

# **Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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***Tenth Sunday After Pentecost***

***July 28, 2024***



## **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.

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

## Opening Hymn #541 Come Labor On

### Opening Salutation by Presider:

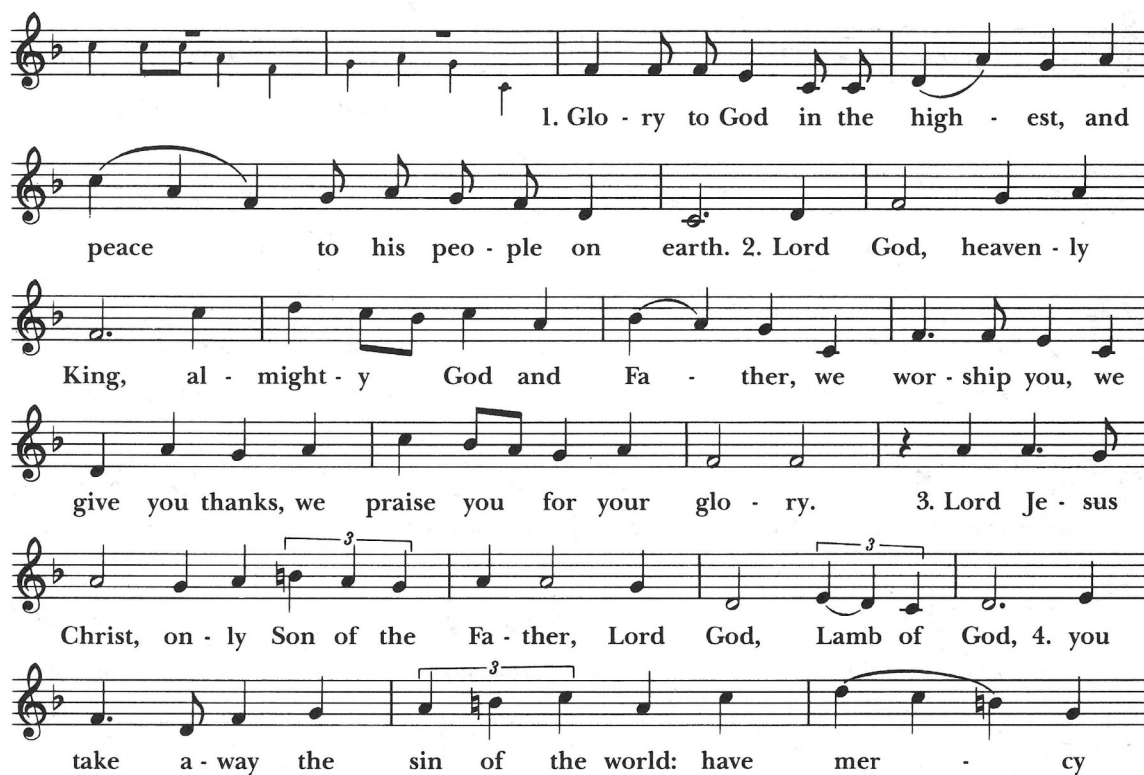
As we come together now, let us settle into stillness. Slowly, ever so slowly, we center our minds and our hearts. Let your cares and your weariness fall away. Enter deeply into silence. We are one with the universe. We are one with the sun and the stars. We are one with the One who is Mystery, who created the heavens and the earth. We are one with the One who is Mystery, who created you and me. O marvelous mystery! I am one with the One who is Mystery, the One who created me, and loves me, and whose Spirit lives in me.

*Moment of silence*

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God  
Glory to God for ever and ever.

## 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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 God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us pray.

Holy God, we thank you for the courage of the eleven women who offered themselves to your service as priests 50 years ago in Philadelphia. With gratitude, we honor all those who defended their cause and assisted them in answering your call. Help us, having their bravery in mind, to continue the work of inviting, blessing, and utilizing the gifts of all persons, for the building up of the Body of Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### The Lessons

*The first lesson is from Exodus 1:15-21*

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?” The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

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

A Reading from the Wisdom of Sirach 1:4-15

Wisdom was created before all other things,  
and prudent understanding from eternity.  
The root of wisdom—to whom has it been revealed?  
Her subtleties—who knows them?  
There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared,  
seated upon his throne—the Lord.  
It is he who created her;  
he saw her and took her measure;  
he poured her out upon all his works,  
upon all the living according to his gift;  
he lavished her upon those who love him.  
The fear of the Lord is glory and exultation,  
and gladness and a crown of rejoicing.  
The fear of the Lord delights the heart,  
and gives gladness and joy and long life.  
Those who fear the Lord will have a happy end;

on the day of their death they will be blessed.  
To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
she is created with the faithful in the womb.  
She made among human beings an eternal foundation,  
and among their descendants she will abide faithfully.  
and her branches are long life.

*The second reading is from Galatians 3:23-29*

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn Levas #536 Open Your Ears**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:1-11*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son

of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' ” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon: Rev. Kathie Galicia**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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 wor-**

**shipped 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.**

### **A Litany of Prayer for the Philadelphia Eleven**

God of our forebears, we remember the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church: Alison, Alla, Betty, Carter, Emily, Jeannette, Katrina, Marie, Merrill, Nancy, and Suzanne. Thank you for calling them to priesthood, and for giving them the resolve to answer.

**We thank you, Holy One.**

We remember the bishops who acted to ordain them: Daniel Corrigan, Robert DeWitt, and Edward Welles. We thank you for their apostolic service.

**We thank you, Holy One.**

We give thanks for the leaders of the Church of the Advocate, who embodied hospitality and care.

**We thank you, Holy One.**

We thank you for the bishops and deputies who acted to break down gender barriers to ordination, opening the way for women to answer your call in this church.

**We thank you, Holy One.**

Spirit of love, we pray for ears to hear your call, and the strength to answer.

**Hear us, Holy One.**

Spirit of wisdom, we pray for discerning hearts, so that we may recognize the gifts and ministries for which you equip us.

**Hear us, Holy One.**

Spirit of justice, we pray for those who are devalued and limited rather than lifted and celebrated; help us to see your glory in every human face.

**Hear us, Holy One.**

Spirit of love, we pray for your church and for your world. As we strive to bring equity to our church, we pray to serve as models of justice and peace for our neighbors.

**Hear us, Holy One.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, we pray to participate each day in the renewal of your church and in the healing of the world. Teach us to value one another, to rely on the breadth of our diverse gifts, and to unite us in bonds of love. We pray because of Jesus, who teaches us to serve. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and**



**forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest stands and says*

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

### **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**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.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**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 thy peace which passeth 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 godliness, 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 Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and

sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Hymn #304 I Come with Joy**

**The Holy Communion  
The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and a good and joyful thing that we give you thanks, at all times and in all places, in times of gladness and of sadness, Holy One, eternal and all powerful God, through Christ our Lord.

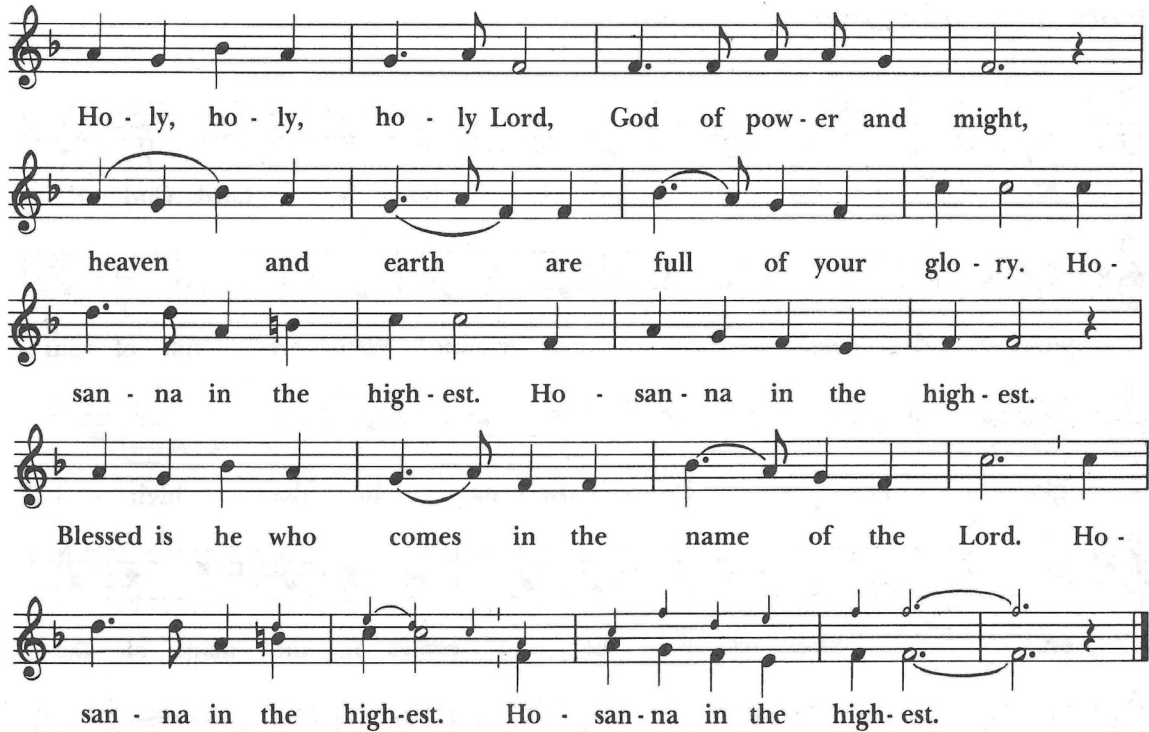
Loving and maternal God,  
You are indeed full of surprises,  
You are always bringing to birth a new creation.  
You visited Mary and made of her a model for all women.  
Mary visited Elizabeth, and touched by grace,  
left us with a legacy of praise,  
a hint of future miracles,  
experience of God's way:

the lowly are uplifted, the powerful overthrown, the hungry  
offered sustenance, the resources of the wealthy given to the underprivi-  
leged class.

Thank you, God of all people, for revealing Your feminine face.

Therefore with the whole Church on earth, with angels and saints, we pro-  
claim your glory and with one voice sing:

## 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 -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness.  
Over the waters of creation, you brought light from darkness.  
Out of the waters of the flood, you brought life from death.  
Through the waters of the Red Sea, you brought freedom from bondage.  
In the waters of baptism, you bring communion from isolation.

We thank you for creation, for redemption, and for your love that will recon-  
cile and rule all in all.

Especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus, who is one with you and makes us one in him and one in the faith of your Church.

May we be strengthened to stand up for justice, offer comfort and forgiveness, and love the world as you love us.

On the night before he suffered death, as Jesus gathered his friends around the table he took bread and, offering thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to all of them saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After all of them had eaten, he again took the cup and, offering thanks to you, he gave it to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes again.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son, his prayer that we may be one, his death and resurrection, his ascension and continual intercession for us, and his sending of the living giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives and the lives of those around us, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Holy Spirit to bless us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break may be a communion in the body of Christ, and that the cup we share may be a communion in the blood of Christ.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

In the waters of baptism you have made us one with God; give us unity in faith and love, and enable us to grow in all things in Christ.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now with confidence as children of God, we boldly pray:

**Eternal Spirit,**

**Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker**

**Source of all that is and all that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope, and come on earth!**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too severe to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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.

*Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.*

### **Communion Hymn #490 I want to walk as a child of the light**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated to you;  
and then use us,  
we pray as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God, the one who Created us, Redeemed us, and Sustains us, be with you this day now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia. Grace be with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

## *Special Coffee Hour-Parish Hall after Worship*

Come thank Rev. Kathie for her faithful service to St. Paul's. Enjoy some fellowship and cake together as we wish her well in her retirement.



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

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



The flowers at the altar today  
are given to  
The Glory of God by Ann Mootz in memory of  
Jack and Dorothy Mootz, and with Thanksgiving  
for Rev. Kathie Galicia's dedicated service to St.  
Paul's

**\*\*Join Us for Noonday Prayer \*\***

We extend a warm invitation to join us for the weekly Noonday Prayer service, held every Tuesday at noon in the Guadalupe Chapel in the parish hall.

Our Noonday Prayer service offers a brief yet meaningful opportunity for worship, reflection, and communal prayer. Lasting just a short while, it's a perfect chance to step away from the rush of our schedules and center ourselves in the presence of God.

In addition to our time of prayer, we will also take a moment to read the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This allows us to prepare our hearts and minds for the messages and lessons that will be shared during our Sunday service. It's a chance to delve deeper into the Word, to ponder its significance, and to consider how it speaks to our lives today.

Contact Sarah Hartmann, 215-917-8477, with any questions.



**For Health, Peace and Comfort:**

Cherie Sheaffer; Ed Bearden-recovering from surgery; Claudine Romegialli; Pam & Mike Cox; Suzy Cano; Elaine Paradise; Deacon George; Ryan Anderson; Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Mary Kinnaman; Michael Thorington; Ismael Huggins; Kristina & Rozy Frias; Ken & Trish Hart; Melanie Mayfield & husband John; Mary Griffin; Joshua Trautmann; Christine Judd; Joel; Craig Persons; Marti Persons.

**Praise God:**

Jack Biglow for his new job.

Prayers and thanksgiving for Fr. Brian Dawson, due to begin as our new Rector in August.

**Please Pray For:**

Kristina Frias, for success in her job search.

Gabe Trautmann for success in his job search.

Ally Young for success in her job search.

Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere: Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will in their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.

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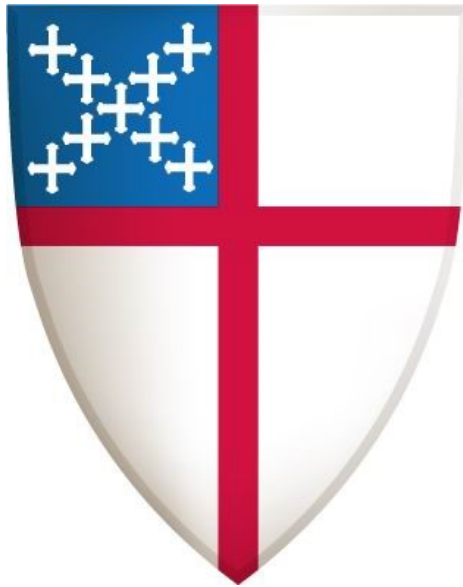
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