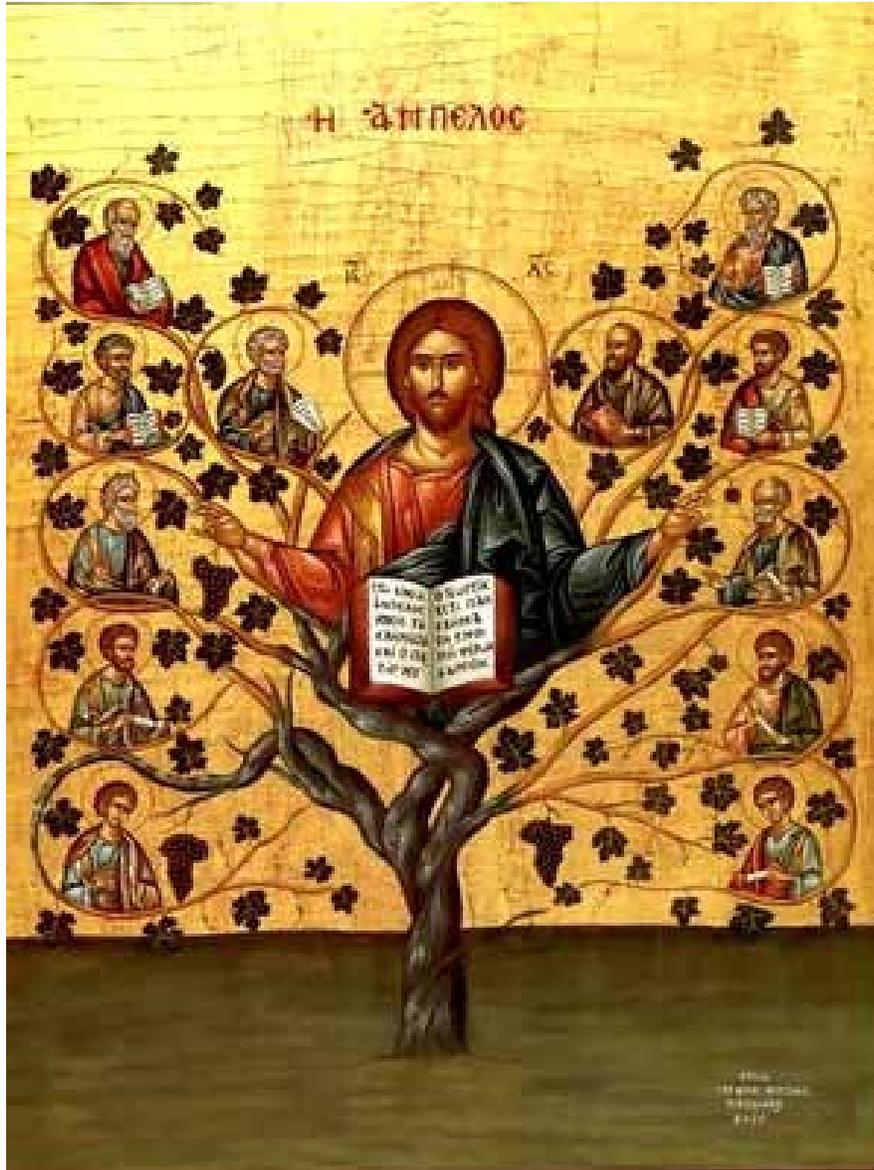


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10:45 A.M. ◊ MAY 2, 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 10:45

Celebrant: I see you
People: **We are here.**
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.
People: **Amen.**

HYMN 379 *God is love; let heaven adore him*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response: **We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.**

HYMN 41 (LEVAS)

Christ has arisen

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - jice and
praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the
tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him
with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for -
giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Swahili Text; tr. Howard Olson

Music: Haya Tune; *Tumshagilie Mungu*, Makumira, Tanzania; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: *ACTS 8:26-40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 22:24-30 *DEUS, DEUS MEUS*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON: *1 John 4:7-21*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 825 (WLP)

Bless the Lord my soul

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

THE GOSPEL: *John 15:1-8*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

All stand for

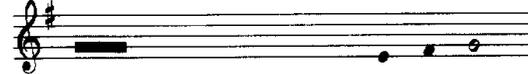
THE NICENE CREED

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

Kneeling

Deacon or Cantor



Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Deacon or Cantor *People (unison or harmony)*



Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

PARISH LIFE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

HYMN S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord

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.

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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. 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,

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.

1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -)mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -
2. in, Let him in.

All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

1. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 2. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

5 Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

8 Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me:
 hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing—

13 Sp - irit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

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 BLESSING

HYMN 512

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of
com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our
thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
ev - every heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

today upcoming

Bishop Sutton here on May 9th

Bishop Sutton's official visitation to St. Matthew's and St. John's will be next Sunday. He will preach and celebrate at all three services. Call Cheryl to make your reservation early.

offering envelopes

The 2021 offering envelopes are in the back of the church. Please take the same number as last year. If you want offering envelopes for the first time, please sign your name by an open number and take those envelopes. Thank You.

Church Directory - We're updating the church directory! Please email the below information to: GarrettEpiscopalDirectory@gmail.com or mail it to Samantha Hodge-Williams 105 Red Run Rd. #2b2, Oakland, MD 21550.

1. An updated color photo,
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3. Cell Phone #s,
4. Email addresses,
5. Home Mailing Address & Phone,
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7. Birthday & any other info. you would like included (like children/grandchildren, memorials).

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ministers of today's service

Celebrant: 10:45am

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

Reader 10:45 a.m

Chalicer 10:45 a.m

Prayers of the People

Coffee Hosts

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to **episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com**.

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Joanna Walton, Susan Henry, Karen Reckner, Dana & Jason Martin, Bonnie Weiler, Karen Cerrato, William Milbourn, Mike Belmonte, Terry Hunt, Mary Ellen Dore, Jacques Hourtal Mart, Anne Byrne & family, Barbara Pritts, Tommy Reams, Shirley Metheny, Joshua Dunford, Dave Arnold, Jane Hazlett & family and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

in the diocese of maryland, we pray for St. Mary's, Woodlawn; St. Paul's, Mt. Airy; and St. Peter's, Ellicott City. We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Bob our Bishops and for all bishops and other ministers.

in the anglican communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

for relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

for all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Wayne Caple, Nick & Oksana Carlson, John D. Chamblin, Jr., Randy Chamblin, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Mary Hahn, Lauren Hatcher, Jim & Mary Hawkins, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Howard Hoffman, Patricia Hoffman, Stacy Holler, Emily Imgrund, The Janiak Family, Jane Ann Kane, Terry Kasecamp, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, The Lee Family & The Layer Family, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Joe Methany, Sue Meyer, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, The Nardi family, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, The Reckart Family, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ruta Savage, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Eleanor Wade, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, and Chuck Zellefrow.

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little ones have a place at st. matthew's

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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel
immediately following the service.

Sunday, May 9

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 a.m. Coffee hour in the chancel
immediately following the service.

Every Week

sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

tuesday

10:45 a.m. Yoga - St. Matthew's
5:15 p.m. Yoga - St. Matthew's

wednesday

12 p.m. Packing-It's in the Bag-St. John's
5:15 p.m. Yoga - St. Matthew's

thursday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Every Month

1st Tuesday: Vestry

Third Sunday: EpiscoPals

Next-to-last-Thursday: Stephen's Table, Parish Hall

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