

Sunday, February 21, 2021 | St. Francis' Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent

*Liturgy of the Eucharist
Book of Common Prayer*



Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

A Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.


People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me."

Antiphon:

People



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. (a)

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. (a)

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. (a)

Honor your parents. (a)

You shall not commit murder. (a)

You shall not commit adultery. (a)

You shall not steal. (a)

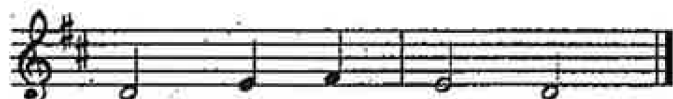
You shall not be a false witness. (a)

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After the 10th Commandment



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our



hearts, we be - seech thee.

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People:

**Almighty God,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time grievously have committed,
in thought, word, and deed, against your divine Splendor,
provoking most justly your anger and unhappiness with us.
We turn away from these evil thoughts, words and deeds and turn toward you.
We are deeply sorry for our misdoings;
thinking of them grieves us,
the burden of them is horrible.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
for the sake of your Child, our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this moment forward we may
serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

People: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Old Testament

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25

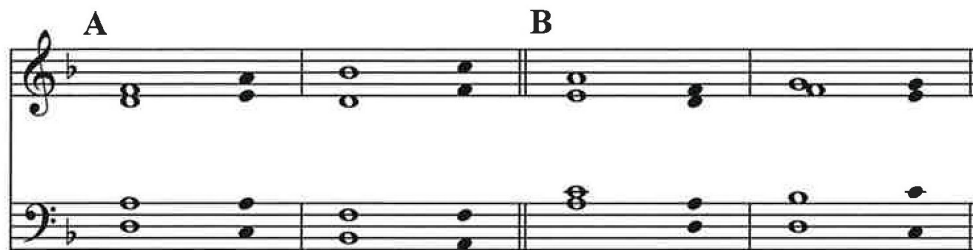
v. 1-9

Psalm Leaders, Leah Milton and Lynn Grames

Antiphon:



Your paths, O LORD, are love and faith - ful - ness, to those who keep your cov - e - nant.



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1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. (a)
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. (a)
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. (a)
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (a)

The Epistle

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

People: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1. O let all who thirst, let them come
 2. And let all who seek, let them come
 3. And let all who toil, let them come
 4. And let all the poor, let them come

1. to the wa - ter. And let all who have
 2. to the wa - ter. And let all who have
 3. to the wa - ter. And let all who are
 4. to the wa - ter. Bring the ones who are

1. noth - ing, let them come to the Lord:
 2. noth - ing, let them come to the Lord:
 3. wea - ry, let them come to the Lord:
 4. lad - en, bring them all to the Lord:

1. with - out mon - ey, with - out price.
 2. with - out mon - ey, with - out strife.
 3. all who la - bor, with - out rest.
 4. bring the chil - dren with - out might.

1. Why should you pay the price, ex - cept for the Lord?
 2. Why should you spend your life, ex - cept for the Lord?
 3. How can your soul find rest, ex - cept for the Lord?
 4. Eas - y the load and light: 7 come to the Lord.

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The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

People: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbi Click

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 human.
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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, and may our response be, "Hear our prayer".

Intercessor: Incarnate God, through your Word you teach us to be prayerful, and to be thankful for all people. Today, we pray that your Church Universal may continue to be inspired by the Spirit of truth, unity, and peace. And as we confess the holiness of your Name, bring us to live according to your Truth. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Deon, our Bishop, Laurie, our Vicar, Rebecca, our Deacon; that their actions and words be reflective of your life-sustaining Teaching, so to administer your holy Sacraments with a spirit of love and respect. In our Diocesan cycle of Prayer we remember the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Carondelet, and Rebecca their priest, and Barbi their deacon. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Draw all people into your protective fold, and especially this congregation gathered here; that, we may receive and inwardly digest your life-giving Word of Love, so that we may be united by the Spirit of Christ, and generously serve others in his name. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of Wisdom, bless those who are charged with the authority of government with a vision of peace and reconciliation. Give them knowledge of your will, regard for your laws, and respect for the whole human family. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of all Creation, since the beginning you have created all things, and you have invited us to be faithful stewards of your creation. Give to all persons a reverence for our earthly home that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Abiding Spirit of God, we place in your hands those for whom we want to pray: for our parishioners Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann; and for those who have asked for our prayers for Chris, Ruth, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, and Gigi, that they may find comfort in the goodness of your love for their trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or other adversity. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Eternal Spirit, we pray for all those whom we love but see no longer, especially Mary Neele, Ryder Nolen, and Pauline Handschy, grant to them eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life that knows no age. May we, following the good examples of Francis and all the saints, and in our own time, come to the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People: **Amen.**

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 15 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Instrumental music plays as our ushers collect our offerings to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 Maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 undending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior. By Christ and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

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

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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

Celebrant and People:

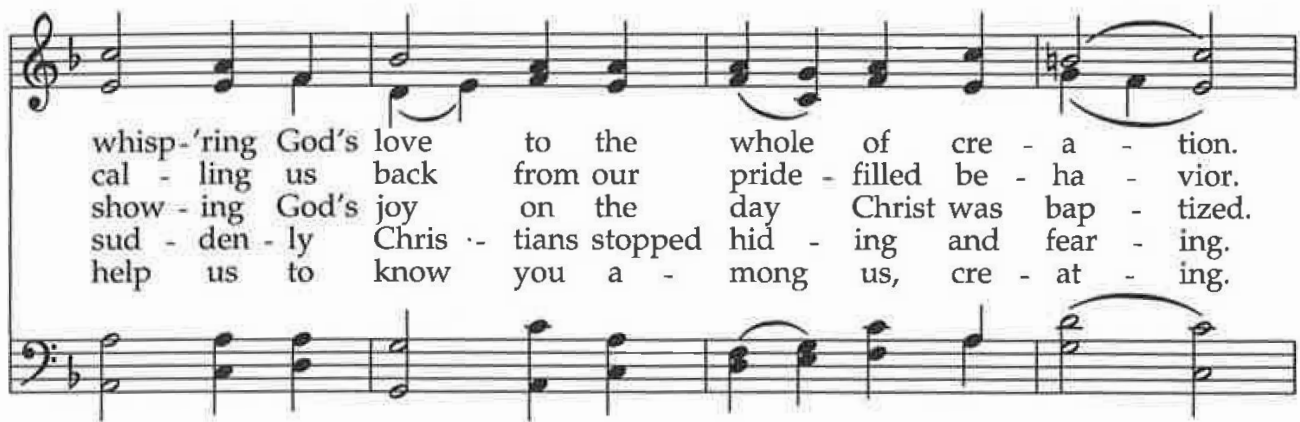
**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

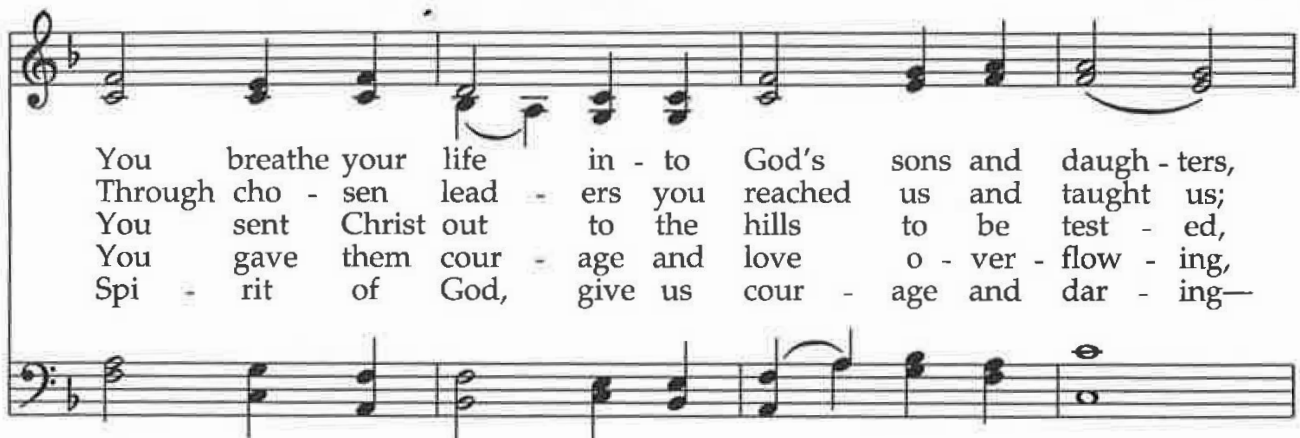
This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please just cross your hands over your heart when the clergy come to your car .

Hymn Leader, Suzanne Jones

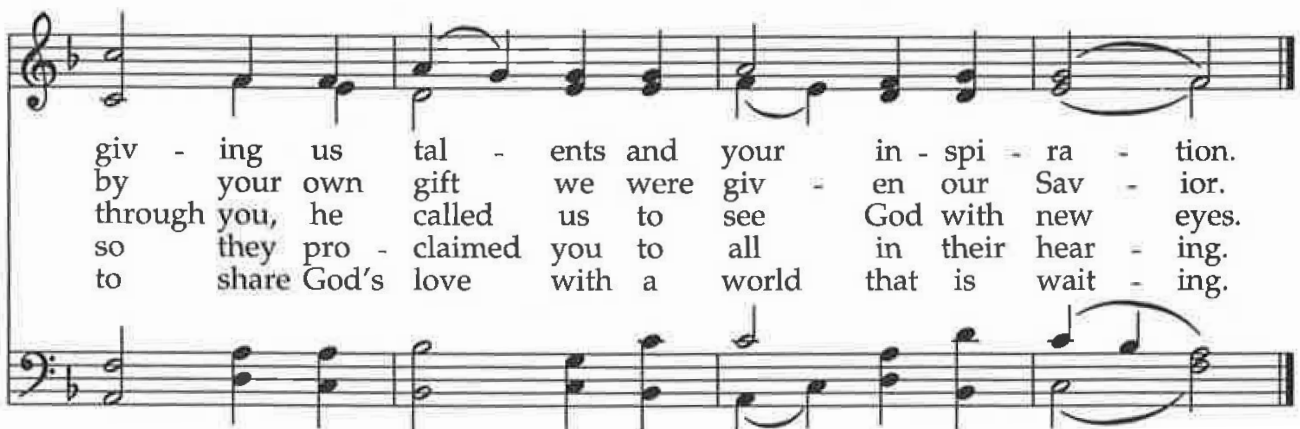

1 Spi - rit of God, you moved o - ver the wa - ters
 2 Spi - rit of God, by the pro - phets you sought us,
 3 Spi - rit of God, like a dove you once rest - ed,
 4 Spi - rit of God, like a might - y wind blow - ing;
 5 Help us to see you, still call - ing and car - ing,



whisp - 'ring God's love to the whole of cre - a - tion.
 cal - ling us back from our pride - filled be - ha - vior.
 show - ing God's joy on the day Christ was bap - tized.
 sud - den - ly Chris - tians stopped hid - ing and fear - ing.
 help us to know you a - mong us, cre - at - ing.



You breathe your life in - to God's sons and daugh - ters,
 Through cho - sen lead - ers you reached us and taught us;
 You sent Christ out to the hills to be test - ed,
 You gave them cour - age and love o - ver - flow - ing,
 Spi - rit of God, give us cour - age and dar - ing—



giv - ing us tal - ents and your in - spi - ra - tion.
 by your own gift we were giv - en our Sav - ior.
 through you, he called us to see God with new eyes.
 so they pro - claimed you to all in their hear - ing.
 to share God's love with a world that is wait - ing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
People: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 hearts; Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May this blessing be the road that returns you. Let it be the strength to carry through the wilderness, and in the name of God—Parent, Child and unending spirit—be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

H 448, v. 1-2

Organist Jae Park and the members of the Emmanuel Episcopal choir

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann

For those who have asked for prayers: For Chris, Ruth, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, and Gigi; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Mary Neele, Ryder Nolen, and Pauline Handschy; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters around our world; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Carondelet, and for Rebecca their priest, and Barbi their deacon

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Preacher	The Rev. Barbi Click
Celebrant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Director of Music	Cheryl Foster
Altar Guild	Sue Schmidt
Greeter	Mary Ann Kinder
Ushers	Chris Kinder and Bob Smith
Lectors	Joe and Kathleen O'Reilly
Intercessor	Della Thompson
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Michael Booker
Tellers	Chris Kinder and Rich Mayfield

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