



**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry,
St. John's Episcopal Church,
and
The Episcopal Church at Cornell**

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, March 30, 2023
8:00 PM

At St. John's Episcopal Church

The Paschal Triduum is the center of the church year where worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year marks the passage with Christ through death into life.

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

The assembly gathers on the steps outside St. John's.

***LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLES**

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray. O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant may trace the inscription on the paschal candle.

Christ, yesterday and today
the beginning
and the ending
To Christ belongs all time
and all the ages;
to Christ belongs glory
and dominion
now and forever.

Amen.

The ministers light the paschal candles, using a stick or taper from the fire.

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The assembly lights their candles from the Paschal Candles.

The assembly follows the Paschal Candles into the darkened sanctuary, pausing three times to respond to:

The Light of Christ

With

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated near the front of the nave.

***THE EXSULTET (EASTER PROCLAMATION)**

Midway through, the assembly responds as follows:

...who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever:

The congregation sings on the final note:

Amen.

The Lord / be with you.

(The congregation sings using the same notes):

And al - / so with you.

Let us give thanks to the / Lord our God.

It is right to give our / thanks and praise.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The prayer of the day is offered and the assembly responds:

Amen.

The hand candles are extinguished and the assembly may be seated for the five readings, responses, and prayers.

FIRST READING
RESPONSE

Genesis 1:1-2:4a



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

PRAYER
SECOND READING
RESPONSE

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

^{1b}I will sing to the Lord, who has | triumphed gloriously;
throwing horse and rider in- | to the sea.

²The Lord is my strength | and my might,
and has become | my salvation;

this is my God—this God | I will praise;
my father’s God—this God I | will exalt.

³**The Lord | is a warrior;**
the Lord | is his name.

⁴The Lord hurled Pharaoh’s chariots and army in- | to the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in | the Red Sea.

⁵The floods | covered them;
they went down into the depths | like a stone.

⁶**Your right hand, O Lord, glo- | rious in power—**
your right hand, O Lord, shat- | tered the enemy.

⁷**In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your | adversaries;**
you sent out your fury, it consumed | them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up | in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart | of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, “I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire
shall have its | fill of them.

I will draw my sword, my hand | shall destroy them.”

¹⁰**You blew with your wind, the sea | covered them;**
they sank like lead in the | mighty waters.

¹¹**“Who is like you, O Lord, a- | mong the gods?**

**Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, | doing
wonders?**

¹²You stretched out | your right hand,
the earth | swallowed them.

¹³In your steadfast love you led the people whom | you redeemed;
you guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

¹⁷**You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your |
own possession,**

the place, O Lord, that you made | your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands | have established.

¹⁸**The Lord will reign forev- | er and ever.**

PRAYER

THIRD READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

RESPONSE



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune
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PRAYER

FOURTH READING

Daniel 3:1-29

RESPONSE



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the
 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,
 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your
 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us
 sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and
 Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we
 lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,
 breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 glimpse your face,
 of the Lamb,

RESPONSE



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example of the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

The news has been shared! With Mary Magdalene and all of the apostles, with saints throughout the centuries, with our ancestors in faith,

I, too, proclaim to you:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

The lights are turned on.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Bells may be rung by all as we sing the Canticle of Praise.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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, O Christ.

SERMON

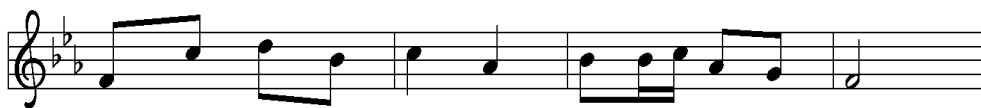
THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to the petitions, which all end "Merciful God," is:

receive our prayer.

OFFERTORY HYMN Now the Green Blade Rises

NOEL NOUVELET



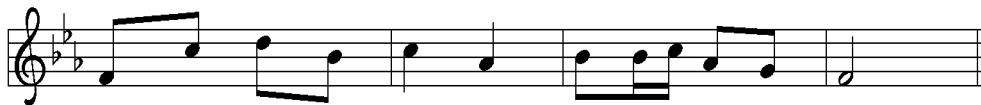
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

An assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds:

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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 custodians of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

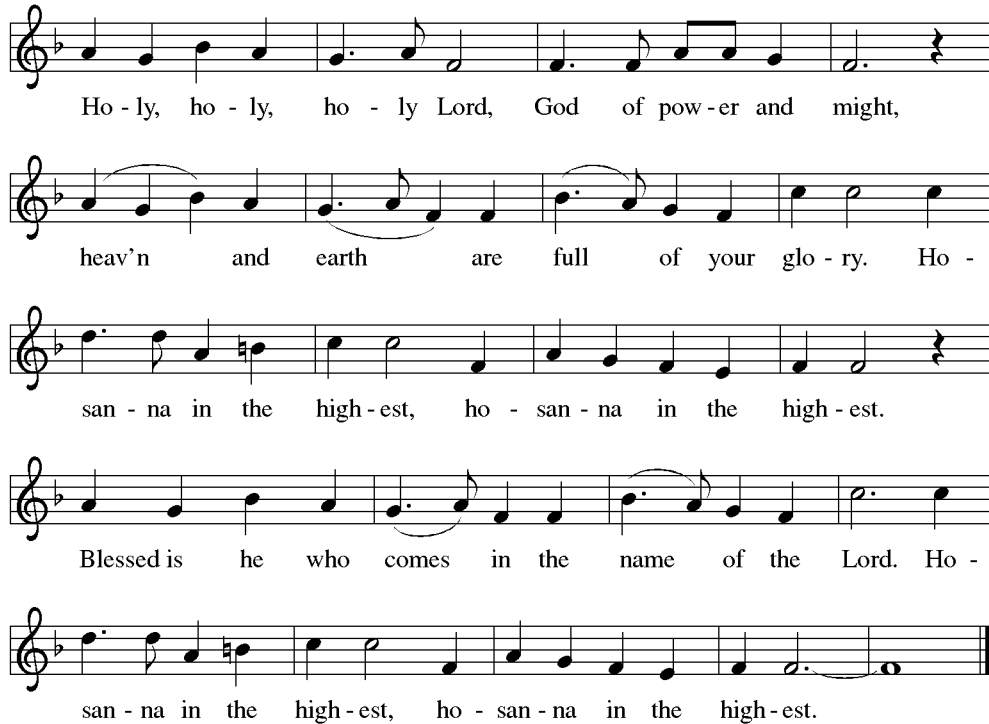
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav' n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as able as the presider continues..

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.

God of our Mothers and Fathers: God of Abraham, Sarah, Rebecca, Isaac, Rachel, Leah, 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 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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast, alleluia.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to the table of Christ without exception.

Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.

You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

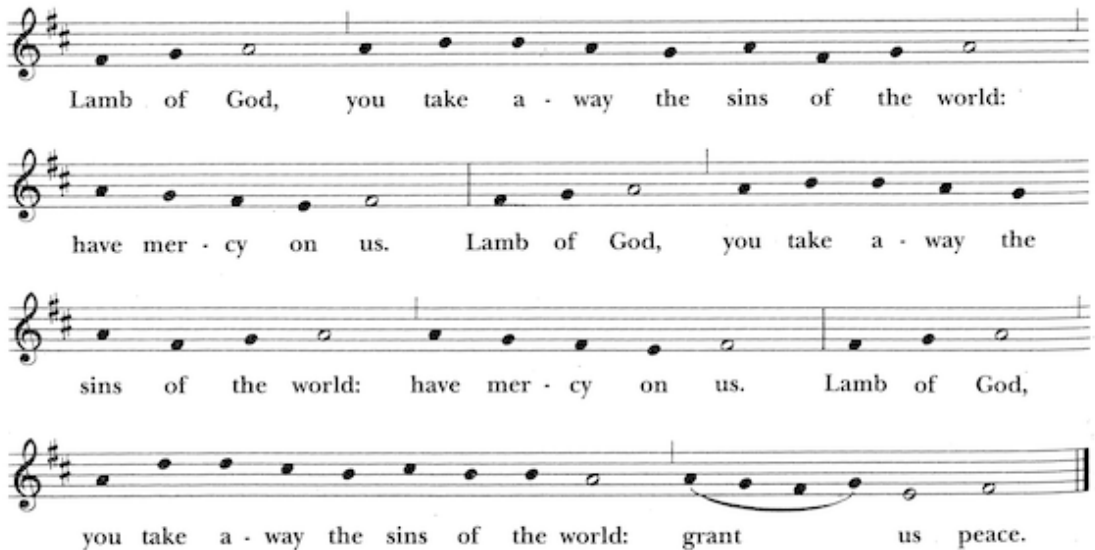
*LAMB OF GOD

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The Holy Eucharist II

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Victimae Paschali Laudes

setting by Craig Phillips

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assembly responds: Amen.

*BLESSING *The assembly responds: Amen.*

*SENDING HYMN 449

We Know that Christ is Raised

ENGLEBERG



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Engleberg

setting by Robert Hobby

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ministers:	All the people of these Communities
Cantor:	Jeff Snedeker
Readers:	Kody Law, Brad Wendel, Liz Peck, Sara VanLooy, and Gwen Freeman
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Pam Talbott
Organist:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presiders:	The Rev. Kit Tobin, St. John's Episcopal Church The Rev. Taylor Daynes, Episcopal Church at Cornell
Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill, St. Luke Lutheran Church

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