



Grace Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m.



PRELUDE

Aria - J. Kuhnau

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

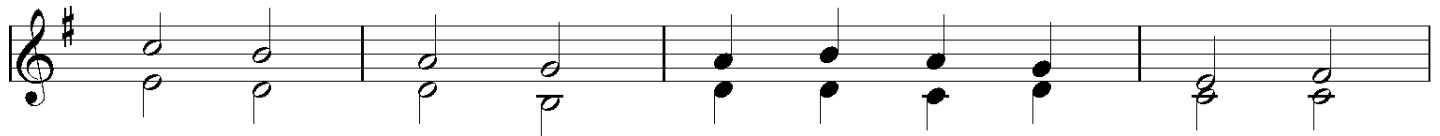
PROCESSIONAL HYMN #377 (In the Blue Hymnal)

All people that on earth do dwell

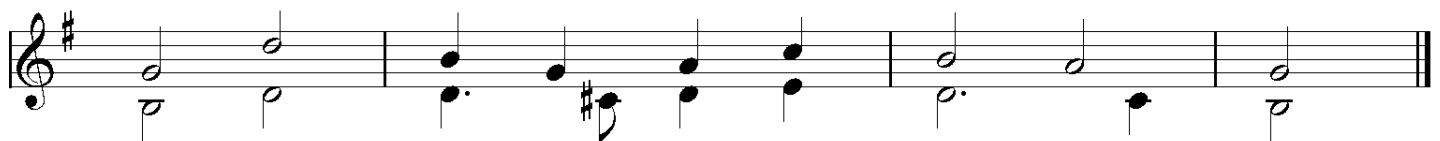
Unison or harmony



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.**

GLORIA #S278 (in the front of the hymnal, sung by all)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;*

*have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

- The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (responsively by whole verse)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ He revives my soul and guides me along right
pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for
ever.**

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #632 (vv. 1-2) *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

*O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.*

*The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.*

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

*O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ed Kelaher, Rector

THE RITE 13 LITURGY: A Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood

Hadley Briggs Jack Briggs Anderson Carter Ward Inabinett Cooper Petruzzi Fisher Welborn

THE PRESENTATION

Sponsors We present Lyndon, Hadley, Jack, Anderson, Ward, Cooper, and Fisher, who this day move from childhood to womanhood and manhood.

Celebrant Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to womanhood or manhood marks one of God’s great gifts. Today we celebrate the gift of womanhood and manhood with these young people.

Lyndon, Hadley, Jack, Anderson, Ward, Cooper, and Fisher, by the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now, as men and women, it is given to you to share God’s power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God’s image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power – not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God’s purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God’s gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

Celebrities **I am.**

Celebrant Let us join with these young people in reading Psalm 139.
(The congregation is asked to repeat the Antiphon.)

PSALM 139

Celebrities LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

Antiphon **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Celebrities For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Antiphon **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Celebrities My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there were none of them.

Antiphon **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Celebrities Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Antiphon **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Psalm 139:1,8-9,12-15,22-23

THE PRAYER FOR THE PARENTS

Celebrant

When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, these parents and family members stand watching their sons and daughters grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

O God, bless Laurie and Dan, Elizabeth and David, Mary-Cameron and Brent, Bright, Robin, and Mark, the parents and families of these young people. Rejoice with them as their sons and daughters become men and women. Strengthen them that they may support their sons and daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

THE CHARGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Celebrant Dear friends of Lyndon, Hadley, Jack, Anderson, Ward, Cooper, and Fisher: As they move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you stand by them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

Young People **We will, with God's help.**

THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Celebrant As the living Body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God, which spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become men and women?

All People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you guide, guard and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

All People **We will, with God's help.**

THE BLESSING

Lyndon, Hadley, Jack, Anderson, Ward, Cooper, and Fisher, you have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of child-hood and the strength and creative power of womanhood and manhood; now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

The Celebrities kneel. The parents come forward and lay their hands on the Celebrities' shoulders. The Celebrant lays his hands on each of them and says,

Lyndon, Hadley, Jack, Anderson, Ward, Cooper, and Fisher: may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, rest upon you this day and for evermore.

The People respond, AMEN.

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392 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

The Leader and People stand and pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; we pray for Joe our President, Roy our Governor, Jason our Mayor, and John our Councilman;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Samuel and Jennifer* our Bishops; and *Ed* our Priest; and all other bishops and ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, and **Josey** Parker,
and those with special needs:

W.C. Lanning, **Fred** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **David** Bankston, **Rhonda** Bralkowski, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Art** Burkhardt, **Emily** Duquette Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Tracy** Davis, **Barbara** Dixon, **Susan** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Charlotte** Froehlich, **Marc** Frye, **Jenny** Gallen and family, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Greg** Hutchins, **David** Kinney, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Brian** McKerlie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Chocolate** Myers, **Howard** Palmer, **Bill** Phillipps, **Gabby** Plott, **Pat** Plummer, **Libby** Robert, **Carl** Robertson, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Tommy** Shaw, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhardt Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Peggy** Snyder, **Reid** Taylor, **Jackie** Touchton, **Laura** Turlington, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Darla** Tysinger, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Kathy** Watson, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary and Jay** Williams, **Vickie** Wolfe, **Charlotte** Young, and **John** (withheld).

“Are there others?”

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially *Anne Rives*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Celebrant and People kneel and say

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able

360 THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(choir only) *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is (St. Columba tune)*
- arr. M. Schweizer, after J. S. Bach's *Prelude 1 in C Major*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #205 (v.5) *(The offering is brought forth while the hymn is being sung)*

**To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

361 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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

SANCTUS #S125 (*Sung by All*)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel

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.**

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.**

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

**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.**

364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.

Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.

If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.

366 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

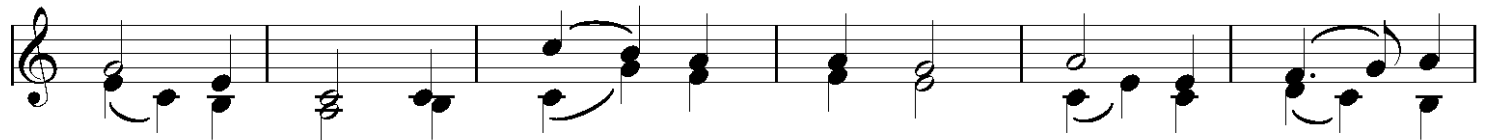
Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Prelude to the Te Deum - M. Charpentier

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Lector: Kathy Young
Intercessor: Melissa Thayer
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Staley Nance
Ushers: Doug Hartzog, Wes Allred
Greeter: Penny Taylor
Acolytes: Ward Inabinett, Fisher Welborn, Jack Briggs

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex.

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary.

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.



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THE VESTRY

2024

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Sandy Reynolds Asst. Clerk
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Susan Terrell

2025

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2026

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Sally Dodd Clerk
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Vestry Person of the Month for April is Susan Terrell.