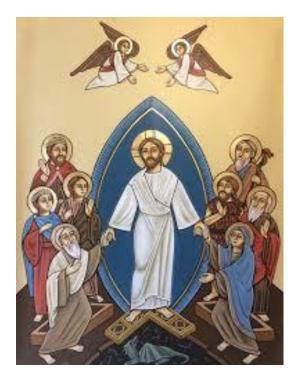
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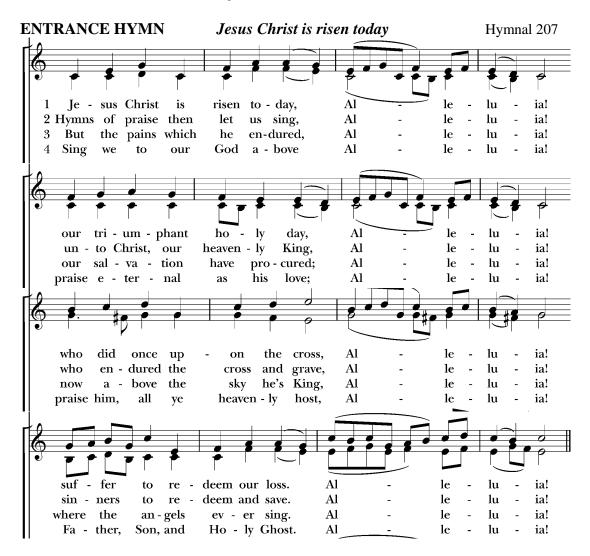
April 20, 2025





The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



The Word of God **OPENING ACCLAMATION** Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. People Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.

Glory to God SONG OF PRAISE Hymnal S 278 The following is sung, all standing as able 1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and 20 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al might - y God Fa-ther. wor-ship you, we and we give you thanks, we 0 you your 3. Lord praise for glo Je - sus Christ, ry. 4 20 on ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4.you

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

²Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, *

and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There 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!"
¹⁷I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely, *

but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open 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.

²²The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the LORD has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

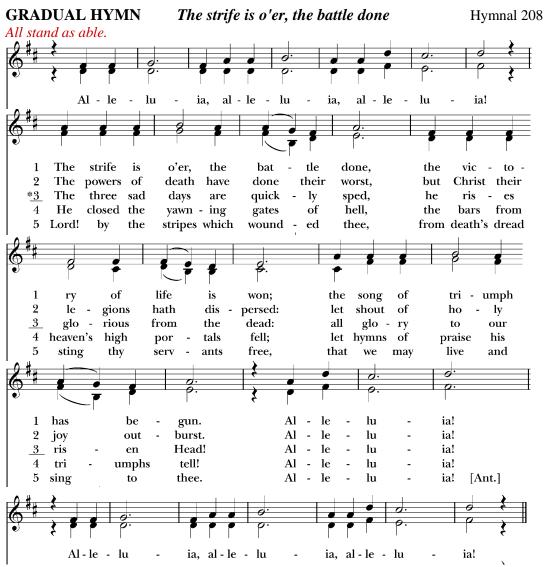
SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

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

Silence may follow.



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

All stand as able.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

All stand as able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, The Reverend Will Lowry

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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

All remain standing as able.

Celebrant: We gather to rejoice in the message delivered to us from the women at the tomb on the third day: Jesus is not among the dead, but he has risen! Hear our prayers, O God, and continue your work to bring life out of death, as we pray: Alleluia! On this day the Holy One has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Litanist: Eternal One, from the first Easter dawn your Church has proclaimed the resurrection of Christ and preached peace in his name: Empower your people to live

in his life, to share in his communion, and to continue his ministry of healing and reconciliation in the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Alleluia! On this day the Holy One has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Everlasting God, in Christ you have initiated the new heaven and the new earth of your reign: Let his peaceful Spirit of justice inspire the leaders of our nation and of every nation, that all may reverence you and do what is right and acceptable to bring delight to all people. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach. Alleluia! On this day the Holy One has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Loving God, bless this community and all towns and cities, that people may build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat their fruit, and that no more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, but that our days may be like the days of a tree. Alleluia! Alleluia! On this day the Holy One has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Compassionate One, your mercy endures for ever and your right hand is exalted: Be with people everywhere who live with death, disease, poverty or oppression, and deliver them with your power. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. We pray also for those in Myanmar and Thailand affected by the earthquake. Bring your peace to our world. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris. Alleluia! On this day the Holy One has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

We remember those for whom we pray in intercession this day, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Doris and all on our prayer list.

We rejoice and give thanks for God's many blessings.

We entrust to the new life of resurrection those who have died.

The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; the right hand of the Most High is exalted.

Alleluia! On this day the Holy One has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The stone is rolled away from the tomb, and we stand amazed before the resurrection gift of God: Fill our hearts with new life and hope, that we may continually be witnesses of the power of God, as brothers and sisters in the fellowship of Christ and servants of your Spirit of healing and reconciliation, through the saving work of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant 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*.

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THE PEACE

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All stand as able.CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

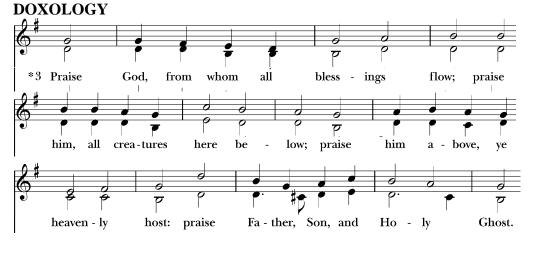
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Rise Up Singing

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

by P. Martin & C. Courtney



CelebrantAll things come of thee O LordPeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing as able.

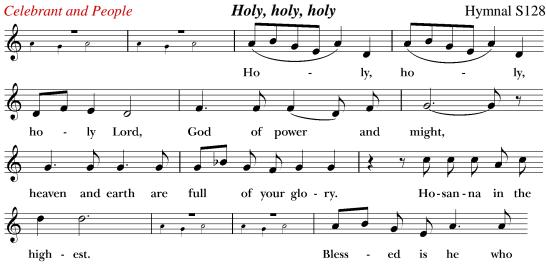
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 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.

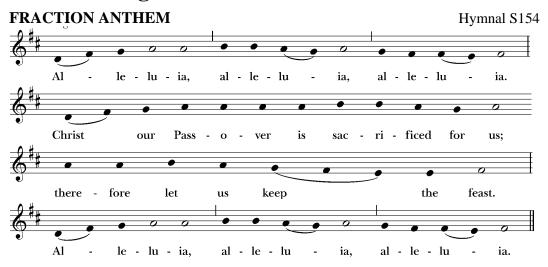
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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, *People and Celebrant*

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread



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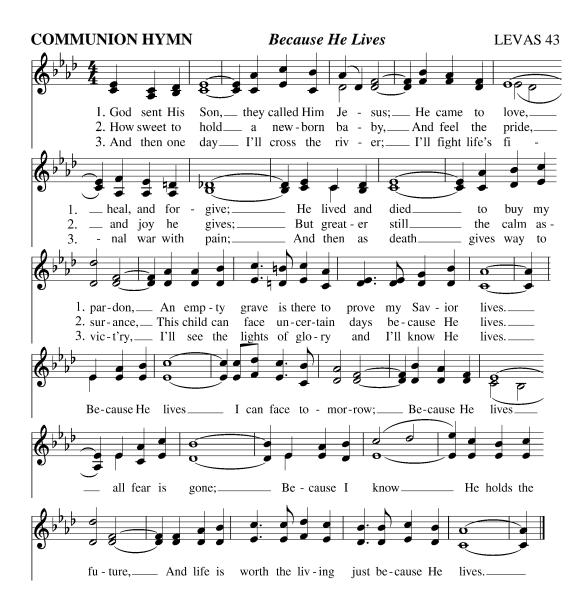
The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

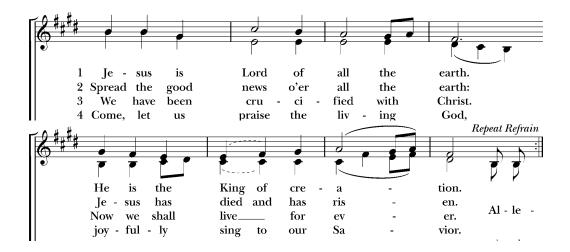
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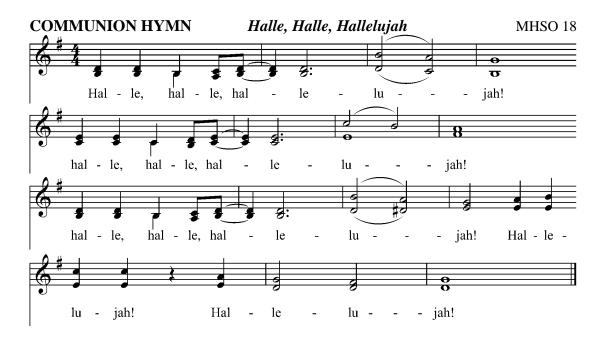
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]









POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

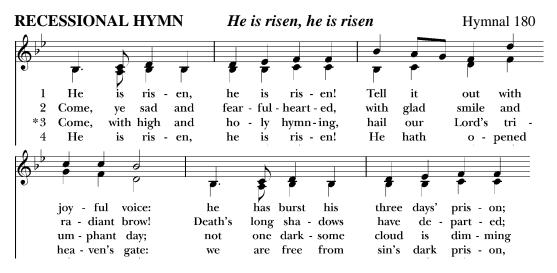
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray. Celebrant and People

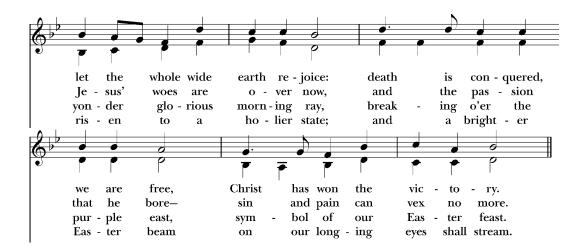
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*





DISMISSAL

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

All are invited to join us for fellowship & a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. Children should meet in the Parish Hall for the Easter Egg Hunt.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

NURSERY: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop, Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Kimberly Worthy, Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Wiley Ashley, Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Jane Taylor, Javne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Ouinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett, Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Kot (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), Dawn Johnson, Pam Webster, Daphne Grimsley, Anne Meydrech, Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), Sonya Urquhart, Kimberly & Ken Brand (Jan Waggoner), Justin Requena (Carolyn Towery), Sara Walker, Helen Lauderdale & family (Witt Lauderdale), Evie Loftin, Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), Joy Howell, Doris Kimmerlin, Sherry Jo Johnson (Rose Johnson), Margaret Pickering (Rhonda Barber), Melinda DeGraw (Evie Loftin), Nancy & Mark Varljen (Jan Waggoner), Pat Pickett (Rose Johnson), Josiah Coulson (Muriel deGanahl), A.M. Speed (Bobby & Marilyn Quinn)

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), Chris Miller (GSPD), Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN)

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in April: June Hayles (1st), Joanna Seibert (5th), Steve Campbell (11th), Robert Seibert (21st), Sterling Miller (25th), Lawson Prince (26th), Chuck Rumbley (29th), Linda Ryall (29th), Amber Pierce (30th)

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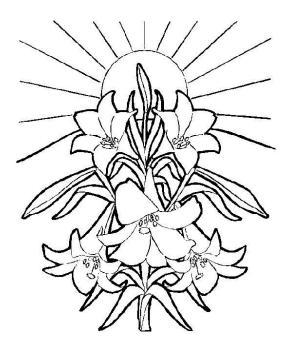
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