

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10 AM



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## The Entrance Rite

Hymn 443

*From God Christ's Deity Came Forth*

Salem Harbor

From God Christ's deity came forth

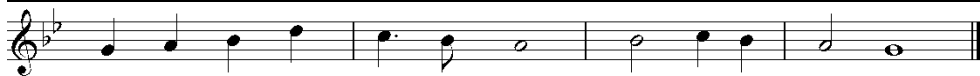
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1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -  
2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -  
3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who  
4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his  
5 Who then, my Lord, com - pares with you? The Watch - cr slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his  
2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his  
3 were in sin; he for the right - cous did re - jice but  
4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and  
5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.  
2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.  
3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.  
4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.  
5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

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## The Ministry of the Word

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The

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The light of Christ has come come.

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**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Children's Moment** *Children are invited to come forward for a Children's Moment.*

## Isaiah 49:1-7

## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## **I Corinthians 1:1-9**

## **The Epistle Reading**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother  
Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been  
given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech  
and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the  
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that  
you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him  
you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

### ***Come Holy Spirit***

Come, Holy Spirit  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
Kindle in us the fire of your love  
Send forth your Spirit  
And we shall be created  
You shall renew the face of the earth

O, God  
Who by the Light of the Holy Spirit  
Did instruct the hearts of your faithful  
Grant that by that same Holy Spirit  
We shall be truly wise  
And ever enjoy your consolations  
Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

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## John 1:29-42

## The Gospel Reading

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Connie Bowman and Mr. Steve English**

## The Baptismal Covenant

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*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Prayers of the People

*We pray together for ourselves and other people; for God's family, the church; for nations and leaders; for peace and justice; for people who are sick or in trouble; for people we love; for people who have died.*

*Presider* It is in following the Light that we discover the truth. With the love of God to guide our footsteps, let us journey to the new Bethlehem and offer our prayers to the Holy Child, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

*Leader* For the light of hope which illumines the depths of reality and releases our hearts to offer the treasures of our souls; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* For the fragile stirrings of peace sown in troubled places throughout the world, that freedom may flourish, and its fruits bring hope to those most in need; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* For the forgiveness of our sins: our greed and narrow-mindedness, our selfishness and misuse of power, our misjudgment of one another, that we may acknowledge our faults and turn to the all-merciful love of God; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* That we may be humbled in the presence of the poor, bending the knee of our hearts to those who have no defender, and to those whose economic and personal distress pains us to encounter; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* For those who are suffering with illness and for those who bear a private grief, that the Holy Comforter may bring them relief from their burdens; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* For all that is to be revealed to us during this new year: the joys, the disappointments, the struggles, the new directions and insights; that through all our journeys we may know the Messiah as our constant companion; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* For a generosity of spirit, that through the delight of giving treasures rich and rare, we may share a common bounty and support a shared mission; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* In thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Christ, a foretaste of that heavenly banquet upon which the faithful departed continually feast; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, God of Glory.***

*Leader* In companionship with the angels of light, we continue our prayers.

*Silence may be kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People:* ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion.*

*At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

*An offering is received to support St. Mark's ministry of sharing God's love this Easter season. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online, using the QR code.*



**Offertory Anthem**

***Will You Come and Follow Me***

John W. Bell

## Music at the Presentation

## *Song of Thanks and Praise (The Offering)*

Holy Father, with this our offering.  
We give thanks, for we are standing  
In your grace

Father we love you, we give you our hearts.  
Standing before you, we open our arms.  
Standing before you. We want to receive you;  
We want to show you. We want you to know  
We treasure ... treasure ... Your Grace.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

*The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.*

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:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

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***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word

spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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

### Our Father in heaven

hallowed be your name  
your kingdom come  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the bread in silence.*

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

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrants says the following invitation*

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

## Lamb of God

1) Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him  
from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

2) Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him  
as He died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

*Chorus:*

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
O wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

3) I was so lost I should have died;  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called the Lamb of God

*(Chorus)*

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## Hymn 549

*Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

St. Andrew



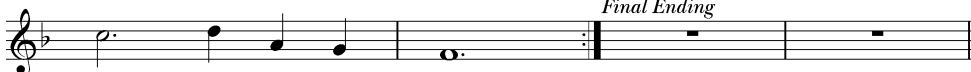
1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior,



1 life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 2 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 3 vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol that would  
 4 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 5 make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



1 sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;" say - ing,  
 2 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake. leav - ing  
 3 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more." say - ing,  
 4 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these." "Chris - tian,  
 5 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all. serve and



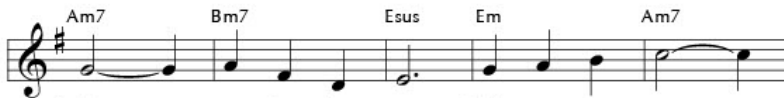
1 "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"  
 2 all for his dear sake.  
 3 "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 4 love me more than these."  
 5 love thee best of all.

## Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

## The Post Communion Prayer

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*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

### Hymn 490

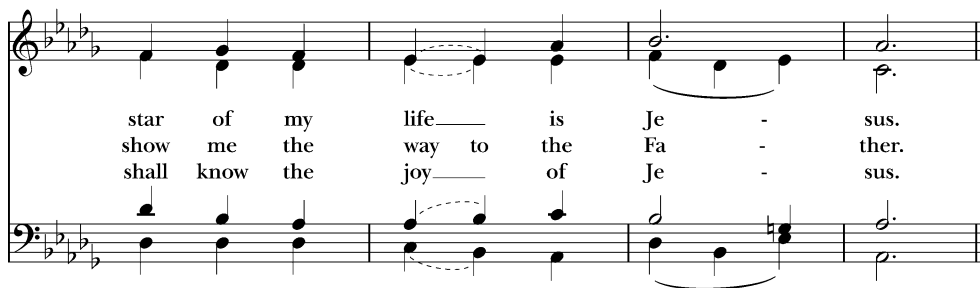
### *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

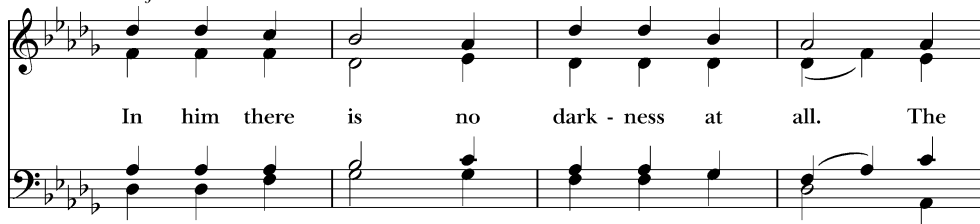
I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
I want to look-at Je-sus.  
I want to be-with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

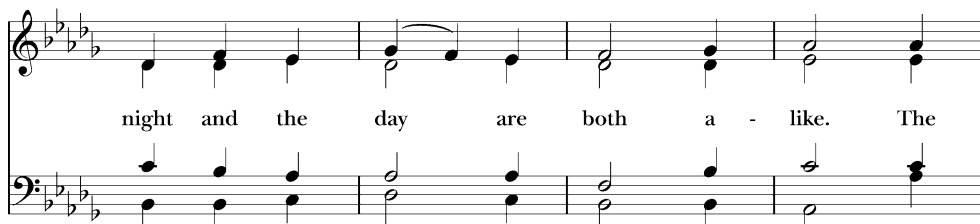


star of my life — is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

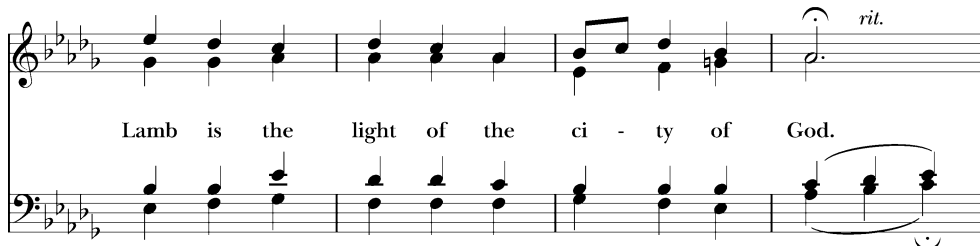
*Refrain*



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a short piece. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking 'a tempo' is written above the first staff. The lyrics 'Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.' are written below the treble staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some notes in the bass staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:*     *The celebrant offers a dismissal.*

*People:*       *Thanks be to God.*



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Tang
Preacher:	The Rev. Connie Bowman and Mr. Steve English
Organist & Dir. of Music:	Nina Asgeirsson Feeney
Lighted Path Band:	Margaret & Rick LaRocca, Richard Boales, Scott Kramer
Dir. of Acolytes:	Karen Luman
Live Stream Producer:	Colin Purdue
Choir Members:	Barbara Barrett King, John Beakes, Rosemary Beakes, Martha Cargo, Sandi Davis, Kris DeWitt, Nancy Hall, June Kerger, Michelle Goddard Kim, Kathryn Knaus, Dave McAdoo, Julia Purdue, Marianna Stepniak, Tristan Stepniak, Sue Stup, Dan Tyler, Charles Wingate

		<u>Next Week</u>
Chalicist:	Beth Mitchell	Gayle Gerdes
	Ron Stup	Pam Brazis
Lectors:	Nancy Hall	David Morales
	Steele Michael	Bonnie Dixon
Altar Guild:	Gayle Gerdes	Karen McAfee
Ushers:	Scott Stevens	Kathy Arth
	Tim Swygert	Bob Arth

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