



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

SEEK SERVE SHARE

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C

Jun 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Celebrant
Deacon
Family Minister
Music

The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing
The Rev. Vicki Knipp
Lyssa Williford, Director
Ann Vail, Director of Music
Michael Davis, Piano
John Cotten, Guitar
St. Christopher's Choir

Visitors

Welcome! We are so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about getting connected at St. Christopher's, we invite you to fill out a **Connect** card, or contact our office. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

Restrooms (non-gendered)

In the Church, a restroom is located near the Nursery. Two restrooms are located to the right as you enter the Parish Hall.

Fellowship

Please join us immediately following the service for conversation and treats in the Parish Hall.



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Worship Schedule

Acolyte

Avery

Altar Guild

Cathy and Isabel

Bell Ringer

Gabbi

Epistoler

Michael

Fellowship

Diane and Sara

Flowers

Isabel

Godly Play

Lyssa and Linda

Eucharistic Minister

Steve

Lector

Michael

Nursery

Athena

Ushers

Larry and Scott Stevens

Vestry of the Day

Joe and Michael

Sunday | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship

Monday | 9a Morning Prayer **Wednesday** | noon House of Prayer **Friday** | 7p Online Compline

Office | Mon-Thu: 9:30am – 2:30pm | 512.288.0128 | office@stchrisatx.org

Prayer Requests

Please complete a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate, or contact our office by phone, email, or on our website.



The Connection newsletter

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the office or scan the QR code with your phone.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Michael Davis, piano

WELCOME

(Please kneel as you are able)

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 214

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

1 Hail the day that sees him rise
glorious to his native skies;
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

2 There the glorious triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates!
Wide unfold the radiant scene;
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

3 See! he lifts his hands above;
See! he shows the prints of love:
Hark! his gracious lips bestow,
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

4 Lord beyond our mortal sight,
raise our hearts to reach thy height,
there thy face unclouded see,
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP, p. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

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

During the singing of the Gloria the children will follow the cross and return at the Peace

GLORIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He is risen, He is risen, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP, p. 224

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for the lessons)

THE FIRST LESSON:

Acts 16:16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the

night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSE

Psalm 97

The psalm appointed for today is from Psalm 97, please chant by bold verses.



- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth re | joice; *
let the multitude of the isles be | glad.
 - 2 Clouds and darkness are round a | bout him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his | throne.
 - 3 **A fire goes be | fore him ***
and burns up his enemies on every | side.
 - 4 **His lightnings light up the | world; ***
the earth sees it and is a | fraid.
 - 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the | Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole | earth.
 - 6 The heavens declare his | righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his | glory.
 - 7 **Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false | gods! ***
Bow down before him, all you | gods.
 - 8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re | joice, ***
because of your judgments, O | Lord.
 - 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the | earth; *
you are exalted far above all | gods.
 - 10 The Lord loves those who hate | evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the | wicked.
 - 11 **Light has sprung up for the | righteous, ***
and joyful gladness for those who are true | hearted.
 - 12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you | righteous, ***
and give thanks to his holy | Name..
- Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, and to the Holy | Spirit,***
as it was in the beginning, is | now, and will be forever. A | men.

EPISTLE:

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

A reading from the Revelation to John.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen..

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMNAL 1982, # 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

1 Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

GOSPEL:

John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMNAL 1982, # 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

(Please be seated for the sermon.)

SERMON

The Rev Alyssa Stebbing

(Please stand as you are able)

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

The Deacon says,

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us proclaim our faith in the words of the 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.**

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

God, you have never lost hope in us. Help us to live into that hope and fulfill Jesus' prayer that we may all be one in Christ. In gratitude, and anticipation of your will being made manifest in our lives, we offer our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

We pray for the people of God, across the world and for the church in all its wondrous diversity, that we might find common ground for continuing Christ's mission together, grounded in our common love of Christ.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion.

We pray for our church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and Hector our bishops, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, our lay leaders, and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in leadership in all the nations of the world. Guide them, inspire them, grant them wisdom so that there might be peace and shared prosperity across the whole human race.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the places we call home. Embolden us to use our gifts and energies to proclaim our hope in you through service to our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the natural world that sustains us. Help us to be effective stewards of the environment and natural resources so that the created abundance of life may not be despoiled or destroyed.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in soul, body, or mind. Grant them healing and release them from pain and suffering.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory in your promised new age.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love and wonder, open our eyes to your presence, reassure our hearts of your promises, embolden us for mission, and hear and answer our prayers that we might more perfectly be bearers of your love. **Amen.**

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated for the announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

King of Kings

S Conti and N Batya

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Glory, hallelujah!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory, hallelujah!

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 1982, # 380

The Celebrant and people sing together.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

(Please remain standing.)

SURSUM CORDA

HYMNAL 1982, # 120

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a staff for the Celebrant and a staff for the People. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system has the Celebrant part starting with a half note G4 and the People part with a half note G4. The second system has the Celebrant part starting with a half note A4 and the People part with a half note A4. The third system has the Celebrant part starting with a half note B4 and the People part with a half note B4. The fourth system has the Celebrant part starting with a half note C5 and the People part with a half note C5. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

SANCTUS

HYMNAL 1982, # S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

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

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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.

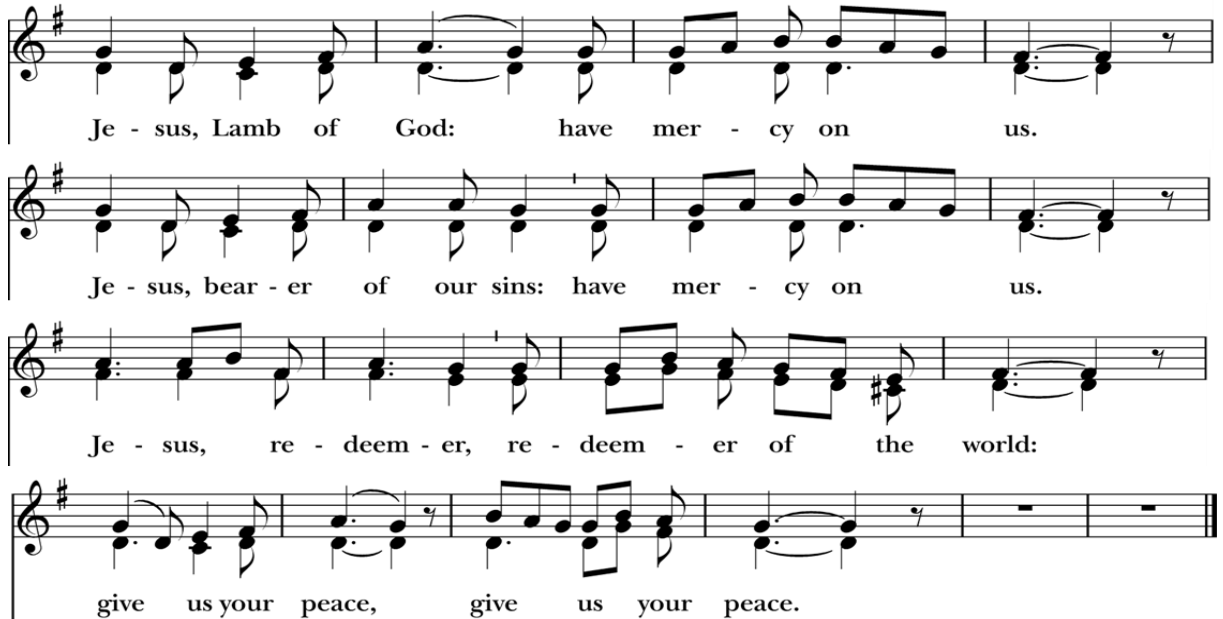
A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, # S169



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)

Communion Hymn

Lift Every Voice 151

One Bread, One Body

Chorus

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.
One Lord. [Chorus]

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
One Lord. [Chorus]

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.
One Lord. [Chorus]

Communion Praise Song

He is Lord

Anonymous

1 He is Lord, he is Lord;
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord;
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

2 He has saved! He has saved!
He has saved us from our sins,
yes, He has saved
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ has saved.

3 He gives life! He gives life!
He gives life to those who follow,
He gives life!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ has saved.

4 Praise His Name! Praise His Name!
Praise the Name of our Lord, Jesus!
Praise His Name!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
and give our Lord the Praise!

Communion Praise Song

Jesus, Remember Me

Taize

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 208

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Michael Davis, piano

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Your help is needed in keeping our Prayer List current. Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at office@stchristophersaustin.org

Prayers for healing, comfort, and peace Sally, Mike, Jim, Elizabeth, Bob, Kathleen, George, Finn, Hailey, Judy, Ian, Elena, Mary, Mary Beth, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Fr Seth, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Bill, Hank, Cheryl, Fraser, Mark, Ray

Prayers for God's Protection: Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joshua, Drew, Joyce

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Ariana, Mallory, Molly

Prayers for the Departed: Connor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flat St. Chris

Many of our families have wonderful adventures planned, so why not take Flat St. Chris with you? He just the right size to fit in any carry on and he is the patron saint of travelers after all! So take pictures of him on your vacations and send to the office or have someone take a picture of you with your Flat St. Chris on your phone. You can find Flat St. Chris in the Narthex. We will be tracking his travels (and yours) around the country and the world on a map in the parish hall.

Women's Lunch | Sun, Jun 1 @ noon

The women will meet at Torchy's Tacos (5900 W Slaughter)

The Masterworks Singers concert | Sun, Jun 1 @ 7:30p

The Masterworks Singers concert at St Catherine of Sienna Church has been rescheduled. Duration is just slightly over one hour. Hope to see you there!

Pentecost Readers

During Pentecost the Gospel was proclaimed in other languages. We need volunteers willing to read the lesson in a language other than English. Let the office know if you are interested.

Men's Breakfast | Sun, Jun 8 @ 8a

The men will meet for breakfast at Jim's Restaurant @ the "Y" (7101 Hwy 71 W)

Road Trip VBS | Sat, Aug 9 @ 9:30a-3:30p

On this exciting trip, our travelers will discover that God is with us wherever the journey of life takes them. They'll learn new Bible stories and supplement those lessons with games, crafts and science! Children 3 and up are invited to attend this free event.