

# **Church of the Messiah**

*22 Church Street  
Woods Hole, Massachusetts*



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
May 15, 2022  
8:30 and 10 o'clock in the morning**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

“Fidelis”

by Percy Whitlock  
(1903-1946)

Processional Hymn 182

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

Truro

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ has risen.

People

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

## Collect for Purity

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**

### *Gloria S 280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
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.

## Collect of the day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?”

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’

But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

**Reader**      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
 for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
 he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
 fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
 creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
 princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
 old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
 for his Name only is exalted,  
 his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
 and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
 Hallelujah!

**Second Reading**

**“Lord, Why Did You Tell Me To Love?”**

**Michael Quoist**

Lord, why did you tell me to love all *people*, my *sisters and brothers*?  
 I have tried, but I come back to you, frightened....

Lord, I was so peaceful at home, I was so comfortably settled.  
 It was well-furnished, and I felt cozy.  
 I was alone, I was at peace,  
 Sheltered from the wind and the rain, kept clean.  
 I would have stayed unsullied in my ivory tower.  
 But, Lord, you have discovered a breach in my defenses.  
 You have forced me to open my door.  
 Like a squall of rain in the face, the cry of *people* has awakened me;  
 Like a gale of wind a friendship has shaken me,  
 Stealing in like a shaft of light, your grace has disturbed me.

Rashly enough, I left my door ajar. Now, Lord, I am lost!

Outside, *people* were lying in wait for me.

I did not know they were so near; in this house, in this street, in this office; my neighbor, my colleague, my friend; As soon as I started to open the door I saw them, with outstretched hands, anxious eyes, longing hearts, like beggars on church steps.

The first came in, Lord. There was, after all, a bit of space in my heart.

I welcomed them. I would have cared for them and *hugged* them, my very own little lambs, my little flock.

You would have been pleased, Lord; I would have served and honored you in a proper, respectable way.

Until then, it was sensible...

But the next ones, Lord, the other people--I had not seen them; they were hidden behind the first ones.

There were more of them. They were wretched; they overpowered me without warning.

We had to crowd in, I had to find room for them.

Now they have come from all over in successive waves, pushing one another, jostling one another.

They have come from all over town, from all parts of the country, of the world; numberless, inexhaustible.

They don't come alone any longer but in groups, bound one to another.

They come bending under heavy loads; loads of injustice, of resentment and hate, of suffering and sin....

Lord, they hurt me! they are in the way, they are all over.

They are too hungry; they are consuming me!

I can't do anything any more; as they come in, they push the door, and the door opens wider...

Ah, Lord! My door is wide open!

I can't stand it any more! It's too much! It's no kind of a life!

What about my job? My family? My peace? My liberty? and me?

Ah, Lord! I have lost everything; I don't belong to myself any longer;

There's no room for me at home.

Don't worry, God says, you have gained all

While people came in to you,

I, your God,

Slipped in among them.

~ Michael Quoist, *Prayers*, Sheed & Ward, 1985. Revised 2022

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 487 “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life” (vs 1-2; 3)**

***The Call***

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

**Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain**

**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**

Sisters and brothers, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, “Loving God, *make all things new.*”

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
*Make all things new.*

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Loving God,  
***Make all things new.***

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
***Make all things new.***

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
***Make all things new.***

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

Loving God,  
***Make all things new.***

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
***Make all things new.***

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you,  
God of growth and discovery;  
yours is the inspiration  
that has altered and changed our lives;  
yours is the power that has brought us  
to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation,  
to walk through this new world,  
watching and learning,  
loving and trusting,  
until your kingdom comes.

***Amen.***

Adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. Auckland: New Zealand. 1988. Pp. 463-465.

## Passing of the Peace

### Greeting

### Offertory Anthem

### “In my Heart”

*African American Spiritual*  
arr. by Alan Bullard  
(b. 1947)

### Offertory Hymn 304

### “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

### *Land of Rest*

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for 'In my Heart', the middle staff is for 'I come with joy to meet my Lord', and the bottom staff is for 'Land of Rest'. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal parts are in unison or harmony. The lyrics for each hymn are printed below their respective staves.

**Offertory Anthem: “In my Heart”**

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

**Offertory Hymn 304: “I come with joy to meet my Lord”**

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

**“Land of Rest”**

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Creator of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### *Sanctus S 125*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

And so, Loving God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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.*

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**  
from *the South African Book of Common Prayer (1989)*

*Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.  
May your body and blood be my food and drink.  
May your passion and death be my strength and life.  
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.  
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.  
Let me not run from the love which you offer  
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.  
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.  
Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with  
your saints,  
I may praise you for ever. Amen.*

*(recited by prisoners who were  
unable to receive communion during Apartheid)*

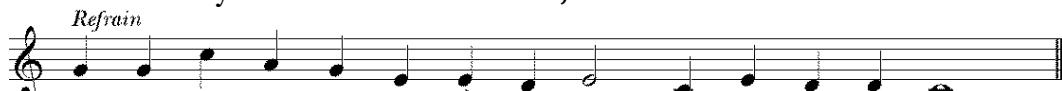
## Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Communion. Due to the ongoing epidemic of COVID-19 we invite people to keep some distance from each other. As you come forward to receive the consecrated elements, the body and blood of Christ, at this stage you may choose to receive the host (consecrated bread), and the consecrated wine, either by sipping from the Common Cup (larger chalice) or by 'intincting' (dipping the tip of your consecrated bread into the wine) in the smaller chalice. You may also choose to receive only the consecrated bread.

## Communion Music

### Communion Hymn 577     "God is love, and where true love is"

*Ubi caritas (Murray)*



Refrain

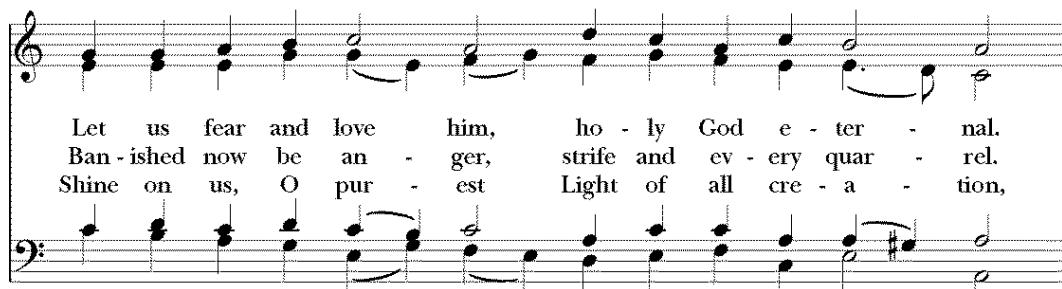
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



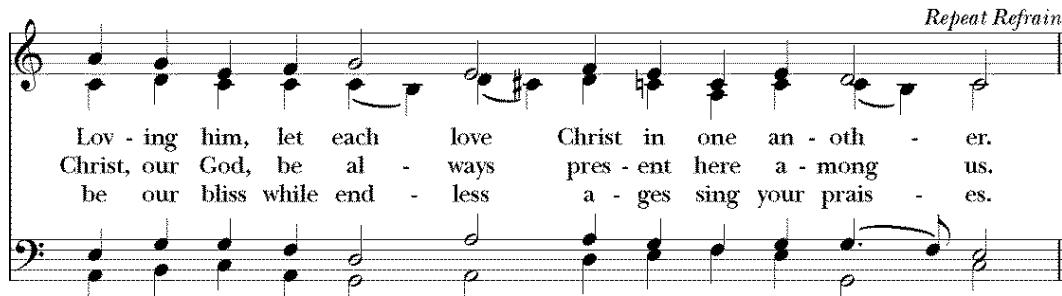
1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris-tians gath - er, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Benediction

### Recessional Hymn 213

### “Come away to the skies”

*Middlebury*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the  
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath  
 \*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,  
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive  
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain  
 4 joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart,  
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.  
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.  
 3 that our lives may re - main, through-out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.  
 4 let us nev - er-more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.  
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

**Dismissal** Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Postlude**                   **“A Modal Minuet”**

*by Eric H. Thiman  
(1900-1975)*

*Please remain seated for the Postlude*

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**LITURGICAL LEADERS**

Celebrant and Preacher		The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain
Organist		Brittany Lord
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:30 AM 10 AM	Carol Wagner Nawrie Meigs-Brown
Lectors	8:30 AM 10 AM	Peg Nicholson Mary Fran Buckley, Debbie Dougherty
Prayers of the People	8:30 AM 10 AM	Steve Wagner John Holden
Ushers	8:30 AM 10 AM	Peg Nicholson John Holden, Joan Holden
Technology	10 AM	Brittany Lord, Helen Gordon Jean Taft, Dicky Allison
Altar Guild		Nancy Babin, Judy Coonley Sally Hauck, Susanne Mann Patti Riccardelli

## Church of the Messiah

### 2022 Vestry

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Michael Kasparian	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2023	Patti Dibella	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024
Denise Jay	2025	Paul Graney	2025

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Jean Taft	Deanery Representative, Convention Alternate

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