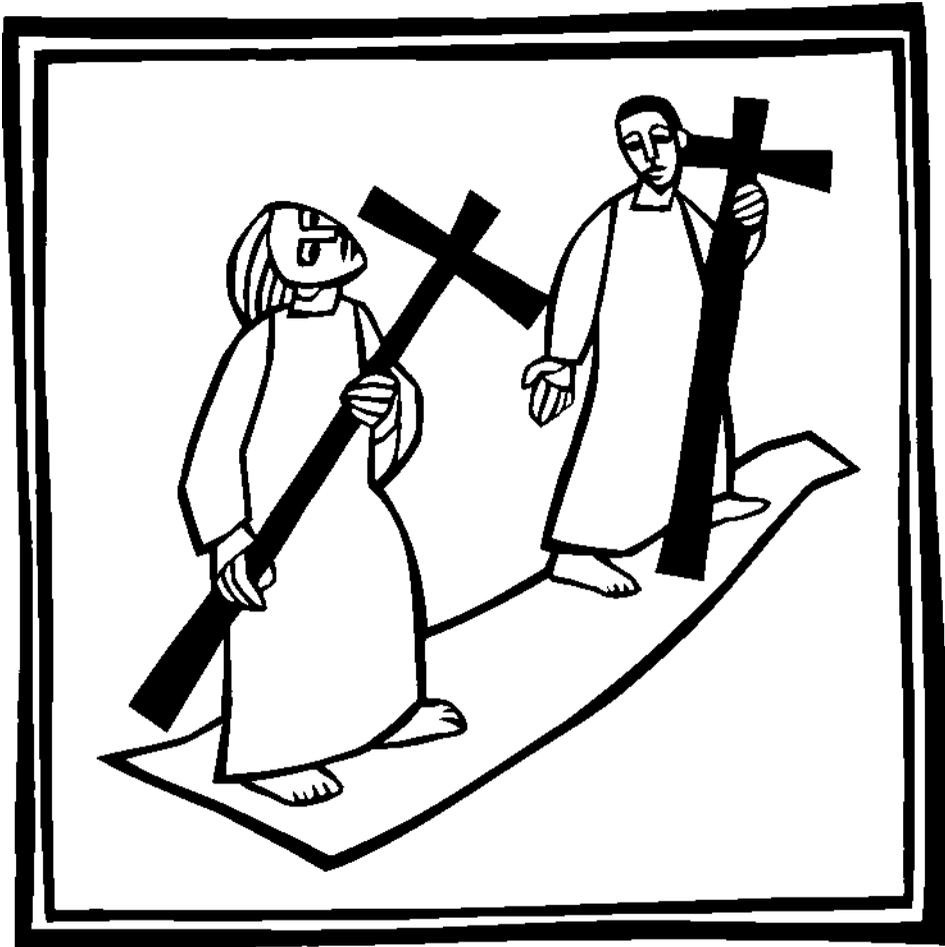


HOSPITALITY + WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL GROWTH + JUSTICE + COMMUNITY CARE



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Rev. Karen Brau, Senior Pastor

Luther Place Memorial Church

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Our Purpose

God's purpose for our congregation is to grow a Christ-centered inclusive community, led by the Spirit, that proclaims the Gospel's transforming love and grace and challenges injustice.

Our Guiding Principles

1. All of God's creation is sacred.
2. We listen to the Holy Spirit through worship, Scripture, and prayerful reflection.
3. We seek continuous transformation to become radically hospitable.
4. We invite all into the journey with Christ through reconciliation with each other and God.
5. We respond to injustice through loving service and courageous action.
6. We walk together in our celebrations and our struggles.

Our Vision

Luther Place will be a community that looks and feels like God's kingdom in its beautiful expansiveness, where all are called into relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. In this place we will use our gifts to act in the world and build the beloved community.

Worship attracts and gathers a range of people with various services and styles, engaging the community in a depth of traditional practices and creative endeavors.

Spiritual Growth is how we are formed as disciples of Jesus Christ, embracing scripture and all opportunities to engage the divine, and nurturing us to contemplate, study, and question our faith.

Justice is a public witness to our faith; we will continue our history of openness to what arrives, standing in solidarity and acting with people who are struggling in our community, country, and world.

Hospitality is how we—each of us—extend God's kingdom to a dynamic and diverse city, growing our community and engaging all of God's children, from the powerless to the powerful.

Community Care is how we sustain a vibrant community, our intentional practice of supporting and nurturing one another in all stages of life, in celebration and sorrow.

Welcome to worship at Luther Place!

Are you a guest? If so, here are some things you might like to know...

Please fill out a card to let us know who you are—we'd love to be in touch with you! The cards can be placed in the offering plate when completed. We are blessed by your presence and hope you will join us again.

Parking is available **across the street in the Washington Plaza Hotel**. The garage has **two** floors available. Please ask an usher for a parking voucher. Your reimbursement of the cost of \$5 per use will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, we reserve the parking spots in the circle driveway on Vermont Ave. for use by those with mobility issues and their drivers. We encourage the use of public transportation; free bike parking is available inside the Vermont entrance to Luther Place.

A children's nursery is available before, during, and after worship. The nursery is located within the chapel by the entrance on N Street.

Children's church bags are located in the back of the Sanctuary. The activity bags are for kids of all ages; they include crayons, a coloring book, books to read, etc. Please help children use these materials for doodling rather than the gift envelopes and prayer cards.

Video Recordings of Worship Services are available on the Luther Place website: www.lutherplace.org/sermons.

In prayers and songs, the bold print is congregational response.

P= pastor; A= assisting minister; C= congregation.

Here at Luther Place, we love to sing!



We like to explore a diversity of music, though much of it comes from the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW)**. This hymnal holds service music in the first half and hymns in the second half. The service music can be found with the small page numbers at the bottom of each page. The hymns can be found using the large numbers at the top of each page. We also use hymns from This Far by Faith Hymnal (TFF), the Lutheran African American hymnal.

References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God. You are also invited to sing hymns or speak parts of the services, such as The Lord's Prayer, in your native tongue.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

We welcome you to worship today! If you are a visitor, please fill out a welcome card at the ends of the pews, and put in offering plate or give to an usher.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us, We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song: ELW (Red Book) 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie



Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.



Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.



Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (Read Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow up-on the mountains.**

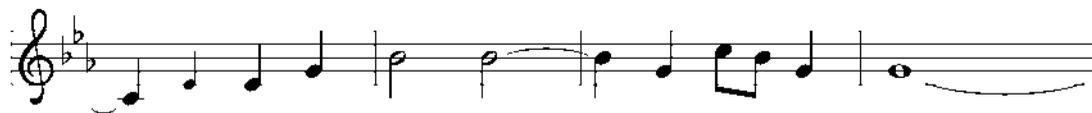
⁹God provides food for the cattle

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
 and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
 in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

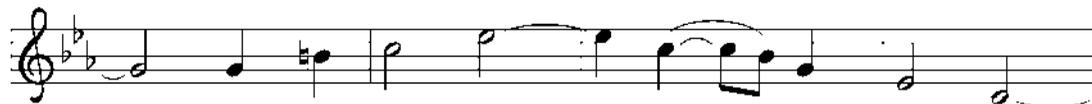
***Processional Gospel Acclamation: TFBF 66 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 8:31-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: On Pilgrimage: Cross Talk

Rev. Karen Brau

Live-tweeting and posting on social media is encouraged! Please use #FollowingJesus #RealChurch #onpilgrimage and don’t forget to tag @LutherPlace and @KarenBrau.

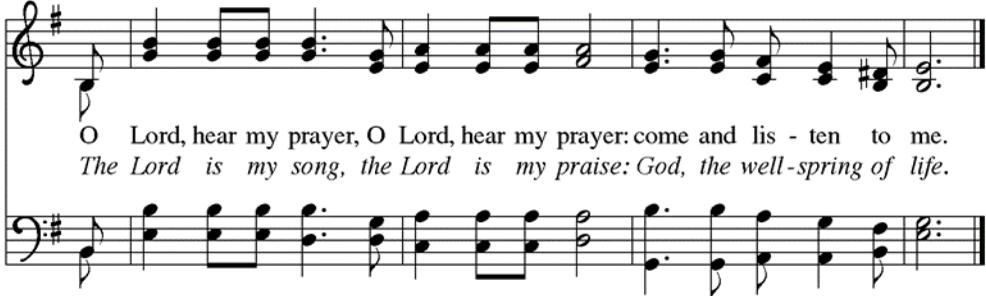
***Hymn of the Day: ELW (Red Book) 768 Lead Me, Guide Me**

Welcome New Members!—ELW (Red Book) front page 234

*Prayers of the People

A: Gracious God, hear our song

C:



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

*Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Announcements

All events & announcements may be found in the back of the bulletin.

Offering

Please feel free to put cash or check in the offering plate. You can also donate through a text donation by texting the dollar amount to +12028166673.

Offering Song: ELW 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

*Offering Prayer

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.'

P: It is indeed right...

*Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na. 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 image shows a musical score for 'Sanctus' in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. 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.'

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: O God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

Distribution

Communion (Eucharist) celebrated at Luther Place is open to all. Ushers will direct you to the correct station. We use two cups; one with wine and the other with juice. You may either dip the bread into the cup (intinction) or eat the bread first and drink from the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available on the altar. Return to your seat using the exterior aisles.

Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song: ELW 493 Taste & See

*Table Blessing

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you +peace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song: ELW (Red Book) 333 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land**

Dismissal

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Using the title of a book written by Dorothy Day, that follows her journal entries during the year 1948, we as a congregation will also contemplate being On Pilgrimage—A pilgrimage refers to a religious journey or a religious expedition that is usually made to a sacred place.

Dorothy Day's sacred place was her home, her family, her faith practices along with people she met throughout the year. Her companions were flesh and blood as well as a cadre of saints like St Francis and St. Teresa of Avila.

We invite you to be on pilgrimage this LENT over the next 40 days. Consider taking on the practices of curiosity, wonder and expectation, and perhaps keeping a journal. Note where you meet God or experience God's grace, on the daily. Also, considering taking the time to notice the things that are getting in the way of your receiving God during Lent. What are the challenges that you face, whether they are as an individual, as part of our congregation or part of our public life in the DC Metro area. And, where are you bearing witness to God in a violent and suffering world?

In our Sunday worships and on Wednesday evening gatherings, we will dig in together on what On Pilgrimage means for us in 2018. In an entry in March 8, 1948, Dorothy writes from her daughter Tamar's home in West Virginia, where Dorothy is helping with her grandchildren, including an infant grandson.

Dorothy writes:

Meditations for women, these notes should be called, jumping as I do from the profane to the sacred over and over. But then, living the country, with little children, with growing things, one has the sacramental view of life. All things are God's, and all are holy. (p. 110)

May we discover in 2018, in the metro DC area, during a difficult time in public life, that there is holy all around us. May we, even in our rush, pause to gaze at graces that God longs to give us while on pilgrimage — including the courage to bear witness to the beloved community in 2018.

During Lent, please consider praying and practicing with the following resources:

- On Pilgrimage, by Dorothy Day. We will have 10 copies for sale at the church
- **Pray as you go**. An online resource created by the Jesuit Media Initiatives.
- **Reimagining Examen**. In book form or an app that offers a unique prayer experience that's based on St. Ignatius' 500 year old prayer that has you review your day.
- **Set Free by Truth**, A new devotion created by Lutheran and Episcopalians. The devotion theme addresses truth and racial justice, reflecting on the challenges facing churches in North America today. Find them on the ELCA website, or on the Luther Place website.

All these resources can be found on our website:

<https://lutherplace.org/lent-2018-pilgrimage/>

Second Sunday in Lent, 10:30 am

Join us for Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary, and 5 pm in the Chapel. The morning service is broadcast live at lutherplace.org/facebook. Sermon videos are available at lutherplace.org/sermons, and normally posted by end of day Sunday.

Adult Spiritual Formation, 9:15 am

We offer a preview session into our winter and spring studies entitled, "Windows into the Beloved Community." Please join us in the Library.

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Sunday school for all ages begins in the Chapel.

20s/30s New Member Welcome Brunch

Sunday, February 25 at Noon, Shake Shack

On Sunday, February 25th, we will welcome Christina, Edward, Emma, Genevieve, Sarah, Tanay, and Travis as new Luther Place (and 20s/30s) members. Join us after the service for a welcome brunch at Shake Shack on 14th Street. We'll gather at the back of the sanctuary (by the kids' table) after the service and walk over together.

Lent Wednesday Soup Suppers*

We invite you to share soup and worship on Wednesdays (Feb. 21-Mar. 21) during Lent, 6:15 pm soup supper in the All Saints Room, followed by worship with Contemplative Prayer at 7 pm in the Chapel.

*Seeking Wednesday Soup Supper Hosts—their job is to invite 10 people (either inside the congregation or guests) and bring at least 2 folks, to welcome to the meal and to facilitate the simple clean up and transition folks into worship. If you are interested please contact Pastor Karen at seniorpastor@lutherplace.org

The Community Care Team

will be meeting Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 PM. Please contact Christiana Lundholm (cmlundholm@yahoo.com) or Christina Davis (csdavis27@gmail.com) for more information.

First Sunday Community Breakfasts

March 4th join us in the basement from 9am to 10am for a cooked breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome and please come enjoy the community. If you would like to help cook breakfast be in touch with Kristen@lutherplace.org

Healing through Music, March 3, 3:30 pm

Hear the melodic sounds of 3 wonderful singing groups: The Ambassadors or Praise, The Capital Harmonia, and Community Chorale of the UU Congregation of Fairfax at Luther Place Memorial Church.

Friends and Family Retreat, April 6-8, 2018

Our 2018 retreat at Mar-Lu Ridge Lutheran Camp is slated for Friday, April 6 through Sunday, April 8. Our theme is: Koinonia, based on a Greek word often used to describe Christian fellowship and the body of believers.

Congregational Offering

January 2018

Budgeted: \$36,000

Actual: \$28,540.068

*In an attempt to share where we are with our offering projects for the year we will be placing the budgeted and actual offering with good faith that God provides with abundance and deep gratitude for the generosity of the congregation. *Please feel free to put cash or check in the offering plate. You can also donate through a text donation by texting the dollar amount to +12028166673.*

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Greeter/Ushers: Faith Korbel, Kirk Sander, & Tanay Tatum

Assisting Minister: Dan Corbett

Reader 1st Lesson & Psalms: Anne-Claire Kasten

Reader 2nd Lesson: Vanesa Hernandez

Children's Sermon: Karen Brau

Communion Assistants: Jay Forth, Makenzie Gold-Quiros, John Means,
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Crucifer: Caroline Eayrs

Torchbearers: Trevour Jackson-Carpenter & Aidan Gately

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