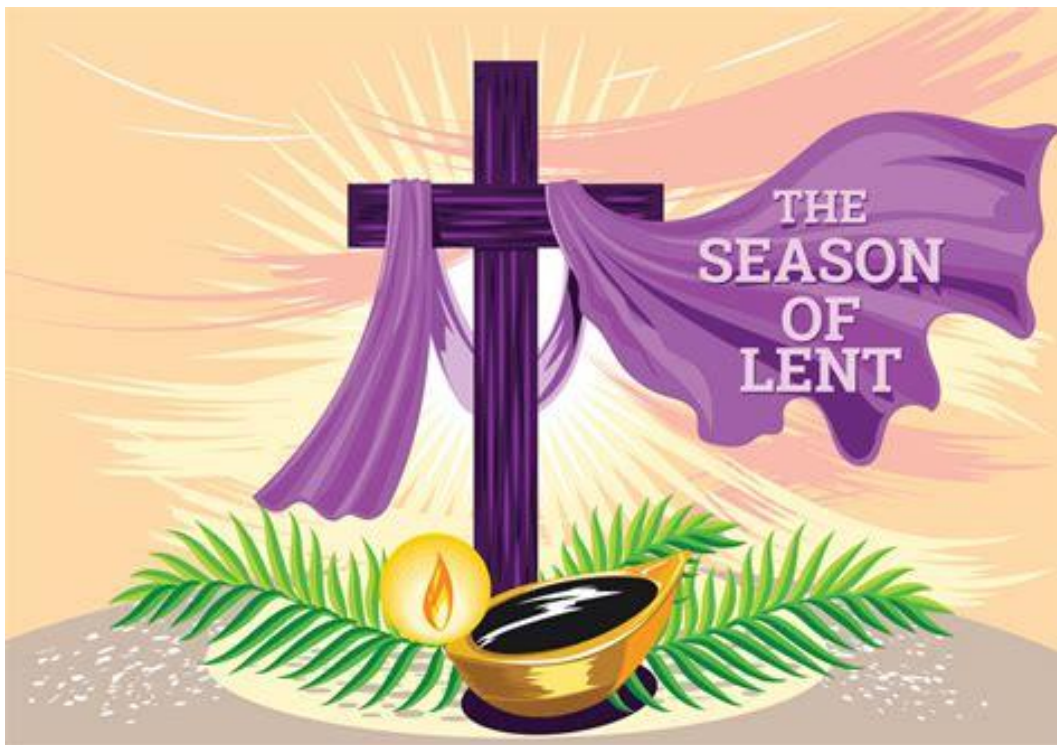


# St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 14, 2021

# Holy Eucharist—Rite II

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

**Hymn:**

**Hymnal 1982, #372**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982, #473**

[Refrain:]

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

## The Word of God

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

*A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Numbers, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter beginning at the fourth verse*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## Epistle

*A Reading (Lesson) from the Epistle to the Ephesians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter beginning at the first verse.*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses,

and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ- by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn:**

**Hymnal 1982, #691**

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

## **Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

*The Rt. Reverend Santosh Marray*

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

## **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.*

## **Commissioning of Lay Worship Leaders**

*Sponsor:* I present to you *Paul Rogers, Amy Rothermel, Debbie Shuster, and Tom Shuster* to be admitted to the ministry of Lay Worship Leader in this congregation.

*The following, or some other antiphon, versicle and Collect may be used.*

### **Antiphon**

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen.

V: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name:

**R: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Have regard to our supplication, O gracious Lord, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your *servants* commissioned to minister in your Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body *they* may offer acceptable service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you Paul, Amy, Debbie and Tom as Lay Worship Leaders in this *Parish of St. Paul's by-the-Sea.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Form VI

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, and Santash our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

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. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

– For Peace, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, and those in our nation's capital; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– For the Human Family, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 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 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 Blessed Paul 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.

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Facing the people, 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.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

### Communion Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, #321

1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests:  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless numbers let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread all men be blest  
who see the light or feel the sun.

*After Communion, 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.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Recessional Hymn:**

**Hymnal 1982, #690**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer.  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Celebrant: The Rt. Reverend Santosh Marray

Organist & Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Readers: Andy Diaz, Bob Rothermel

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Karen Gordon, John & Nancy Knotts,  
Elsie MacMullin, Amy Rothermel



# Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

## Prayer List

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Joe Walcott, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Margaret Hudson, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzinger, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace

## This Week We Pray For ...

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Paul's by-the-Sea, Ocean City, and for the lay leaders of the parish.

**Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle:** Zion United Methodist Church, Bishopville.

**Birthdays:** Andy Diaz, William Rothermel, Jonathan Rothermel, Susan Childs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome**

This morning we welcome Bishop Marray as he makes his annual visitation to St. Paul's by-the-Sea. After the service, he will meet with members of the Vestry and parishioners in the church. Please stay, as this will be a special time shared with our Bishop.

### **Donations Requested**

The Ocean Cluster is preparing Easter baskets for our friends at Hope4Recovery. The baskets will contain items such as gift cards from Walmart, Starbucks, or gas stations along personal items such as personal hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, razors, etc. and, of course, Easter candy. If you would like to donate some of the items or cash for us to purchase items, please drop them off at the church office.

**Holy Week Schedule:** *Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services will be in-person and streamed live on Facebook.*

### **Palm Sunday—March 28th, 10am**

Holy Eucharist Rite II with the Fr. Ron Knapp

### **Tri-Parish Pilgrimage—March 31st**

This event is still in the planning stages. Fr. Michael Moyer will host this Zoom gathering. More details to come.

### **Maundy Thursday—April 1st, 7pm**

Prayer service with music led by our Lay Worship Leaders which will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar.

### **Good Friday—April 2nd, Noon-2pm**

The church will be open for anyone who would like to take a self-guided walk of the Stations of the Cross. A bulletin containing the prayers for each Station will be provided.

### **Easter—April 4th, 10am**

Holy Eucharist Rite II with the Fr. Ron Knapp



# *2021 Easter Lilies*

Honor or remember those you love  
and grace the Altar this Easter Sunday.  
The cost is \$12 per lily. All donations are welcome.

PLEASE PRINT!

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail this form with a check, designated for  
“Easter Flowers” in the memo, to the church office  
or place it in the Collection Basket.

***In order to be included in the Easter bulletin, all names  
& payments must be received by March 26.***



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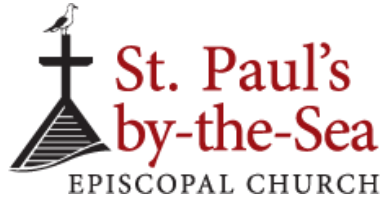
You can pay your pledge, for flowers, give an Easter donation, or a memorial donation. You can even set up recurring payments.

It is easy and user friendly. Contact the church office or Jody Farley if you have any questions.

# March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 14 <b>IV Lent</b> 10 am <b>Bishop Visitation</b> Holy Eucharist w/ Bishop Marray In-Person & Facebook	15	16  Red Doors Work Group Zoom Mtg 4pm	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18  Book Club 4pm	9	20
March 21 <b>V Lent</b> 10 am Morning Prayer In-Person & Facebook	22	23	24	25	26	27
March 28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp In-Person & Facebook	29  Finance Comm. Zoom Mtg. 7pm	30	31	April 1 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  Prayer Service 7pm In-Person & Facebook	2 <b>Good Friday</b> Self-Guided Stations of the Cross in the church Noon-2pm	3
April 4 <b>Easter</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp In-Person & Facebook	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Shepherds Crook** is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in DeWees Hall from 10am to Noon, serving free dry food goods. On Saturdays the NOEL Community will provide free carry out lunches.



“Love God, Serve the World”

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

-- The Parish Vestry --

2022  
Jerilyn Andrews  
John Knotts

2023  
Karen Gordon  
Paul Rogers  
Bob Rothermel

2024  
Kay Ayres  
Tom Shuster

-- 2022 Diocesan Convention --

Paul Rogers & Amy Rothermel — Delegates  
Karen Cramer & Nancy Knotts — Alternates

Tom Shuster, *Sr. Warden*  
Bob Rothermel, *Jr. Warden & Chair, Buildings & Grounds*  
Cheryl Nottingham, *Registrar*  
Paul Rogers, *Treasurer*  
Cheryl Nottingham, *Finance Chair*  
Josh Anderson, *Financial Advisor*  
Amy Rothermel, *Chair, Memorial Fund*  
Nancy Knotts, *Shepherd's Crook*  
Joy Connor, *Director, Red Doors*  
Karen Cramer, *Chair, Parish Life, Historian*  
Mary Wright, *Chair, Altar Guild*  
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