

St. John's Gloucester

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II FEBRUARY 16, 2025 10:00AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

For thousands of years, First Nations people walked on this land in Gloucester; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. St. John's is gathered on the traditional territory of the Pawtucket, and we give thanks to them, and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

They followed the seasons, hunted, fished, raised families, grieved for their dead, nourished their living, shared the stories of their ancestors, and considered themselves the caretakers of this place.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE PRELUDE

Voluntary on DIX

Robert Lund (b.1940)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How lovely is thy dwelling place

1982 Hymnal #517 BROTHER JAMES' AIR

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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Celebrant Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom

of God."

People May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the

world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Celebrant Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

People May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as

co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Celebrant Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

People May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to

extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship

today.

Celebrant Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they

exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

People May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live

out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and

world!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

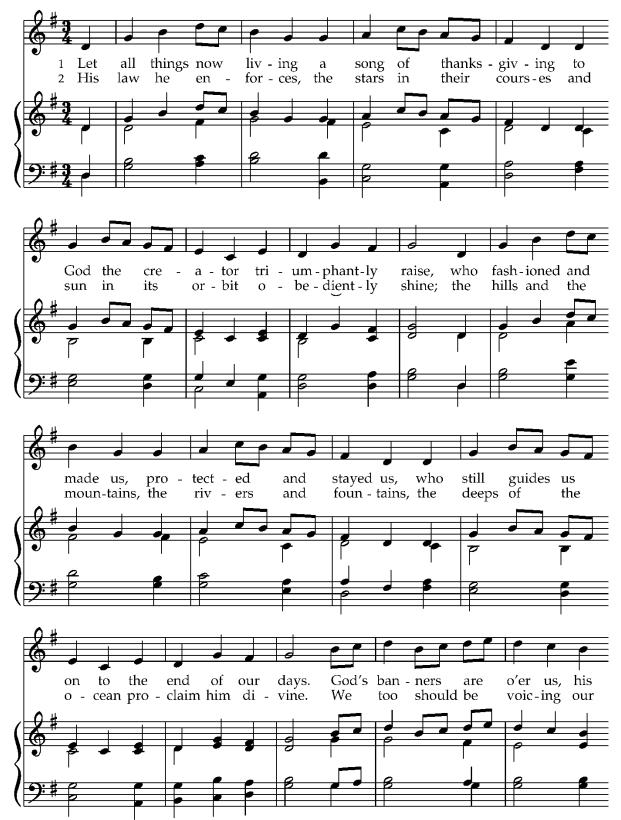
Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE

VF #107 ASH GROVE

Let all things now living





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

by Gill Le Fevre

Celebrant God be with you.

And also with you. People

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment, and jealousy. Renew us in Your love, O God, and awaken us to the role we can play in healing Your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

This little light of mine

arr. Ronald Turner (b. 1946)

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine.

My light reflects the love of Jesus,
His love, his life so freely given;
A gift of love and light for my salvation,
Light of the world, now shine through me.

Wherever I may go, I'm gonna let it shine. Wherever I may go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE PSALM Psalm 1

LEM Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
 People nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
 LEM Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People and they meditate on his law day and night.

LEM They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

People everything they do shall prosper.

LEM It is not so with the wicked;

People they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

LEM Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

People nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

LEM For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

People but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE GREEK BIBLE

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have

died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Sung before and after the Gospel Reading.

Celtic Alleluia



THE GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."
- "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
- "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
- "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ written by Rick Pryce, http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/

LEM Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, responding,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God, who loves those who both love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. We pray for better relations between North America and its native peoples. Strengthen us to be peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God, who embraces those who both hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, be with the Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral

Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your

love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now: Colette Doyle, Clay Gordon Woodgate, Mikey, Grayson and Tony Johnson, George Hillman, Oliver, Nicole and Charlie, Gordy and Beth Isaac, Mara, Jan Goodwin, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Altadena, CA), St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Pacific Palisades, CA), Demetria, Thelma, Tanya, Patty Rhinelander. Are there others to be named?

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

LEM God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. We

God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. We remember all those who have died and ask that they may know the joy of salvation and

eternity with you. Are there any to be named? Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers of petition and

thanksgiving along with and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one

who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

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THE CONFESSION

Enriching our Worship 1

People 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant Christ is here right now making peace among us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you!

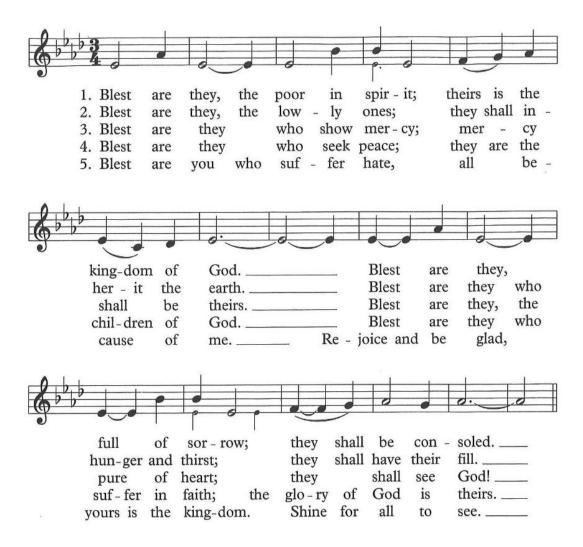
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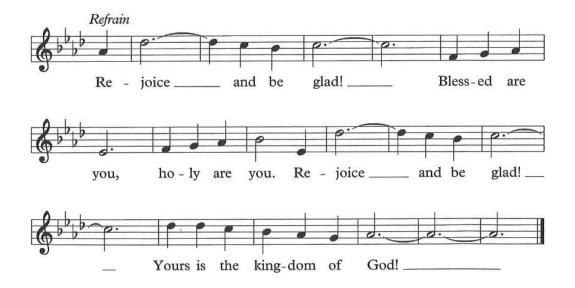
THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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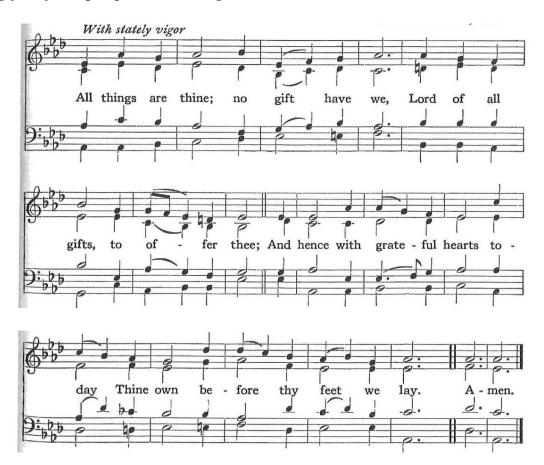
During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.





THE DOXOLOGY

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar.



THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II B THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Jimmy Odegard from Ginny Lunde.

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of what would have been the 59th birthday of Randall Warren Travis (1966-2025) on February 20, given by his cousin Patricia (Travis) Anders

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Connie DeSimone, Patricia Anders and Priscilla Gerrard.

Celebrant May God be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

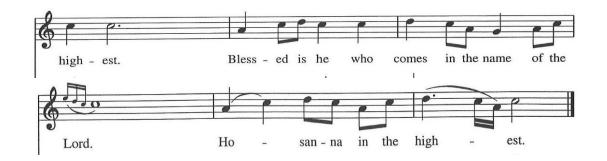
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still, you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ, your Word became flesh, and was born of Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature. Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, we await with joy the fulfillment of your new Creation. We offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

THE SANCTUS

by Lena McLin (1928-2023)





Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us, and lived for a time among us, that we might for ever live with you. In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross. When you exalted him on the third day, and bestowed on him the name above all names, he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children, and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, O God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

THE AMEN

by Carl MaultsBy (b. 1949)



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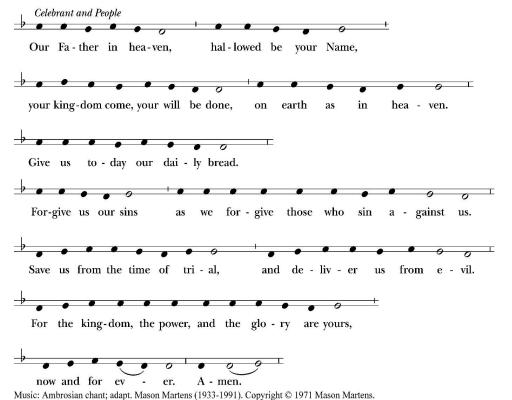
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And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray:



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THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

St. John's welcomes everyone to come to God's table, for communion, to share in Christ's sustaining life. You may participate by extending your hands and placing one hand over the other for the bread and sipping from the chalice. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may cross your hands over your chest. If you prefer gluten free wafers, let us know. You may also come to the altar simply for a blessing, while others come for communion. To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. The Priest will pray for God's blessing upon you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let us break bread together

arr. Marilynn Ham

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND PRAYERS FOR TRAVEL

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the love of God, the tenderness of Jesus and the presence of the Holy

Spirit, gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul this day and all days.

People AMEN.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Soon and very soon

by Andrae' Crouch (1942-2015) SOON AND VERY SOON





THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Leon Nelson (b. 1942)

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GLOUCESTER

We know that Christ is present in each person here and we celebrate the diversity of the body of Christ. If this is your first visit, please introduce yourself today and visit again sometime. If you've been away, welcome back. If you are here every week, it's always great to see you! We worship in the Anglican tradition and are a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, which is part of the Episcopal Church USA. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation and religious background. We respect the dignity of every human being.

NEWCOMER'S WELCOME

If you're new to St. John's, or just visiting, and we missed you at the door, please accept our warmest welcome. We hope you will experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our worship together. Please greet the Priest as you leave and complete a visitor's card found in each pew and place it in the offertory plate, give it to an usher, or give it to the Priest.

We hope to see you again!

PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

Celebrant The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

LEM Karen KasperLector Patricia AndersAcolyte Geoff Pope

Ushers Doug Musco and Izzy Musco

Musicians Director of Music, John Churchwell; Choir and Congregation

Altar Guild Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown

Flower Guild Rosemary Sullivan and Kip Ellis

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Are you new to the Christian faith and want to explore what it means to follow Jesus? Join us to discuss how you might grow deeper in faith during the season of Lent, meet regularly with a group of other inquirers to share your faith journey, learn about the history, worship and faith practices of the church, and discern your membership and ministry at St. John's. If you are interested in The Episcopal Church or learning more about confirmation or reception please join us for an introductory meeting.

Annually, we offer 4 interactive class for those who are curious. Before we schedule classes, The Rev. Marya DeCarlen will offer an informal conversation on February 16th in the Thompson Room after the 10:00 a.m. service. (Of course, after you have had time to munch on coffee hour goodies!) If you'd like to join the classes, you can share your questions and curiosities so we can address them in the classes. Please call the office if you are interested. (978-283-1708)

SAVE THE DATE!

Stories and Prayers in memory of

Hank McCarl

February 23, 2025

Coffee Hour

Mini-Annual Meeting

March 2, 2025

During the worship hour

Ashes To-Go on Middle Street

March 5, 2025

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Shrove Tuesday

March 8, 2025

Imposition of Ashes before Worship

March 9, 2025

9:40am to 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:00am

Choral Evensong

March 12, 2025

6:00pm

Compline

March 19, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Compline

Home of Connie DeSimone

Compline

March 26, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Compline

Home of Rev. Marya DeCarlen

Compline

April 2, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Compline

Home of Rick Britton

Choral Evensong

April 9, 2025

6:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:00am

Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday

Services

April 17, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Service

Good Friday Reading of the Passion

April 18, 2025

11:00am

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

4:30pm

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:00am

Morning Prayer

April 27, 2025

Jason Kinchen, Officiant

May The Fourth Be With You

Silent Movie Concert

May 4, 2025, John Churchwell, Organist

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers beautify the Sanctuary of our church, and are a gift which honors God's creation. A contribution to the flower fund is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one. After worship, the flowers offer further blessings to people in special circumstances as they are delivered by members of the flower team with a note of encouragement. Cost: \$35

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you look up while seated in our sanctuary you will see a candle suspended in water near our high altar. It is called the *Sanctuary Candle* and it is a symbol in the Episcopal Church of the Light of Christ. Our light was designed and made by sculptor John Fleming, formerly of Rockport, whose work you may see in the Franze Denghausen Room in the Rockport Library, and possibly at the Rockport Art Association. It burns continuously as a reminder that consecrated bread and wine are always present and available for people in special circumstances. It is also a reminder that God is always with us. In the Jewish tradition, the lamp is known in Hebrew as *ner tamid*, which translates to eternal light or flame and also symbolizes God's eternal presence. A contribution to the sanctuary lamp fund in honor of a saint who has gone before us, is a way to link their heavenly life with yours. Cost: \$10

All offerings will be mentioned in the bulletin and noted before the Eucharistic prayer.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is an extension of the Eucharistic table and helps us come together in fellowship. We appreciate your support and dedication in making this ministry a warm and welcoming experience for everyone. Currently there are four teams serving on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to join a team of 2-3 people or create a new team, please email Marge or call the office at 9781-283-1708.



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