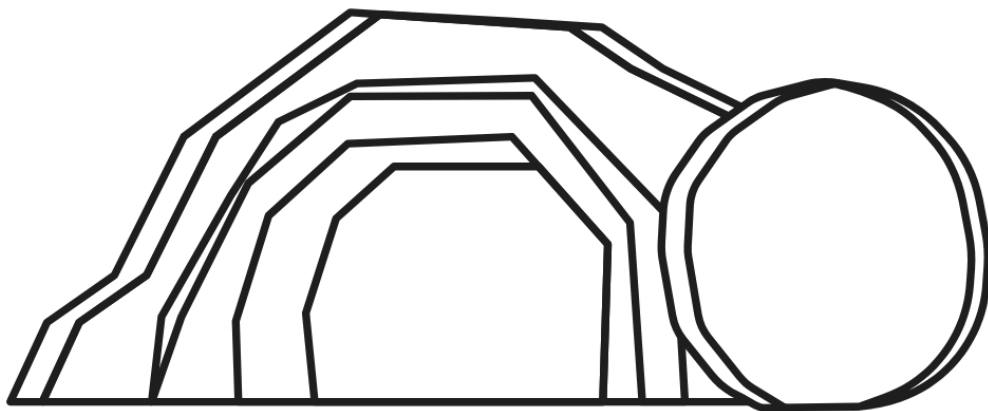


The Third Sunday of Easter



HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS
RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE
THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

MATTHEW 28:6

April 14, 2024

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's!

Name tags are available. We'd love to make one for you if you do not have one already.

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe," and feel free to bring it to your pew. We're casual.

We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table, where there are weekly activity bulletins and crayons.

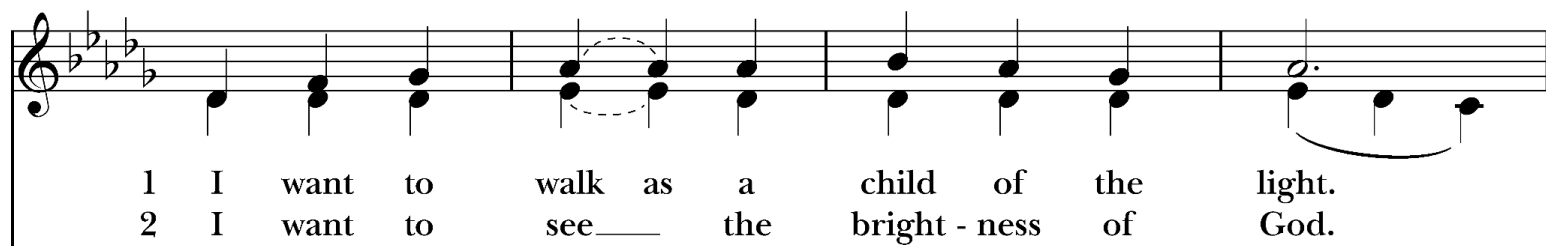
Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15 am. The link to our YouTube channel is available on our website, stmarksandstjohns.org.

We do not pass an offering plate during the service. If you would like to make a financial gift, you can place it in the plate (by the sign-in binder) or contribute online.

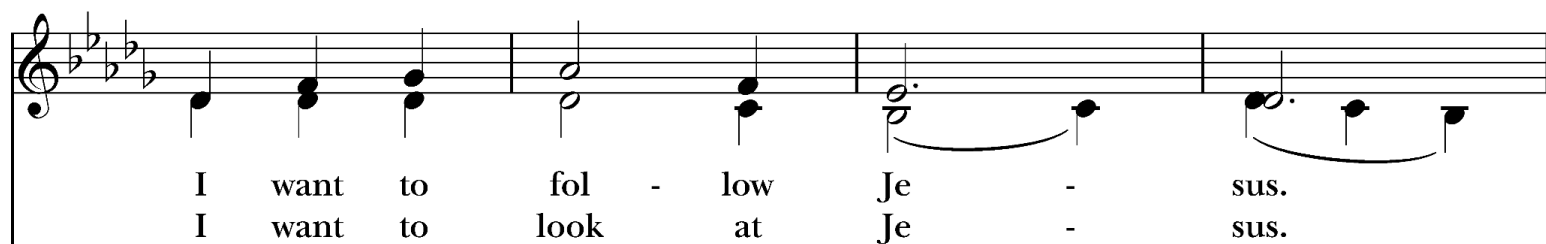
PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



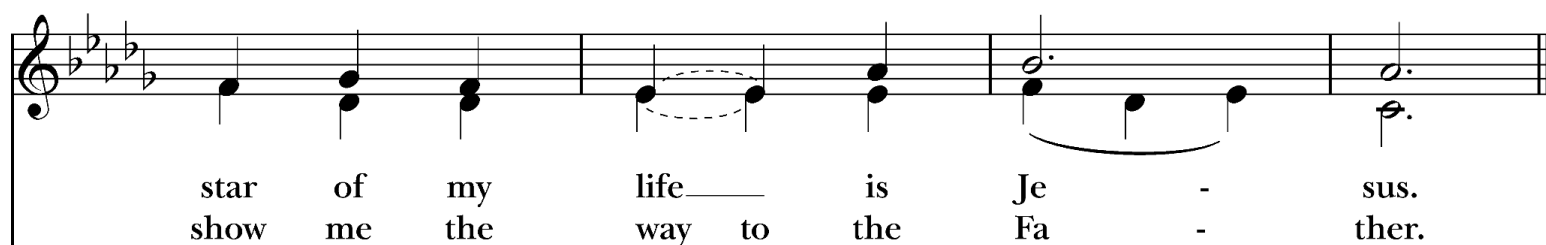
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.

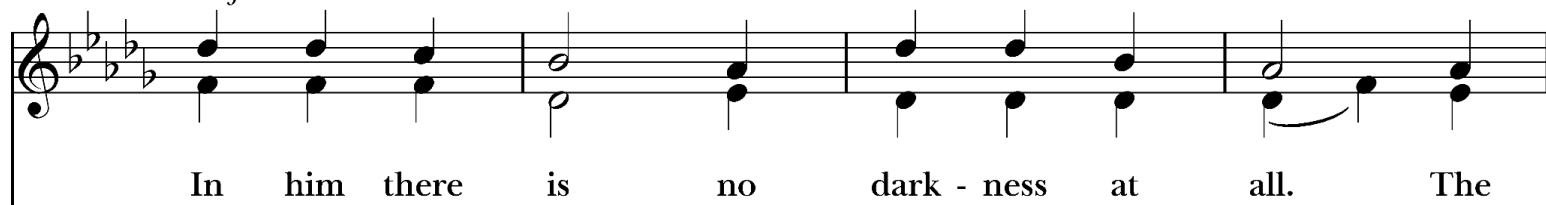


God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and

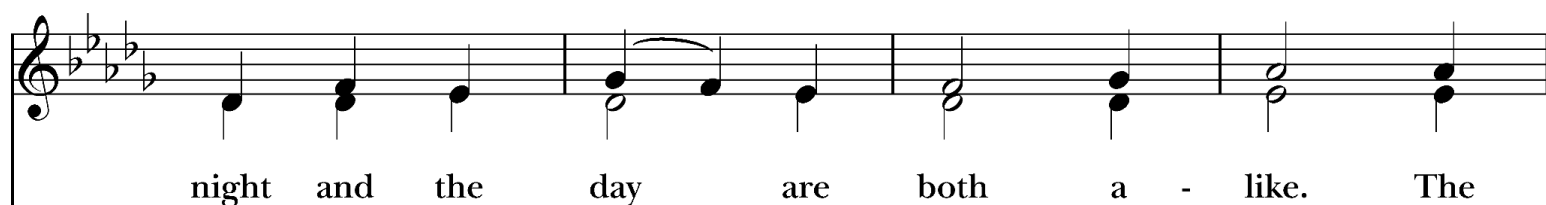


star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ has risen.

Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.**

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the book of Acts, the third chapter...

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the book of First John, the third chapter...

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Christ is Alive"

The musical score is written for two voices, labeled 1 and 2. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano range. The lyrics are: 1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands; 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant. The second staff continues the melody: 1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with; 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the. The third staff concludes the piece: 1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.; 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Cindy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Community of Iona Abbey

**We believe in God
in whom is power and compassion.
We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe,
set solar systems dancing into space,
shaped molecules and mountains,
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants,
and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus, born in poverty in an occupied land;
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil,
spoke truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives.
In his living, dying and rising again he showed
love strong enough to save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who sustains, comforts and empowers us,
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,
and illuminates earth's darkness.
Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *Please be seated*
*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer
intentions on one of the Prayer Boards during the music.*

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

Thank you, God.

For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,

Thank you, God.

For the richness of soil that covers so much of our earth that we may know your presence more fully as we work to remediate the soil in city lots as we nurture the land.

Thank you, God.

For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

Thank you, God.

For your life giving spirit and your promise to always be with us. We pray for those who are experiencing pain, sadness, distress, or uncertainty that you may provide relief to their suffering. We pray especially today for...

Thank you, God.

Celebrant: 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, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

DOXOLOGY

"Morning has Broken"

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____

MUSIC

"Crowded Table"

*Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna
Text adapted for worship*

Refrain

I want a church with a crowded table
And a place at the altar for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're fed and able
And bring us back together when the day is done.

If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed (**+ Refrain**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source
and our fulfillment, for you create all things, and in you we live and
move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea

and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself.

And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation. As a parent tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister and Joseph our brother.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made. You send forth your Holy Spirit ever giving birth and rebirth to your church.

Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we sing your hymn of unending love,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-

est, ho-san-na in the high-est

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so, in this sacrament, we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your resurrected body offering hope to the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who have not been heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed

be thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in

heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly

bread. And for - give us our debts as we for - give our

debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion. But de - liv - er us from

e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the

glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with God's goodness.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

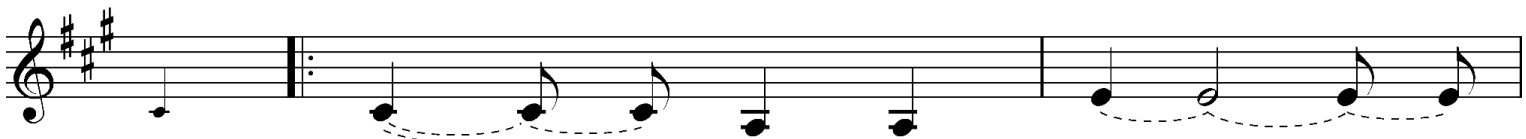
ALL are welcome to receive communion. Please be seated.

An usher will direct you to the center aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available. We offer both the common cup/ individual glasses (grape juice is also available). We ask that you refrain from intinction (dipping your wafer into the common cup). If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion just let Pastor Cindy know.

This Sunday is the second Sunday of the month, which means we will offer the laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil. If you would like to receive healing, you may go to Pastor Cindy after receiving communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"I am the Bread of Life"



1 I am the bread of life; ——— they who
2 (The) Bread that ——— I will give ——— is my
3 (Un-) less ——— you eat ——— of the
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, ———



1 come to me shall not ——— hun - ger; they who be -
2 Flesh for the life of the world, ——— and they who
3 Flesh of the Son of ——— Man ——— and ———
4 I ——— am the ——— life. ——— They who be -



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2 eat ——— of this bread, they shall ——— live for
3 drink ——— of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
4 lieve ——— in me, e - ven ——— if they



1 me_____ un - less the_____ Fa - ther draw them.
2 ev - er._____ they shall_____ live for ev - er.
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
4 die,_____ they shall_____ live for ev - er.

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day._____ 2 The
3 Un- day.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"THE BLESSING" (Aotearoa)

adapted for SMSJ liturgy - original music and words by
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make Her face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn Her face toward you and give you peace. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children,
and their children. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

FINAL BLESSING

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ. The blessing of God Almighty, the Holy
Trinity, bless you and raise you to new life, both now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Worship Leaders for April & May

Date	First Lesson and Psalm	Second Lesson & Usher	Prayers of the People & Greeter
4/14	Heather G.	Terri C.	Deb S.
4/21	Joe C.	Michele H.	Tom F.
4/28	Theresa H.	Steve F.	Sharon K.
5/5	Mike F.	Heather G.	Terri C.
5/12	Deb S.	Joe C.	Michele H.
5/19	Tom F.	Theresa H.	Steve F.
5/26	Sharon K.	Mike F.	Mary E.

Worship Leaders for April & May

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4/14	Tom F.	Michele H.	Joe C.
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5/5	Mary E.	Mike F.	Sharon K.
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5/26	Heather G.	Bob C.	Dave E.

Weekly Opportunities for Worship & Service

Worship with Eucharist - Sundays at 9:15 am

Food Shelf Distribution - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Volunteers needed to sign guests in and distribute food. Sign up on our website at stmarksandstjohns.org/volunteer.

Announcements

The **Nazareth Brass Ensemble Concert** will be held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, 4/16 at 7 pm. The concert is free, all are welcome!

Tuesday @ 10am **E.D.E.N. Garden Bible Study** begins Tuesday, May 14th. If you would like to be part of the leadership team contact Pastor Cindy.

Last year we postponed **Confirmation/Affirmation/Reception** classes due to Bishop Lane canceling his visit. We have been assured that Bishop Kara will be scheduled for the Fall. If you are interested in participating in these classes please let Pastor Cindy know.

Tickets for the Beer Tasting are on sale now! Get yours at bit.ly/SMSJBeer2024. The event will be Friday, May 10th at 6:30 pm.

A wonderful seminarian and Postulant for ordination in the diocese is looking for some summer housing during her CPE unit from the end of May through mid-August. If you have a spare room or are looking for a house sitter this summer and are willing to host her, please let Pastor Cindy or Maria know.

Upcoming Events @ SMSJ

EDEN Garden Volunteer Day - Sat. April 20 @ 10 am

Earth Day Liturgy & Neighborhood Clean-Up - Sun. April 21 @ 9:15 am

Beer Tasting Fundraiser - Fri. May 10 @ 6:30 pm

EDEN Garden Volunteer Day - Sat. May 25 @ 10 am

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Are we missing your information? Send us an email at admin@stmarksandstjohns.org so we can add it and celebrate your special day with you!

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Heather G. - April 15	<i>Celebrating an anniversary in February? Let us know so we can celebrate you!</i>



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Diocesan Delegates: Nancy Ramsay, Ella Gruel, and Deb Snyder

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Treasurer: Michele Holmes

Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition Representative

Terri Censak