-** David Adams

**Lectors-** Jeanie Blake & Millie Ericson

**Ushers-** Joy Branch

**Altar Guild-** Judy Allen, Joy Branch, Nancy Campbell, June Hayles,  
Fr Bill Ericson, Leah Reader

**Flower Guild-** Amanda Prince

**Beadle-** Dick Reid

## **Vestry**

Dick Reid ('24), Sr. Warden

Sam Nelson ('25), Jr. Warden

Joy Branch ('24)

Gene Poole ('24)

Nancy Campbell ('25)

John Stomps ('25)

David Adams ('26)

Joe Barber ('26)

Dave Liebenow ('26)

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The Rev. Will Lowry-Rector

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## **Attendance**

April 21 8am-20 10:30am-64

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