The Fourth Sunday in Lent A Service of Healing

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



"Prodigal Son" by Peter Koenig, 20th c.

Sunday, March 30th, 2025 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol Φ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion. As our Prayer Book describes it, Lent is a time of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. This helps us prepare to fully and joyfully celebrate the feast which is to come at Easter. In the ancient church, this was also a time during which converts to the faith were prepared for baptism and that those who were guilty of especially notorious sins went through a process to be welcomed back to the congregation.

The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and end before the Great Vigil of Easter. Since we recognize that all Sundays are, in a sense, mini-Easters, they are technically not part of Lent. That is why we number these Sundays "in" Lent and not "of" Lent as we do with other seasons. Many people also choose to relax their practices of self-denial on the Sundays of Lent.

You will find that our worship has a more somber and penitential note during this season. The crosses will all be veiled. In keeping with ancient tradition, use of the word "Alleluia" is suppressed throughout the season. You will also see that the holy water normally available in the baptismal font has been replaced with sand, to remind us of our own desert journeys this Lent. The blessing at the end of the service is replaced with a solemn prayer over the people. The color is purple except for the fourth Sunday in Lent, which is called "Laetare Sunday" when we wear rose-colored vestments. During Holy Week, we switch to red and then black.



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

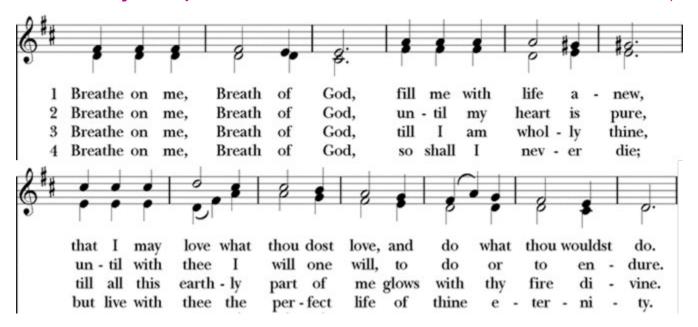
Prelude

Jesu, Meine Freude J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #508

Breathe on me Breath of God

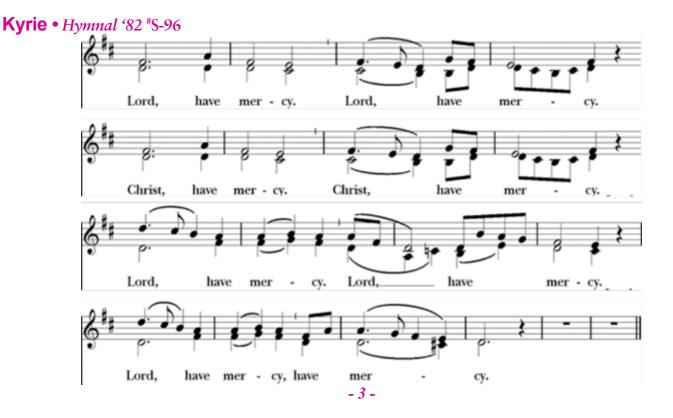


Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant➡ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.PeopleHis mercy endures forever.

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 Collect of the Day

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

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the lovingkindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson • *A reading from the Book of Joshua*

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm the refrain is sung by the choir, sing the verses, then refrain by all as indicated Psalm 32



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile! *Refrain by all*
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. *Refrain by all*
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *Refrain by all*
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

Joshua 5:9-12

8	You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance. <i>Refrain by all</i>	
9	"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.	
10	Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." <i>Refrain by all</i>	
11	Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.	
12	Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart. <i>Refrain by all</i>	

The Second Lesson • A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

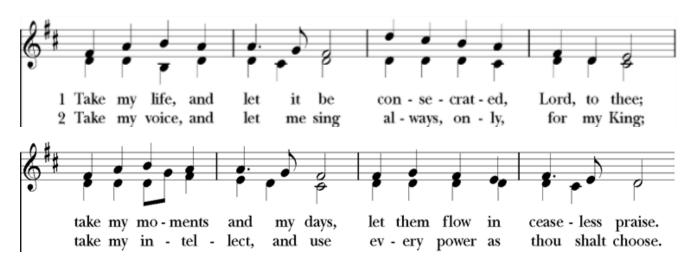
From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #707

Take my life, and let it be

All are invited to stand and sing and remain standing for the Gospel reading.





The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon People

★The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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 Rev. Kate Spelman

BCP p.358

Prayers of the People

A Litany of Healing

Intercessor People	God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.			
God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;PeopleWe praise you and thank you, O Lord.				
God the Holy S <i>People</i>	pirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.			
Holy Trinity, or <i>People</i>	ne God, in you we live and move and have our being; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.			
Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured, that they may be made whole; <i>People</i> Hear us, O Lord of life.				
	o seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a our will and an awareness of your presence; Hear us, O Lord of life.			
and serenity of	elationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind spirit; Hear us, O Lord of life.			
Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; <i>People</i> Hear us, O Lord of life.				
 ▲Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved; People Hear us, O Lord of life. 				
Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;				
People	Hear us, O Lord of life.			
You are the Lord who does wonders: People You have declared your power among the peoples.				
With you, O Lo <i>People</i>	ord, is the well of life: And in your light we see light.			
Hear us, O Lor <i>People</i>	d of life: Heal us, and make us whole.			
Let us pray.				
Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:				
<i>Deacon</i> Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen				

The Confession & Absolution

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

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

The Peace

All are invited to stand.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh, When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee; Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, Dawns the sweet consciousness I am with Thee.

Alone with Thee amid the mystic shadows, The solemn hush of nature newly born; Alone with Thee in breathless adoration, In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber, Its closing eyes look up to Thee in prayer; Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'ershading, But sweeter still, to wake and find Thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning, When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee; O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning, Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee. *Still, Still with thee* Harriet Beecher Stowe (1812-1896) **The Doxology** • *Hymnal* '82 [#]380 (verse 3 only) All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.	
People	We lift them up 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; you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-130

Please use your blue hymnal found in the pew pocket in front of you

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

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

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

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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.

Agnus Dei • Hymnal '82 #S-164

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung the Agnus Dei, please use your blue hymnal found in the pew pocket in front of you

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received

in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Hymn • *Hymnal '82 *699*

Jesus, Lover of my soul



Prayer after Communion

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All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

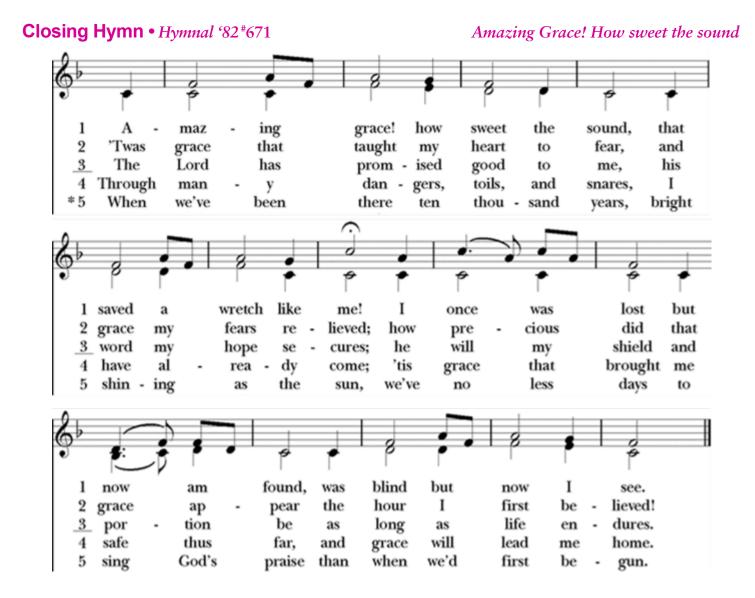
Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant prays:

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Dismissal

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prelude and Fugue in C Minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, March 30th The 4th Sunday in Lent and a Service of Healing

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:30am, Formation: Half Truths

Sunday, April 6th The 5th & Last Sunday in Lent

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:30am, Formation: Half Truths

Birthdays: Griffin Buonamici, Cindy Mottl, Owen Galas, Jacob Goes, Katie Sharkey, Joey Sharkey, Rob Ekroth, Maria Davis, Aidan Ross, Jeffrey Galas

Anniversaries: Kathy & Tom Lampert, congratulations on your 61 years of marriage!

In our prayers: Kurt, Lois, Marie, Michael, Claire, Jeanine, Lou, Jim, Sandy & Don, Rich, Glen, Rose, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim

For the repose of the soul: Luann Landon

Formation for Lent: Half Truths

They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join us for a Bible study with renowned pastor and Methodist preacher the Rev. Adam Hamilton to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés ("Everything happens for a reason.", "God helps those who help themselves.", etc) with the wisdom found in Scripture.

Formation will not meet April 13-27th to allow for Easter. Our next formation opportunity will be May 4th, when we will welcome a representative from Exodus World Service to give us an up-to-the-minute update on the refugee situation.

Easter Flower & Music Dedications

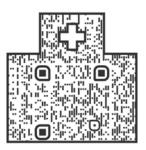
Thank you to those who have already given their Easter Flower & Music dedications and contributions, which can only happen with your support. There is still time to celebrate or remember loved ones with a dedication in the bulletin; please remember to fill in a form found in the hallway and in the back of the church. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt – supplies needed! If you have any empty, colored plastic eggs (left from last year?) and/or you would like to donate some small candy, small stickers or toys that we can stuff the eggs with, please bring them in before Easter. If you would like to help stuff the eggs before Easter Sunday, then please contact Kathleen Valenta at kathleenvalenta7@gmail.com. Thank you.





For the final event of the season, our Sounds in the Sanctuary Series would like to announce the Jay Warren Tribute Evening Silent Movie screening *The General* (1926) on Friday, April 11th @ 7:30pm. Tickets are \$1 each with the hope of collecting a freewill donation. Following the sudden death of Jay Warren on February 24th, the POP committee has decided to continue with the film 'The General' and are delighted to announce that our very own Music Director, Rich Spantikow, will play the accompanying organ score with the blessing of Jay's family. A freewill donation is strongly encouraged (on the night or through the ticketing site) and half of the proceeds will go to Linda (Jay's widow) as a tribute and in gratitude for Jay's lifelong passion for Silent Movies. Come and enjoy an evening of nostalgia and fellowship!





Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (during Lent) no music
	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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