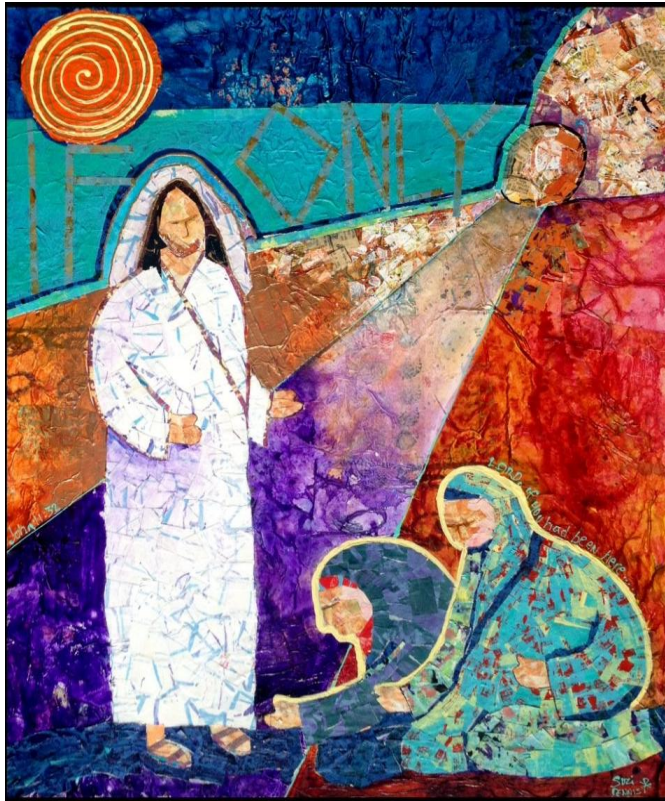


EASTER DAY
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
APRIL 5, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to *Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love*.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist between and after each service in the Parish Hall. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here! We pray you experience the love of God through worship and fellowship.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

In addition to our normal Sunday services at 8 & 10:15 a.m., we also offer a Healing service with Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at noon and on Thursday, Brother David leads Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel. All are welcome to join!

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Concerto on "This Is the Day that God Has Made"* Paul Fey

PROCESSIONAL *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* **HYMNAL 207**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing*)

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
Celebration One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 222

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

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 be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:1-6 (*please be seated for the readings*)

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *He is risen, he is risen!* **HYMNAL 180**
vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading; vs. 3&4 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10 *(please remain standing)*

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his

disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*please rise in body or spirit*)

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
 breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant Let us now pray as we renew our commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The clergy asperges the people with holy water.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Thank you for your generosity as we seek to live into our mission and ministries. Together, our gifts make this community of welcome, reconciliation, and service possible. You can place your offering in the plates when they are passed or by using our secure QR Code. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

THE OFFERTORY *Alleluia! Christ Has Destroyed Death* Kevin Hildebrand

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* **HYMNAL 380 (vs. 3)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D **BCP 372**

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 God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,* **HYMNAL S-129**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

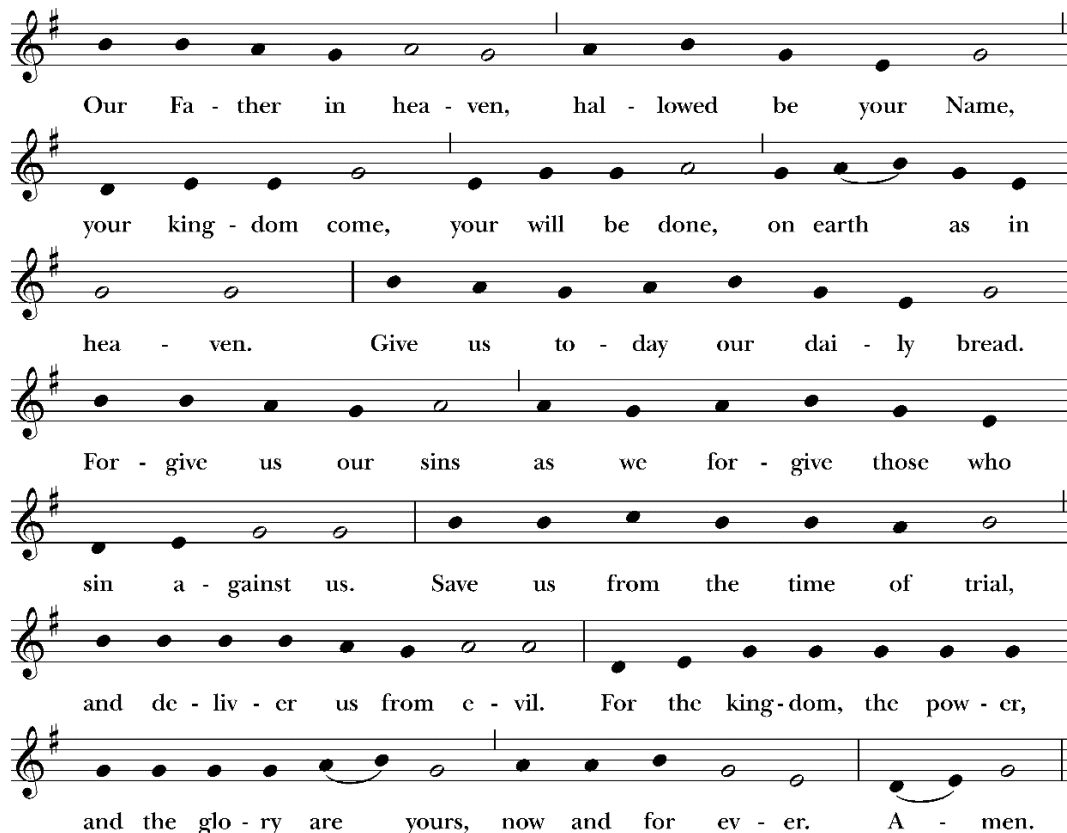
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION MUSIC

*This Joyful Eastertide
That Easter Day*

HYMNAL 192
HYMNAL 193

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Ye Faithful

HYMNAL 199

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Christ ist Erstanden

Paul Fey

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

¡Felices Pascuas! Easter in Mexico is a combination of celebrating the Resurrection of Christ, along with Spring and the promise of Summer ahead. While many growing seasons don't seem to stop here, Spring brings a rebirth and rebloom of Jacaranda trees that seem to cover the land in a bright purple cloud. A cloud of solemnity settles in on *Semana Santa* - Holy Week, as the churches stop ringing their bells from the Maundy Thursday worship, through Good Friday and Easter Vigil, until Easter Morning when they come alive again, ringing them often and briskly to announce the Resurrection.

Mexico is well known for taking people outside, and filling the streets with color, music, and food. Traditions during Lent and Holy week include baking capirotada, a sweet bread pudding that includes layers of nuts and fruit. Have you been out for a walk and smelled a neighbor's grill? Imagine that around every corner, and one of my favorites is grilled nopales - the "paddles" of prickly pear cactus. My friend Mateo showed me how to slice off the thorns without slicing off too much of the surrounding lush green skin, as that's where a lot of the flavor and nutrients sit. I was able to get most of the thorns, but a couple of them got me! Mateo's nopales are truly a gift from heaven.

Whenever I think of Mexico I remember a meme I saw with two pictures side by side. One shows an American suburban family sitting down to their dinner table with a bounty of food in front of them. The other image is of a Mexican farm worker, bent over in a hot field, harvesting vegetables. The family says, "Thank you, Jesus." The man in the field says, "de Nada." As we celebrate Easter, each in our own traditions, let's give thanks for all good gifts and remember where they came from. As the bells begin to chime again on Sunday morning, I'll give thanks to God for the gift of the resurrected Christ.

Easter Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

**THE EASTER FLOWERS DECORATING THE CHURCH
WERE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:**

Sherry & Scott Qualls

*In memory of our mother Joan M. Hansel
In thanksgiving for our grandsons Alden Grant Doyle, Grant Logan Qualls,
Nathan Scott Qualls*

Karen Ramella

In memory of Barbara & Walter Ramella, Ruth Hess

Fran Manino Corse

In memory of John M. Corse Jr.

Barbara Landis

In memory of Dale Landis

Amanda & John Knouse

*In memory of Norma Dorsey, John Eberle
In thanksgiving for Tiff, Daryl, Missy, Andy, & Matt*

Kluane & Philip Snyder

In memory of John C. Baier, MD, Margaret & Willis Snyder

Steve Pagden

In memory of Virginia Pagden, Evelyn Andersen

The Modene Family

*In thanksgiving for Judy Modene
In memory of Robert Modene*

Richard Holaday

*In memory of Barbara K. Hanning, Richard E. Holaday,
William Christopher Hughes*

Dave & Sue Martin

In thanksgiving for Debbie Carter

Meagan Howell-Brogan

In memory of Michael Brogan, Kit Howell

*Leslie & Bruce Tahsler
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
In memory of our loving parents*

*John D. Meyer
In memory of Charles & Edith Meyer*

*Susan E.H. Tobie
In memory of Alan F. Tobie, Nelson, Clara & John Hardie*

*Mary Ann Cover
In thanksgiving for gifts from our generous and merciful God*

*The Carroll Family
In memory of Frances “Fran, Muz, Gramuz” S. Kinderwater*

*Tim & Mary Huber
In thanksgiving for our grandchildren*

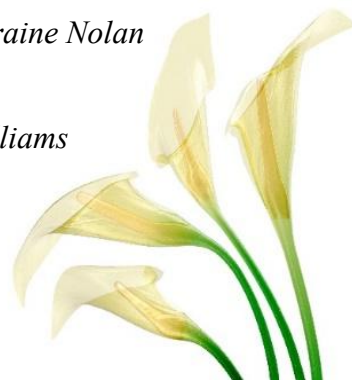
*Nancy Mannion & Fred Cluck
In memory of departed loved ones*

*The Moyer Family
In memory of Bill Moyer
In thanksgiving for Natalie Visco, Fiona Mausolf, Lily Mausolf*

*The Latshaw Family
In memory of William & Sally Kamp, Ward and Jane Latshaw, Stefan Latshaw Jr.*

*Toni Ehrhart
In memory of Edward Ehrhart, Edward Erhart Sr., Lorraine Nolan*

*Mary Beth Williams
In thanksgiving for Jay, James, Kelley, and Thomas Williams*



WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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