



**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost: [Proper 28A]**

November 15, 2020

9:00 a.m.

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Commemoration of Life
of Estherine Craig**



Estherine L. Craig

November 17, 1927—May 8, 2020

Opening Acclamation

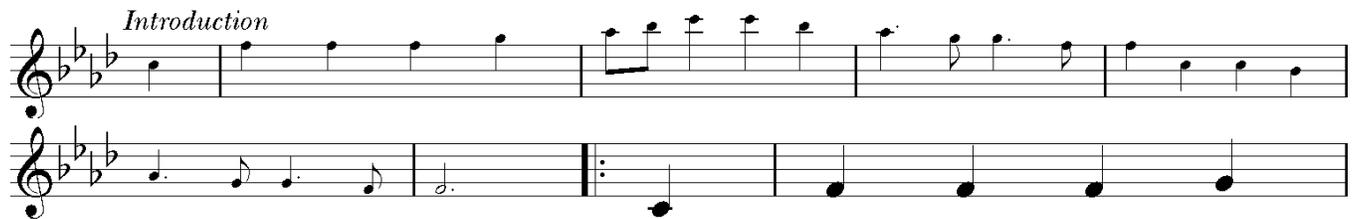
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn of Praise

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 629

Introduction



1 We lim - it not the
2 Who dares to bind to
3 O Fa - ther, Son, and

truth of God to our poor reach of mind, to
one's own sense the or - a - cles of heaven, for
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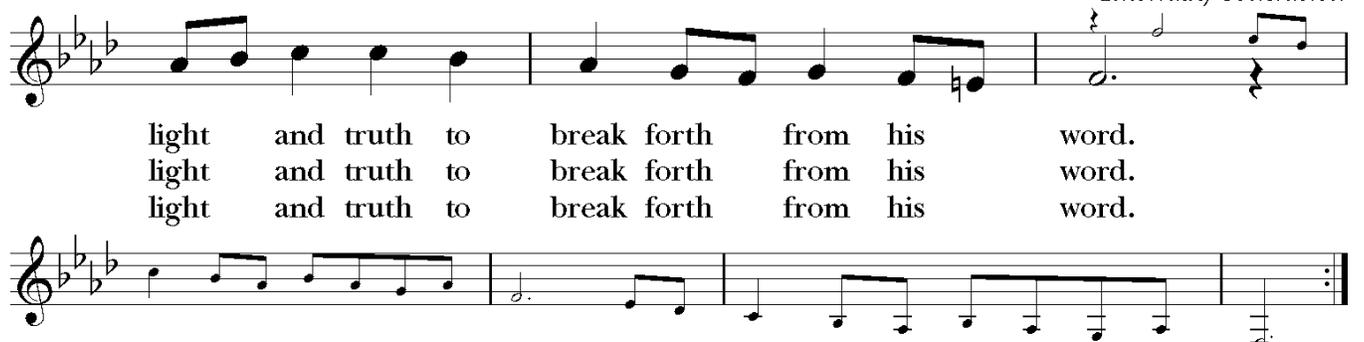
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all the na - tions, tongues, and climes and all the a - ges
large, ex - pand all liv - ing souls to com - pre - hend your

fined; no, let a new and bet - ter hope with -
given? That u - ni - verse, how much un - known! The
love; and make us all go on to know with

in our hearts be - stirred; the Lord has yet more
o - cean un - ex - plored! The Lord has yet more
no - bler powers con - ferred— the Lord has yet more

Interlude/Conclusion

light and truth to break forth from his word.
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you this day our sister Estherine.
We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends,
to know and to love
as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth,
until, by your call, we are reunited
with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lessons

The congregation sits.

First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, all say together [in unison] the

Gradual: Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- 1 **To you I lift up my eyes, ***
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 **So our eyes look to the LORD our God, ***
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 **Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God**

All remain standing for the reading of the

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The

one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

All sit to hear

The Sermon

The Rev. Tom Wand

All stand

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Leader offers each petition, beginning

For our sister Estherine, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Estherine, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People: Hear us, Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant concludes the prayers with this collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Estherine, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

As the gifts of bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all say the following

Doxology

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the victory, and the majesty.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,
and you are exalted as head over all.

At the conclusion of the Doxology, all remain standing; the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer D

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

**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.**

The people may stand, sit, or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Daniel, our Bishop; Tom, our Priest; all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We give thanks for the parish mission and goals we have discerned and ask that they may guide our congregation as we more fully carry out God's call to service and build up our life together as Resurrection parish.

Remember the leaders of the nations of the world, especially Donald, our President, and Joseph, our President-elect, along with members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Tom, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

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

Remember those in special need for whom our prayers have been asked, especially for Ed Hess, Sr., and Jacob Blake; those sickened, endangered, or quarantined because of the COVID-19 virus; those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; those mentioned in our parish's prayer list, and those we name before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Remember those with whom we offer you our praise and thanksgivings, especially for Micah Brunner and Jason Idun, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Connie Allison, as we commemorate her baptism; for Doug Soule, as we commemorate his confirmation; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID-19 virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and for those blessings we remember before You now:

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Remember the departed, especially Estherine Craig, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Walter Wallace, Jr., Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Breonna Taylor, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those over 230,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; all those killed by

unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers, and those whom we remember before you now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

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 Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with St. Paul the Apostle, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Estherine Craig, 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 ever.

People: AMEN!!

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Translation) *The Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

Celebrant

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

**All 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 consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. This anthem is said.

Leader God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation

The Celebrant raises the elements and says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.” [The Book of Common Prayer, p. 457]

During Communion, this anthem is sung

Communion Anthem

Voices Found, Hymn 17

“Uri, uri, dab’ri shir.” Is Hebrew for “Arise, and sing a song.”

REFRAIN:

***Arise, arise, Devorah,
arise, arise and sing a song.
Arise, arise, Devorah.
Uri, uri, dab’ri shir.***

**Devorah, the prophet, was a judge in Israel.
She sat beneath her palm tree on the hill,
and people came from everywhere
just to hear her judgments, honest and fair.
Devorah, the prophet,
Devorah, a mother in Israel.**

Refrain

**Devorah, the prophet, was courageous, strong and wise.
Her people lived in peace for forty years.
The twelve tribes lived together as one,
for the first time since the world had begun.
Devorah, the prophet,
Devorah, a mother in Israel.**

Refrain

**Devorah, the prophet, a woman of fire, her torch in hand.
She led the Israelites to victory.
Barak said “D’vorah, I cannot fight
unless you are standing right by my side.”
Devorah, the prophet,
Devorah, a mother in Israel.**

Refrain

**Uri, uri, dab’ri shir.
Arise, Devorah. Arise and sing a song.
Arise, Devorah. Uri, uri, dab’ri shir,
Uri, uri, dab’ri shir.**



Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

Blessing

Celebrant: Keep awake and be sober, for you are God's children of light and children of the day.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Encourage one another and build up each other in faith, hope and love, always strong in the Spirit.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of our gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and enliven you, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



Closing Hymn:

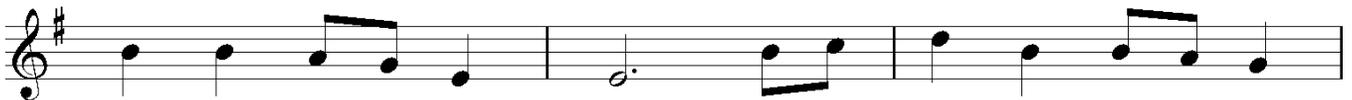
The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Forward Day-By-Day Issue to be distributed by mail

The new issue of *Forward Day-By-Day* has arrived at the Church Office. Because of pandemic precautions, we will be mailing the issue to parishioners who request one [by mail, email, or phone]. Let us know if you would like a copy, and also if you need one of our limited large-print copies.



Your contributions are the main funding source for our parish.

We thank you for your continued support!

PLEDGE CARDS WERE MAILED OUT. PLEASE RETURN THEM ASAP. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR PLEDGE CARD, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Thank You!



OUTREACH FOR SEAMEN: Seamen's Church Institute is collecting the following items for seafarers (full-size toiletry items please)—dark colored scarves and hats, work gloves, work socks, ChapStick, nail clippers, disposable razors, shaving cream, playing cards, hand lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, pens & writing paper, mini-sewing kit, hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops. Please place all donations in the boxes labeled in the Undercroft or Narthex by **Sunday, November 22nd**. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Oppelt (610) 497-4576.

WEEK #45	11/08/2020	ACTUAL	BUDGET 52 WEEKS
Pledge	\$1,653.00	\$105,853.50	\$107,723.94
Contribution	\$80.00	\$2,228.55	\$6,490.38
TOTAL	\$1,733.00	\$108,082.05	\$114,214.33



Christmas Poinsettias

Would you like to help decorate our altar and nave for Christmas services?



To those who wish to remember loved ones, or have a special thanksgiving, we are asking for a \$10.00 donation. **ALL FLOWERS WILL REMAIN IN THE CHURCH UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2021.**

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Given By: _____

*Please attach \$10.00 cash or check and place this offering in the collection plate or mail it to the Church Office no later than Sunday, **December 13th.**

Thank you!

Please remember in your prayers
those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially:



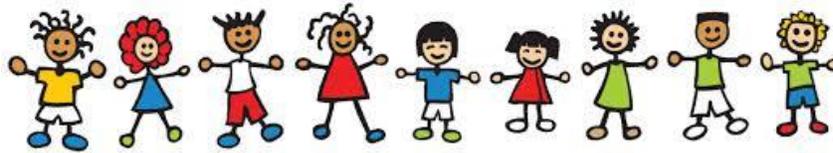
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Those blessings for which we offer thanks, especially:

especially for Micah Brunner and Jason Idun, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Connie Allison, as we commemorate her baptism; for Doug Soule, as we commemorate his confirmation; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID-19 virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves.

Those who have died, especially:

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Resurrection Pre-School

9am till 12noon
5-day classes for 4's
3-day classes (M/W/F) for 3's

Reasonable rates—Financial Aid Available
Children need to be toilet-trained

Please call the office 610-459-2013 for more
information and pricing
Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator

***REMEMBER:
IT'S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION
OF OUR PARISH'S PRESCHOOL THAT
KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR
PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD
WORK!***



The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.



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The Rev. Thomas C. Wand, Priest-in-Charge

Racial Justice and Reconciliation in Our Country—How Do We Actively Help?

A Statement by the Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

Our Church, our Diocese, indeed all of us are committed by our Baptism into the Christian faith to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” [BCP, p. 305] This means that we must actively oppose and seek to dismantle systems, structures, and beliefs which promote and sustain the privileges of one group or race over another.

Based in the resurrection, our work is not to blame, not to single out individuals or groups to pronounce guilty or sinful [most notably, because we know everyone has sinned, including us]. Jesus calls us not to judge and condemn *others*, but to bring the righteousness of the Reign of God into visible reality. This righteousness comes from right relationships among all people, among all structures of our society, and among us as human beings relating to God and all Creation.

This will be, in our society (and for our parish community), long and hard work. This did not start recently; its repair will not be done soon. We have many broken and distorted relationships in our society and its structures [The Bible calls this “sin.”]. We cannot stand by and refuse the work to transform that because of its difficulty or pain to us. The Cross will not allow that. The time to start is now.

Our parish will be examining the work to which we are called and the ways we can move forward. Your help in the discernment and in the work is essential. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and support for you, for our parish, and for our country as we seek to:

“Let the whole world know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by [the One] through whom all things were made, ..Jesus Christ.” [BCP, p. 280]



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