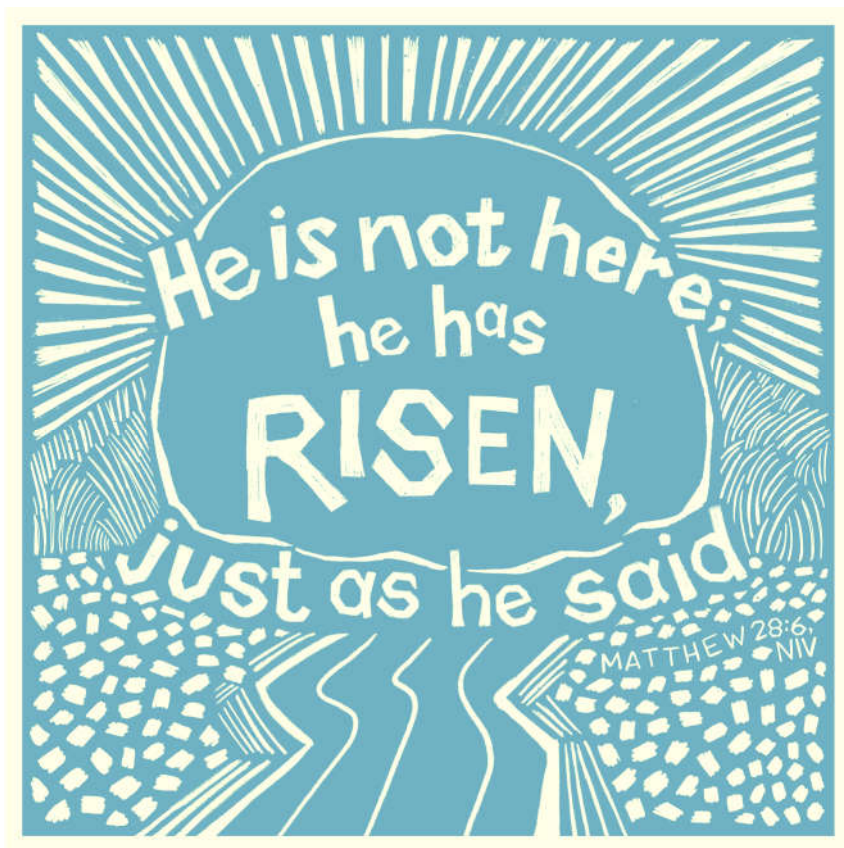


# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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***Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023***



## **Mission Statement**

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

## **Welcoming Statement**

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

# The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

## Processional Hymn #207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: 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.

**All: Amen**

## The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>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 merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant,

and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

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 New Testament Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual Hymn Levas #40 He Rose**

### **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

Rev. Lyn Morlan

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He**

**ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **The Rite of Peace**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **Blessings and Celebrations**

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Wedding Anniversary Prayer**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true god-

liness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

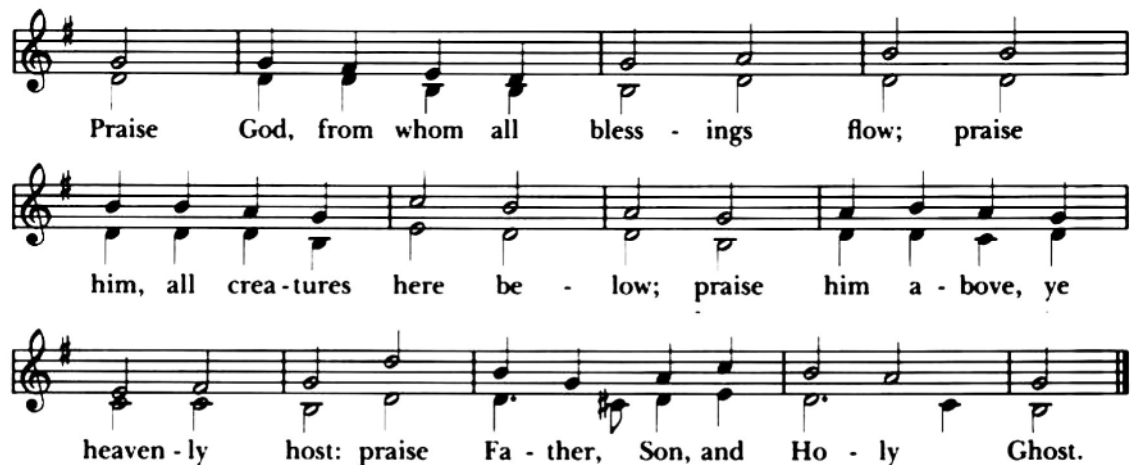
### Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Offertory Anthem: Stand up Rejoice and Sing by Robert Thygerson



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

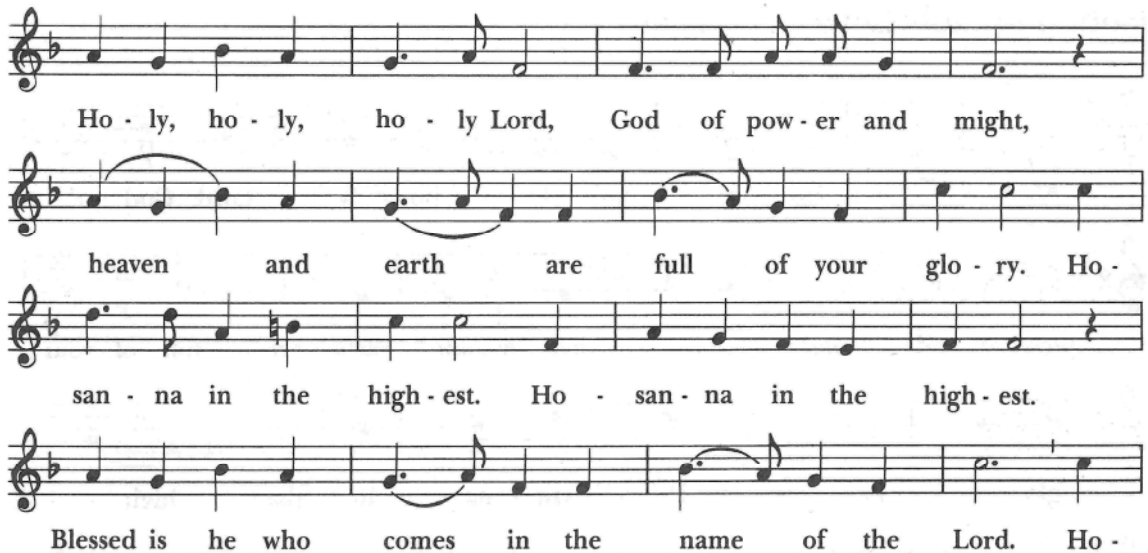
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

### Sanctus



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



**All: Amen**

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-es, As we-for-give those who tres-pass-a-against us,  
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from  
e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the  
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

Celebrant: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have  
mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the



Celebrant: 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.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Communion Hymn # 325 Let us Break Bread Together

### Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

BCP page 833

**Lord make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **Final Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The blessing is bestowed.*

## **Recessional Hymn #178 Give Thanks to the Risen Lord**

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

**All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer

## ***Today's Easter Lilies are given with love by:***



Darla Davisson in memory of her husband Bill Davisson

Darla Davisson in memory of her son Patrick Shannon  
Davisson

Toni Clark in memory of her husband Dennis

Christine Jayne in memory of her husband Richard

Chuck & Cherie Sheaffer in memory of their parents

Chuck & Cherie Sheaffer in memory of their dear friend  
Elaine Dunlop



## ***Prayer and Praise***

*as of 4-3-2023*

- ◆ Please pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law, that her surgery went well and for healing.
- ◆ Please pray for Brandon (one of our long-term vendors) and his girlfriend Angela.
- ◆ Please pray for healing for Mike Cox who had knee replacement surgery earlier this week.
- ◆ Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis
- ◆ Pray for healing and God's wisdom for Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother)
- ◆ Please pray for healing and comfort for Rebecca, a friend of Eric Sheaffer.
- ◆ Please pray for David West's continued healing.
- ◆ Please pray for the West family (David's Mom) has entered palliative care on the East Coast.
- ◆ Pray for David McKinsey (friend of David West) he is having a serious heart issue and needs prayers for healing, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Online prayer requests: Irina Manta needs prayers as she goes through a divorce and takes care of her mom who is suffering from Alzheimer's. Carrie Patterson, single mom of two needs prayer that God provides for her family's needs.
- ◆ Vickie Diaz is asking for prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
- ◆ Pray for healing, strength, comfort and peace for Niniv Tamimi.
- ◆ Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Munroe's.
- ◆ Pray for healing for Claudine Romegialli. May the reason for her failing health be found and treatment started. Prayers for strength, healing and comfort.
- ◆ Continue prayers for healing for Rj.

- ◆ Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- ◆ Update on Christine Judd: Please pray that they will be able to find a good place for her to go upon release from the rehab hospital.
- ◆ Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in some-way.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry.
- ◆ Continued prayers for the search committee.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

	April 2	Easter (9th)	April 16	April 23	April 30
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	Rev Dondi
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## ***Volunteers Needed***

I am looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, readers and ushers on Sunday's. If you are interested, PLEASE let me know! Think about making a commitment for just one Sunday a month. - Jeni



## *Meetings, News and Needs*

- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 to 10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact Chuck Sheaffer. Contact info on page 19
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Judy Teter. Contact info on page 19
- ☞ Paint and Succulents Day - Want to create something beautiful for all seasons? Need help or encouragement with painting and planting? In June come paint a flower pot guided by a local artist and fill it with lovely succulent plants while learning about them. All materials will be included to decorate the pot and finish it with a variety of plants. More details to come, including the date and time.
- ☞ Mark your calendars the Halloween party is back! October 28th. More information to come but this will give you some time to start planning your costume.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Inter-faith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative)
- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for the Shower Shuttle, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.



- ☞ If you are interested in helping with the food giveaway the first Wednesday of each month please contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners please contact Linda Lowe
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two please contact Gayle Ivy

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.

### *Recycling at St. Paul's*

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.



### *2023 El Camino de la Pascua*

Walkers for the El Camino de la Pascua will be at St. Paul's on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We are responsible for providing dinner and places to sleep for them. It is my job to coordinate sleeping quarters. If you can accommodate one or two walkers please contact me at 209-522-9600 or email [bertbear714@gmail.com](mailto:bertbear714@gmail.com). If you have any questions you can contact Linda Lowe or me. Linda's information is in your Sunday bulletin. - Roberta Bearden



The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. Now is your chance to sign-up for the dates you want before they are taken.

# El Camino de la Pascua



**Journeying for migrant,  
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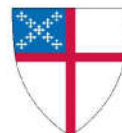
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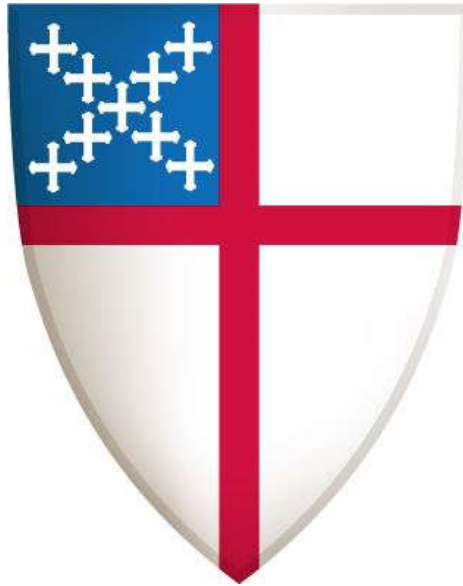
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Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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