



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10:30 AM

Welcome to St. Catherine's.

We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are new or visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found in the entrance to the church or in the pew rack in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or a member of the clergy. Following the service, we hope that you will stay and join us for refreshments, either outside or in the building next door. For more information about our parish, including a complete schedule of worship services, please visit our website at <https://stcatherinesal.com>.

OUR MISSION

*To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service
and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.*

OUR VISION

*St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and
inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.*

Prepare for Worship

Please take a moment to silence all of your electronic devices. The time before the service begins offers us a rare moment for quiet prayer and meditation.

The liturgy for today's service is from *The Book of Common Prayer*. For your convenience, all of the service music, prayers, responses, and readings are included in this booklet. Hymns, if they are not printed in your booklet, may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in the pew rack in front of you. The symbol of the cross (✠) indicates appropriate moments in the service to make the sign of the cross.

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Catherine's. However, if your child would be more comfortable in our nursery, childcare is available from 9:00 am until the end of the 10:30 service.

Prayer before Worship

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Receiving Communion

At St. Catherine's, all are welcome at the Lord's Table, including those who have been baptized in other traditions. If you are not receiving Communion today, please feel free to come forward to receive a blessing. You may indicate your preference for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to learn more about baptism or about following Jesus in the Episcopal tradition, please speak with the Rector at the end of the service.

If walking or standing is difficult for you, please remain seated, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you in your pew. Simply let the ushers know as they pass by your pew, and they will notify the priest.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE PRELUDE *Jesus, my joy*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing the

HYMN IN PROCESSION *How bright appears the Morning Star*

Hymn 497

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ☩ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.*

THE GLORIA *Gloria in excelsis*

All sing



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMTY GOD, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All sit. Children, ages 4-11, are invited to follow Ms. Mandi Gonzalez downstairs for Children's Chapel. The children will return to the Nave during the Peace for Holy Communion.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will

not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All sing

PSALM 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum*

Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy



- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

THE SEQUENCE *Love came down at Christmas*

Hymn 84

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to

testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Maggie Taylor

Following the sermon, all stand and say

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

Brothers and sisters in the faith, God has called us into the family of the Church. In the Spirit of Christ, we call out “Abba, Father,” asking our creator to hear the prayers we offer, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the human family: Eternal Father, you entrusted to Mary and Joseph the life of your child, Jesus. Strengthen all parents and children in the bonds of love, peace, and faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the household of the Church: Creator of life, make your Church a fruitful vine to all who are reborn in the living waters of baptism. May we find ourselves continually nourished and refreshed at the table of Christ's Body and Blood. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who suffer: Consoler of the afflicted, sustain the homeless and the abandoned. Protect the widow, the widower, the orphan. Comfort those who mourn the dead. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the families of this community: God of love, like a mother you nourish us with your grace. Quicken in us the seed of Christ's word, that we might reveal his life to the whole human family. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions and intercessions, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds this concluding prayer

GRACIOUS GOD, may your favor and blessing rest upon the family which you have gathered in the name of your child Jesus. Accept the prayers we offer in his name. So may your love embrace us, now and forever. *Amen.*

All kneel, as they are able, for

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon 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 Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy ☩ on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand for

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory, the Choir sings

THE ANTHEM *Now yield we thanks and praise* *Was frag' ich nach der Welt*

Now yield we thanks and praise to Christ enthroned in glory,
and on this day of days tell out redemption's story,
who truly have believed that on this blessed morn,
in holiness conceived, the Son of God was born.

What tribute shall we pay to him who came in weakness,
and in a manger lay to teach His people meekness?
Let every house be bright; let praises never cease;
with mercies infinite our Christ hath brought us peace.

As alms and oblations are brought to the Altar, all stand and sing the

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymn 324

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

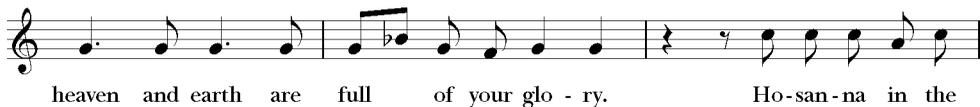
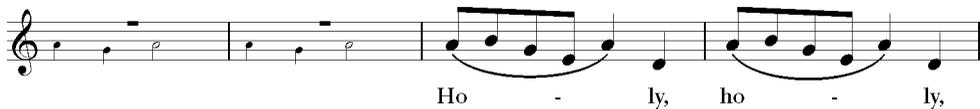
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

All sing



high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, 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, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being \times sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Catherine, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

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, followed by a brief period of silence.

All sing

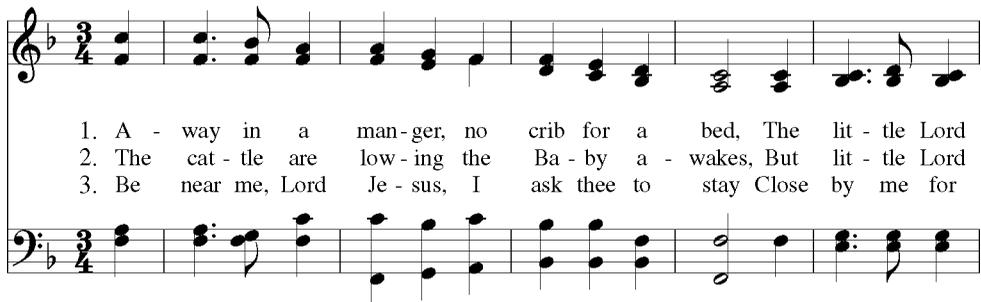
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

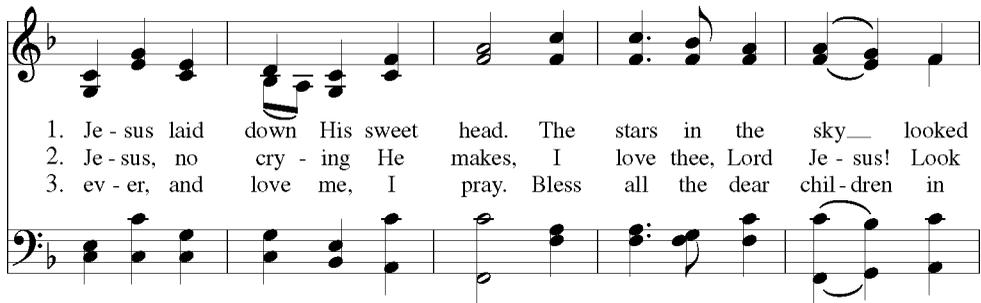
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Away in a manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for



1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky— looked
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Greensleeves

Played by Dr. Brent McLarty

A stable lamp is lighted

Hymn 104

After the ministration of Communion, all stand or kneel for

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

Celebrant

MAY CHRIST, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

After the blessing, all stand and sing the

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Joy to the world! the Lord is come*

Hymn 100

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Henry Balcombe

THIS WEEK AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Sunday, December 31

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Sunday Adult Forum*
9:30 AM Feasting on the Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II *with*
Children's Chapel*

Morning Prayer and Father Eric's weekly visits to the Chelsea Coffee House will be on hiatus between December 19-January 2.

Wednesday, January 3

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Evening Prayer

Thursday, January 4

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, January 5

- 9:30 AM Canasta Group
5:30 PM ESL

Friday, January 6

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

- 7:00 PM Festival Holy Eucharist with
The Blessing of the Chalk

* *Childcare is available in our nursery.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Drive for Kings Home

We are collecting sheets, blankets, towels, pillows, pillowcases, and stuffed animals to deliver to the boys and girls at Kings Home on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. Please consider making a donation to this special ministry. If you would like to join us on January 6 to make our delivery, please speak with Bill Wheeler or Dee Shirley. All are welcome!

Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for three Vestry positions (with terms beginning in January of 2018) and four delegates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention (two delegates and two alternates). If you would like to make a nomination for either Vestry or the convention (or both), please contact Julie Seal in the Parish Office or Father Eric. New Vestry members and delegates to Diocesan Convention will be selected at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 14.

Service for the Feast of the Epiphany

A Festival Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany will be held on Saturday evening, January 6, beginning at 7:00 pm. Join us as we celebrate this principal feast, recalling the visit of the three wise kings from the east! During this service, we will also have a Blessing of the Chalk to be used for house blessings.

Retirement Celebration

Make plans now to be at church on Sunday, January 7, the First Sunday after the Epiphany, for a special retirement celebration for Deb Gray. The festivities will begin following the 10:30 service.

Parish Annual Meeting

On January 14, the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, we will have our Parish Annual Meeting immediately following the 10:30 service. This will also be a Parish Potluck lunch. So, plan on bringing your favorite dish to share! The Parish Annual Meeting will include the Rector's Address, reports from our wardens and committee chairs, and the selection of new Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention in February. Please make every effort to be at the Parish Annual Meeting! Please note that there will be no 8:00 service on January 14.

Capital Stewardship Campaign Kick-off

Sunday, January 21, the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, will be VISION SUNDAY at St. Catherine's. On this day, we will kick-off our Capital Stewardship Campaign for the building of our new worship space. The theme for our campaign will be "Growing in Christ." At both services, a special video will be presented to the parish as well as information on what to expect as the campaign progresses. Please make plans to be at church on January 21 for Vision Sunday!

New Kerygma Bible Study

Our next Wednesday Adult Bible Study series, led by the Reverend Margaret H. Taylor, will begin on January 17, 2018, from 11:00 am- 12:30 pm. The course of study will be the Gospel of Luke: Good News for All, a 14-week Kerygma program. Those who are unable to attend in person can take the class through audio class recordings posted on the St. Catherine's website. A sign up sheet is posted on the Narthex bulletin board, or you can notify the Rev'd Taylor or Pam Kimball. You are invited to join these informative classes, with thoughtful and enlightening discussions! Our study of the Gospel of Matthew concluded on Wednesday, December 27, but you can listen to the classes through mid-January on our parish website.

Pledge Cards

Although our annual giving campaign concluded at the end of November, we are still accepting pledge cards for 2018. If you still need to submit a pledge card, there are extras available in the Narthex.

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to place someone on the Parish Prayer List, including yourself, please contact the Parish Office. Names will be included weekly in Sunday service bulletins and Weekly e-News.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose.

We pray for ministries for infants and children; St. John's, Decatur; St. John's, Montgomery; and St. John's in the Prairie, Forkland.

In our Parish

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation and for all who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially: Rob Ashurst, Beth Booth, Pam Gordon, Cassidy Heineman, John McCormac, Dee Shirley, Brodie Taylor, Brenda Slaten Thompson, the Vallelunga Family, Georgeann Veazey, the Rev'd Dr. Wells Warren, and Jillayne Wheeler.

We pray for those who have died, especially Mavis Burchfield and Gene Churchwell.

We give thanks for all of God's many blessings, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Redenia Bruce and Virginia Underwood.

MINISTERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev'd Maggie Taylor	<i>Intercessor</i>	Wanda Wheeler
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev'd Dn. Clyde Pearce	<i>Crucifer</i>	Hayden Molloy
<i>VPD</i>	Roy Hancock	<i>Torchbearers</i>	Emily Tate/Caroline Molloy
<i>Counter</i>	Jane Keeton	<i>Greeters</i>	Roy Hancock and Charlie Rath
<i>LEM</i>	Pam Kimball	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Cathy Cawthon
<i>Lector</i>	Teresa McLarty		



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The Rev'd Eric N. Mancil, <i>Rector</i>	Julie Seal, <i>Parish Administrative Assistant</i>
The Rev'd Frank Young, <i>Priest Associate</i>	Debbie Gray, <i>Director of Music</i>
The Rev'd Maggie Taylor, <i>Priest Affiliate</i>	Matthew West, <i>Organist</i>
The Rev'd Dn. Clyde Pearce, <i>Deacon</i>	Mandi Gonzalez, <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>
Amanda Seal, <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>	