

# ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - WALPOLE, NH

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10 am - Easter Day

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

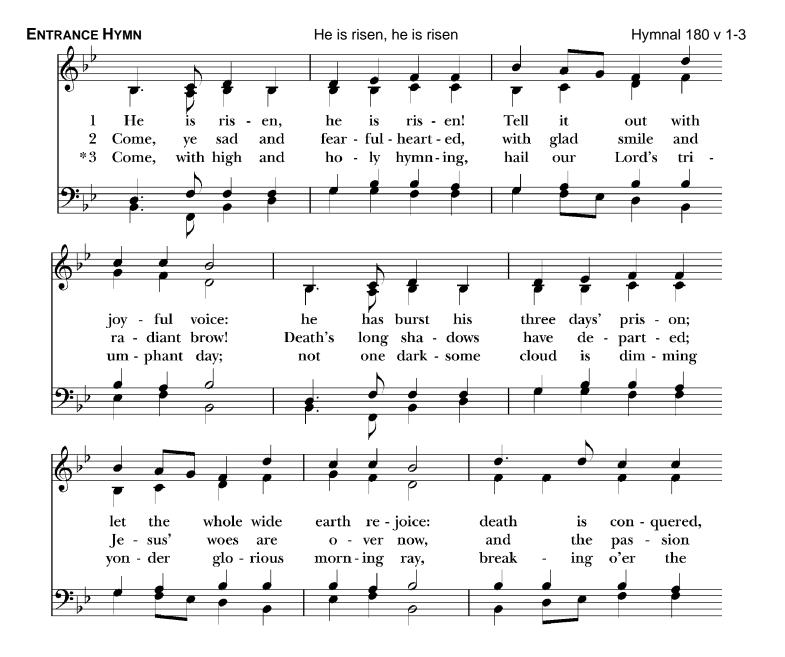
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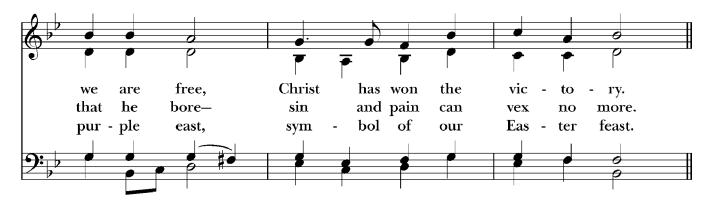
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Vladimir Odinokikh

**W**ELCOME

## THE WORD OF GOD





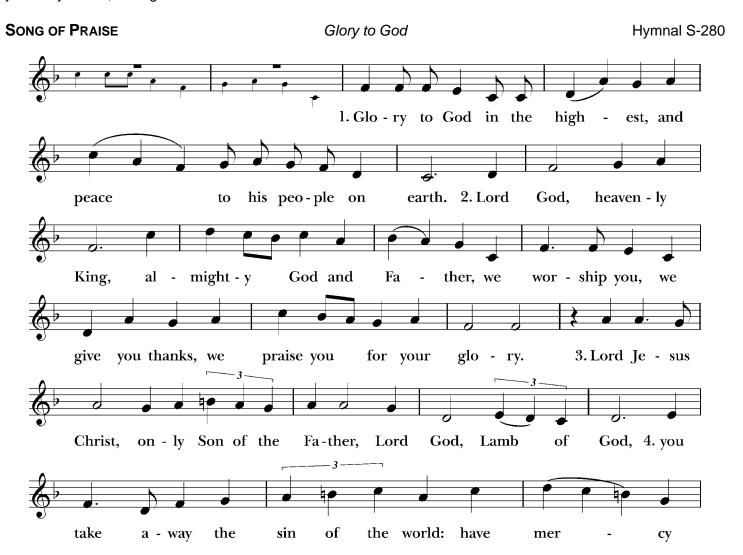
All stand as able

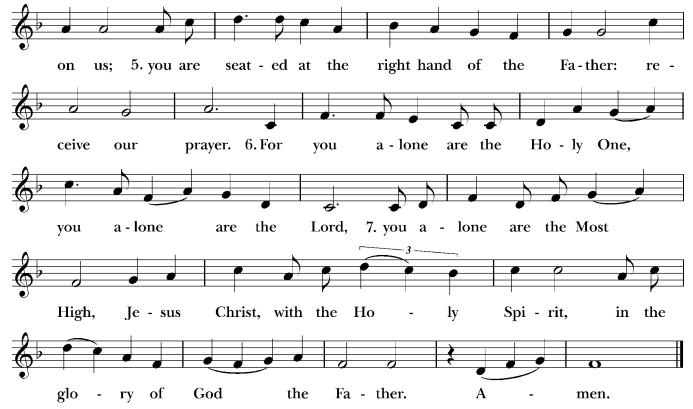
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### **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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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 LESSONS

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

People may be seated while Lector reads.

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations:

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Lector and people read responsively by half verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*

"His mercy endures for ever."

- 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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

People may remain seated while LEM reads.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

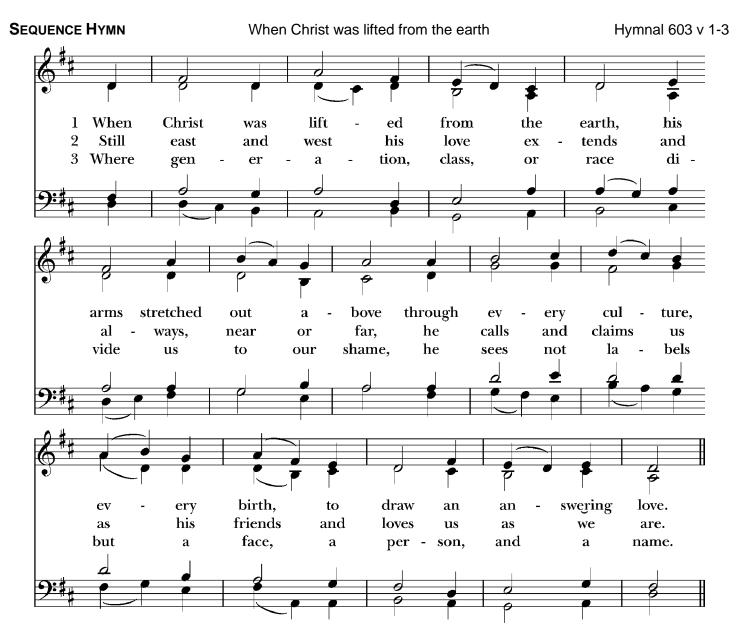
I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance

with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL John 20:1-18

People stand to hear the gospel.

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

THE HOMILY The Rev. Fred Chisolm

#### THE CREED

After a time of reflection, all stand as they are able

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

The LEM and people pray responsively. People remain standing if able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Especially for Jan Crocker and Family, Bruce MacDuffie and Family, Marilyn Wilking, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Brianna Miller, John Boudreau, Natalie, Rebecca Dupin, Avery, Doug Barnes, John Tuttle, Fred and Ellie Ernst and family, Mary Lou Montgomery, and Peggy Pschirrer.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, for Colebrook and the Episcopal Mission of Franklin, and for peace on earth:

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, Fred our Priest, and Bill our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. For Lee MacDuffie, Marion Crosby, Larry Herr, Betty & Donald Shotton, Dorothy & William Reed, Sr, Cecil & Mary Tyson, Paul & Erin O'Donnell, Deb Holmes, Chris Schoppmeyer, Georgie Cheney, Joe and Zella Cuoco, Otis Setley, Alice & Howard Reilly, Joan Reilly, Scott Mayer and all Loved Ones. Silence

The People may add their own petitions Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.** 

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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**.

#### THE PEACE

All stand. People may greet one another from their seats

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

People: And also with you.

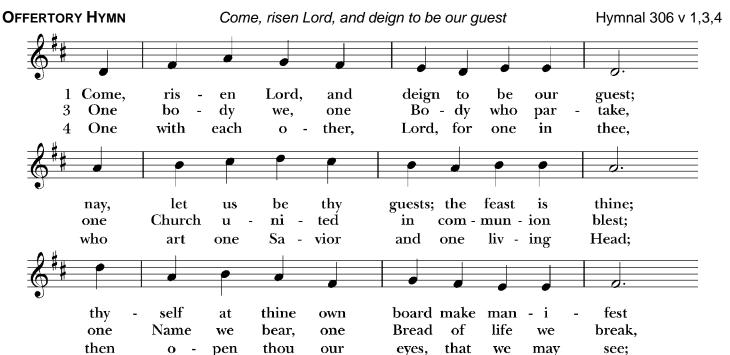
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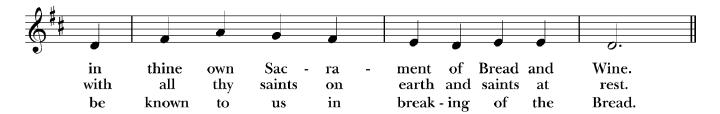
### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

The congregation may be seated as the Offering is received.





### **DOXOLOGY**

All stand.

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

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

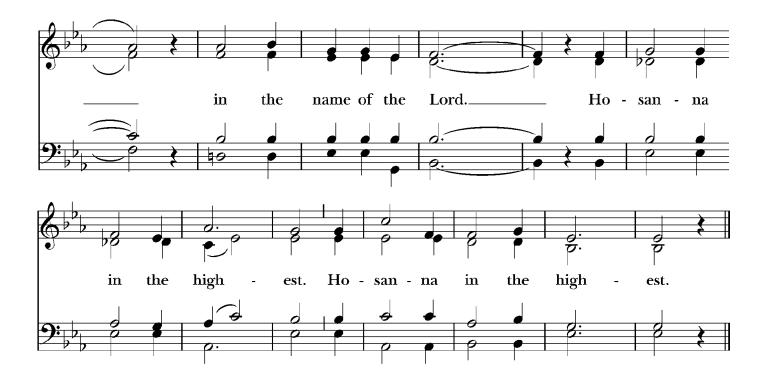
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:









The people stand or kneel

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.* 

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.** 

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION

Forgive our sins as we forgive (Hymnal 674)

Vladimir Odinokikh

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

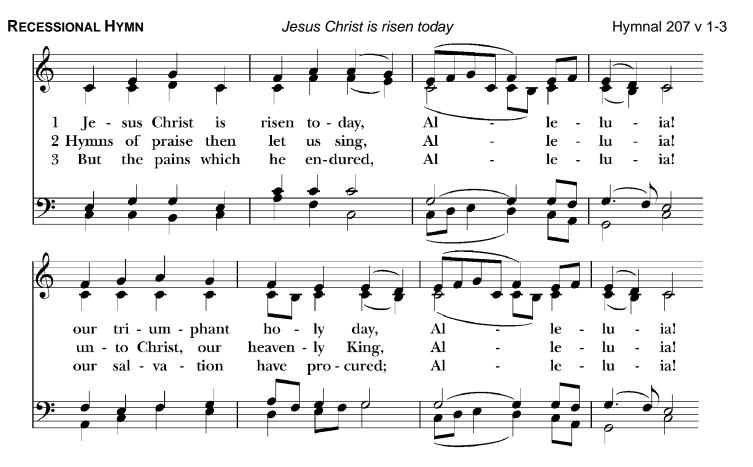
People stand as they are able

Let us pray.

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**

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





### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please be seated and wait to begin greeting one another until after the postlude.

**POSTLUDE** 

"I Cieli Immensi" by B.Marcello

Vladimir Odinokikh

## WORKING TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN'S

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Officiant:	The Rev. Fred Chisolm	The Rev. Fred Chisolm
Organist:	Vladimir Odinokikh	Vladimir Odinokikh
Acolyte:	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
LEM	Joe Cuoco	Lisa Cuoco
Lector(s)	Adrian Basora	Maryann Lindberg
Altar Guild	Patti Sparks	Patti Sparks
Flowers	See list below	Marilyn Wilking
Ushers	Chuck Loomis & Sue Bauer	Joe Cuoco & Eric Herr
Counters	Mary Schoppmeyer & Al Sparks	Patti Sparks & Brad Purinton
Hospitality	Easter Potluck	Kris Tyson

#### **EASTER FLOWERS**

From...

Sue Bauer

Loved Ones

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George Cheney

Sara Crosby

Marion Crosby

Joe & Lisa Cuoco Joe & Zella Cuoco, Otis Setley, Alice & Howard Reilly, Joan Reilly, & Scott

Mayer

Sarah Downing Lee MacDuffie Dorothy & Eric Herr Larry Herr

Linda & Connor O'Donnell Paul & Erin O'Donnell

Lynne & Bill Reed Betty & Donald Shotton & Dorothy & William Reed, Sr

Mary Schoppmeyer My Parents, Deb Holmes, Chris Schoppmeyer & Loved Ones

Bill & Kris Tyson Cecil & Mary Tyson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS**

#### **Easter Dinner Potluck**

We'll continue our tradition of having an Easter Dinner Potluck after church today. We've found we like sharing the holiday together. Please join us in the Parish Hall even if you didn't sign up – there is always an abundance of food.

## **Usher Training – 4/14 & 4/21**

There will be usher training right after church on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. Training is for new and experienced ushers. Additional ushers are always welcome. If you are new to ushering, please see Chuck Loomis to let him know you'd like the training.

#### **Fall Mountain Food Shelf**

During April we will focus on rice, pasta, and canned meats (tuna and chicken). These are frequently requested items. Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

**Our Priest in Charge**: The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at <a href="mailto:rector@StJohnsWalpole.org">rector@StJohnsWalpole.org</a>.

**St. John's Vestry 2024:** Marilyn Wilking (Senior Warden), Drew Street (Junior Warden), Sue Bauer (Treasurer), Linda O'Donnell (Clerk), Alison Brule, Joe Cuoco, and Chuck Loomis. Both wardens may be reached at info@StJohnsWalpole.org.