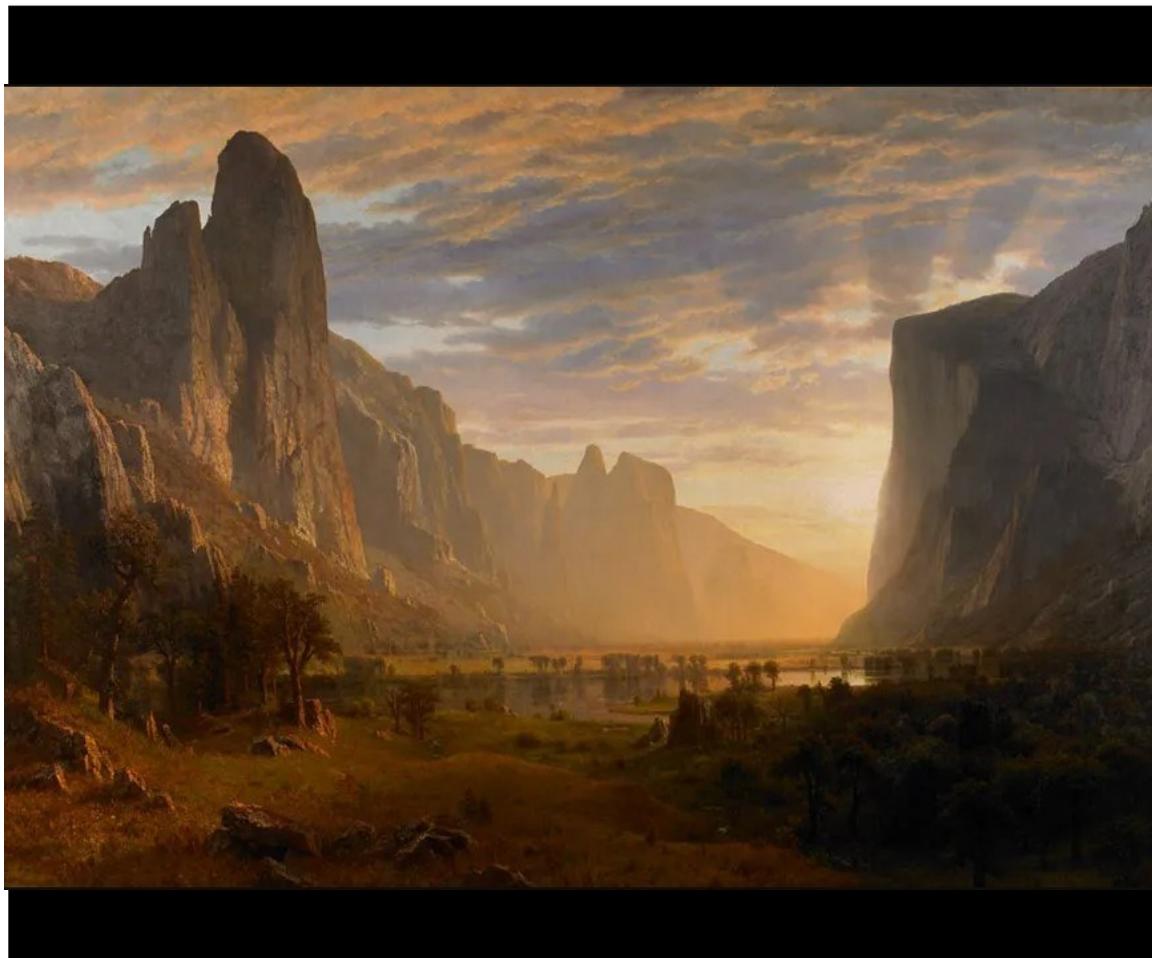


The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

Holy Eucharist 9:30^{AM}



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Looking Down Yosemite Valley - Albert Bierstadt

AN INVITATION TO THIS SERVICE

This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.** All are welcome at Christ's table. We welcome baptized Christians of any tradition to share in the bread and wine. If you have not yet been baptized, or would prefer to receive a blessing from the Priest, indicate this by crossing your arms over your heart.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

✠ *We begin in silence - Please stand or kneel as you are able*

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9).

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**
Amen.

Deacon: 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**

✠ *Please join in singing:*

LORD HAVE MERCY—KYRIE

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The second staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners; Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ *Please be seated for The Lessons.*

A READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Read by: Elizabeth Hoadley

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

Led by: Elizabeth Hoadley

**1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.**

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

**3 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
5 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
6 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS:

Philippians 3:4b-14

Read by: Elizabeth Hoadley

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12: 1-8

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure

nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

✠ *Please be seated for:*

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND MARY B GREGORIUS

✠ *Please stand as you are able 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 (FORM III)

Leader : Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader : Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Susan** Matsen, **Tom** Acheson, **Frederic**, **Peter**, **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi**, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max**, **Anne**, **Cathy**, **Barbara**, **Howard** Flemming, **Ellie** Ruvo, **Rosemary** Recine, **Robert** Lynch, **Joe** Smith, and **Angela** Carrozzo

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings, Margaret Vaccaro, Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Roberta Darrigrand; Jim, Marge, Deanna Ammirato** , and **Bill & Dorothy D'Amato**.

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Hudson Beauregard, Liz & Jeff Daniele, Andrew Tom, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Marina Brandt, Linda Hill, Carol White, Steven Schubert, Jeff** and The Rt. Rev **Andrew St. John**

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School, and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.**

We pray for those who have died, especially, Amy Kate Bernstein and the 6 million world wide and over 960,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

Silence

Officiant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ *Please greet one another gracefully and with masks on*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- To read and participate in liturgy
- To plan the Agape Meal for Maundy Thursday
- To fill and hide Easter Eggs. And to set-up for Frozen Peep Golf
- Please contact Mother Mary+ if you are interested

The Greatest Commandment

Storyteller: Riley Vavolizza



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us; an offering and a sacrifice to God.

✦ *Please join in singing:*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN #707

“Take my life and let it be”



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

In this prayer, the lines in bold are spoken by the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.

Priest inserts Proper Preface

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.

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 again.**

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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

✦ Please join in singing:

THE COMMUNION HYMN #302 VS 1,2&4

“Father we thank thee who has planted”

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

- 4 As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered
into thy kingdom by thy Son.

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and ever living 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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

✠ *Please join in singing:*

THE CLOSING HYMN #411 VS 1,4,& 5

"O bless the Lord my soul"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of 11 measures. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left. The lyrics are: 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim! 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind! 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait; 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath; 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

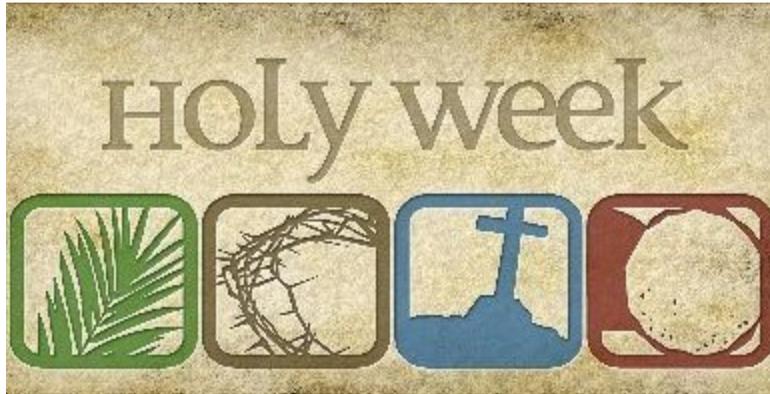
6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5
 Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: 4-10-2022, 9:30am; In person Service will be Live Streamed

Maundy Thursday: 4-14-2022, 7pm; In Person Traditional Foot washing, Holy Eucharist, Agape Meal, stripping of the Altar and Watch

Good Friday: 4-15-2022 10am Children's Stations of the Cross. If you have ever tried to explain Jesus' journey to the Cross and Crucifixion to your children, you will appreciate the beauty of this simple Service. We allow Jesus' Story to unfold with movement, art, and teamwork.

Good Friday: 12n to 3pm the church will be open for prayer. The Liturgy for Good Friday and Passion Gospel will unfold through out the 3 hours

Good Friday at 7pm a Service of Tenebrae, contemplative candlelit Service

Easter Sunday: 4-17-2022, 9:30am; In person Holy Eucharist Service will be Live Streamed .Followed by Coffee Hour, Frozen Peep Golf and an Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORCHESTRA 914 CONCERT AT ST JOHNS TODAY AT 3PM: Please join us for some beautiful music to welcome the spring and April!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Wednesday's at 7pm: April 6, and 13. *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them* Join us via [ZOOM](#), from wherever you are for a humorous look Scripture's Bad Girls. Meeting ID: 811 1080 9201 Passcode: 363558

2022 EASTER FLOWERS: The Altar Guild invites you to make a memorial or thank you offering towards the Easter flowers. Please send your contribution to the church office or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday April 3 or April 10. Donations need to be received no later than Tuesday April 12 to be printed in the Easter Bulletin, Thanks!

EARTH DAY 24 APRIL 2022 will be celebrated this year with a community wide effort of tree planting. This effort is being organized by Emanuel Lutheran and members of the Pleasantville Clergy Association. Hope you will join in the fun. More info to follow soon.

YAI CENTRAL PARK CHALLENGE 4 JUNE 2022: Donate, join a fundraising team or volunteer. Visit—cpc2022.funraise.org or contact Suszanne Cortese for more information

THRIFT SHOP: The thrift shop IS OPEN—Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Come and see what is new. Volunteers can sign up using the Sign Up Genius. [Follow this link.](#)

CONFIRMATION CLASS: our next class is on April 26th at 5:45PM. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: Be sure to see St. John's On-line Sunday School lessons on our [website](#) Contact Mother Mary+ if you are interested in becoming one of our storytellers

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11:00AM; Please consider joining us on zoom. Link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 981708897

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