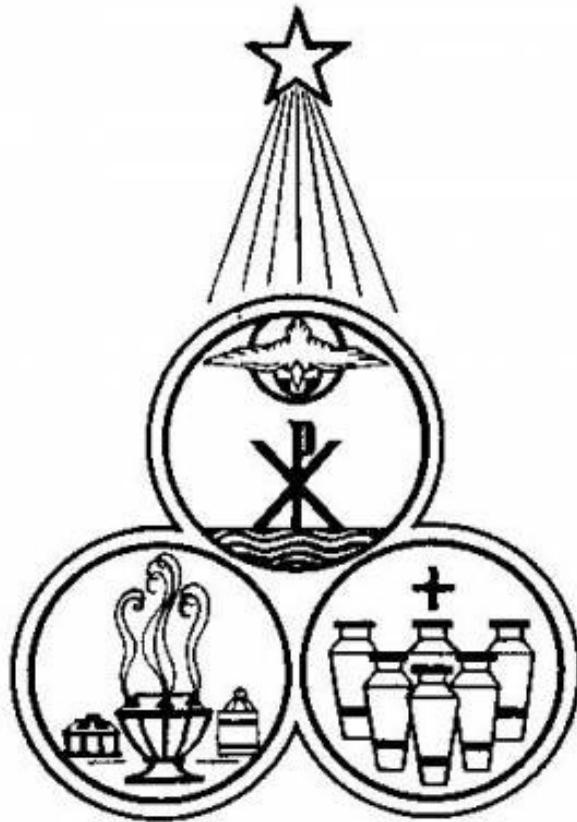


Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany



**January 29, 2023
11:00 a.m.**

Prelude

Announcements

Entrance 574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.

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The complete text begins on page 355 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing this Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The Lessons

Micah 6:1-8

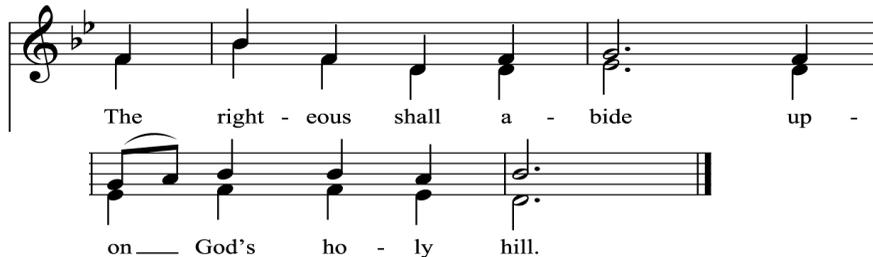
Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what

does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 15



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- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart. **Refrain**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD. **Refrain**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown. **Refrain**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the
discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the

scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence 441 "In the cross of Christ I glory"

The musical score is written on three staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with a '1' for the first ending and a '3' for the third ending. The lyrics are: '1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing / 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and / 1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of / 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the / 1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime. / 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.'

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Deacon (or Priest) The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon (or Priest) The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

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 worshiped 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 Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Provisional Prince,
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on Ken, Joana, Bruce, Ruth, Sue, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Curtis, Daryl, Jim, Mike, and Andrew...are there others?...and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.

The Priest 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.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

Offertory

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Doxology (*Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3*)

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

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.

Then the Priest 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Priest 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.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

Priest and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Hymns During Communion

“Blest are they”

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



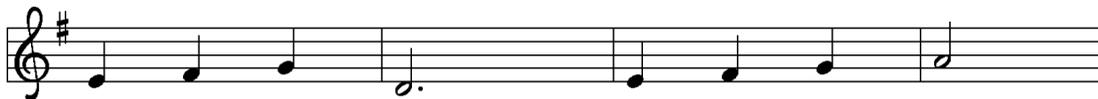
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - jice and be glad!



Yours is the king-dom of God!

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

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656 "Blest are the pure in heart"



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

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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 Priest bestows the blessing

Closing 556 "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

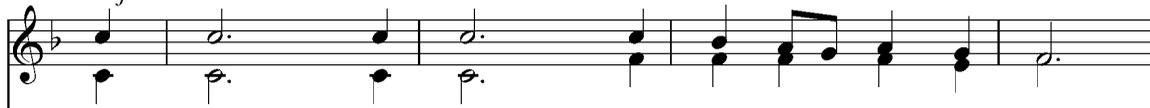


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Sunday Supper at Trinity Episcopal Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Ken Hubbard, Joana Jackson, Bruce Connon, Ruth Kapala, Sue Linke, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Curtis Carr, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, and Andrew.

Homebound: Shirley Carr

Birthdays: Edith Blair, Laurie Griggs (29)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Trinity, Bay City and St. John the Apostle, Ionia; Anglican: the Church of Pakistan

The Flowers at the Altar

Given to the Glory of God
and
In Celebration
of
Brandon Peterson's Birthday
by
His Mom, Lisa Rhea

Readings for February 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9[10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Announcements

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Rev. LaRae Rutenbar for being here today and leading us in worship.

ENCORE! ENCORE!

If you bought a couple of quarts of Maggie Michaud's Nearly Famous Vegetable Soup and wish you had purchased more, or if you missed out the first time around and you are filled with regret after hearing the rave reviews, never fear!! We can help you out. We have FROZEN Maggie Michaud's Nearly Famous Vegetable Soup! Just ask at coffee hour and someone will fill your order! Or call Cheryl Bates (989) 657-2939 or Sonya Titus (989) 354-6031 for a convenient pick up time.

MESSY CHURCH AND CHURCH POTLUCK

This coming Thursday, February 2, from 5:00-7:00 we will have our first Messy Church since the Covid shut-down. We are hoping some of our Trinity members will join us for a potluck (sign up sheet on the kitchen door) and be a part of the ministry. We go into the Sanctuary for a Bible Story and songs, right after our meal. The children then come back to the Fellowship Hall and visit different stations with activities that enhance the Bible Story. Adults can join in with us, or sit at tables and visit. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Wilson, Bronwyn Woolman or Ted Rockwell. Thanks!

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Who changes the colored linens on the altar or prepares the communion table?? Well, it could be you! There is a dire need for altar guild members and the Altar Guide Director Lisa Rhea is willing and able to provide training and supervision. Duties include a Sat. commitment to place altar flowers and set the altar for communion and sometimes change the linens. On Sunday, the communion table gets reset after the 8 a.m. service and the altar is cleared after the 11 a.m. service. The goal is to have two people for each Sunday to divide the duties. It's not a lot of work and it doesn't take long, but it is so important to prepare the altar for the Lord's Day. Please consider serving. If you are interested, call Lisa Rhea at 734-819-1609 or 989-354-3480.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY - JANUARY 29TH

Please join us for an enhanced coffee hour and our annual meeting following the 11am service this morning.



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 29

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar
*Only 1 service today with enhanced coffee hour/
Annual Meeting after the service)*

Sunday, February 5

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, February 12

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, February 19

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, February 26

8 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar
11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden

Ben Westrope, Junior Warden

Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Tina Wilson, Clerk

Duane Himes

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