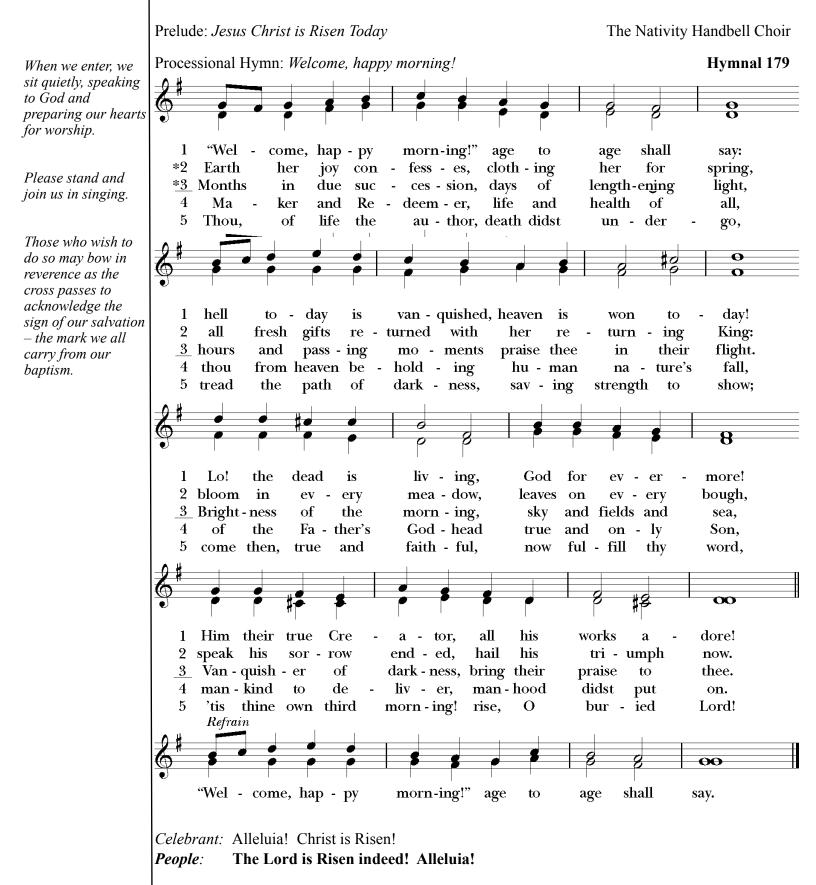




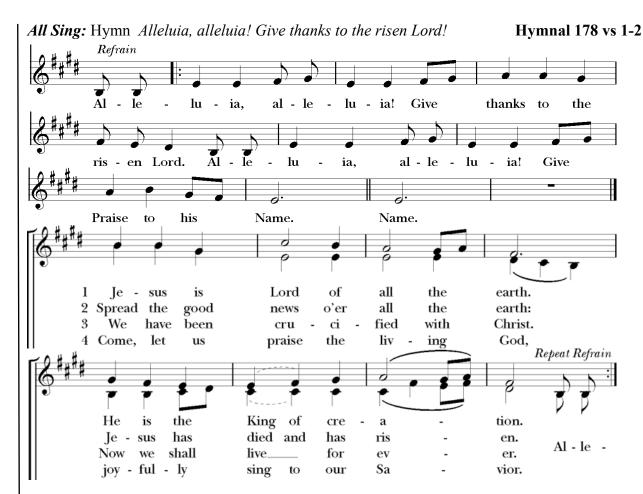
WELCOME TO OUR EASTER CELEBRATION April 20, 2025

Our Celebrants: 8 am The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, PhD, Associate Rector 10 am The Rev. Scot McComas, Rector

WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING



All: 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



The Easter Collect

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *People:* Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

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respond to the scriptures.

Please be seated.

Day summarizes the theme for today and

into unified prayer

The Lessons

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

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The Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Psalms, hymns of ancient Israel, speak of the hopes, joys and fears of God's people.

We read responsively by whole verse. 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

2	Let Israel now proclaim,	*	
	"His mercy endures	for	ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *I will enter them;I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing the hymn.

The People are standing as the Gospel is read. This posture indicates reverence and respect. Gospel Hymn: We know that Christ is raised and dies no moreHymnal 296 vs 1-2 before Gospel and vs 3-4 after Gospel



The Gospel: John 20:1-18

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, `I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Clergy:The Gospel of the LordPeople:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon: The Rev. Scot McComas Rector (a few moments of silence follow the sermon)

During the 8:00 service: Renewal of our Baptism Covenant Prayerbook 304 Easter Prayers of the People The Peace

Mary Magdalene makes the greatest discovery in human history, and goes to tell the good news.

		Baptism of Kerry Ridley Bestwick <u>During the 10:00 service:</u>
Easter is the ancient	Celebrant	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
feast of baptism. On	Sponsors:	I present Kerry Ridley Bestwick to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
this day, we renew our baptismal vows, remembering that	Celebrant:	Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
we were baptized	Sponsors:	I will, with God's help.
into Christ's death so that we could rise with him in his	Celebrant:	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
resurrection.	Sponsors:	I will, with God's help.
In our baptismal	Celebrant:	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
vows, we state what we believe	Sponsors:	I renounce them.
	Celebrant:	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
	Sponsors:	I renounce them.
	Celebrant:	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
	Sponsors:	I renounce them.
	Celebrant:	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
	Sponsors:	I do.
	<i>Celebrant:</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
	Sponsors:	I do.
	<i>Celebrant:</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
	Sponsors: Celebrant:	I do. Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?
Then we continue	People	We will.
our baptismal vows by stating how we will put our faith	Celebrant:	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
into action.		The Baptismal Covenant
	Celebrant:	Do you believe in God the Father?
	People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
	Celebrant:	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
	People:	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
		He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
		He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
		He descended to the dead.
		On the third day he rose again.
		He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
	Celebrant:	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
	People:	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
		the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
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	Celebrant: People:	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.
	Celebrant: People:	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.
	Celebrant: People:	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.
	Celebrant: People:	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.
	Celebrant:	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People:	People:	I will, with God's help.
		Prayers for the Candidate
We pray at all times in the Spirit	Celebrant:	Let us now pray for Kerry who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
(Ephesians 6:18) We stand as a priestly people and offer intercessions	Leader: People:	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
for the whole world.	Leader: People	Open Kerry's heart to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
	Leader: People:	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
	Leader: People:	Keep Kerry in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
	Leader: People:	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
	Leader: People:	Send Kerry into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.
	Leader: People:	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
	Celebrant:	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who
	People:	lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *People:* Amen.

Celebrant: Kerry Ridley I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Kerry you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain Kerry, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized. *Celebrant and People:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And also with you.

Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

We make offerings in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us.

Please stand as the ushers bring forward the offering.

The Sursum Corda ("Lift up your hearts" in Latin) is the invitation to the people to join in the Eucharistic offering, to raise minds and hearts to prepare to enter the heavenly banquet.

In the Sanctus ("holy" in Latin) we join our praise to that of the whole Church, the whole creation, by sharing the song of angels and the company of heaven. (Isaiah 6:1-3, Psalm 118:25-26, Rev. 4:8)

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Rejoice He Is Alive, Patti Drennan, Kurt Finchum trumpet, Nativity Choir

All Sing: Doxology: Hymnal 380 v 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

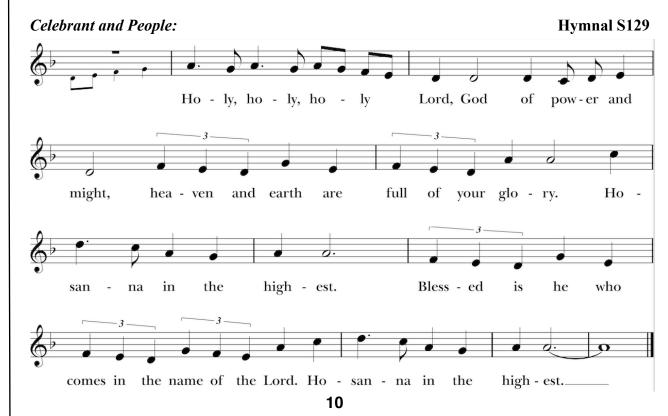
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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:



The Institution Narrative recalls the particular mighty act that is the focus of the service: God's gift of himself to us.

The word "Amen" ("So be it" in Hebrew) at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer indicates the people's participation in the Eucharistic prayer.

Our Lord taught us a simple, heartfelt prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4) *Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

Celebrant and PeopleChrist has died.Christ is risen.Christ will come again.

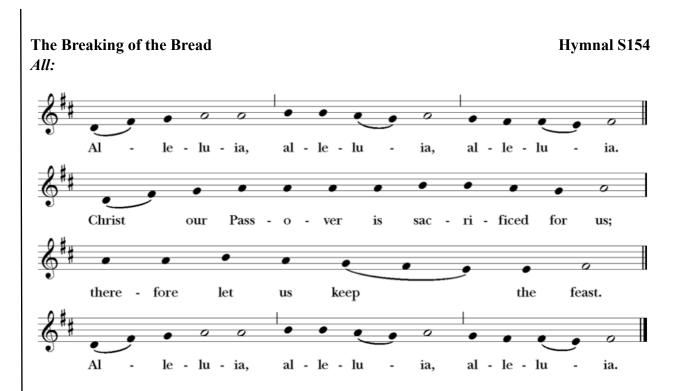
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending 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. 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. **People:** AMEN

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Celebrant and People:* 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. 11



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

Communion of the People

All who seek God are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the Bread and Wine of Christ's Body and Blood. Even if you do not seek God, God seeks you. For those who would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms-down. If you would prefer a blessing instead of communion, fold your arms across your chest. Healing prayers and prayers of Intercession are available in the Prayer Chapel during Communion.

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	Post Communion Prayer	
Celebrant: Let us pra	ıy.	
Celebrant and Peopl	e:	
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we that	ank you for feeding us with the spiritual food	
of the	most precious Body and Blood	
of you	r Son our Savior Jesus Christ;	
·	or assuring us in these holy mysteries	
	ve are living members of the Body of your Son,	
	eirs of your eternal kingdom.	
	low, Father, send us out	
	the work you have given us to do,	
	e and serve you	
	hful witnesses of Christ our Lord.	
To hir	n, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,	
	nor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.	

	The Easter Blessing		
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Celebrant:	May God, who through the water of baptism has		
People:	life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Amen.	Christ for ever.	
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Celebrant:	And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the	e Son, and the Holy Spirit, be	
People:	upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.		
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Recessional	Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today	Hymnal 207 vs 1-4	
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Clergy: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord and each other. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude-Sing-along: *Hallelujah Chorus* from Oratorio "Messiah," G.F. Handel, Kurt Finchum trumpet

Our Easter Flower Dedications Are given to the glory of God

In Thanksgiving for:

The staff, vestry and people of Nativity, by The Rev. Scot McComas

My mother, Mary Cox Wyatt McComas, as she celebrates her 89 birthday, by The Rev. Scot McComas Our children, Suzanne & Jeffery and our grandchildren, Sarah, Isaac & Sam, by Cindy & Sam Cohen Hans, Felicia & Von; Erik & Sherri - our children and grandson, by Cheryle & Jan Dunkelberg Sara's birthday today, by Kathy Graf My sons, Jamil Hyatt and Craig Hyatt, by Norma Hyatt Our children, Collin & Bobbi, Alex & Katie, Evan & Shannon, by Mina & Mark Rafferty

The marriage of Teresa Richard & Gannon Thute, by Andrea & Clint Thute

Our children: Steph, Peter, Kathy, Josh & Jimmy, and families, by Kathy & Jim Wasson



Our Easter Flower Dedications Are given to the glory of God

In Memory of:

Harriet & John Boettger, by their daughter, Chris Amaden Helen Chamness-Erwin & Ed Chamness (my parents) by Donna (Suzie) Chamness Marty & Bob Christopher, by the Rafferty Family Susan & J.B. Cohea, by Margaret Cohea Ruth & Jeffery Talk, by Cindy & Sam Cohen Lillian & George Courson, by Barbara Courson Reba & Ned Orlich, Margaret & Royal Dunkelberg & Edwin Whiteley, by Cheryle & Jan Dunkelberg Mary Fee Wahba, by Mary & Paul Fee Art Graf, by Kathy, Sara and Andy Graf Tim Gregory, by Sharon Gregory Loved family members no longer with us, by Carol & John Henderson My parents, Sydonia & Sybella McKenzie, by Norma Hyatt My brothers, Roy & Seymour McKenzie, by Norma Hyatt Antoinetta Lazzara, Birdie Knecht, by Mary & Alan Lazzara Christopher McNally, by Ginny McNally Our loving parents, Dorothy & Ric Lamp, Toni & Endicott Peabody, by Andrea & Cotty Peabody Maria & Nicola Quaranta, by Frank Quaranta Beulah Winkler Richardson, by Leslie & John Richardson Sara Mary Karnes Roby, by Joseph Roby III John Unmacht, by Bob Russo Julia Walski, my wife, by Fred Walski Lorraine Walski, my mom, by Fred Walski Lottie Ryndak, my grandmother, by Fred Walski

