The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Observance of Ascension Day May 12, 2024 ~ 10:30 a.m.



St. Philip's Episcopal Church

516 McLish, Ardmore, OK 73401 580-226-2191 We are so pleased that you are worshipping with us here at St. Philip's.

If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to us or fill out a pew card so we can stay in touch. Also, please feel free to come to the Parish Hall for coffee between the services.

We are an active church and eager to make you welcome in our midst, but we shall do so only at your comfort level. Please share your needs and concerns with us and allow us to be helpful in your spiritual journey.

We look forward to getting to know you, and hope that you become a part of the life of St. Philip's.

If there is anything I can personally do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

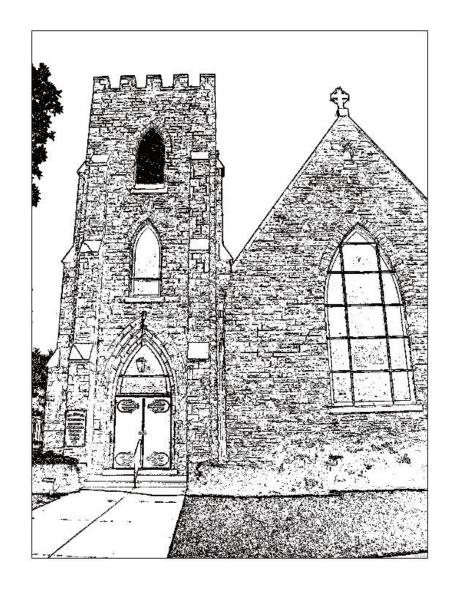




Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church. An usher will provide you with one and show you how it works.

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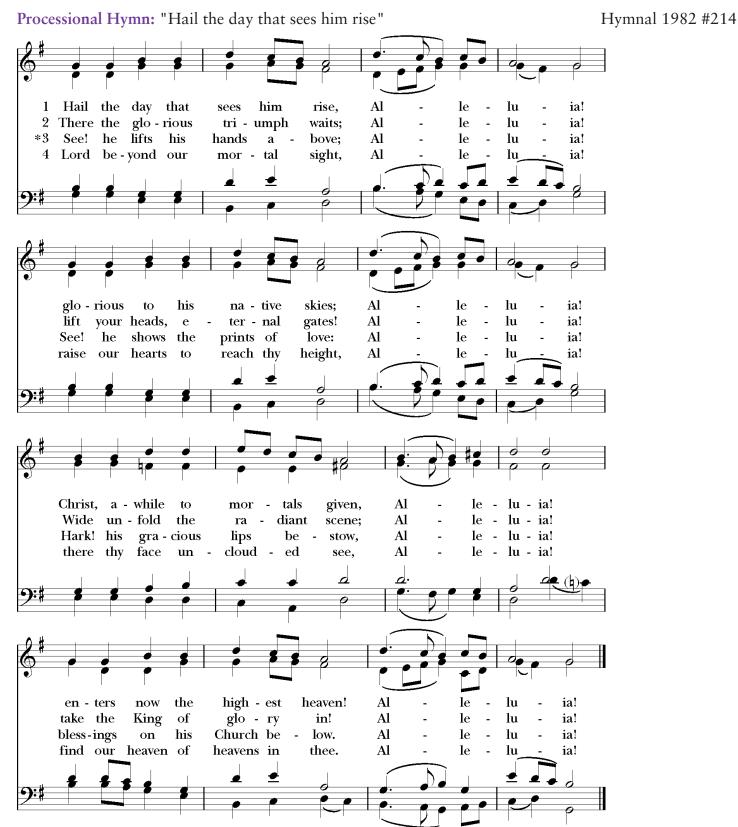
If you need assistance locating the restrooms, please ask one of the Ushers.



Order of Service

Prelude

When the bell rings three times, everyone stands as each person is able.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Llanfair; Robert Williams (1781-1821)

The Word of God

All remain standing as able until the Lessons.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

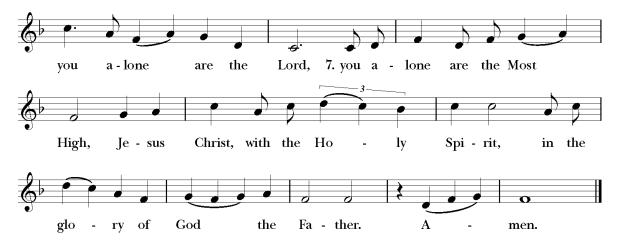
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant then continues with 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.





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Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons All are seated until the reading of the Gospel.

The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as

they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 47 Confitemini Domino

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for **us**, * the pride of Jacob whom he **loves**.
- 5 God has gone up with a **shout**, * the Lord with the sound of the **ram's-horn**.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing **praises**; * sing praises to our King, sing **praises**.



- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the **nations**; * God sits upon his holy **throne**.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered to gether * with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to **God**, * and he is highly e **xalted**.

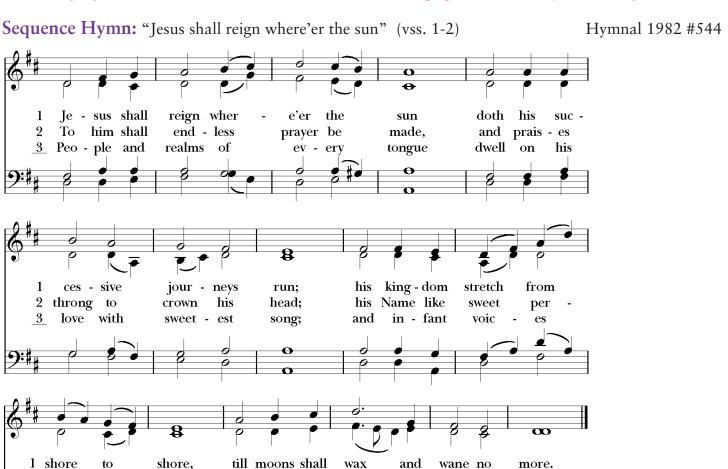
The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" (vss. 3-4)

Hymnal 1982 #544



Please be seated at the invitation of the Homilist.

Sermon

The Rev. Michael P. Stephenson

Nicene Creed Please stand as you are able.

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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 man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People ~ Form III

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The Intercessor and People pray responsively. The people may stand or kneel as able.

Intercessor People	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.		
Intercessor People	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.		
Intercessor	In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip's, Ardmore and Ardmore Village, Ardmore; in the Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip's Vestry We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Poulson our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;		
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.		
Intercessor People	We pray for Joseph, our president, Kevin, our governor, Nancy, our mayor, the leaders in our surrounding towns and communities; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.		
Intercessor People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.		
Intercessor <i>People</i>	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; (). That they may be delivered from their distress.		
Intercessor People	Give to the departed eternal rest. (). Let light perpetual shine upon them.		
Intercessor <i>People</i>	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.		
Intercessor	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; especially () and for the gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms: for the mothers among us today, our own mothers, and all women and men who have mothered others in any way.		
Intercessor	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.		

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence may be kept. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Recognition of Graduates

Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary blessings

Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence from Scripture.

Offertory Anthem On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543 harmonized by J.S. Bach; arr. by Simon Andrews

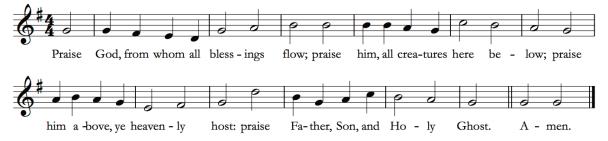
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward, Without your grace, we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings, which are then placed on the Altar.

The Doxology All sing, standing as you are able.



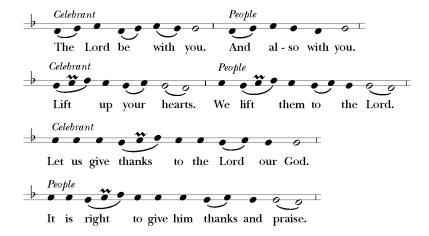
Celebrant All things come from thee, O Lord. **People** And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

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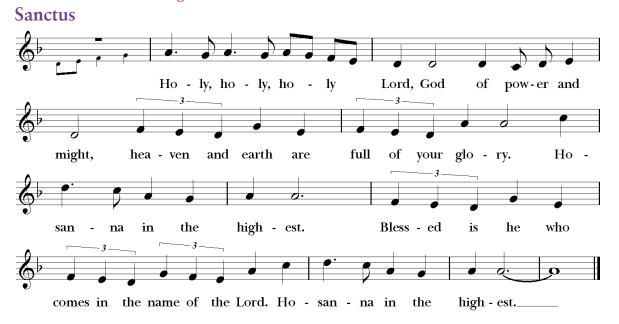
The Celebrant and People continue as follows:



The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:

The Sanctus Bells are rung three times. 222



The people kneel or stand.

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 right-eousness, 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

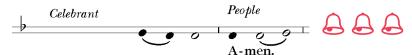
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant 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.

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 forever.



The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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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.

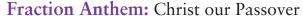
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

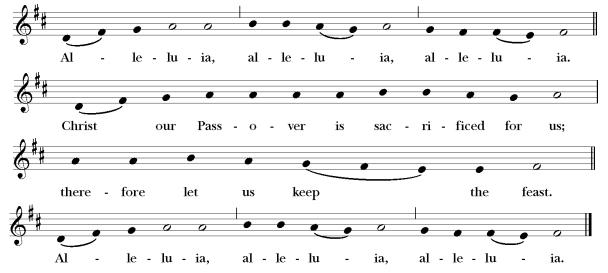
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

Then the Celebrant and People sing together.







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The Celebrant invites the congregation to communion.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

When approaching the altar, standing & kneeling are equally appropriate.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table

For those who wish to take Holy Communion or receive a blessing, come forward to the Altar rail. Some people will kneel while others will stand; both are appropriate. When the host is offered, simply hold out your hand - palm up – to receive the Bread.

You may receive the wine from the common cup (chalice) or from the disposable cups. To receive from the chalice, guide the cup to your lips by holding the base with your fingers. You may also dip the bread lightly into the chalice. For the disposable cups, take a cup of wine from the tray and dispose of the cup in the bowl behind you when finished, return to your seat using the aisles on the far left or right. (Anyone who is unable to come to the Altar rail, please notify the ushers and Holy Communion will be brought to you.)

Should you not wish to receive Communion but prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, thus alerting the priest that you wish to be blessed.

All remain seated for the singing of the Communion Hymn(s). The Communion Hymn(s) can be found in The Hymnal 1982 in the pew rack. All are welcome to sing.

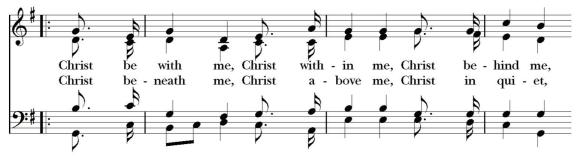
Communion Hymn: "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

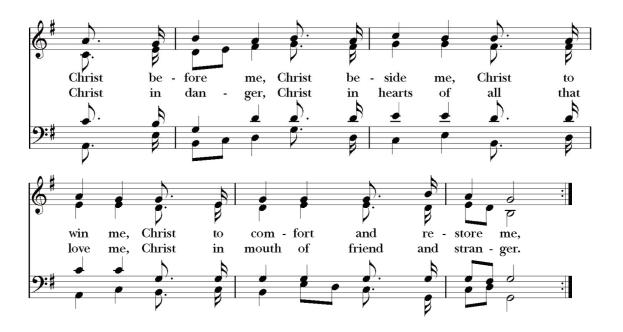
"See the Conqueror mounts in triumph"

Hymnal 1982 #450 Hymnal 1982 #215

Communion Response: Christ Be with Me All stand as they are able.

Hymnal 1982 #370 (stanza 6)





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Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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Celebrant and People

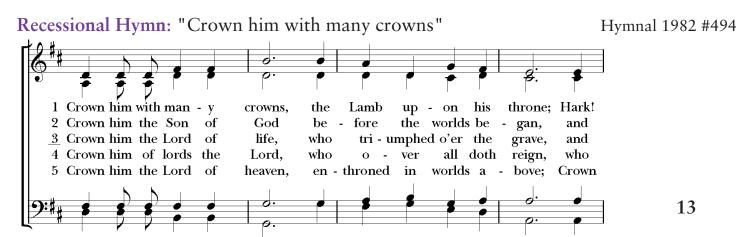
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The bl

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





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Dismissal:

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God In memory of Linda Blackwood, mother of Leslie Bates, by her Altar Guild Team

Today's Worship Participants

8am		10:30am
Jeff Colclasure	Ushers	John Sjulin & Louis Hope
Josie Lytkowski	Crucifer	Ella Moen
Will Lytkowski and Michael Lytkowski	Torch Bearers	Lauren Langley and Bailey Langley
Jane Ann Bramlett	Subdeacon	Jane Ann Bramlett
Jeff Cloclasure	The First Reading	Pam Kimbrough
Jeff Cloclasure	The Psalm	(sung)
Josie Lytkowski	The Epistle	Sally Cumpton
Will Lytkowski	Intercessor	Laurel McCulloh
Vicki Broaddrick & Jane Ann Bramlett	Chalicists	Dee Smith & Pam Kimbrough
Crystal Cortés	Cameras	Matt Wells

Lay Eucharistic Visitor ~ Randy Simmons Vestry Representatives ~ Todd Yeager & Jill Daugherty Altar Guild ~ Laurel McCulloh, Lisa Wells, Lisa Hanna, Judy Mashunkashey

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