



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday



## **ABOUT WORSHIP ON MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*"Maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandatum" or commandment. At this unique Eucharist, we commemorate the new commandment that Jesus gives to his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 13:34). We remember this through the Sacred Stories we tell and the ritual act of washing feet as Jesus did.*

*Maundy Thursday is the first of the triduum, which is Latin for "three days." These three days—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter—are the most sacred days of the church calendar. Together, they form the heart of our Christian faith. As we did on Palm Sunday, we depart in silence because our worship does not end, but continues across the holy triduum.*

### **Colors**

We replace the purple and burlap of Lent with red. Red is the color of excitement, energy, power, and all things intense and passionate. As such, red is the color of the Holy Spirit . . . It is used on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week, recalling the work of the Holy Spirit through his Passion. (Attribution: <https://doers.org/liturgical-colors-of-the-church/>)

### **Seating**

A portion of our chairs face the altar. This arrangement emphasizes the intimacy of our community of worshippers gathered at the Table of Thanksgiving. Similarly, the disciples gathered in their intimate community around a table for Passover with Jesus. Here, Jesus shared the bread and wine, his Body and Blood, and asked that we remember him each time we gather.

*Just as Jesus and his friends shared a meal together on this night, so too, did St. Francis. Those who ate our Simple Supper at 6pm will process in from the dinner table singing the Gathering Hymn. Please stand and join with them as they enter.*

## GATHERING HYMN

## UBI CARITAS

WLP 831

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

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| Presider | Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. |
| People   | <b>His mercy endures for ever.</b>        |
| Presider | Lord, have mercy.                         |
| People   | <b>Christ, have mercy.</b>                |
| Presider | Lord, have mercy.                         |

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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| Presider | The Lord be with you.     |
| People   | <b>And also with you.</b> |
| Presider | Let us pray.              |

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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| People | <b>Amen.</b> |
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## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A reading from Exodus.

12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence will follow to allow reflection on the reading.*

*Presider sings the antiphon one time through and then the congregation joins in.*



I will call upon the Name of the Lord.

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. **ANTIPHON**
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people. **ANTIPHON**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds. **ANTIPHON**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

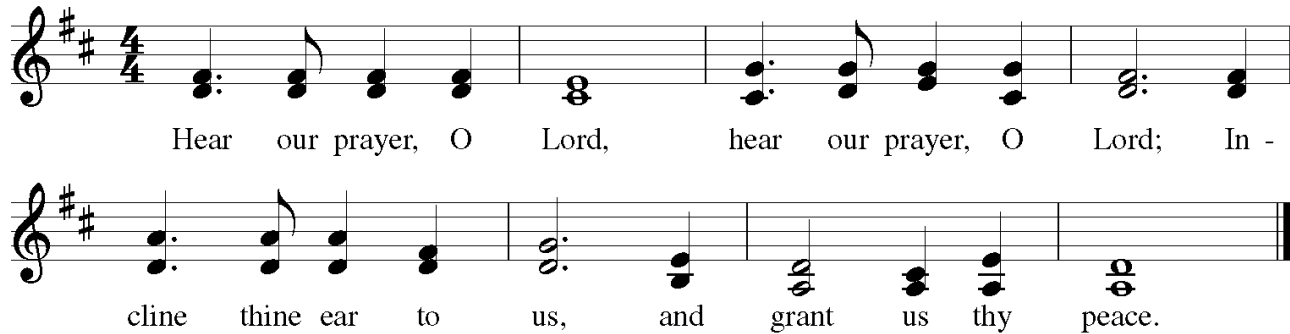
*A brief silence will follow to allow reflection on the reading.*

**GOSPEL HYMN** *Stand*

**HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD**

**LEVAS 249**

*Sing twice.*



**THE GOSPEL**

Deacon      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.      13:1-17, 31b-35

People      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL HYMN** *Stand*

**HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD**

**LEVAS 249**

*Sing once.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**DR. MICHAEL BOOKER**

## **THE FOOT WASHING**

*Following the introduction below, the Presider and Deacon will wash the feet of the first two people to come forward. Then those whose feet were washed will rise and wash the feet of the next people in line. This gives the entire congregation the opportunity to follow the example and command of Jesus to "love one another as I have loved you."*

Presider

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Realm of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such intimate service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that you may recall that we are Christ's servants as we follow his example, and remember his words, "if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC DURING FOOT WASHING**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Stand*

Deacon                In the company of Jesus and unity with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers. God of mercy,

People                **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of each petition, when intercessor says "God of mercy," the people respond "**Hear our prayer.**"*

*After the prayers, the Presider concludes*

Presider            We give you thanks, Source of Life, for listening to our prayers and for the Eucharistic Meal to come which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us. Amen.

## **THE CONFESSION**

Deacon            Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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.**

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

People                **Amen.**



## PEACE

Presider            The peace of the Lord be with you always.

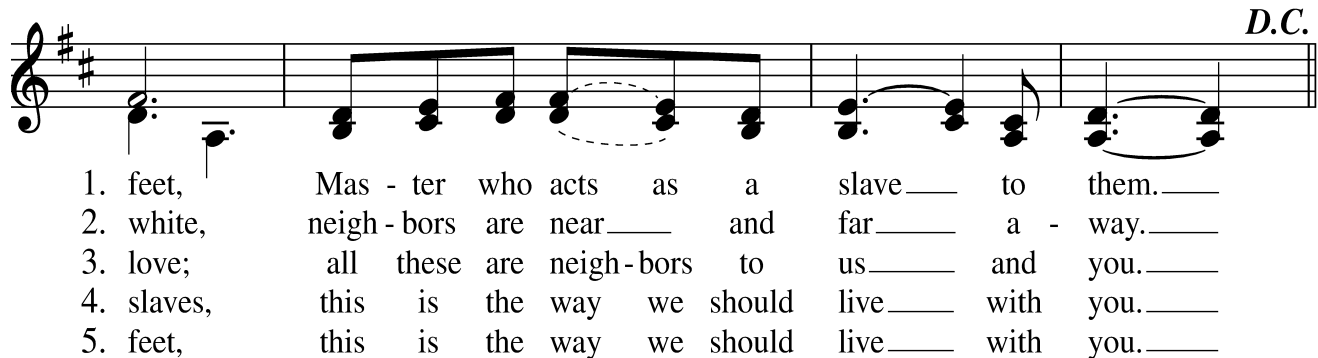
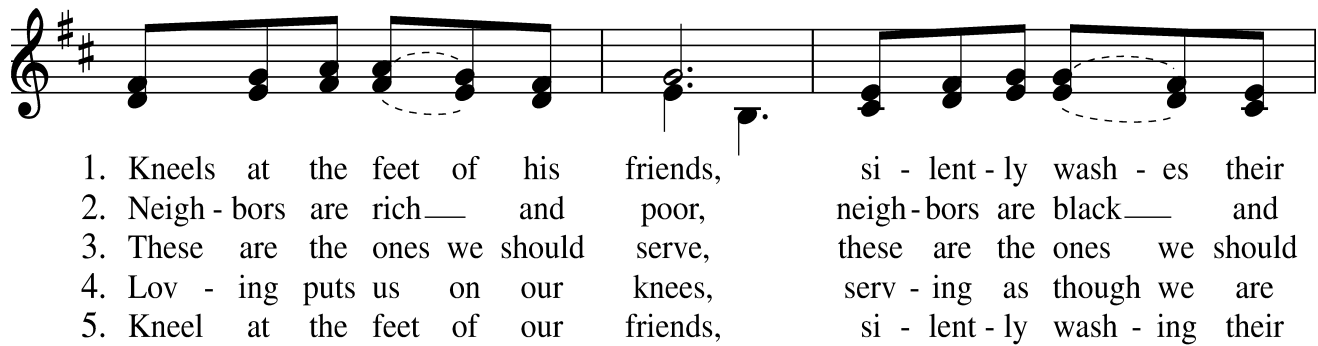
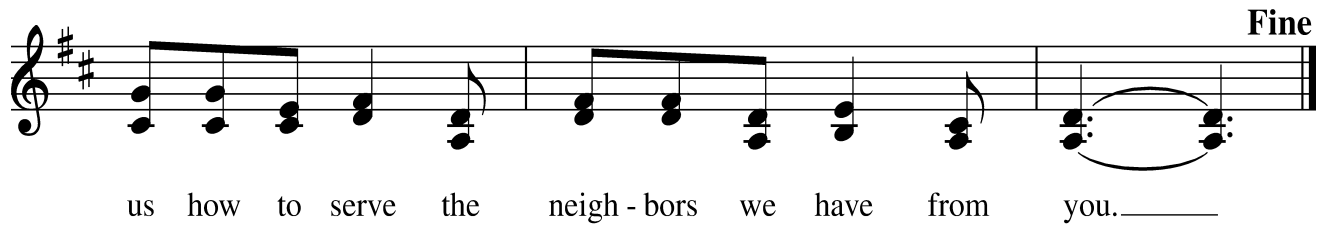
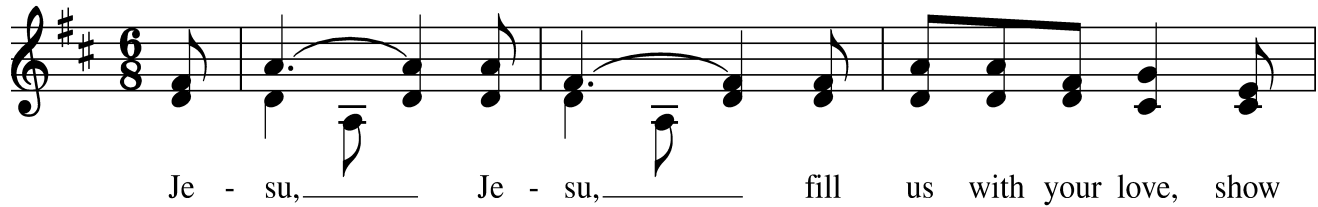
People             **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

### OFFERTORY    *Sit*

### JESU, JESU

LEVAS 74



## **EUCCHARIST** *Stand*

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider            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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

People

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a four-measure rest, followed by a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*


Presider            Holy and gracious One: 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 Child, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 to 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."

**Priest:**




Let us pro-claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

**All**



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

Presider            We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Holy One, 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.

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

All                    **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.


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Presider                    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. 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. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.*


**COMMUNION HYMN            LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES**

Verses




1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;            Let us break  
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;            Let us drink  
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;            Let us praise

Refrain



1. bread to-gether on our knees;            When I fall on my knees,  
2. wine to-gether on our knees;  
3. God to-gether on our knees;



With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

## HYMN

## STAY WITH ME

WLP 826

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
pray watch and pray.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Each Maundy Thursday we lovingly remove everything from the sanctuary and altar. We strip the altar to bare wood. When everything is removed, what is left is nude and vulnerable. When we finish undressing the altar, we turn out the lights, and the congregation files out in silence.*

*As we participate in this ritual, we remember Jesus, who on the night of his betrayal laid aside his woven tunic and tied a towel around his waist. He stripped for service. Another Gospel tells us that later "they stripped him" for mockery and death. The altar stands for Jesus. The altar also stands for us . . . people who are being reduced in a hundred different ways—by illness, death, grief, betrayal, depression and economic reversal. Holy Week teaches us all a lesson in losing. We are not losers, but we have been reduced, some of us to what feels like our most bare and vulnerable self. Through the ritual progression of the triduum, we discover that even when everything has been taken away, something remains. We cannot arrive at resurrection without passing through loss, grief—our barest selves.*

*All are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for silent prayer.*

## **Tonight's Ministers of Worship**

<b>Preacher</b>	Dr. Michael Booker
<b>Presider</b>	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. David Luckes
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue Schmidt
<b>Acolyte</b>	Violet Tenholder
<b>Lectors</b>	Ellen Ogier Kreisel, Kathleen O'Reilly
<b>Psalmist</b>	
<b>Usher</b>	Bob Smith
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Suzanne Jones, Jerry Karr
<b>Intercessor</b>	Bethany Frost
<b>Livestream</b>	Jeff Rainbolt
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ryan Baskin

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