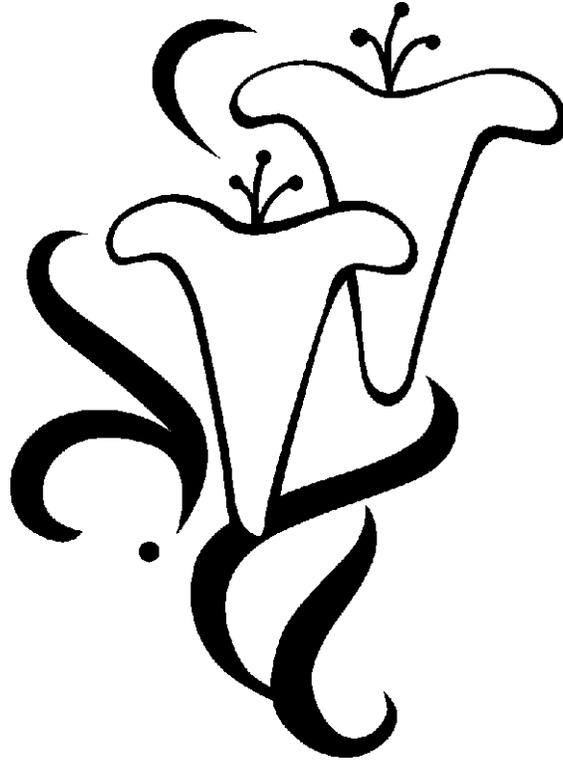


# Easter Sunday

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017



*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

The Bell Choir Prelude:  
Prelude - Trio

"Day of Resurrection"  
"Arise"

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FESTAL PROCESSION:** Hail Thee Festival Day

HYMN 175

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Presider says

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

HYMN S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.***

**THE FIRST READING:                   ACTS 10: 34-43**

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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: The Word of the Lord

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

**PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures forever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation 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 declare 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 become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**THE SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-4

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** Welcome Happy Morning

HYMN 179 v 1,4-6

All stand.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**HOLY 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Beth W. Hixon

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord.

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

*Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever.*

**Birthday's:** 16 - Kile Exley 17 - Julia Shay Huey 21 - Blaine Huey

**Anniversaries:** 17 - William & Mary Hummer

## THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Alleluia"

Jan Reese

At the presentation of the Offering:

**HYMN 380 v.3**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

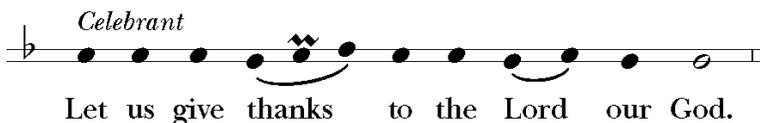
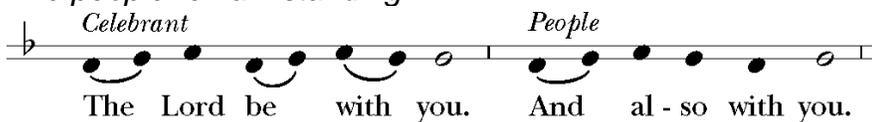
***Praise God, all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host:***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing.*



*The Presider Continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

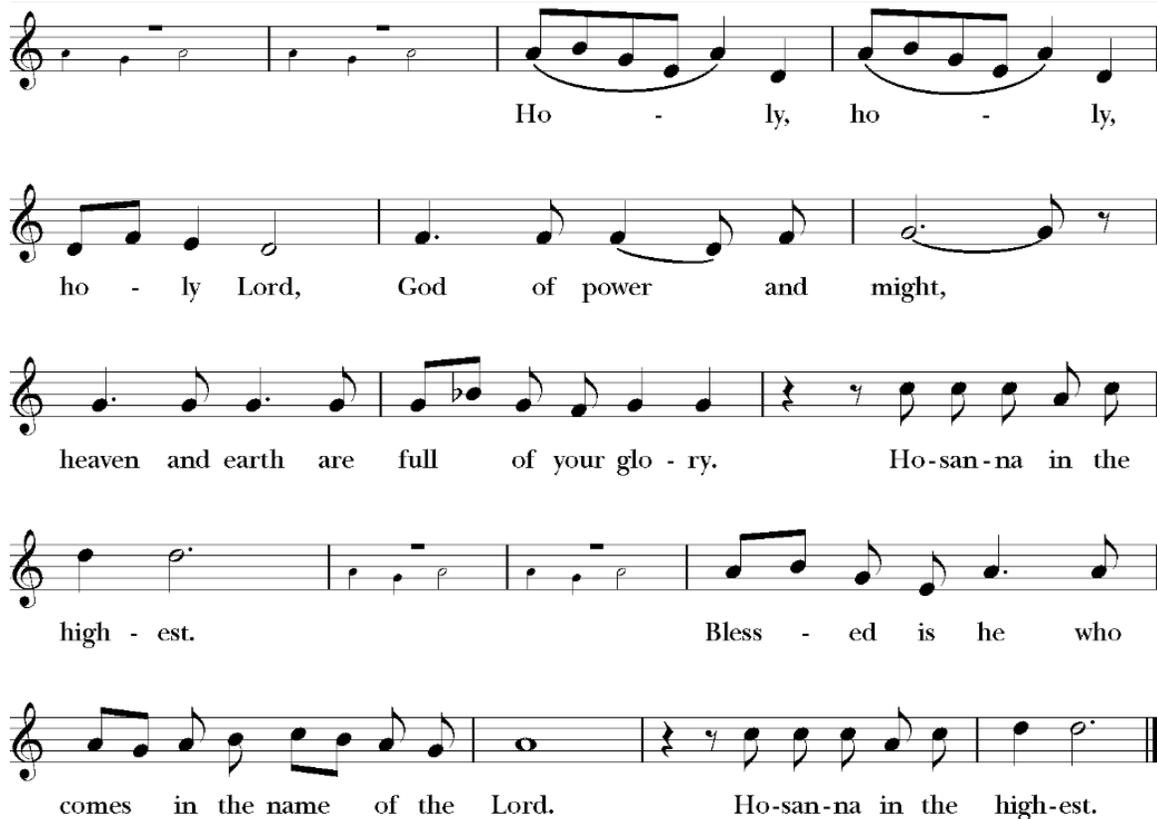
Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

*Presider and People*

### Sanctus

S128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Presider continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

### Presider and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks  
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

### *The Presider continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

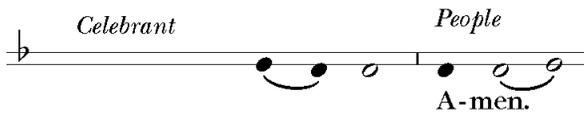
[Remember (*NV*. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember \_\_\_\_\_.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.



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

*People and Presider*

**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** S-154

A musical score for four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and half notes.

**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION: "THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD"**

*This is the Lord's Table, God's feast for all of God's people. There is always Abundance here and a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to join us at the altar rail.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

- COMMUNION HYMN:** Now The Green Blade Riseth HYMN 204
- COMMUNION HYMN:** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing HYMN 174
- COMMUNION HYMN:** Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the Risen Lord HYMN 178

The presider says  
Let us pray.

*Presider 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.**

## **THE EASTER BLESSING and DISMISSAL**

**Presider:** Let us go forth into the world, in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia

**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

HYMN 207

### **Announcements**

**PARISH FORUM:** PLEASE COME TO THE PARISH QUARTERLY FORUM, SUNDAY, APRIL 23, AFTER THE 10:00 SERVICE. The agenda will include an orientation to our new and much improved web site by Paul Exley, an overview of the vestry's restructuring of Parish Life, Outreach and Stewardship, and a parish financial update. This is your chance to dialog with the vestry and fellow parishioners, hear what's going on, and express your views and concerns. All are welcome!

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP MAY DINNER** - Larry and Peggy Way will host FOOD OF THE BRITISH ISLES at their home (1225 Calista Drive, Phoenixville) on Saturday evening, May 20 at 5:30. Helen Warner (610-901-3517) is receiving reservations and organizing food contributions and can help with recipes if wanted. Want some ideas? An English cheese platter; Irish soda bread or sweet bread or scones w/butter and orange marmalade; Scotch Eggs; Scotch Broth; Brussels Sprouts; Iris Stew; Cornish Pasties (w/meat or w/cheese); Welsh Rarebit; Beef & Kidney Pie; Shepherd's Pie; Irish Colcannon (a vegetarian entree); Shortbread; Trifle; Irish Whiskey Chocolate Cake; a Proper Pot of Tea; Irish Coffee. We might call some vegetables, fruit or salad by an Anglophile name. Probably pass on the Haggis.

**LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR!** This week's readings:

April 17	Day 106 – I Samuel 25-27, Psalm 88, Acts 2
April 18	Day 107 – I Samuel 28-30, Psalm 89:1-18, Acts 3
April 19	Day 108 – I Samuel 31, Psalm 89:19-52, Acts 4
April 20	Day 109 – II Samuel 1-3, Psalm 90, Acts 5
April 21	Day 110 – II Samuel 4-6, Psalm 91, Acts 6
April 22	Day 111 – II Samuel 7-9, Psalm 92, Acts 7
Sunday 4/23	Day 112 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to [www.epiphanystar.net](http://www.epiphanystar.net) and...

Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read.

**SCRIP:** Scrip order dates: April date is the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Susan Garone with any questions proutygarone@verizon.net or 610-415-9233. Thank you for your support.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**4/23 11:15am**

Parish Forum

**5/20 5:30 pm**

Adult Fellowship Party hosted by Peggy and Larry Way

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Volunteer	Marie Kearns & Dodi Kearns
Acolyte:		Marie Kearns
Greeter:		Mary Thompson
Usher:		Bill & Will Wilson
Counters:		Charles Dell & Volunteer
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play		No Class

**OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK**

Monday	N.A. -7:30pm (Undercroft)
Tuesday	A.A. – 8pm (Undercroft)
Wednesday	TBMP Weight Loss Program- 6pm (Office)
Thursday	Choir 7:30pm (Undercroft)
Sunday 4/23	Holy Eucharist Rite I 8am Spoken Holy Eucharist Rite II 10am Music Church School Children process from the church nave to Education Building at 10 and return at the Peace Parish Quarterly Forum following the 10am service

# Easter Flowers



## In loving memory of:

Townsend Way, Elsie Way, Glenn Saxe, Marjorie Saxe

Michael Lind

Kathryn Hinchey, Joseph Marrella, Bill Hinchey  
Bill Quinlan Sr.

Our Grandparents

John Prouty, Vincenzo Garone

Florence Yambor, Gilbert & Alexandria Bailey

Dennis Warner

Jim & Beth Exley, Kent Tucker

Raymond & Elaine Smith, Norman & Pat Granier

Harold & Anastasia, Gregory, Helmut Hackl,  
Jay Turner & loved ones

Janet Lawson Schmitt & Robert Diehl Schmitt

Thomas W. Hall

William Seldon Hixon

Our parents & grandson

Family & friends departed

Randy Evans & our parents

Genny Aitken

Marge Dillman

My wife, Genny

Mom-Genny Aitken

Our grandparents, Mildred, Gilbert Sr., Emily, John,  
Walter, Margaret, Edward & Cecilia

## Given by:

Larry & Peggy Way

Cindy Lind

Sherri Quinlan & Valencia Marrella

Ben & Tanya Millet

The Garone Family

Tom & Cathy Bailey

Helen Warner

Lori & Paul Exley

Robin Smith

Dodie & Marie Kearns

Christopher Schmitt

Kathy & Jack Cobbs

Beth Hixon

Ed & Marsha Hill

Joanne Arnold

Julie Dattilo

Valencia Marrella

Mary & Stanley Martin

Gil Aitken

Ron & Susan Lutz

# Easter Flowers



## **In grateful thanksgiving:**

For our many blessings

Adult & bell Choirs, Our children,  
Grandson Evan & Robin Smith

Our new child

All God's blessings

Friends & family

Our family

Kim & Kyle Evans

In grateful thanksgiving

Our children & grandchildren

For our granddaughters Sophia, Clara, Ainsley  
and one on the way

## **Given by:**

Betsy & Charles Dell

Dodi & Marie Kearns

Ben & Tanya Millet

Tom & Cathy Bailey

Joanne Arnold

Peggy & Larry Way

Julie Dattilo

Mary Thompson

Mary & Stanley Martin

Vickie Cox & family



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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY**

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

## **SUNDAY**

**8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)**

**10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)**

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