

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

The tower bell is rung prior to the prelude to indicate time for quiet meditation and preparation for worship.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let the Spirit speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

+ 8:00 am

* 10:30 am

*Prelude

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Sh'ma Yisrael (Deuteronomy 6:4)

Wonder, Love, and Praise 818

The Shema is a prayer that God exhorts to be recited twice daily. Jesus himself recites the Shema in Mark 12:29. Tradition calls for eyes to be covered by the right hand during its recitation so as not to be distracted and instead concentrate on this core belief and truth.

Sh'ma Yis - ra - el, A - do - nai El - o - hei - nu, A - do -

nai e - chod. Ba - ruch shem ch' - vod, ch' -

vod mal - chu - to I' - o - lam - va - ed.

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.
Praised be his name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.*

Music: Traditional Hebrew.

*Opening Hymn, *all standing*

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymnal 530 or page 12

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

The Decalogue, *all kneeling*

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

The Confession

Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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

+Kyrie, *all standing*

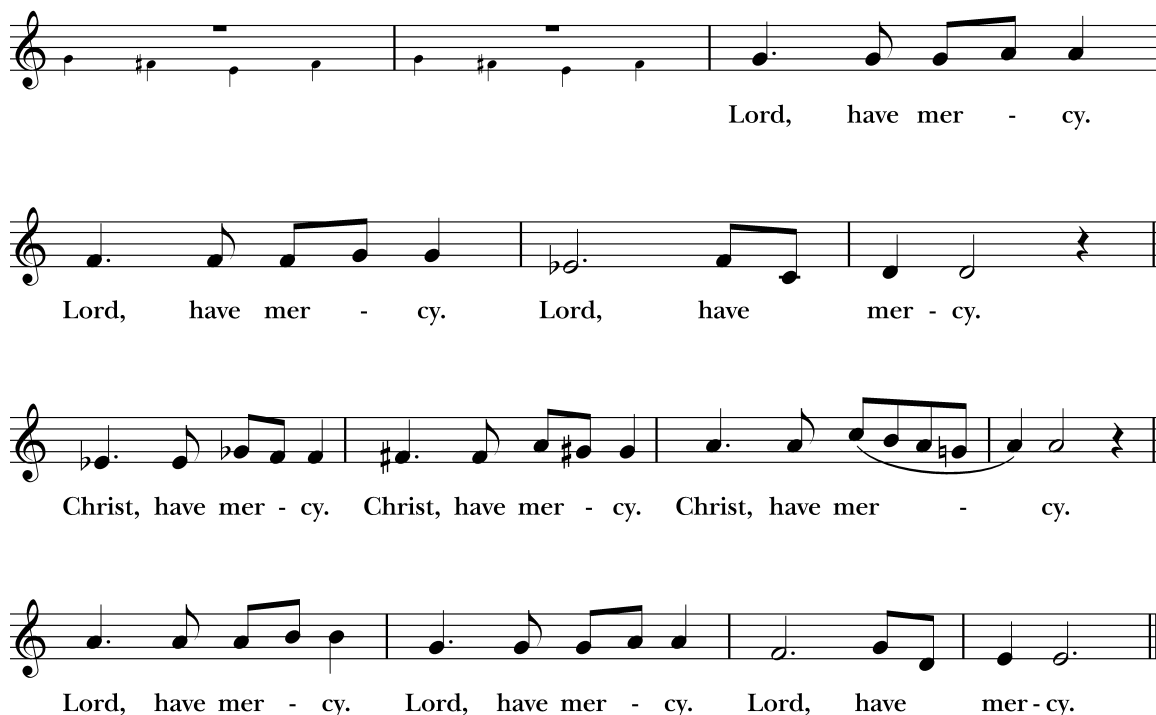
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

*Kyrie

Hymnal S-98



Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lesson, *all seated*

Numbers 21:4-9, read by Michael Haynie at 8:00 am
and by AJ Nickel at 10:30 am

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



T = treble (higher) voices L = lower voices

T: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is / good, **
and his mercy en- / dures for ever.

L: Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed pro- / claim *
that he redeemed them from the / hand of the foe.

T: He gathered them out of the / lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the / north and from the south.

L: Some were fools and took to rebellious / ways; *
they were afflicted be- / cause of their sins.

T: They abhorred all manner of / food *
and drew / near to death's door.

L: Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble, *
and he delivered them / from their distress.

T: He sent forth his word and / healed them *
and / saved them from the grave.

L: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy *
and the wonders he does / for his children.

All: Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks- / giving *
and tell of his / acts with shouts of joy.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10, *read by Beth Gross at 8:00 am*
and by Inez Haynie Dodson at 10:30 am

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The Children's Word

Children who wish to participate in The Children's Word may follow the leaders to the undercroft at this time; they will return at the Peace to rejoin their families. Parents are welcome to come along.

*Sequence Hymn

Jerusalem, my happy home

Hymnal 620 or page 13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon, *all seated*

The Reverend Neva Brown

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.

The Prayers of the People, *please let us face each other across the aisle*

*Led by Michael Soderstrand at 8:00 am
and by Janet Waters at 10:30 am*

Intercessor God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive together with Christ. Let us pray to God, saying, "Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. Your mercy, O God, endures forever." Holy God, you have created us in Christ Jesus for good works: may the Church walk in the light of Christ, that all our deeds might be good and true and to your glory. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor Loving God, you did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him: may all people know and experience your love. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor Jesus, you are the true bread which gives life to the world: feed the world with bread from earth and heaven. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor O Lord, you are the deliverer of those in distress: Guide our elected officials. Teach them wisdom and kindness. May they, like Nicodemus, seek to follow in the ways of Jesus. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor God of abundance, we give thanks for our many blessings, remembering today: _____. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor Merciful God, you send forth your word and the distressed are healed: we pray for the sick, especially: _____. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor God of mercy, hear our prayers for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection, especially: _____. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor We pray for those who shall choose a new Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

People **Your mercy, O God, endures forever.**

Intercessor O God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, that eternal life might triumph over death: save us by your grace and raise us up with Christ Jesus. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Things to Consider

*After the announcements children may assemble **quietly** in the rear of the church
and prepare to bring food for the hungry to the altar.*

+ Offertory Acclamation

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

*Offertory Anthem, all seated

The Heavenly Word

June Nixon (b. 1942)

<i>The heavenly Word proceeding forth,</i>	<i>By false disciple to be given,</i>
<i>Yet leaving not the Father's side,</i>	<i>To foemen for His life a thirst,</i>
<i>Accomplishing His work on earth</i>	<i>Himself the very Bread of Heaven,</i>
<i>Had reached at length life's even tide.</i>	<i>He gave to His disciples first.</i>

<i>He gave Himself in either kind,</i>	<i>O saving victim opening wide the</i>
<i>His precious flesh, His precious blood,</i>	<i>Gate of heav'n to us below,</i>
<i>In love's own fullness thus designed</i>	<i>Our foes press on from every side,</i>
<i>Of the whole man to be the Food.</i>	<i>Thine aid supply thy strength bestow.</i>

St. Thomas Aquinas (13th century)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, *all standing*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

+ *Sanctus* and *Benedictus*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Sanctus* and *Benedictus*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

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Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father 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, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, *contemporary*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, *followed by silence*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

At 8:00 am:

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. Please assist the Chalicists by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. Intinction is available in a small silver bowl.

If you choose to receive a blessing instead of communion, please place your arm across your chest.

If walking to the altar is difficult or painful, please stay seated during communion.

The ministers of communion will gladly serve you in your pew.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, *all standing*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Commissioning, *please face the open door*

Deacon As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and mission as a congregation:

People **We will, with God's help, be a vibrant faith community that is a blazing beacon of God's transforming love in the world. God is calling us to take righteous risks. We accept this call, and will respond by seeking and serving Christ in ALL people.**

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At 10:30 am:

*It took time to develop. The Last Supper eventually became what we know now as Holy Communion.
But it took time to develop. The earliest reference we have is from Justin Martyr around 150 AD.*

In the meantime, the early Christian community nevertheless gathered to share an Agape Meal in remembrance of the Last Supper. It was a time for the faithful to break some bread and share some wine to remember Jesus. But it also was a chance to remember the love of God, the love within the faith community and the love to be expressed to the world. Agape is Greek for Love Feast.

*At St. B's we offer the sacrament of Holy Communion for those on site as well as the Agape Meal for those off site.
And occasionally we provide a consecrated communion kit for people to enjoy once or twice a month on Zoom. Each meal is unique but each gives us the chance to share a meal and to be "in communion" with Jesus and one another no matter where we are!*

For the Agape Meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Grant that we who share this food and drink, may receive the sustaining life of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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At the time of the Eucharist, individual prayers for healing and the laying on of hands will be available for anyone in the congregation. Those who wish such prayers should go directly to Trinity Chapel where they will receive prayers and Eucharist.

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Agnus Dei

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A - gnus De - i qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta

mun - di, Mi - se - re - re no - bis.
(Do - na no - bis pa - cem).

(To conclude, some sopranos and tenors of the choir may sing the following several times as an ostinato.)

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

** May be sung as a round.*

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*Communion Hymn

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymnal 328 or page 15

Prayer of Thanksgiving, *all standing*

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church – wherever that may be, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. No matter how we have received you today in our meal of communion, whether by sacrament or otherwise, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us in your grace, Holy Spirit, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us – now and always, wherever we are. Amen.

*Closing Hymn, *all standing*

Now quit your care

Hymnal 145 or pages 16-17

The Blessing

Postlude

Allegro

Orpha Caroline Ochse (b. 1925)

please be seated until the procession

The Commissioning, *please face the open door*

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People **Thanks be to God.**

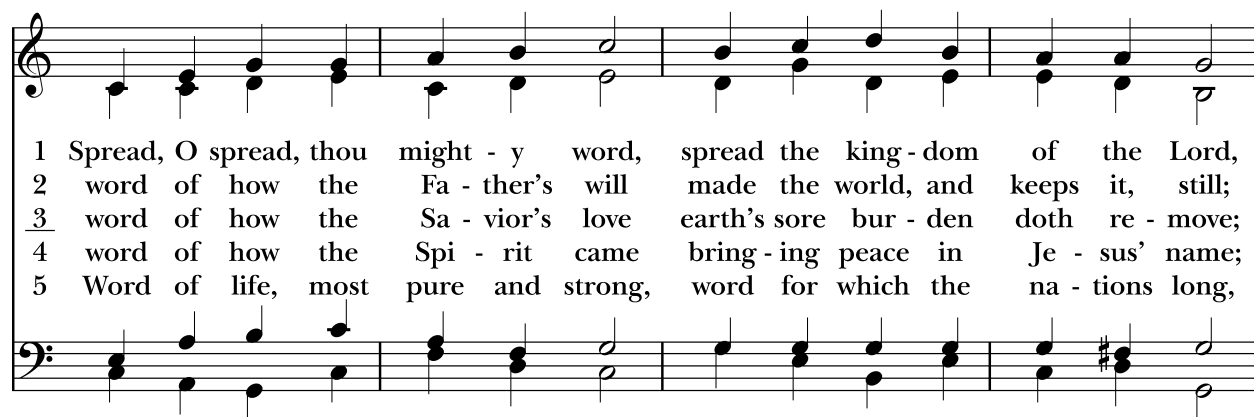
Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...

Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Tijon Cox and family; Zach, Dana, and Zoe Przybyszewski; Mary Lou Fralic; Debbie McClellan; Bryce Kaspar; Eleanor Holland; Helen Langa; Brian; Charles Tucker; Mary Warfield; Pat Shelton; Dorn Wagner; Nancy Wagner; Irene Hardy; Kyren Haynie; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Janet Churchill; Barbara Haughey; Mercedes Hill; Bill Wacker; Debbie Wacker; Margaret Schotto; Phoenix DeVale; Wayne Pulliam; Anthony Pitts; Connie Lee; Dick Parker; Ayodele House; Cam Trowbridge; Alice Trowbridge; Vivian Thompson; Robin Blackburn; Tom Cover; Leslie Collins; Bill Stamatakis; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; Nathan; Jean McElroy; Bernice; James Cooper; Kimberly Hayes; Jane Clark; Vivian Morton; Dorris and Ken McElroy; Timothy Harris; Susan Clarke; Becky Schlegel; Mary Luck Stanley; Becky Slater; Charlotte Howard; David Lusk; Trudy Hall; Marcus Lunkenheimer; Mary Boss; Lawrence McCrea; Sheila Pack; Joseph Sabalauskas Stein; Angie Divoll; Ed Conrad; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the unhoused; all people touched by war and other forms of violence worldwide.

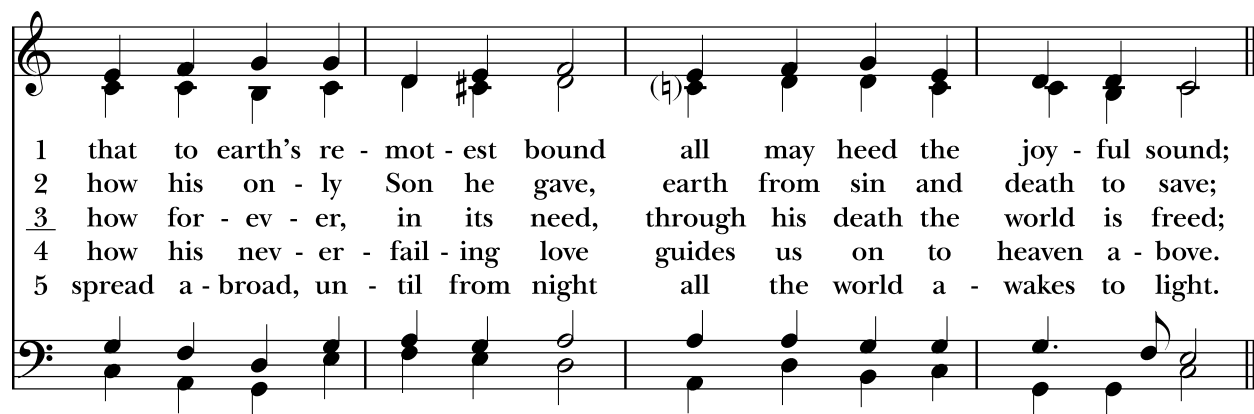
Memorials and Thanksgivings

The *candles* are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of Deirdre McElroy.

The *bread and wine* are given in loving memory of Kenneth Douglass Keeling.



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

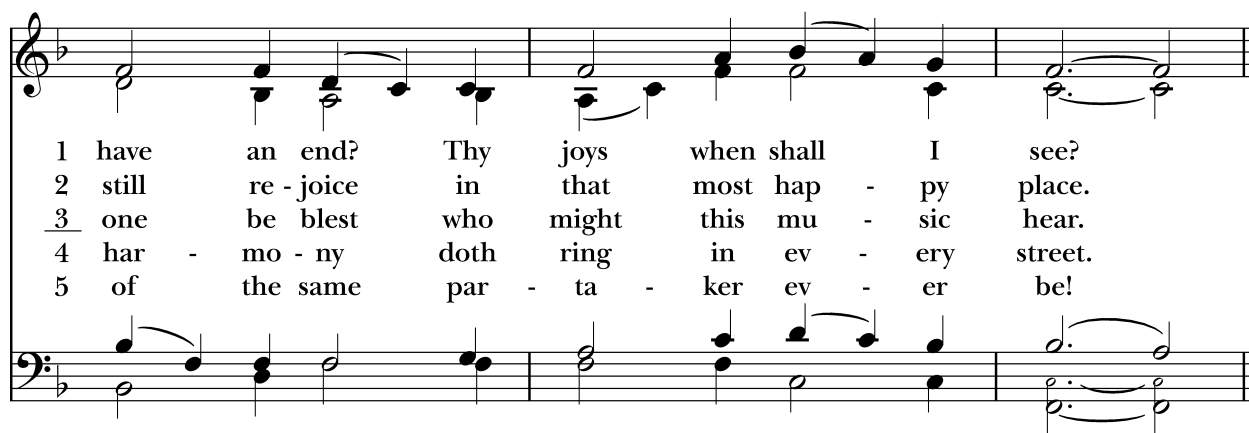
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1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

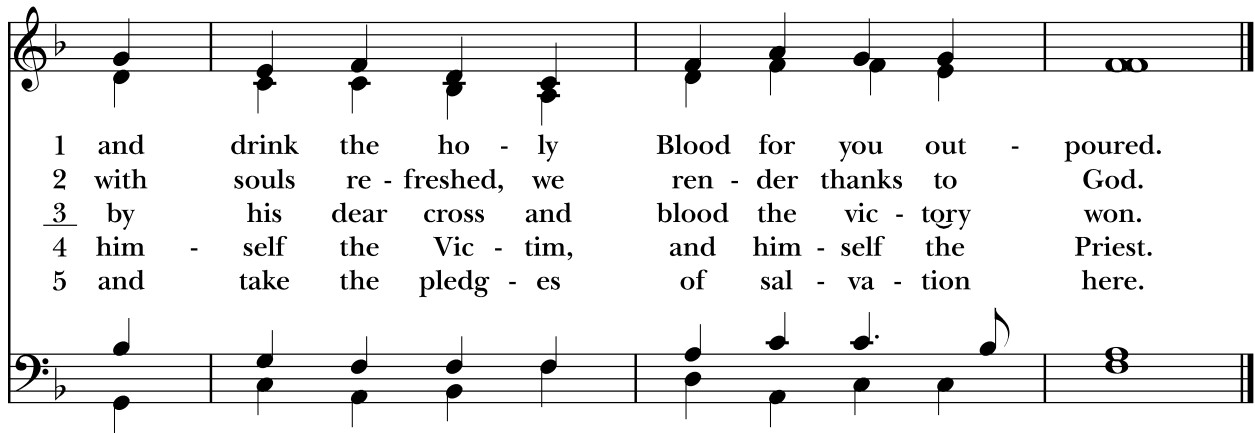
1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: *Newman*, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938).



1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



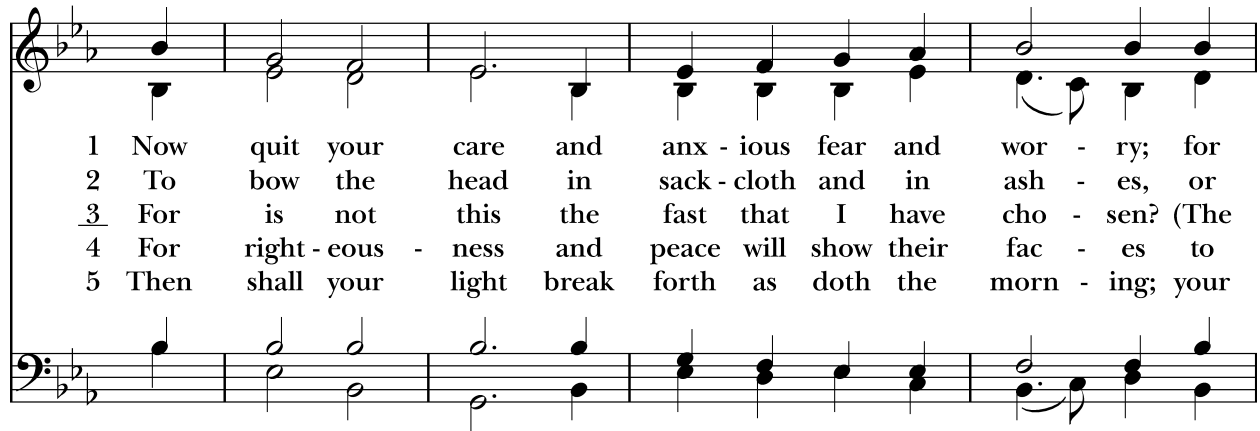
1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

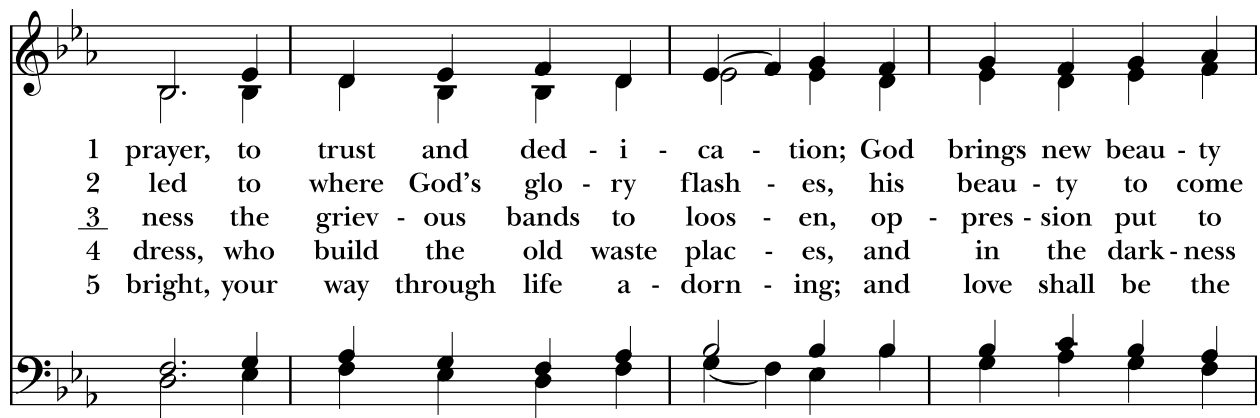
Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.



1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
 2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or
 3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The
 4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
 5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your



1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
 2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
 3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -
 4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
 5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry



1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

Unison *Harmony*

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

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Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Quittez, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958).

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent

The Order of the Daughters of the King will be hosting the Stations of the Cross in the nave of the church this year beginning at 5:30 pm on the Wednesdays in Lent:
February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, and March 20.

From the earliest times, Christians flocked to the Holy Land to visit the places sanctified by the events in our Lord's earthly life. Especially popular was the pilgrimage along the path our Lord took on the first Good Friday. This pilgrimage was made with great devotion, the procession stopping (or making "stations") for prayer and meditation at the traditional points where these events took place. For those who were unable to visit the Holy Land, the custom arose of setting up depictions of the different incidents along the Way of Sorrows, so that the faithful could make spiritual pilgrimages.

This short but powerful reminder of the true sacrifice that was made by our Lord Jesus Christ for us has been a Christian tradition for hundreds of years. Please join us as part of your Lenten journey towards Easter.

For those that are not able to participate in person, the Stations of the Cross will be available on the St. B's website for individual meditation throughout the season of Lent.





LENT PROGRAM 2024

St. B's will hold a Lenten pot-luck supper and a program every Wednesday evening in Lent (except for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week).

Our theme for Lent this year is:

***Back to the wilderness with Jesus:
re-wilding our faith and our church.***

We will welcome people into the Parish House at 6:00 pm, and that will give us time to set out our pot-luck contributions and eat before we begin the program at 7:00 pm.

Zoom attendees are welcome and may join at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82634766525?pwd=RmhZL2J0UUdmQ0Jlc202UVFhWTFZUT09>

For the first two sessions we will introduce the theme and ask ourselves to consider what is meant by "re-wilding" for both our personal faith (2/21) and for St. B's (2/28). The final three programs (3/13, 3/20 and 3/27) will feature Bishop Bob Ihloff talking about Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church in terms of who we are, both now and into the future.

Stations of the Cross will precede the Lent program at 5:30 pm in the Church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

Palm Sunday (March 24)

Blessing of the Palms and Passion at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

Eucharist & Foot washing at 7:30 pm, followed by an all-night virtual vigil

Good Friday (March 29)

Good Friday Liturgy at 12:00 Noon

Tenebrae at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday (March 30)

Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm, followed by an Agape Feast in the Parish House.

Easter Day (March 31)

Easter Sunday Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Light of the World

from John 3:14-21.



Lent 4

Jesus is the light of the whole world—that means everyone!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Nicodemus
- Questions
- Light
- Everyone

In Jesus's time, people anointed bodies with oils and herbs before they buried them. When Jesus was buried, Nicodemus used lots of oils and spices—over 75 pounds!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 416-419

Spark Bible page 1174

Family Prayer

Dear God, as children of your light, you show us the way when we get lost. Help us be a light to other people: our family, our friends, our neighbors, and the whole world. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How do you think Nicodemus felt when he talked to Jesus?
- 2 What's the hardest question someone has ever asked you? What's the hardest question you've ever wanted to ask?
- 3 If you could meet Jesus, what would you ask him? Write your question on a sticky note. Ask others in your family to write their questions on sticky notes. Make a question mark out of all the notes.
- 4 Are you good at asking questions? Did you know there are different kinds of questions to ask? For example, there are true/false questions, yes/no questions, multiple choice questions, and open-ended questions. What type of questions do you like to ask? What type of questions do you think Jesus liked to answer?



Eye Spark

Whenever you turn on a light switch, remember that Jesus is the light of the world!



Ear Spark

When you hear someone ask a hard question, think about how Jesus would answer.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make a list of all the people that you ask questions of. Then make a list of all the people who ask you questions. Talk about how asking questions is a great way to show you are curious and care about someone.

For younger kids

Walk around your home or church and point out all the things that give off light. What's the brightest thing in your home or church? Which would you take with you if you were going camping? Driving a car at night?

For older kids

Word about Jesus spread fast when he was alive. Nicodemus wasn't the only one who asked Jesus questions. Use an online Bible tool to look up Matthew 9:11, Matthew 19:3, Mark 2:24, and Mark 12:14.



Lectionary, The Light of the World Family Page.

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For God so Loved



THE WORLD

HE GAVE HIS

ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER

BELIEVES IN HIM

Shall not Perish but have

Eternal Life

JOHN 3:16



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning March 10, 2024



- Sunday** We celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. You can join us for worship at **10:30 am** on Zoom.
- Children are invited to stand at the Altar for the Eucharist in celebration of **Children's Sunday**.
- D-Group**, for youth entering 6th through 12th grade, meets in the Youth House at 9:00 am. Join us today for food, fun, fellowship, and faith!
- Please be sure to join us in the Parish House following both services to enjoy **refreshments and fellowship**.
- Child care** is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.
- † **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 Noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †
If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Adam Barner (adam@stbs-md.org).
- Monday** **Episcopal 102** meets at 5:30 pm on Zoom.
- The Ten Hills Garden Club** meets at 6:30 pm in the Parish House.
- The Outreach Committee** will meet at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- Tuesday** **The Vestry** will meet at 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday** There will be a meeting of the **40 West Volunteers** at 3:00 pm on Zoom.
- Stations of the Cross** will be offered at 5:30 pm in the Church.
- Our 2024 Lent Program, **Back to the Wilderness with Jesus**, continues with a potluck supper at 6:00 pm in the Parish House, followed by the program at 7:00 pm.
- Thursday** **The West Baltimore Choir School** class meets at 5:30 pm in the undercroft. Children in grades 3-8 may enroll at any time. Contact Corinne Bowmaker at 410-599-3143 or zencorinne@hotmail.com.
- At 7:30 pm, the **St. Bartholomew Choir (older youth & adults)** practices in the Undercroft.
- Saturday** **Creation Caretakers Litter Cleanup** will begin at 10:00 am. Meet in the parking lot.

Community Notes . . .

St. Bartholomew's will hold a **Virtual Vigil beginning immediately after the Maundy Thursday service** on March 28. The Vigil will begin at approximately 9:00 pm and continue through Noon on Good Friday, ending with the Good Friday Liturgy. The vigil will be staffed in hourly increments by hopefully at least two watchers. The watchers will begin each hour with short readings, and will use the remaining time to pray, meditate, or simply be still. The vigil will be off-site this year. *The sign-up sheet is available throughout Lent in the Tower Room* for anyone who feels called to take part in this virtual vigil. A list of the readings will be available next to the sign-up sheet.

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The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on April 21. If you are responsible for a portion of the Annual Report, please begin thinking about your contribution and submit it to Adam soon as possible.

Our security alarm system has changed! New panels have been installed in the Church and Parish House (the Youth House system remains the same). **Some numeric security codes have also changed.** If you currently have an alarm code and use it regularly to arm and disarm the building alarms, please speak to Dave Murray, Patricia Smith, Patricia Williams, or Glorius Sullivan the next few Sundays after church or at the Wednesday Lenten Program to receive the new code and instructions on using the new alarm panels, or call the parish office during business hours for more information.

Please submit all names for **Easter flower memorials and thanksgivings** by email to the parish office (adam@stbs-md.org), or by using the paper forms in the Tower Room.

Update on the Women's Retreat! We are booked at Claggett Center for late afternoon on May 31 through lunch on Sunday June 2. The cost will include dinner Friday night, three meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. For a single room the total cost of the retreat is \$316 per person. For a shared room, the total cost per person is \$270 per person. To reserve your spot, please let Adam know (adam@stbs-md.org) and include whether you want a single or a shared room. For those of you who have already written me, you do not need to do so again. Payment for your registration will be due by May 1.

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Tracker for Maryland Environmental Legislation: Here is a link to a living document that is tracking important environmental legislation being deliberated now in Maryland General Assembly: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-VI39QZHuYo-CnNTIotb0mnsB5DfAYRx/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=112724674634695901194&rtpof=true&sd=true

The Tracker follows legislation that the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) supports, summarizing the purpose of the bills and lists hearing dates when the bills are being deliberated, so that you can send legislators your opinion.

Thanks to everyone who donated the laundry pods for clients at **40 West**. They loved the new choice. Now we would like to change our request to a few different items not available from the Maryland Food Bank: Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Pasta Roni, cooking oil, mayonnaise and dish detergent. As always, 40 West and all who come to us for assistance thank you!

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

March 24	Palm Sunday: Names for Easter flower memorials are due.
April 21	Annual Parish Meeting
April 27	Dinner fundraiser for Promised Land School, 6:00-8:00 pm.
May 30-June 2	Women's Retreat

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, office@stbs-md.org, or visit our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>.

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