



ASTER

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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026

Prelude “Sonata in F Major”

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Grave – Allegro – Alla Siciliana – Allegro

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 175 “Hail thee, festival day!”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The 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.**

Gloria Hymnal S278 *Mathias*

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;

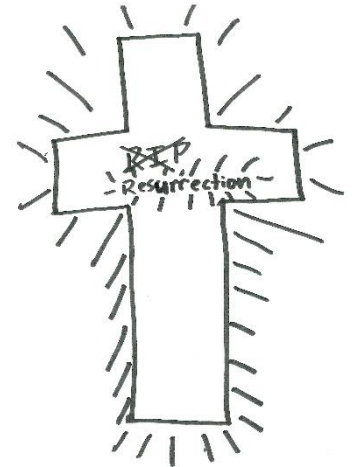
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Drawing by Rowan Odle

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together let us pray.

(In Unison) Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the

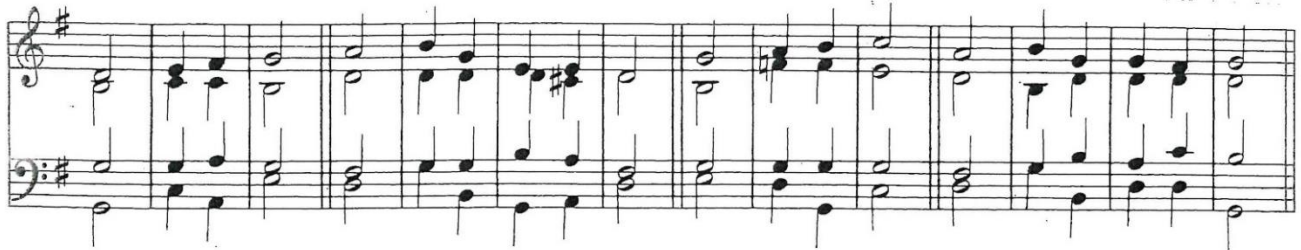
dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino



1 Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is | good;*
his | mercy • en- | dures for- | ever.

2 Let Israel | now pro- | claim, *
"His | mercy • en- | dures for- | ever."

14 The LORD is my | strength and • my |
song,*
and | he has be- | come my • sal- | vation.

15 There is a sound of exul- | tation • and |
victory *
in the | **tents** | of the | righteous:

16 "The right hand of the | LORD has |
triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand | of the | LORD has |
triumphed!"

17 I shall not | die, but | live, *
and de- | clare the | works • of the | LORD.

18 The LORD has | punished • me | sorely, *
but he did not | hand me | over • to | death.

19 Open for me the | gates of | righteousness *
I will enter them;
I will offer | **thanks** | to the | LORD.

20 "This is the | gate • of the | LORD; *
he | who is | righteous • may | enter."

21 I will give thanks to | you, for you |
answered me *
and | have be- | come my • sal- | vation.

22 The same stone which the |
builders • re- | jected *
has be- | come the | **chief** | cornerstone.

23 This is the | **LORD's** | doing, *
and it is | marvel- • ous | in our | eyes.

24 On this day the | LORD has | acted; *
we will re- | **joice** | and be | glad in it.

The Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn 210 "The day of the resurrection!"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John

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

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

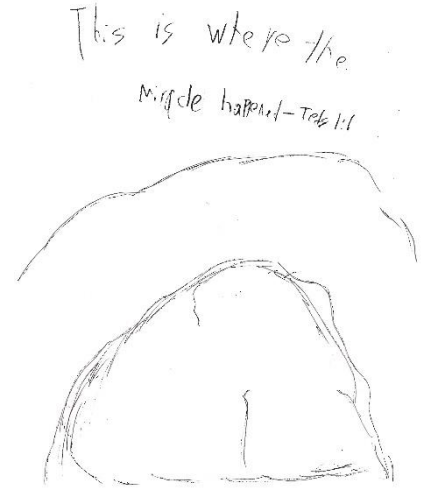
Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

Profession of Faith: 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. 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.



Drawing by Teddy Danieley

Prayers of the People

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered God's people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray, Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us:
For our lives and for those whom we love,
For those celebrating birthday especially Barbara Raedeke.
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life. Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that we may carry forward the redemptive works of God:
For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur;
In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, and for the peace of Jerusalem and La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico;
In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Pastoral Universitaria;
For those gathered here in worship and prayer. Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, especially Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud [pause], that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for those who have died, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of Saints. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to love one another, to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Children's Time

THE HOLY COMMUNION

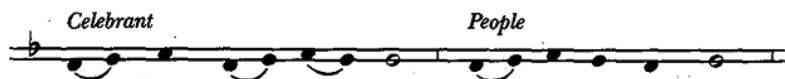
Offertory Anthem: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" R. S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

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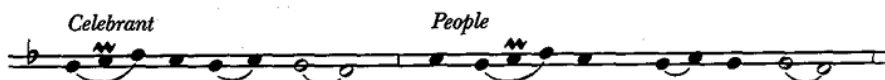
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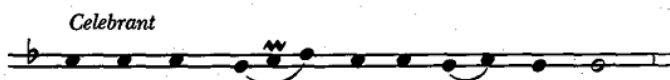
Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*



The Lord be with you. And also with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heav'n and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy Hymnal S 128 *Mathias*
Hymnal

Blue 1982

***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.***

The Presider continues

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."

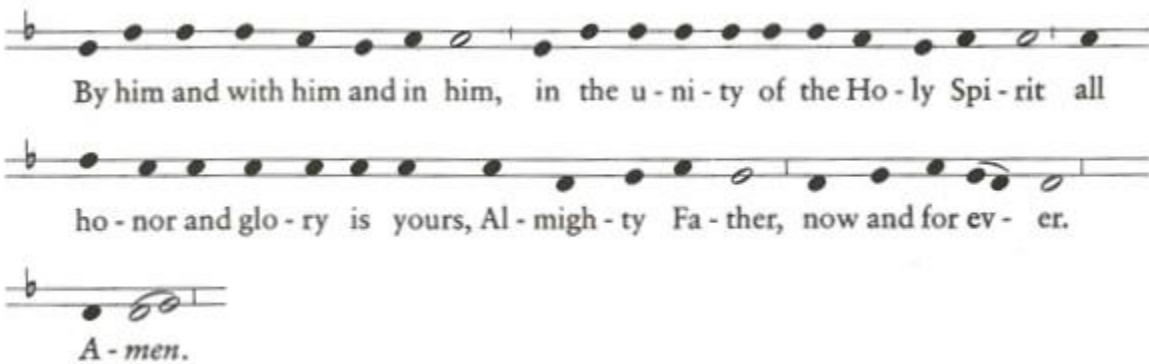
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,
***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Presider continues

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.



The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S155 *Near*

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar.

Gluten free hosts are available. At the altar rail, please let the priest know that you require gluten free.

Communion Anthem "Laudate Dominum"

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Melissa Edwards, soloist

Praise the Lord all nations, praise him all ye people

For his merciful kindness is great toward us,

And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Communion Hymn 204 "Now the green blade riseth"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 207 “Jesus Christ is risen today”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude “Festal Flourish”

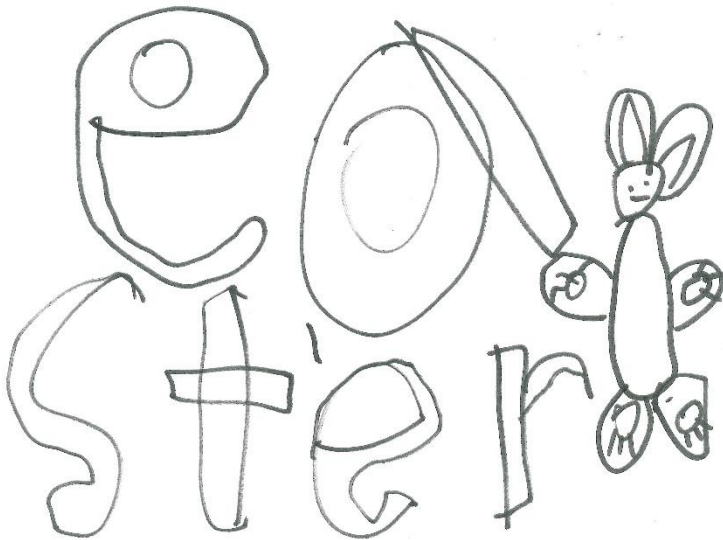
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Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

This morning we welcome flutist Clara Richter. Many thanks to her, to Melissa Edwards, and to St. Mark’s Choir for their beautiful contributions to our worship. Special thanks to all who contribute to the St. Cecelia Music Fund, which provides funding for guest musicians.

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Please join us in the Parish Hall for a celebratory reception and Easter Egg Hunt.



Drawing by Audrey Schroeder



Drawing by Matthew Robards

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Scott Thompson

Ushers: Kittie Golomski

Greeter: Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

Crucifer: Jonathan Robards

Chalice: Greg Diekemper/Jonathan Robards

Godly Play: Odle

Torchbearers: Hannah Robards

Coffee Hour: Jon Danieley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event – Volunteers Needed!

On Sunday, April 26, Emmanuel will host our annual Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event. Rise Against Hunger will deliver the food supplies in bulk, and together we will package them into smaller meal bags that will be distributed to communities in need around the world. Our goal this year is to package 30,000 meals, and we need your help to reach it! This meaningful service opportunity is open to all ages and abilities; everyone can participate. There are several ways to get involved:

- April 25: Help receive food supplies and set up for the event 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
- April 26: 1st Shift - Meal packaging 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- April 26: 2nd Shift - Meal packaging 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- April 26: Event cleanup 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Please sign up using the link below for whichever shift (or shifts) work best for your schedule.

<https://riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000oOFh8IAG>

The signup link also includes an option to make a monetary donation to help fund this event.

Please consider contributing to help offset the cost to Emmanuel and support this important mission. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Take me out to the Ballgame 2

St. Mark's at the Ballpark is happening again this year. The game will be the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Kansas City Royals on Sunday May 17th. Game starts at 1:15pm. Tickets will be \$20-\$25 per person (based on interest). Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Contact Margaret Hvatum for more information.

Playground Task Force

We are reigniting the conversation about installing a Playground on St. Mark's property. If you would like to be part of that conversation, please sign-up in the Parish Hall. **No commitment required.**

Coffee Hours

Coffee Hours will continue into April. A special Saturday Coffee Hour is next on April 18th, for those of you who can't come during the week. Join Delaney+ for some fellowship and refreshments.

Feed My People Manna March

On Sunday, April 12th, Feed My People will be having a 1-mile walk to fight against hunger. The event takes place at Jefferson Barracks Park at the Gold Star Pavilion (345 North Rd). The walk takes place between 1pm and 3pm. Walker registration is \$30 and includes lunch and a T-shirt.

To register go to Feed-My-People.org.



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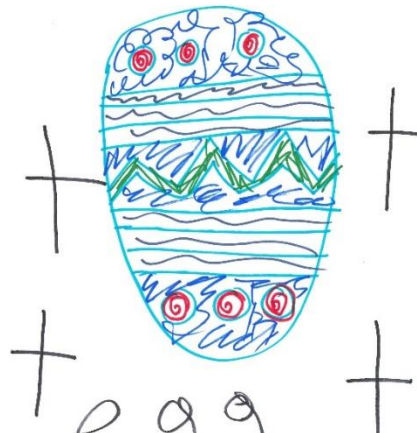
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Robards, by Marti and Roger Robards

In Memory of Art DeMay and Arline DeMay by Jeanete Swallow

In Memory of Andrew Dudley Hvatum by Margaret Hvatum



Easter



Drawing by Maya Odle

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Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code below using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform.

Your generosity is a blessing!



We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Canon Desiree Brattin, Steve Chamberlin, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Jane Koziolec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, the McLean, Haggerty, and Casey families, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Lois Schubert, Tom Schroeder, Rick Schubert, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Gene Wilberg, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Meg Kaupp, Jeanette Swallow, and Beckie LaBeaume.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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