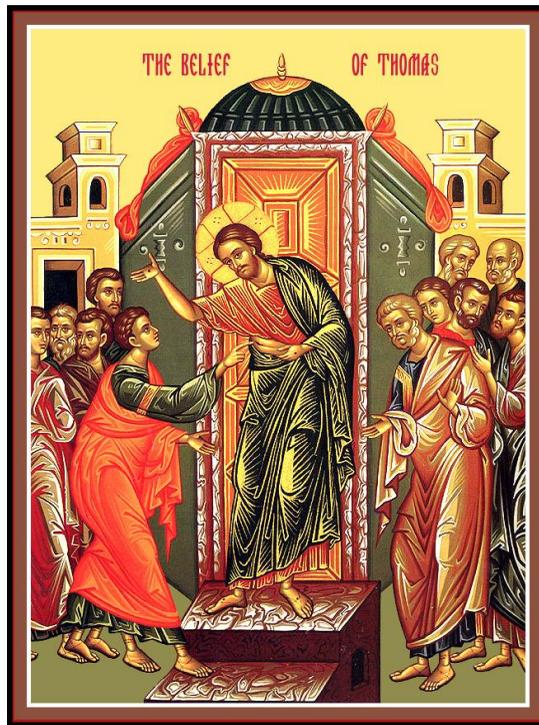


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

The Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 8, 2018

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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Welcome! We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry.

The Ministry of the Word

Organ Music: Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Roy Brunner

Hymn 208

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

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

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.**

Christ Our Passover (WLP 880)

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system includes a descant in G major, followed by three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics and includes a piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the lyrics and includes a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Sing His Praise!

G. F. Handel

Sing His Praise! Praise Him with a joyful song. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before Him with a song, sing praise to Him, Sing a joyful song, praise the Lord, our God. Give thanks to Him and praise the Lord our God. Rejoice and sing His praise.

The St. John's Choir

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so

that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn 209

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People

Glory to you Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Norbert Ayeebo

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; and the clergy of this Diocese, especially Henry and Shivaun, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those affected by hurricane, earthquake, or gun violence, for those who are expecting, serving in the military, seeking adequate employment, or in need of healing; especially for **Karen, Sue, Sally, Mary, Gerard, Emma, John, Chris, Lois, Julianna & family, Jeanne, Karen, Elva, Cody, and Meredith.**

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The absolution.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.

Offertory Hymn 212

Offertory

Please stand

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.... (Page 367)

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus, S 129

Robert Powell

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. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, with a triplet of eighth notes over 'Bless - ed'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes over 'Ho - san - na'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God... (Page 368)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you... (Page 369)

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. **AMEN.**

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

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.

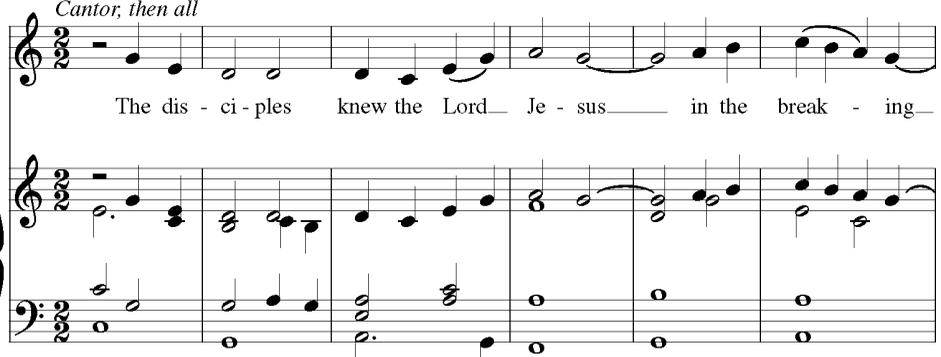
The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:

Fraction anthem (WLP 876)

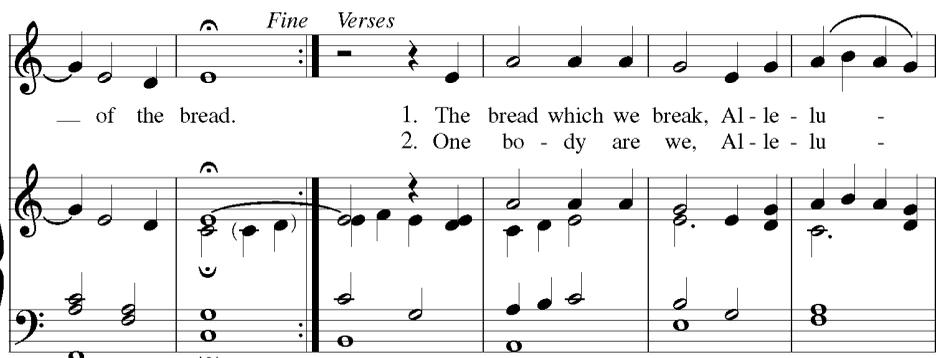
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Antiphon
Cantor, then all



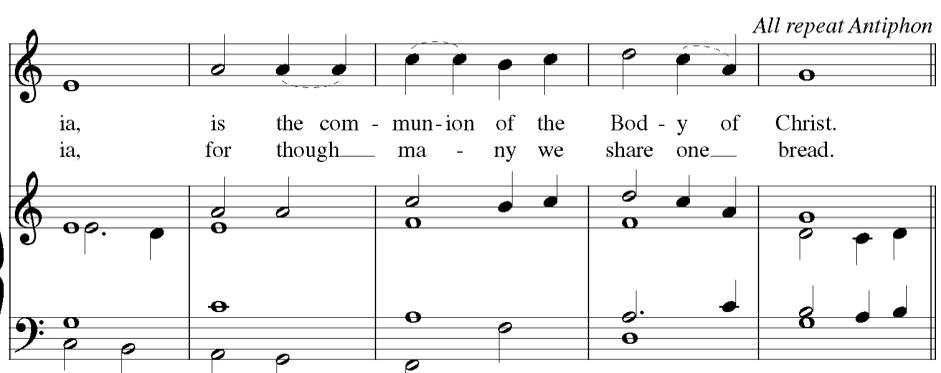
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu

All repeat Antiphon



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion Hymns 184 and 490

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. GLUTEN FREE host is available; indicate your desire for GF host by presenting your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 193

The Dismissal *all respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: Christ is Arisen

J. S. Bach

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. Names remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please let us know. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact The Rev. Henry P. McQueen at 717-203-4055 or email at rector@stjec.org.

Sally Turner
Gerard Jordan
Emma Wyatt
John Drew
Robert (Chris) Prinz
Lois Parker
Mary Throckmorton
Sue Conner
Karen Hynson & Family
Julianna Cantrell & Family
Jeanne McMillen
Karen Sisk
Elva Townsend
Cody Dennis
Meredith



*Last Sunday's Easter flowers were given by
Glen Drew in Memory of Lea Drew and by
Frances Hunt in Memory of
The Rev. Frank M. Sherlock, Winifred M. Sherlock,
and Richard T. Hunt*

*First Aid kits are located in the sacristy,
and on the wall in the narthex behind the door into the nave.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME - This morning we welcome Rev. Canon Norbert Ayebo, a priest from Ghana, West Africa. Ordained in 2005, Rev. Ayebo is married to Hannah and has been blessed with 2 boys, Raphael, age 10 and Gabriel who is 7. He served in his Diocese as Rector and as the diocesan/synod secretary, later relinquishing the position of secretary to serve as diocesan youth director. Rev. Ayebo is currently at VTS where he is earning a Masters of Theology degree majoring in Christian Formation with special focus on youth ministry. Please give him a warm welcome.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE needs strong hands **TODAY** after the 10 AM service. We need to move a heavy couch, tables, chairs, etc. into a bog U Haul to take to Prince Georges County to unload. We are furnishing an apartment for a family of 9 from Afghanistan who will be arriving on Wednesday, April 11th. We also need help unloading. With about 10 people, we can get the truck unloaded and the furniture placed by 2 or 2:30pm. With the exception of the couch, nothing is overly heavy. All that is needed are gloves.

PRAYER PARTNER SPAGHETTI DINNER - All young families, prayer partners and those interested in becoming a prayer partner are invited to attend the Prayer Partner Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, April 8th at 4pm** in the Parish Hall. Join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship, get tips on how to pray, and get to know your prayer partner. For more information, please contact Mothershivaun@icloud.com.

MONDAY MISSION SOCIETY - Please join Monday Mission Society in the African Palms Workroom **Monday, April 9th** at 7pm for a Paint and Sip event. Please BYOW and have fun painting prayer and kindness rocks. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall or RSVP to csmcdermott@hotmail.com by Monday April 2nd. Donation of \$5 is suggested to help cover the cost of materials.

STJES DINING OUT NIGHTS - The second Tuesday of every month at Jersey Mike's in Olney is specifically for St, John's! Upcoming dates: **April 10th**, May 8th, and June 12th. Help raise money for St. John's School. Pick up a Jersey Mikes Flyer (located in the solarium) or simply tell them you are there for the St. John's Fundraiser.



OLNEY DAYS **Parade** April 27-29

The Olney Days celebration is April 27th - April 29th. St. John's will once again participate by marching in the parade on **Sunday, April 29th**. All of St. John's is invited to join the school in the parade by walking with the school float. The parade starts at Prince Phillip Drive travels north on Georgia Avenue, ends on Spartan Road. Line up early along Georgia Avenue. Several roads will be closed at 2:00 pm for the parade.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 8

- 9 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9am Sunday Forum
- 9am Sunday School
- 11am Coffee Hour
- 11:30am Handbells Rehearsal
- 4pm Prayer Partner Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, April 9

- 7pm Monday Mission Sip & Paint Event

Sunday, April 15

- 9 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9am Sunday Forum
- 9am Sunday School
- 11 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30am Handbells Rehearsal
- 11:30am Esther Deel
- 4pm Youth Group @ Cathedral

Wednesday, April 18

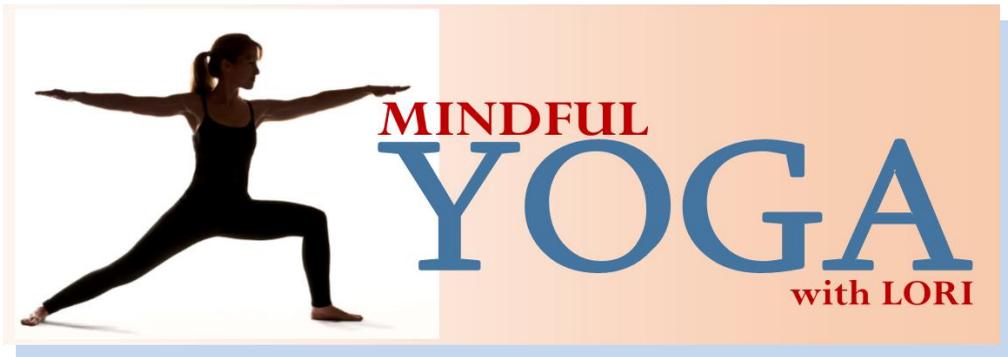
- 6:30pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, April 19

- 7-8:15pm Mindful Yoga with Lori

Saturday, April 21

- 9am-3pm Mompreneurs (STJES gym)
- 10:30am Funeral Service for Emily Grayson



COMING TO ST. JOHN'S
Thursday evenings 7-8:15 pm in the Parish Hall beginning APRIL 19th.

Gentle / Beginners Yoga open to all ages (15 – 99)

Wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat and some water and join Lori for a non-strenuous, minimalistic, quiet, meditative time of yoga.

Don't have a mat?
No worries, Lori provides mats.

A donation of \$10 per class is suggested.
100% of donations received will go towards funding a clean water project in Tanzania through African Palms.

Lori Perkins has been a St. John's Episcopal Church member for 18 years. Most recently she started working as the Office Manager at African Palms. Prior to that you may have seen her running the pumpkin patch or helping with the Holly Harvest Bazaar each year. She discovered yoga and its benefits about 10 years ago after undergoing hip replacement surgery. In 2017 Lori enrolled in the 200 hour yoga teacher training with The Silk Road Sangha and Daniel Hickman. She was certified as a RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher) with The Yoga Alliance in February 2018.

JOIN LORI on THURSDAY, APRIL 19th @ 7-8:15pm
For MINDFUL YOGA

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VESTRY

Pam Brekke 2019 – *Worship*
Andrew Nicholas 2019 – *Warden/Evangelism*
Dennis Atkinson 2020 – *B & G*
Diana Mayhew 2020 – *Mission Outreach*
Selva Selvarajah 2021 – *Parish Life*

Alan Soukup 2019 – *Treasurer*
Bree Bruemmer 2019 – *Pastoral Care*
Stephen Simpson 2020 – *Warden/Education*
Julie Bauduy 2021 – *Communications*
Aparna Williams 2021 – *Stewardship*

SUNDAY SERVICES @ 8AM & 10AM
Sunday School @ 9AM