

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ASTORIA



A Penitential Order: Rite Two  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026 10am

Welcome to Saint George's Church. This bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the liturgy, but please don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

*The hosts & wine are given to the glory of God in memory of Samuel Crawley.*

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PRELUDE

Rockingham

Robert Lau

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove* (H 512)

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide;  
o'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from thee may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living Way,  
nor let us from his precepts stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
fullness of joy for ever there;  
lead us to God, our final rest,  
to be with him for ever blest.

*The People standing, the Celebrant says*

                    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People          His mercy endures forever.

*The Celebrant then says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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.

TRISAGION (S 102)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line begins with a half note 'Ho' on a G4, followed by a quarter note 'ly' on an A4, a quarter note 'God,' on a B4, a quarter rest, a quarter note 'Ho' on a G4, a quarter note 'ly' on an A4, a quarter note 'and' on a B4, a quarter note 'Might' on a C5, a quarter note 'y,' on a B4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: a G4 chord, an A4 chord, a B4 chord, a G4 chord, an A4 chord, a B4 chord, and a G4 chord. The second system also has two staves. The vocal line begins with a half note 'Ho' on a G4, a quarter note 'ly' on an A4, a quarter note 'Im' on a B4, a quarter note 'mor' on a C5, a quarter note 'tal' on a B4, a quarter note 'One,' on an A4, a quarter note 'Have' on a G4, a quarter note 'mer' on a G4, a quarter note 'cy' on a G4, a quarter note 'up' on a G4, a quarter note 'on' on a G4, and a quarter note 'us.' on a G4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: a G4 chord, an A4 chord, a B4 chord, a C5 chord, a B4 chord, an A4 chord, a G4 chord, a G4 chord, a G4 chord, a G4 chord, a G4 chord, and a G4 chord.

*Celebrant*                    The Lord be with you.  
*People*                        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*                    Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

**PSALM 130** *De profundis*  
*The People are seated.*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
    let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
2 **If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \***  
    **O Lord, who could stand?**  
3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
    therefore you shall be feared.  
4 **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \***  
    **in his word is my hope.**  
5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
    more than watchmen for the morning.  
6 **O Israel, wait for the Lord, \***  
    **for with the Lord there is mercy;**  
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
    and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Breathe on me, Breath of God* (H 508)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do or to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die;  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

THE GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he

will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jordan Wesley, Seminarian

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*All stand.*

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Lawrence, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Sammy, for whom this Eucharist is offered.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have  
grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

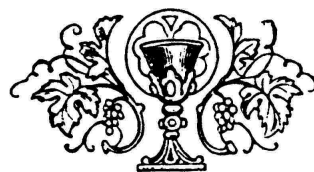
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN *Praise to the Holiest in the height* (H 446)

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

2 O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

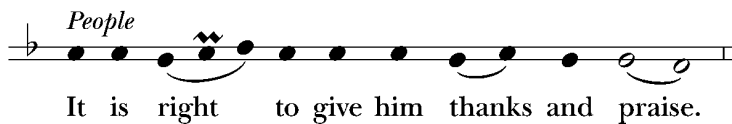
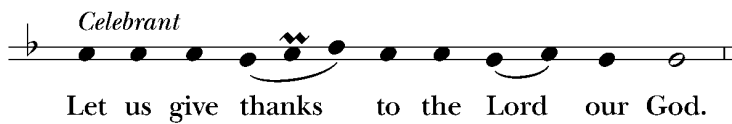
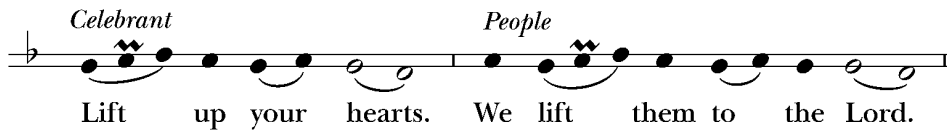
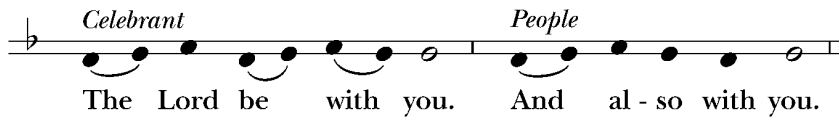
3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,

should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;

4 and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

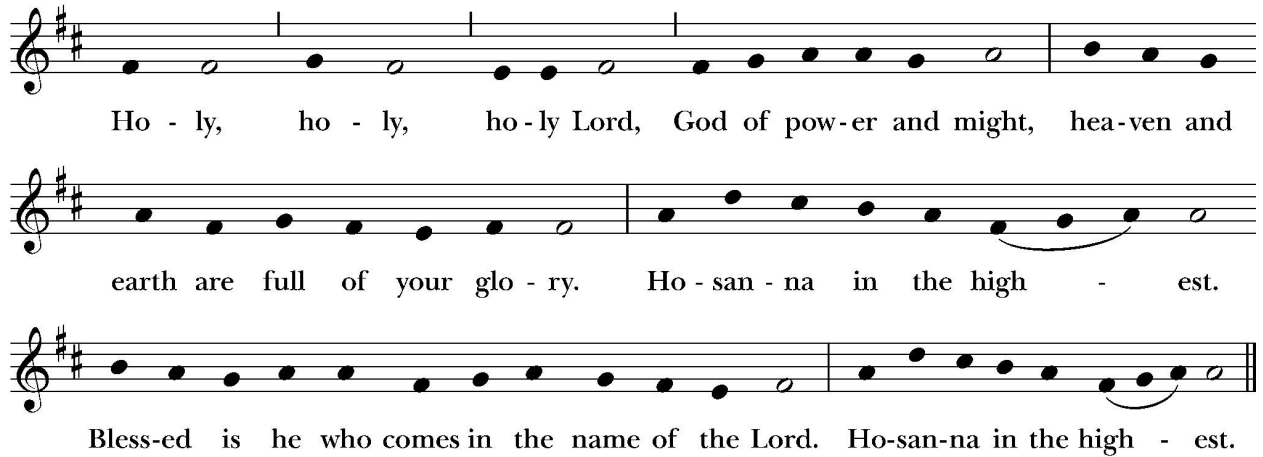
5 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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 *Holy, holy, holy* (S 124)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.*

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 People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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. AMEN.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

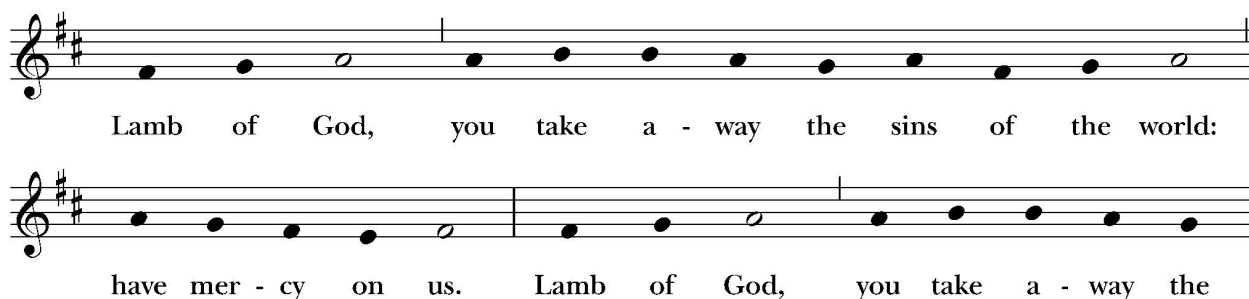
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei* (S 161)



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

### COMMUNION HYMN *O bless the Lord, my soul* (H 411)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
 His grace to thee proclaim!  
 And all that is within me join  
 to bless his holy Name!

2 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
 His mercies bear in mind!  
 Forget not all his benefits!  
 The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He will not always chide;  
 he will with patience wait;  
 his wrath is ever slow to rise  
 and ready to abate.

4 He pardons all thy sins,  
 prolongs thy feeble breath;  
 he healeth thine infirmities  
 and ransoms thee from death.

5 He clothes thee with his love,  
 upholds thee with his truth;  
 and like the eagle he renews  
 the vigor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,



## WELCOME TO SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH

We are grateful for the presence of visitors and guests among us. Please introduce yourself to someone, and join us for Coffee Hour downstairs immediately following the service.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated on **Sundays at 10am**.

Morning Prayer is said on **Sundays at 8:30 am** and on **Wednesdays at 10am** (via Zoom).

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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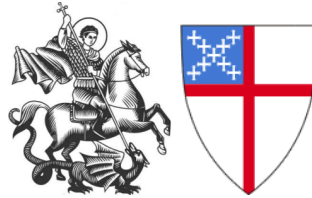
### Parish News and Announcements:

\* The **Stations of the Cross** are prayed on **Fridays in Lent at 6pm** (with simple soup supper to follow). All are welcome to join in this traditional moving meditation.

\* The **Food Pantry** continues its regular schedule on **Fridays** through the spring. **Setup: 2pm, Distribution: 3:30pm**. Volunteers are always welcome and needed!

\* **Altar Supply Dedications** are available for remembrances throughout the year. Simply make your donation with a memo and fill out the sheet on the Usher's desk in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion. Dedications are printed in the Sunday bulletin on your scheduled date. Please speak to Barbara Yelverton (Treasurer) for more information.

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