

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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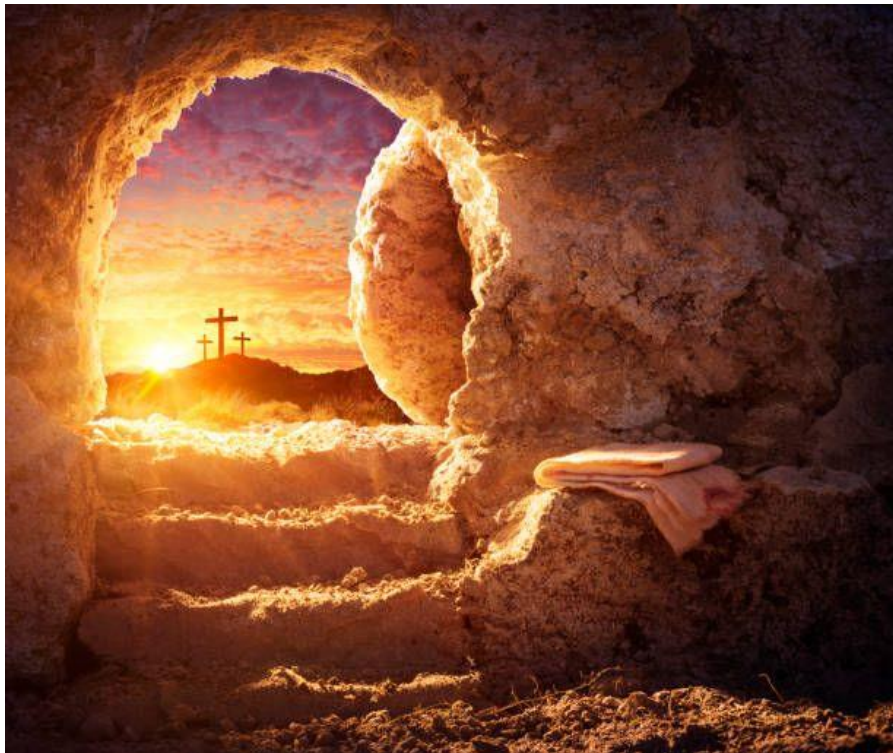
MISSION STATEMENT

We place our faith in the promise of Jesus Christ, that He is the Way and the Truth and the Life. As members of a Christian Family, we dedicate ourselves to a life of worship, prayer, study, and services. We further dedicate ourselves to bringing His teaching to the community through broader use of our facilities and resources.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER - YEAR A EUCHARISTIC PRAYER RITE II

6:00 AM

APRIL 5, 2026



The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wolck-Nortey Yoda, Rector
Gail Russell, Senior Warden

We welcome you as we worship this morning. If you would like more information about the Christ Church family, speak with Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wolck-Nortey Yoda, our Rector, Gail Russell or Cedric Kirton, our Senior and Junior Wardens or an usher.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lit from the newly kindled fire

Celebrant: The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

THE EXSULTET

(LEM 1)

Rejoice, now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty king.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal king.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

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.**

Celebrant: It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell,
and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and
loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is
washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those
who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and
concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and
humankind is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our nighttime sacrifice, the offering of this
candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all
darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting find
it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives
and reigns forever and ever. **Amen**

The Celebrant and people process into the church.

PRELUDE: “Eye Has Not Seen” (Marty Haugen)

PROCESSIONAL “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

The Baptist Hymnal, #159

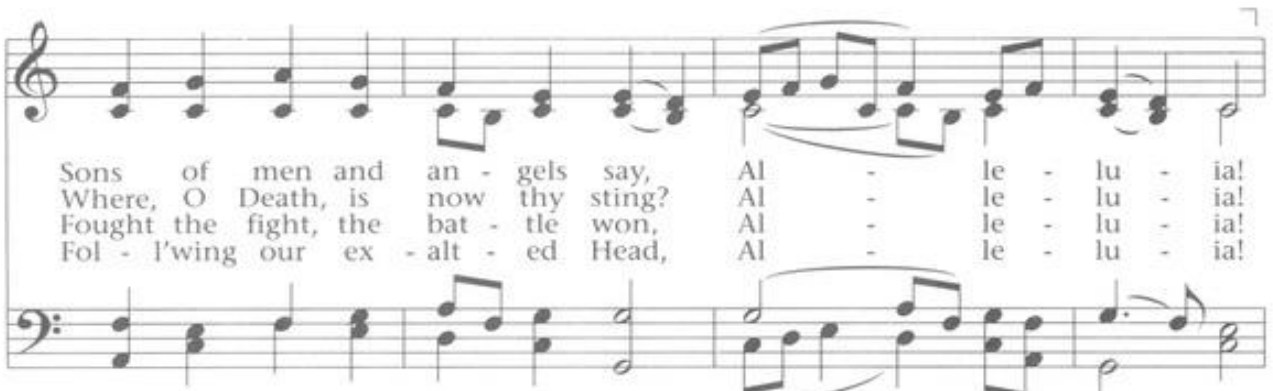
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159 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

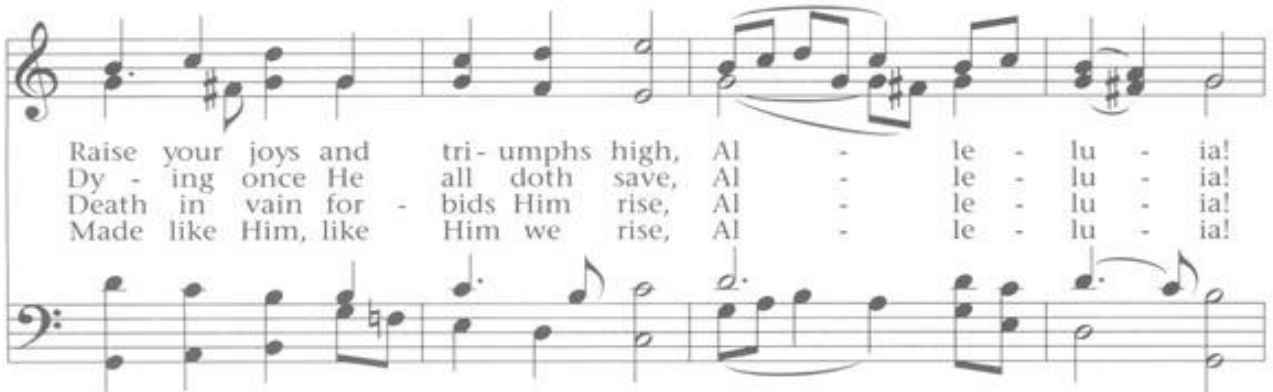
He has risen from the dead ... you will see him — Matthew 28:7 NIV



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O Grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

THE STORY OF CREATION

A reading from the Book of Genesis 1: 1 – 2:2

(Gail Russell)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps

on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 136: 1 – 9, 23 – 26

(Gail Russell)

Read responsively at the asterisk

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of Lords, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures forever;

Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures forever;

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
for his mercy endures forever;

Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures forever;

The sun to rule the day, *
for his mercy endures forever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures forever;

And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures forever;

Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

A reading from the Book of Exodus 14: 10-31; 15:20-21 **(Quentin Banks)**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

Read all together

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

**I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.**

**This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.**

**The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.**

**Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

**You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.**

**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

**You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,**

**The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

**The Lord shall reign *
forever and forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant: Let us renew our baptismal covenant.

The people stand, if able

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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 resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the 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.**

Let us pray.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

GLORIA IN EXCELCIS "Glory to God"

1982 Hymnal, # S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans 6:3-11

(LECTOR)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to

sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 114

(LEM 1)

Read responsively at the asterisk

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary *

and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SEQUENCE HYMN "Come, Ye Faithful"

1982 Hymnal, #199, stz. 1-2

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ acc. Matthew 28:1-10

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."

After the gospel

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN "Come, Ye Faithful"

1982 Hymnal, #199, stz. 3

INTERCESSION

(Quentin Banks)

Let us pray for the following:

For the Anglican Communion:

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

For the Diocese:

Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda

Calvary Church, DC

Church of the Atonement, DC.

Church of the Holy Comforter, DC

For the healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Mike Alfieri

Tom and Nancy

Andracsek

Barbara and Paul

Birckner

Mary Ann Bivens

Chet Boden

Rev. and Mrs. E. Kent

Booth

Eda Brawner

Glenda Briscoe

Shawna Brooks

Rev. Cassandra &

Malachi Burton and

Family

Tommy Cloer Family

John Clough

Geneva & Ray Comer

The Davis Family

Lila Dixon Family

Alice Dove

Karen Dunlop

Raine Gabriel

Brie Gilbert

Ronnie Gilbert

Sylvia Green

Kelvin Hackett

Holly & Paul Harding

Leslynn Harding

Curtis Hicks

Mr. Hodges

Joan Hyde

Clara Jenkins

Eric Johnson

Bob Lau

Eunice Leake

Walter Leake

Virginia Lindsey

Laura Mack

Rosemarie Malatesta

Jeraldene Massey

Susan Meyers

Marvise Middleton

Fae Morrison

Cindy Myers

Hilda Norwood

Delbert Orrison

Chris & Kim Orrison
and Family

Prem

Jimmy Rankin Family

Frizzelle Renwick

Jim Rouse Family

Latonia Saunders

Michael, Jessie, Dixie &

Ruari Saunders

Renate Schlett

Sylvia Spruill

Ed Stafford

Daneil & Dinah Stone

Donna Strasburg

Patricia Stroup and

Family

Marlin Sullivan

Diana Terry

Betty Thompson Family

Marilyn Thompson

Viola Thompson

Janet Tolbert

John Travis

Joseph Gabriel Travis

Scott Vining

Dale Walden

Burnita Weaver

Jim and Judy Williams

Kenneth Wilson

Linda Wilson

Victoria Leake Lewis

Woods

Nina Youngerman

For those who are homebound: Laura Mack and Hilda Norwood

For those serving in the US Armed Services:

Christopher Conti – Son of Cynthia Allen

Guy R. Gabriel, Jr. – Grandson of James and Raine Gabriel

Paul A. Harding – Son of Paul and Holly Harding

Tregenza Henry – Husband of Jean Henry

Phil Lance – Grandson of Janet Sullivan

Joseph (JD) Lau- Grandson of Bob and Lynne Lau

Chris Orrison – Husband of Kim Orrison

Demarais Roach – Godson of Ernest Norwood

Sylvan Evald Smith – Granddaughter of Christina Evald

Andrew and Luke Travis – Grandsons of Marge Travis

Don LaVoe Wright, Jr. – Son of Billie Jean Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community of Clinton, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop; and for all bishops,
Creamilda, our Rector, and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a
place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your
Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

COLLECT FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE *BCP, P. 459*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG NATIONS *BCP, p. 816, # 5*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

BCP, p. 820, #17

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS *BCP, p. 830, # 50*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS *BCP*, p. 828, # 45

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness.

Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE TRAVELING *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 831, # 53

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME GUESTS AND 1ST TIME VISITORS PRAYER

The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wolck-Nortey Yoda

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for every person here today, especially those visiting us for the first time. We pray that they feel your presence, experience your love through us, and find a sense of belonging here. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES **The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wolck-Nortey Yoda**

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

The ushers come to the chancel steps to receive the offering plates. The congregation place their offerings on the plates being passed along the pews.

OFFERTORY Musical Interlude

THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God" (*old 100th*)

1982 Hymnal, # 380, v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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The crucifer places the blessed offering on the table near the altar.

Online participants are invited to participate in communion by placing before you a small amount of bread or crackers and wine or juice. Place your hands on them as the Celebrant recites the words of consecration. Please, eat and drink reverently as you would do in church and don't keep any leftovers.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing, if 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.**

Then, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

 *Bell is rung*

Celebrant and People sing

THE SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" [ARR. RICHARD PROULX]

1982 Hymnal, # S130

The people stand or kneel.

The Hymn begins on the next page.

S 130

The Holy Eucharist II

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

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.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Then 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." (*Online participants touch the bread*)

 *Bell is rung*

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."

 *Bell is rung*

(*Online participants touch the cup*)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER [ALBERT HAY MALOTTE] *Lift Every Voice Hymnal*, #264 (**LEM 1**)

The Hymn begins on the next page.

Unison

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed

be thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in

heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly

bread. And for - give us our debts as we for - give our

debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from

e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the

glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.

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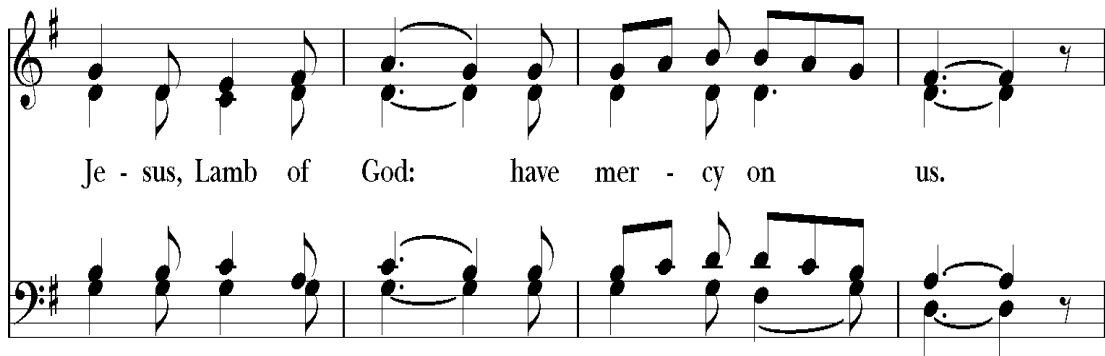
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

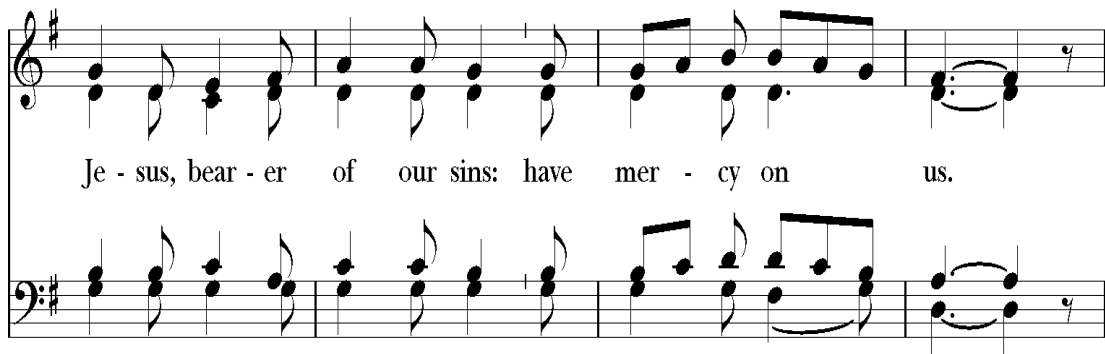
AGNUS DEI "O Lamb of God"

1982 Hymnal, #S164

The hymn begins on the next page.



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.

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THE FRACTION

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.

THE COMMUNION *All are invited to the rail at the Table of the Lord.
The Celebrant, assisted by LEM 1, will distribute the communion kits.
(Online participants eat and drink)*

COMMUNION HYMNS "IN THE GARDEN" LEV HYMNAL, #69

The Hymn begins on the next page.

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, _____ While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice _____ Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him _____ Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, _____ And the joy we share as we

The hymn continues on the next page.



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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wolck-Nortey Yoda

All stand, if able

RECESSIONAL "He Is Risen, He Is Risen"

1982 Hymnal, #180

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

O God, give me clean hands, clean words and clean thoughts. Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. Save me from habits that harm. Teach me to work as hard, and play as fair in thy sight alone as if the whole world saw. Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me. Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself. Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Christ. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Rev. Creamilda Wulck-Nortey Yoda

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks, be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE "SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS OF GLORY

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar are given in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Assisting in the Service:

Organist: Timothy Credle

LEMs: Quentin Banks (LEM); Marvise Middleton (LEM 2 & POP);
Gail Russell (LECTOR)

Livestream Tech: Dave Jackson

Lessons for the Second Sunday of Easter, Holy Humor Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Acts 2:14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31; Psalm 16

LEMS for the Second Sunday of Easter, Holy Humor Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Art Taylor (LEM 1); Holly Harding (LEM 2 & POP); Eda Brawner (Lector)



Easter Lilies



*Christ Church offers sincere thanks to those who have donated Lilies for our
Lilies may be picked up after the 9:00 am service*

Carol Canteen

In thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings

*Winston and
Luan George*

*In loving memory of Joseph and Christobell Millington
In loving memory of Joseph and Isola Rodriguez*

*Paul and
Holly Harding*

*In loving memory of, and thanksgiving for, Landon, Tessie, Stephen, Thomas
In loving memory of her mother Beryl McDonald*

Jean Henry

*In thanksgiving for God's many blessings and His grace, love and
protection upon my family*

Gail Russell

In loving memory of her mother, Connie Russell

*Rev. Creamilda
Yoda and family*

*In cherished memories and love shared with our dearly departed
who are very much alive in our hearts and in Christ*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Church is pleased to welcome all for worship in person and via Live Streaming and Zoom conference call every Sunday at 9am.

Please note the “**Join Zoom Meeting**” computer login:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84987754393?pwd=L3dWcnZiU2YzZmdlaHhhTzI0eFV5Zz09>

Zoom phone call instructions:

Telephone Number 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 849 8775 4393. Press #

Passcode: 601866. Press #

Please join and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors. Remember to mute your phones. The bulletins are emailed in “Parish News”.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday May 2, 2026! The Phebe Chapter of Christ Church will host the ANNUAL DAY for The Washington Assembly of the Daughters of the King Diocese Of Washington. This is a day of celebration and prayer bringing together Daughters from Chapters in the Diocese. We are reaching out to members of the Christ Church family to help our Church provide a wonderful, happy and spiritual experience for the Daughters who join us. Questions? Contact President Teresa Beall or Vice President Rosie Greenaway.

VESTRY meetings are held after the service on First Sundays from September to June.

ELECTRONIC GIVING. You can give to Christ Church via Zelle, PayPal, Credit Card, or Debit Card. Go on the church website, click on the DONATE button at the top and then click on the PayPal link at the bottom of the page. You can use your phone or computer with your bank's online or mobile apps to access Zelle. Use the email treasurer@christchurchclinton.org and the church will receive and acknowledge your gifts. You may designate your gift a specific fund, such as General or Building Fund, ECW, Pledge, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Air Conditioning Fund, etc.

PRAYER LIST. If you would like the names of loved ones, friends or colleagues added to the prayer list, please email prayer requests to either the church office at christepiscopalchurchclinton@gmail.com or Gail Russell at grussell6805@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE. Anyone with announcements should email them to the church administrator, Rosemary Greenaway, at christepiscopalchurchclinton@gmail.com , or give them to Gail Russell (grussell6805@gmail.com) so they can be included in the bulletin and/or announced in church.

COVID/FLU PROTOCOLS. We ask if you have been exposed to Covid or are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home. In line with new CDC, state and local Covid policies, Christ Church has revised our protocols to the following:

- 1) Masks are optional
- 2) Seating restrictions have been lifted, but please respect the space of others
- 3) Elbow bumps may be used at peace, but respect other's choices.

Sanitizer will be available for use. We will not have a common cup and plate. Individually packaged communion elements will be used. We offer non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic communion packets.

COMPLINE/BIBLE STUDY. Join our weekly Bible Study and Prayer every Tuesday, from 7pm – 8pm via Zoom. We are studying the Book of Psalms. Members are encouraged to share their faith as we pray and study The Scriptures. We guarantee you'll be moved to learn new things about the Bible while enjoying the fellowship of the group. The Zoom link, ID and Passcode are as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84429367529?pwd=pAHRkfaa7cFxPRI7FfMGbBISawRza7.>

1 Meeting ID: 844 2936 7529, Passcode: 669248 Join by phone: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING. The Order of the Daughters of the King, The Phebe Chapter. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Sunday following the service. Prayer and Bible Study is every Thursday at 7:30pm. Our mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service, and evangelism. The DOK runs the Food Pantry as part of their service to the community.

Women interested in joining may contact our officers: Teresa Beall (President), Rosemary Greenaway (Vice-President), Marvise Middleton, (Secretary), Jean Henry (Treasurer), Rev. Creamilda Yoda (Chaplain). Here is the zoom link for the weekly Thursday evening Prayer and Bible study:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87071037781?pwd=4jw2Xlb1Gaxx34oXFmbE9zPewteLLg.1>

Meeting ID: 870 7103 7781 Passcode: 266954

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets every First Saturday at 11am. Its mission is to encourage the spread of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ among men and youth through study, prayer and service. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to the president, Quentin Banks.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN meets on the second Sunday of the month from September through May. All women of the church are automatically members. ECW supports the Coffee Hour, Thrift Store, Spaghetti Suppers, Pancake Suppers/Bake

FOOD PANTRY. The Christ Church Food Pantry is run by the Daughters of the King. It Sale, the Easter Breakfast between the 6am and 9am services and numerous activities.

provides a vital service to the community. It is open on the First and Third Saturday of each month from 9am -11am. All donations are accepted and greatly appreciated. During this challenging time, everyone is encouraged to donate a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.

CONNIE’S CORNER THRIFT SHOP. The Thrift shop provides a valuable service to the community and welcome funding for Christ Church. Donations are accepted year-round. We offer good quality items of clothing, home décor, cooking utensils, books, and toys. The dedicated staff includes Roseanna Brine, Sr. Warden Gail Russell, and others. The shop is open on the First and Third Saturday 9AM–1PM.

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**Welcome visitors,
join us for refreshments in Dun Hall.**