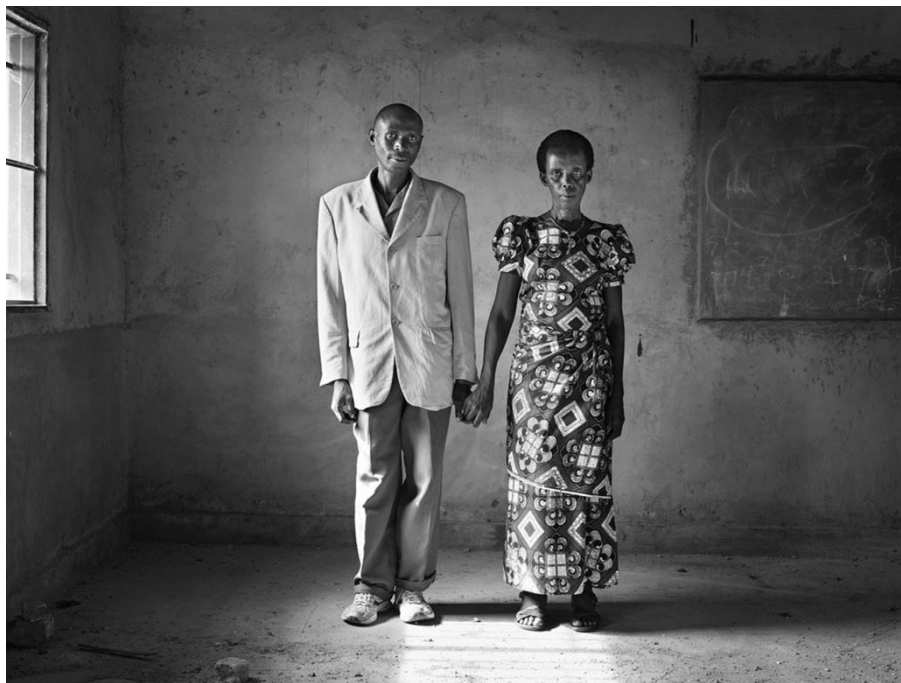

The Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026—10 a.m. and livestreamed



This portrait of Dominique Ndahimana and Cansilde Munganyinka was featured in Pieter Hugo's "Portraits of Reconciliation" (2014). The two participated in the Rwandan genocide reconciliation project, an intentional process of counseling perpetrators of crimes to seek forgiveness from the survivors whose family members were murdered and whose homes were destroyed. An estimated 500,000–1,000,000 Rwandans were killed during the genocide that lasted from April to July, 1994, when the Hutus slaughtered much of Rwanda's Tutsi population.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

We are blessed by your presence. Whether you have been coming for years, or it is your first time here, we hope you find riches today in offering your prayer and praise with others in this holy space. Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever joys and concerns you bring, you are welcome at Christ's table and at St. Peter's Cathedral.

For information, or to request prayer request, please complete a "Welcome" card in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate.

Please join us downstairs after worship to enjoy friends old and new, and to share snacks and conversation. Or come to the Town Hall meeting in the Guild Room and have conversation about

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devices.*



**During
worship, the
People's
spoken
responses
are printed in
boldface.**

† Hymn, Christ is made the sure foundation

[For harmony, see number 518 in the blue Hymnal 1982]

All stand as able



1 Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner - stone,
2 All that ded - i - ca - ted ci - ty, dear - ly loved of God on high,
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
4 Here vouch-safe to all thy serv-ants what they ask of thee to gain;



cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;
with thy wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness hear thy ser - vants as they pray,
what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain,



ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

† Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

† Gloria in excelsis (The People sing the refrain only)



1. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **(Refrain)**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **(Refrain)**
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen! **(Refrain)**

† **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

The People sit for the readings and the Psalm

† **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

† **The Response** *The Presider leads us in offering this Psalm together* Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.**

**² Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

³ **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ **Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.**

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.**

† A Reading from the Epistles

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

† Alleluia at the Gospel (*Sung through twice*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

† A reading from the Gospel

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit

† **The Sermon**

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

† **The Nicene Creed**

All stand, as able

**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

The People remain standing, as able

Intercessor Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Presider offers a concluding Collect

Generous God, whose way is love, whose truth is searching, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share in the work of peace; through Jesus Christ, the image of God. **Amen.**

† The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Holy Communion

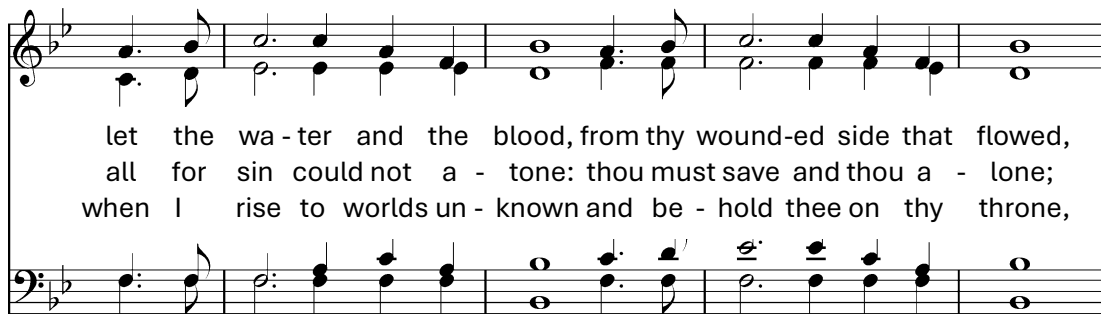
† The Offertory

† Hymn at the Offertory, Rock of Ages, cleft for me

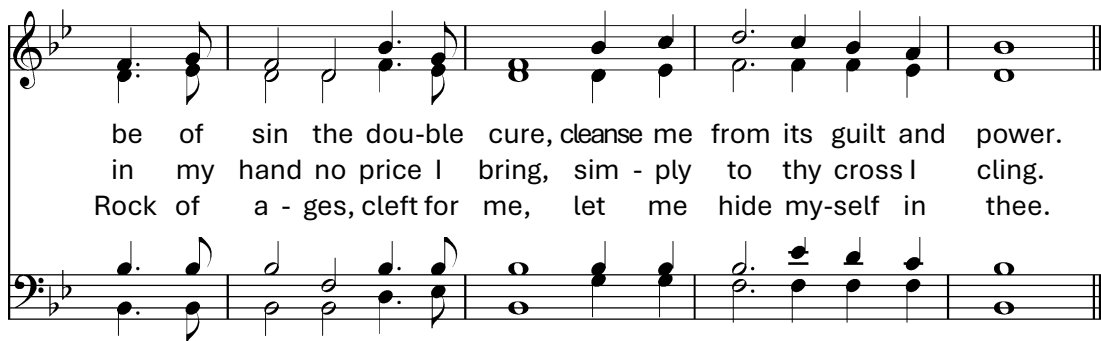
All stand, as able



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan-guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy wound-ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

All stand, as able

† The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God. Chiefly we are 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 was won for us everlasting life. Christ is the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

During the Easter season, the People are invited to remain standing, as able

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us

from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Peter and blessed Stephen, with the blessed missing and murdered indigenous women, and with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

† The Lord’s Prayer

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

Silence

† The Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us feast on the true Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Life.
Our souls are fed by Christ alone. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The people may sit before and after receiving communion.

■ *Christ welcomes all to the table for Communion or a Blessing.* ■ *If you prefer a Blessing, cross your hands over your chest.* ■ *Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips.* ■ *If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only.* ■ *You may respond to communion by saying "Amen."* ■ *Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements or alcohol-free wine.*
■ *In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more.* ■

Remaining seated, all may sing

I heard the voice of Jesus say

[H-692]



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus, as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
And in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image and
nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world and
continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

† Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Dan and Jennie bearing these holy gifts, that Mike and Steve Matross may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The people sit.

The Children's Moment

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

The Prayer for birthdays

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as
their days increase; bless and guide
them wherever they may be. Strengthen
them when they stand; comfort them
when discouraged or sorrowful; raise
them up if they fall; and in their hearts
may your peace which passes
understanding abide all the days of their
lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Prayer for anniversaries

**We thank you, O God, for consecrating
the marriage of *N.* and *N.* in Christ's
Name and presence. Lead them into
deepening companionship with each
other and with you. Give them grace to
live in love and fidelity. Strengthen them
all their days, and bring them to that holy
table where, with those we love, we will
feast for ever in our heavenly home;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Doxology

Tune: *Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Announcements

The People stand

† The Blessing

† The Sending hymn, The Church's one foundation

[H-525]



1 The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

† The Dismissal

Postlude, Toccata in G minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Musical Note: You reminded us that, for most hymns, having a single melody line in the leaflet is a simple and accessible way to invite “non-musical” folks into song—sometimes seeing “all those notes” is more complicated than it needs to be. But you also reminded us that the unison line alone diminishes the riches of Episcopal Church hymnody. So, for those who read music and would like to sing harmony, we’ll include the page number for the hymns we draw from our *Hymnal 1982*. Whether you use the leaflet or the Hymnal—thank you for making a joyful noise!

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Today’s AV tech: Chris Boyce

If this ministry interests you, or if you want to know more, please see Chris.

The Episcopal Church
The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Montana
The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins, Bishop



St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral
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The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde, Dean and Rector

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Acolyte

Vera Towery

Lectors

Scott Hibbard and Ruth Ann Massey

Intercessor

Charlie Briggs

Eucharistic Minister

Larry Nielsen

Chalice bearer

Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Eucharistic Visitors:

Dan Carlson-Thompson and Jennie Ekwortzel

Ushers

Marcia Baumiester and Cathy Morris

Organist

John Goodwin

St. Peter's Choir

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† **NEXT WEEK'S (MAY 10) LITURGICAL MINISTERS** †

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Acolytes

Annalee Curtis and Laura Kingsbury

Lectors

Audrey Towery and Vera Towery

Intercessor

Ruth Ann Shuler

Eucharistic Minister

Hope Stockwell

Chalice bearer

Aubrey Curtis

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Ushers

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Would you like to know more about one of these liturgical ministries? Are you curious about serving? If you are in a period of wondering about a ministry, please be in touch with one of our clergy. Summer is a perfect time to be in discernment because formation and training for most of these ministries is scheduled for the fall.