# The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost




November 7, 2026 • 5 pm & November 8, 2026 · 10 am

**WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**
Our mission is to be a Christian community of all ages
grounded in worship, well-being and service.
We hope you will experience God's own welcome here and return again and again. Find us online at www.smcportsmouth.org and on Facebook.

NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP AT ST. MARY'S

- If you are our guest today, please complete a welcome card and put it in the offering plate or give it to the greeter. This will give us a chance to learn your name welcome you more personally.
- It is our pleasure to welcome children and their parents at all services. We understand that children's energy and voices are gifts they may share during worship. That is how God made them and we are grateful they are worshiping with us. Feel free to step out and step back in as needed. Sitting as close to the front as possible helps them to see.
- If you have need, restrooms are accessible on both levels of the parish house.
- Text written in **bold** in this bulletin is to be spoken by all. When printed, the ✠ indicates an appropriate time to make the sign of the cross.
- All Christians are invited to the Holy Table to receive communion. If it is difficult for you to walk, please notify a greeter, and we will bring communion to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are interested in Holy Baptism, please speak with our rector, Jennifer. We welcome the opportunity to prepare people of all ages for baptism.
- Music Notes:
  Our music books for worship include Wonder Love and Praise, WLP & The Hymnal 1982. Both can be found in the pew. Additional music can be found in the bulletin.

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# The Holy Eucharist
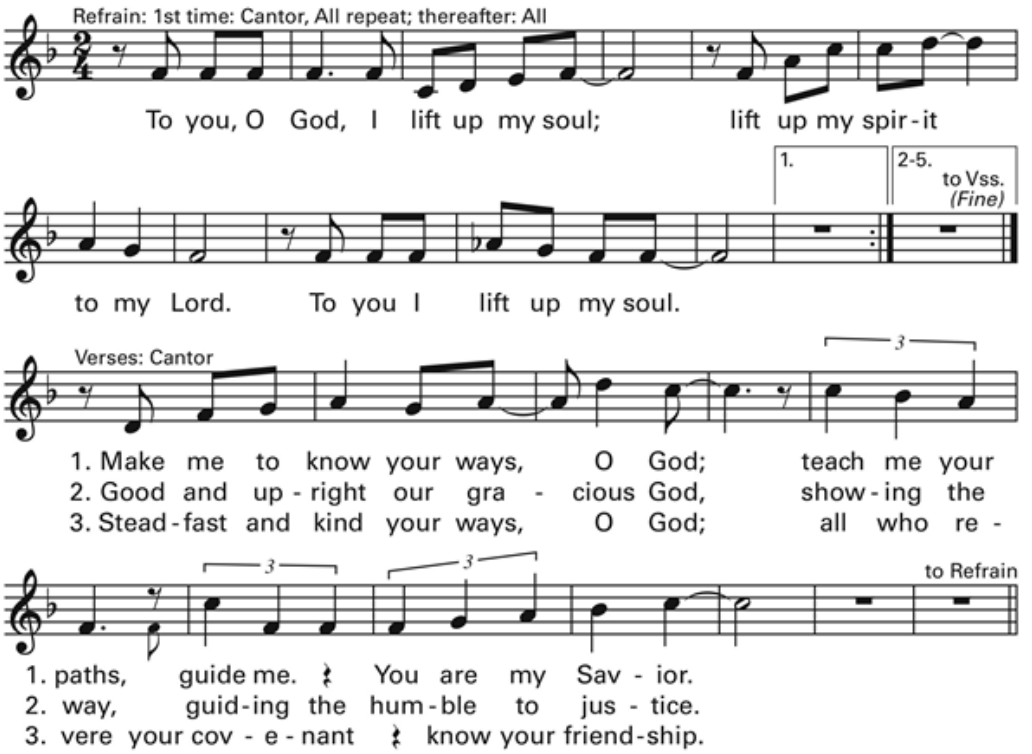
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn:** Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord Hymnal 1982, 393

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul B. Hurd




Text: Based on Psalm 25:1, 4–5, 8–9, 10, 14.
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**Collect of the Day**

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

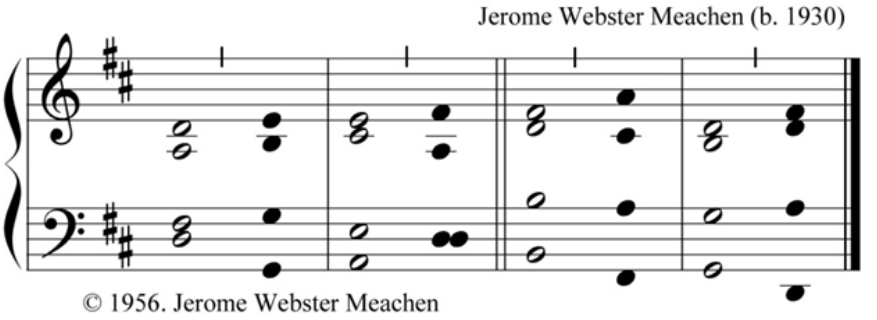
*The People may be seated.*

**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 70




1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver **me; ***
O Lord, make haste to help **me.**
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether **dismayed; ***
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be **disgraced.***

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn **back, ***
because they are **ashamed.***
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in **you; ***
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the **Lord!"***

5 But as for me, I am poor and **needy; ***
come to me speedily, O **God.***
6 You are my helper and my **deliverer; ***
O Lord, do not **tarry.***
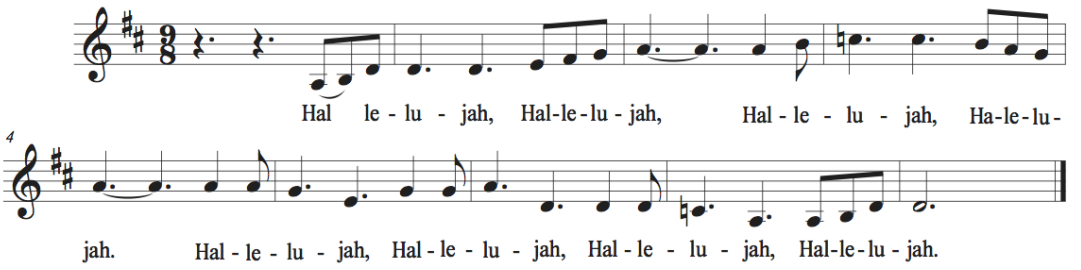
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All may stand for the Alleluia and Holy Gospel.*

**Alleluia** Mass of the Chesapeake T.C. Yoder




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**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

*All may stand for the Nicene Creed*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**
**He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

The leader will say, "Generous God, in your mercy,"

*Our response will be*
**Hear our prayer.**

**Confession**

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

**Most merciful God,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you**
**in thought, word, and deed,**
**by what we have done,**
**and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**
**that we may delight in your will,**
**and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The 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.**
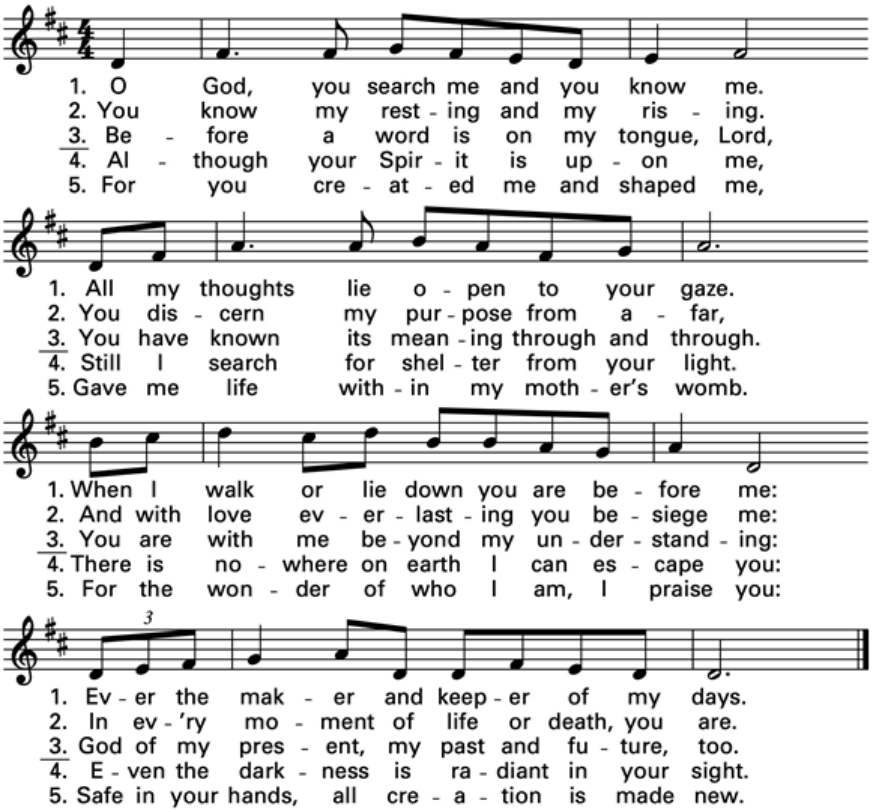
**Peace**

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

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory:** O God, You Search Me B. Farrell




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*If you would like to make an offering there is a plate at the rear of the church, or if electronically, please use the QR code below.*

*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
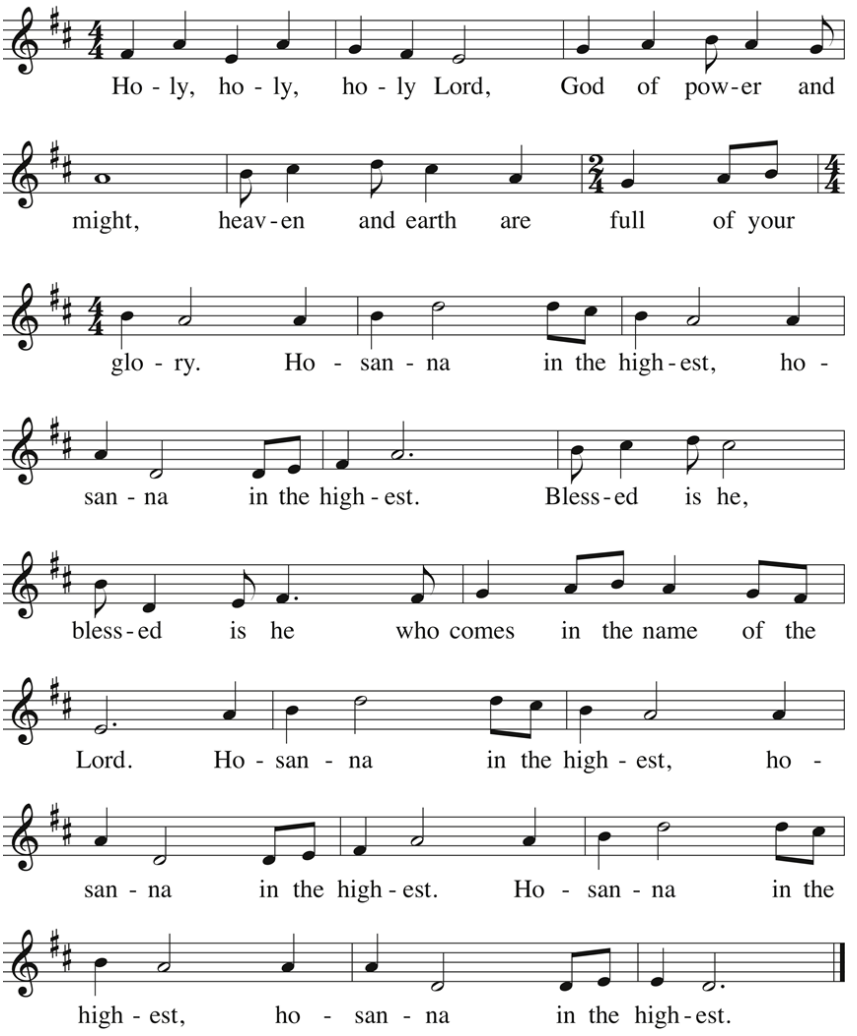
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues....*

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:

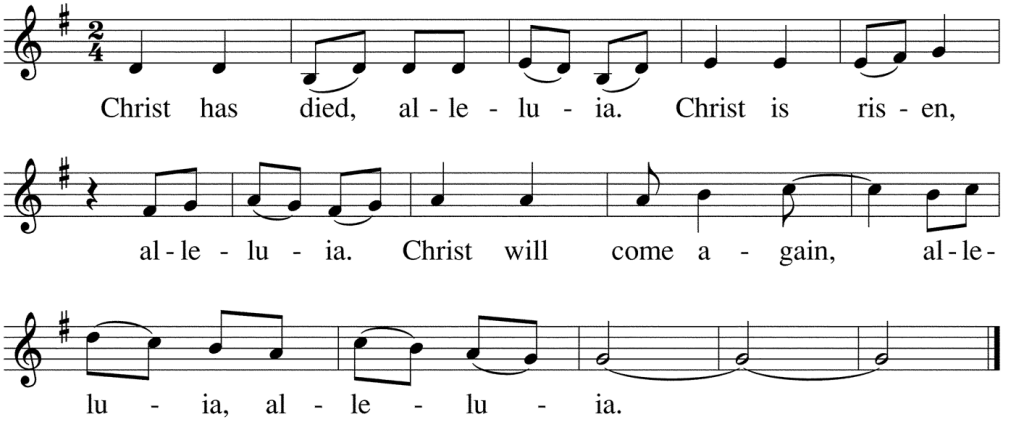
**Sanctus and Benedictus** Mass of Joy & Peace T. Alonso




Text: The English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), 1998
Music: *Joy and Peace: Eucharistic Acclamations for Holy Communion,* Tony Alonso, © 2017, GIA Publications, Inc.

*The Celebrant continues...*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:




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*The Celebrant continues...*

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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN**

**The Lord's Prayer**
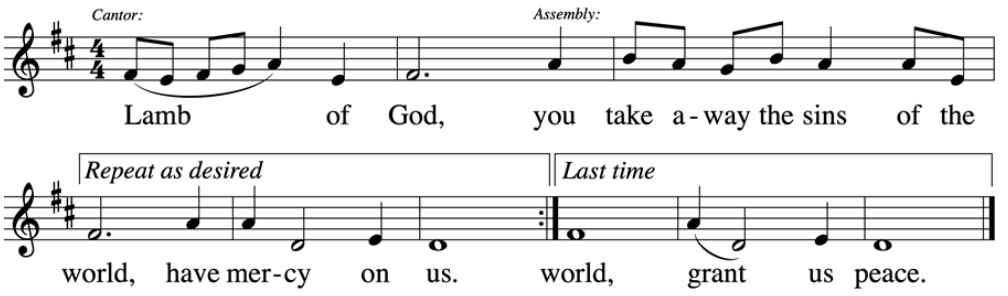
*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction** Mass of Joy & Peace T. Alonso

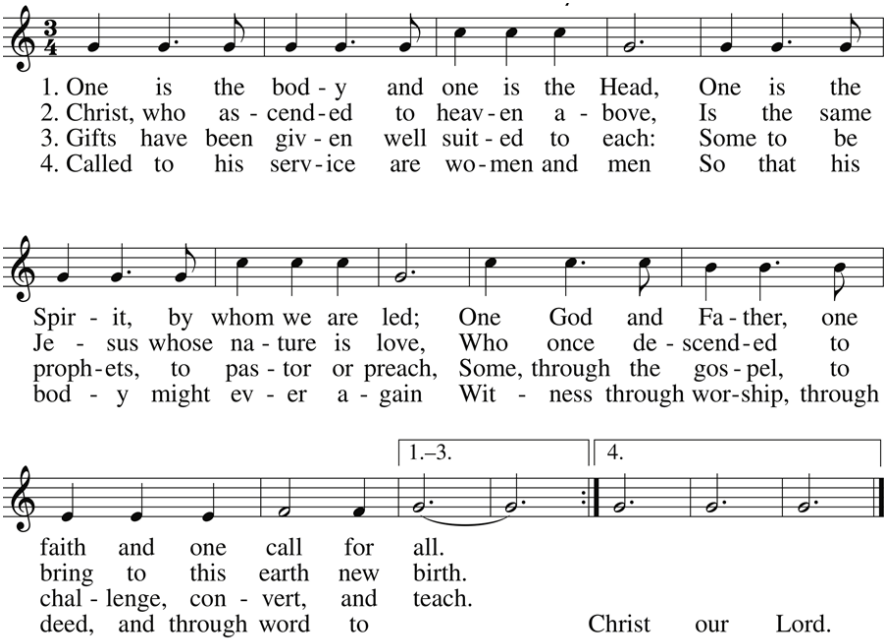



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*Please come forward at the invitation: "The gifts of God for the people of God . . ."*

**Communion Hymns** Taste and See WLP, 764

One Is the Body J. Bell




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**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

**Blessing and Dismissal**

*Celebrant*
Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you. **Amen**

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

**Procession Hymn** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Hymnal 1982, 436

## Liturgical Ministers

**Altar Guild:** 5 pm & 10 am Carol Brierley, Jennie Nestlerode

**Musician**: 10 am Michael DiMucci

**Greeters:** 5 pm Lisa Lyons, Alex Simmons
10 am Audrey Chase, Lee Ferreira

**Lector and Intercessor:** 5 pm Audrey Chase
10 am Trish Culver

**Crucifer/Server:** 5 pm Chrystal Hunter-Hadley
10 am Cory Howland

**Audio Visual:** 10 am Jerry Culver

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