

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM



April 28, 2024

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary of the Harbor  
Provincetown

*Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet*

## **Welcome to St. Mary of the Harbor**

*A warm welcome to you! Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.*

## **Worship Guidance**

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this bulletin, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Other hymns are drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your bulletin), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS). Additional resources are taken from *Gather Comprehensive 2 (GC2)* and will be printed in the bulletin.

## **Hospitality after Sunday Service**

Right after this service, a special brunch will be offered in Nicholson Hall. All are welcome!

### **Vestry Officers**

Pat Penza, Senior Warden  
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### **This Sunday's Leadership**

Presider: The Rev. Brian Raiche  
Deacon: The Rev. Bruce Mason  
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Lector: Beth Chapman  
Healer: Andrea Sawyer  
Ushers: Scott Yagel and Peter Falconer  
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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Prelude

*Preamble*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*The assembly is invited to be seated during the prelude and take a period of quiet reflection.*

## Welcome

### Gathering Hymn

God is Love

Hymnal #379

## Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

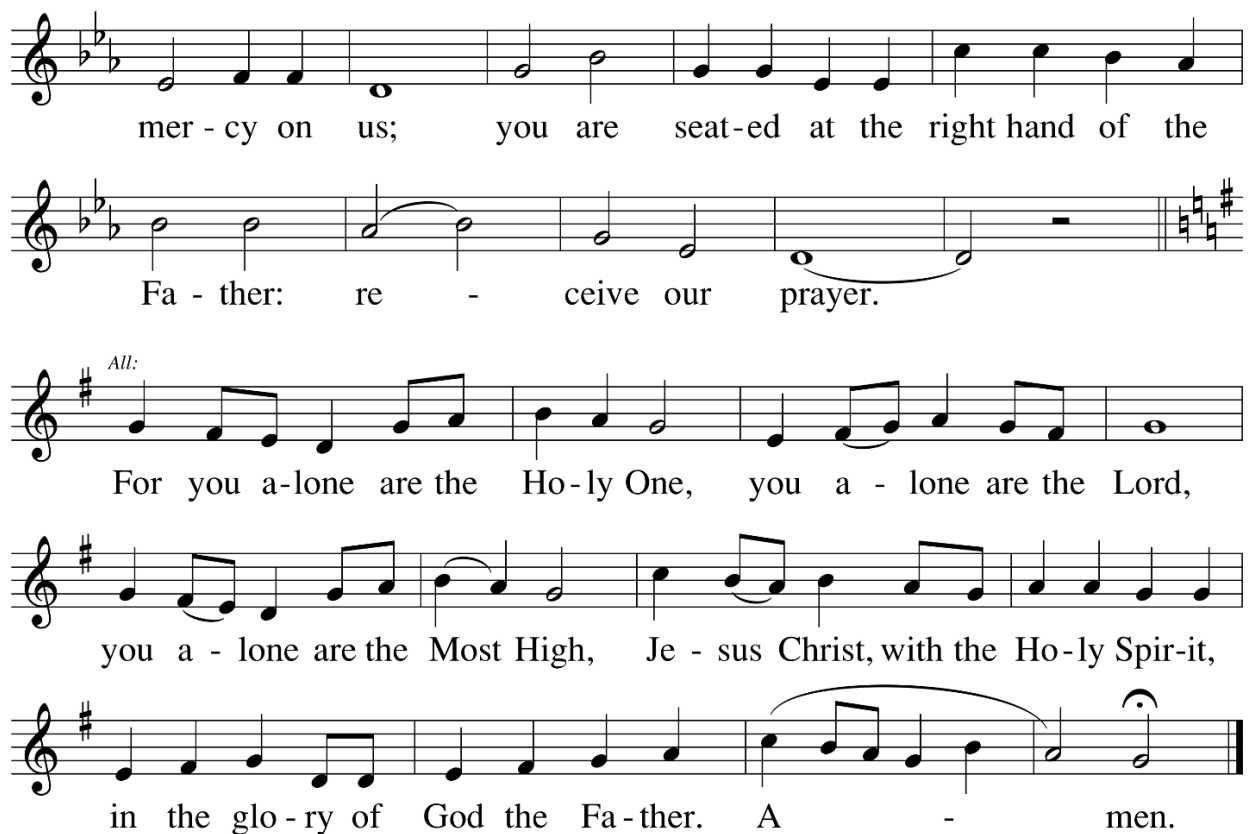
## The Collect for Purity

People: 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

GC#157

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*All:*  
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: *A New Mass for Congregations*, Carroll T. Andrews, © 1970, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Collect of the day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

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

**Psalm 22: 24-30**

*Read responsively by full verse*

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.

**Second Reading:** *1 John: 4:7-21*

A Reading from the First Letter of John:

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.

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

**Thanks be to God**

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Music: Traditional Caribbean, arr. by John L. Bell, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

**Gospel:** *John 15:1-8*

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

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You, Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Brian Raiche

**The Creed**

**I Believe In God Almighty**

**WLP #769**

**Prayers of the People**

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; we remember Richard Keeling, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Bobby Taylor, Chelsea Diaz, and all those listed on our Parish Prayer List. And for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips: (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died. We remember especially Claude Desaulniers and Peter Haack who died this week and Ashby Taylor Loftin in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp is lit. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**Closing Collect**

Alleluia to our God, whose love has triumphed over evil, and broken the power of death.

Receive these our prayers, O God, and fill us with your love that Christ may be present in all we do and say. **Amen.**

*The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1*

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**



**The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**Invitation**

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.*

**Preparation of the Table**

The grain is ripe, the harvest comes

*Greensborough*

**Presentation of the Gifts**

**All People that on Earth**

**Hymnal #377**

*Unison or harmony*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
 \*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.  
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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**

**MHSO #38**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — Lord God of power — and  
 might, ——— heaven — and earth are full, ——— are full  
 of — your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 san - na in — the high - est! — Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 san - na! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! —

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.  
**AMEN**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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

### Fraction

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### Fraction Anthem

### Whoever Comes to Me

WLP #878

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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### Invitation to Communion

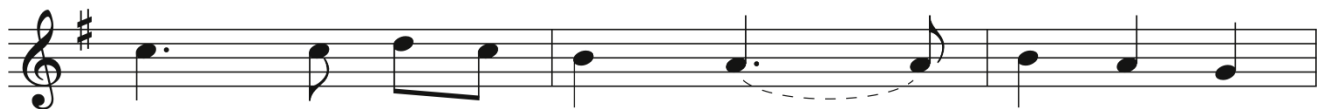
This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life.



1. Man - y are the light - beams from the one light.  
 2. Man - y are the branch - es of the one tree.  
 3. Man - y are the gifts giv'n, love is all one.  
 4. Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one;  
 5. Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one;



Our one light is Je - sus.  
 Our one tree is Je - sus.  
 Love's the gift of Je - sus.  
 ser - vant spir - it of Je - sus.  
 mem - bers all of Je - sus.



Man - y are the light - beams from the one  
 Man - y are the branch - es of the one  
 Man - y are the gifts giv'n, love is all  
 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is  
 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is



light; we are one in Christ.  
 tree; we are one in Christ.  
 one; we are one in Christ.  
 one; we are one in Christ.  
 one; we are one in Christ.

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**Post Communion Prayer**

*Enriching Our Worship*

Presider: Let us pray:

*Please Stand*

**People: 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.**

**The Easter Blessing**

Book of Occasional Services

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional**

**Come Ye Faithful**

**Hymnal #199**

**Dismissal**

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

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Canon*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Up-Coming Events at St. Mary's

- **Dana Faris Memorial** Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM
- **Parish-wide Meeting** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> after church
- **Bishop Election** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Outer Cape Chorale** Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM  
(Town Hall)
- **Morning Prayer** Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM "Feast of the Visitation"

### Parish-wide Meeting: Next Sunday after church

We have recently completed PHASE I of the Parish House (Rectory) renovation: The first level floors were opened to inspect the foundation for any damage due to age. They discovered considerable differed maintenance. Asbestos was also discovered and was immediately remediated. Our engineer then developed plans to secure the foundation before considering any additional renovations.

Our Vestry met last Sunday and voted to move forward with Phase II of the Parish House renovation: Reinforcing the foundation. This is not only a safety issue but will also provide the necessary preparation to begin any additional renovations.

We will be having a **Parish-wide Meeting after church on Sunday, May 5th**. This will be a chance to share in greater detail the work completed to date and our hopes for moving forward. You will have a chance to ask questions and offer feedback before the Vestry reconvenes for a final vote.

This is an important moment in the life of our Parish. Please make every effort to attend the Parish meeting. If you are not able to attend in person, you may join us via Zoom (which will be recorded). The link is below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5084872622?omn=84984703146>

Meeting ID: 508 487 2622 Passcode: 517

### REALM

We have recently implemented a new online member database: REALM. You may have noticed the logo on some of the e-mails sent from the parish. REALM will allow you to review your own parish account as well as connect with each other outside our Sunday gatherings. It also offers easy on-line giving.

Each registered household has received an invitation to join. Please login and update your contact information. You can even upload a photo for our online directly. Creating an account is optional. If you prefer not to participate, your status will not be affected. But give it a try!

## **Liturgical Ministry**

If you would like to serve as Lector, Crucifer (cross) or Lay Eucharistic Minister, please see Tim Brown or Rev. Brian. We will offer training for those interested.

## **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We will celebrate a simple morning prayer at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Coffee Hour to follow.

## **A.A. Support Groups**

Nicholson Hall: Monday 7:00 P.M.; Tuesday 6:00 P.M.; Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

## **Strength for the Journey**

As a strong outreach for St. Mary of the Harbor, Our Strength for the Journey service is emailed through the country or we meet in person during the summer season. For further information, please contact Carolyn Smith at carjans@charter.net or Gerri Spinella at gerri.spinella@gmail.com.

## **UU Food Pantry**

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect donations for the "Little Free Pantry" hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. Please, no perishables, no glass containers and please check expiration dates.

## **Parish Prayer List**

We pray for healing and comfort for:

*Parishioners:* Richard Keeling, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Maureen Cronin, Ollie Ahmuty, Joan Walter, Joan Marshall, David Griffiths, Bobby Taylor, Chelsea Diaz, Michael.

*Family and Friends:* Joan Russell, Jim Neely and Ann English, Kent Taylor, Hyacinth Rance, Margo Kent, Michael Mason, Terry Monaghan, Donna Pickener, Marcia McClure, Marsha Davies, Carol Studley, Marge and Donna, Patty Davenport, Peter Swanson, Scotty Townsend, Barbara Crawford.

## **Sanctuary Lamp**

Following ancient custom, the BCP provides that the consecrated bread and wine may be reserved for the communion of the sick or others who could not be present at the Eucharist. A lamp or candle burns nearby to announce the presence of the reserved sacrament. This light is known as a sanctuary lamp if the reservation is near the altar. Beginning this Lent, memorial opportunities will be available to honor a deceased love one with the sanctuary lamp. Their name will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation: \$20. Contact the parish office to reserve the date.



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