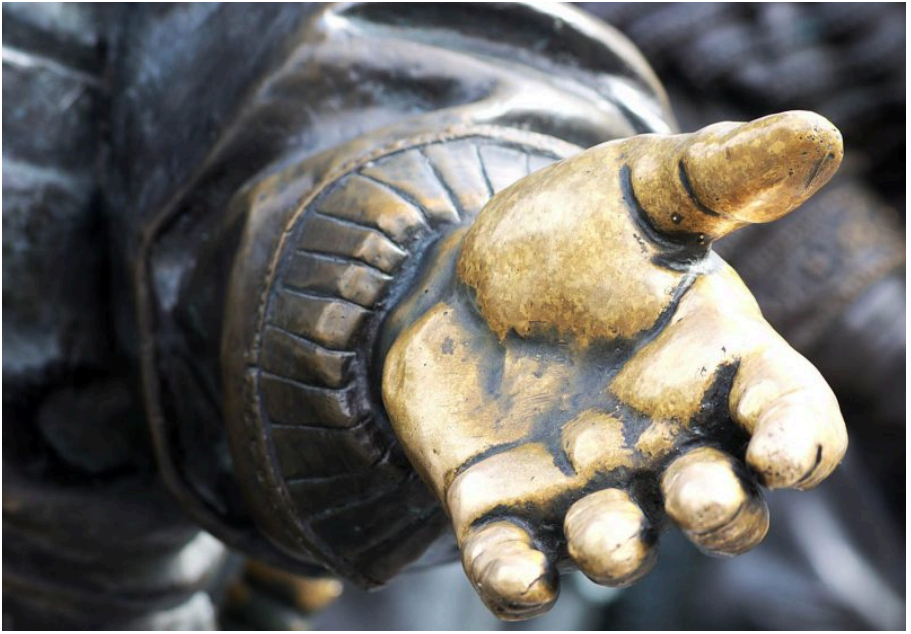


St John's Episcopal Church



Ordinary Time

Proper 24

October 20, 2024

10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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Altar Flowers Given

to the Glory of God

To remember or celebrate a loved one with a donation for our altar flowers, please contact Nancy Strauch at 510-237-5021.

Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Hymn 583

Sung by all, standing.

O holy city, seen of John

Morning Song

- 1 O holy city, seen of John,
where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
within whose foursquare walls shall come
no night, nor need, nor pain,
and where the tears are wiped from eyes
that shall not weep again!
- 2 O shame to us who rest content
while lust and greed for gain
in street and shop and tenement
wring gold from human pain,
and bitter lips in blind despair cry,
"Christ hath died in vain!"
- 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build
the city that hath stood
too long a dream, whose laws are love,
whose crown is servanthood,
and where the sun that shineth is
God's grace for human good.
- 4 Already in the mind of God
that city riseth fair:
lo, how its splendor challenges
the souls that greatly dare--
yea, bids us seize the whole of life
and build its glory there.

— Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

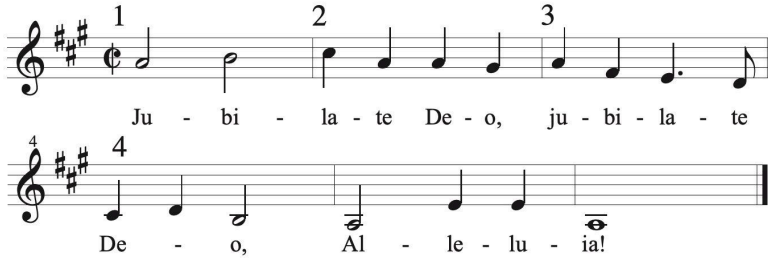
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider 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.*

Song of Praise Jubilate Deo (Canon) Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Please join in singing the music below, repeated ad lib.



1 2 3 4

Ju - bi - la - te De - o, ju - bi - la - te
De - o, Al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25

Plainsong

Repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.

O Lord, my God, you are
clothed with ma - jes - ty and splen - dor.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain. —REFRAIN
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants. —REFRAIN
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains. —REFRAIN
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *

- at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them. —REFRAIN
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. —REFRAIN

Gospel Acclamation

Ross Alleluia No. 1

John Karl Hirten

Refrain is sung twice each time.



Cantor will sing a verse, after which all the Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. James Ward

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

The Creed

Sung by all, standing.

1 I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor
2 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
3 I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing
of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was
all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and
6 heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -
bur - ied— True life there had tru - ly died. I be -
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the
9 lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for
lieve that on the third day Christ was
bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the
11 us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -
14 Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right - hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Domnach Trionoid*e, Gaelic Melody

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Prayers of the People

Grant, All Loving God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. God of love and mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us offer our thanksgivings for God's goodness in our lives and in the world. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We offer the prayers sent by text...; God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God of love and mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A moment of silence is kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

The presider offers God's absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Sung by the choir.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blessed is the one that trusteth in him.

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Sung by all.

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

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.

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

Presider and People

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,

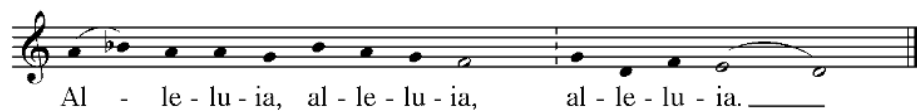
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant (*Peregrine* Tone)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. —*Refrain*

Presider Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion

Ave verum

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Jessica House Steward and Betsy Bennet-Smith, *soloists*

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
from whose pierced side flowed true blood;
be for us a foretaste in our final judgment.
O pious, sweet Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on us. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer*Please stand.**Presider* Let us pray.*Presider and People*

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing*The presider offers God's blessing.***Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving***All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.*

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.
May God's powerful hands support you.
May God's guiding hands lead you.
May God's loving hands enfold you.
We rejoice in the hands of God. *Amen.*

Hymn 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

Sung by all, standing.

- 1 God is Love, let heav'n adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

- 2 God is Love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
- 3 God is Love; and though With blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

— Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Dismissal

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
 Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ****

Join us for coffee and fellowship In our parish hall following the service. Coffee and refreshments on the house.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

SUNDAY

8am: Worship

9am: Family Worship

10am:

Worship (in-person in the church & live stream)

Children's Sunday School & Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7pm: Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

WEDNESDAY

2pm: Bible Study

2nd TUESDAY (usually)

6pm: Dinner Church (December 10)

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Forum for Hope Beyond: Today Hope Beyond is a non-profit organization that connects women with women who are incarcerated in the California prison system through an app that facilitates writing to each other (similar to texting). For more information, please attend the Sunday Forum this Sunday, October 20, during coffee hour.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study is offered weekly in person from 2-3pm, led by Ethan Dettmer. In this informal gathering we dive deep into books from the bible. No experience or preparation required. We are currently making our way through the book of Genesis.

Thursday Mornings: Christian Classics Lite We will gather 11am-12 noon on Thursday mornings until mid-November. Led by parishioner David Kinney, the group will be working with the text, *Devotional Classics*, edited by Richard Foster and James Bryan Smith. The text offers short excerpts from books that have stood the test of time, and each week we will use the text as a springboard for conversation and learning. Contact Rev. Heather with questions or to sign up.

Community Outreach: Handmade Hat Drive This year marks the 5th anniversary of St. John's making hats for our unhoused neighbors in Marin. The San Rafael Street Chaplaincy will distribute the hats at their Thanksgiving event so it's not too early to start knitting or crocheting hats. As in the past, it is optional to include other small gifts, toiletries or cards if you like. Please email parishioner Leslie Limpert if you plan to participate or need further instructions. Further details on drop off will be provided later.

Children's Sunday School, 10am The children will meet in their respective classrooms for Sunday School. Class Hope (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) will gather in the Fireside Room, while Class Faith (3rd to 5th grade) will meet in the Garden Room near the Youth Room. After class, the children will join their parents for Communion in the main service.

An Invitation There's an opportunity to volunteer and teach in Sunday school for the upcoming program year 2024-2025. If you are interested, please email Sandra Pathik, Director of Children's Ministry.

St. John's Choristers, our children's choir, is starting up again for the fall. Singing in a choir is a great way to gain confidence, learn how to participate in a group dynamic, and meet new friends. My goal as director is always to keep things moving along, and fun. Open to children 6 y.o. and up and there is no audition to join. Rehearsal times are currently on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM and Wednesdays at 3:15 PM. Please email John Karl Hirten for more info.

Haunted Church Work Day This Sunday from 12-3 - lunch provided! Come lend a hand! Haunted Church is from 6-7:30 on Halloween Night!

Sunday Morning Youth Group We meet at the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room. Join us for doughnuts and good chats!

Youth on Instagram Follow the St. John's Youth Group at *st.johnsrossyouth*

The St. John's Choir is always looking for new members! Although you do not need to be a sight-reading “wiz,” we do expect that you know the basics of music reading (i.e., finding your place in a choral score) in order to reap the benefits and contribute to the experience. For more information and to schedule a meeting with our music director, John Karl Hirten, contact him at john@stjohnsross.org.

Music Notes Ralph (pronounced "Rafe") Vaughan Williams was the most important English composer in the early 20th Century. Despite an avid interest in musical composition, and study at some of the most prestigious colleges in the country, he did not receive much positive encouragement. One of his teachers, the eminent Charles Wood, did not think he would ever make a composer, and a cousin attending Cambridge at the same time wrote about “hearing scraps of conversation about that foolish young man, Ralph Vaughan Williams, who would go on working at music when he was so hopelessly bad at it.” He himself knew of his great limitation, but he also was aware that he did not particularly like what was happening in English music at the time. It wasn't until he studied in Europe with Max Bruch and Maurice Ravel that he was able to find his voice. He was the first of his era to bring English compositional style out of the Victorian era and into the modern age, but he did so by looking further backward, firmly embracing the English folk music tradition as well as the great poets of previous eras.

Gabriel Fauré is known today for his *requiem* and for some orchestral music, but he wrote several pieces of religious music for full choir and also for soloists. Throughout his early years he found it difficult to reconcile his composing career with his work as a church organist (he would eventually become chief organist at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris) and his teaching at the Paris Conservatory. The 1890's however, were a particularly fruitful period for him, and that is when he composed the duet heard at communion today.

The tune *Abbot's Leigh* was composed on a Sunday morning in 1941 by Cyril Vincent Taylor, a canon of the Anglican Church who was at the time the Assistant to the Head of Religious Broadcasting of the BBC. They were headquartered during the war in a small village near Bristol called Abbot's Leigh. Since the war, it has become quite popular, and the noted hymnologist Erik Routley has described the tune as one that has an almost "timeless authority that makes one feel as soon as one has heard it that one knew it all one's life." It first appeared in a supplement to the 1940 Hymnal, *Hymns III*, and appears no less than three times in *Hymnal 1982*.

SERVING TODAY

(Sunday Worship Prep)

Paige Dickow	Altar Guild
Leslie Harelik	Altar Guild
Karen Petterson	Altar Guild
Nancy Saunders	Altar Guild
Jo Burnett	Communion Bread Baker
Anne Doyle	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Jim Ward	Clergy - Preacher
Pat Townsley	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Assisting
Maggie Doyle	Lay: Preacher

10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)

Connie Granger	Children's Sunday School - Class Hope: Teacher
Sandra Pathik	Children's Sunday School - Class Faith: Teacher

10:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Jim Ward	Clergy - Preacher
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Assisting
Anne Doyle	EM
John Gulick	EM
George Harris	Lector
John Summerlin	A/V - Audio
<i>open</i>	A/V - Video
Harry Harelik	Usher
Doug Van Gessel	Usher

PRAYER LIST

Members

Ward Kallstrom
Bill See
Betty Enemark
Travis Wright
Elliot Fink
Marcia Summers
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carolyn Reid-Sale
Carol Hughes
Katie Hoertkorn

Friends & Family

Laily Majlessi	(daughter of a friend of Anne Doyle)
Kayley Jones	(goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)
Rosario and Oscar	
Rob Staley	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Ariel Leslie	(friend of Joannie Ericson)
Joanne Aguilar Millan	(sister of Martin Coyne)
Adam Nicolopoulos	(friend of the Rankin-Williams)
Hisham Awartani	(grandson of Marian Price)
Tanya Jaspering	(daughter of Rev. Jan Heglund)
Marcy Heller	(sister of Sally Rankin)
Gigi Short	(sister of Judy Gibson)
Jay Warner	(brother-in-law of Eleanor Prugh)
Peter Hoyt	(Holly Posner's father)
Dilys Hoyt	(mother of Holly Posner)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
Rector	The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
Associate Priest	The Rev. Heather Erickson
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West, and the Rev. James Ward
Bookkeeper	Henry Auriti
Dir. of Children's Ministry	Sandra Pathik
Dir. of Stewardship	Lee Steward
Choir section leaders	Mitch Ashley, Betsy Bennett-Smith, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar
Music Director	John Karl Hirten
Youth Minister	Maggie Doyle
Treasurer	Susan Aley
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