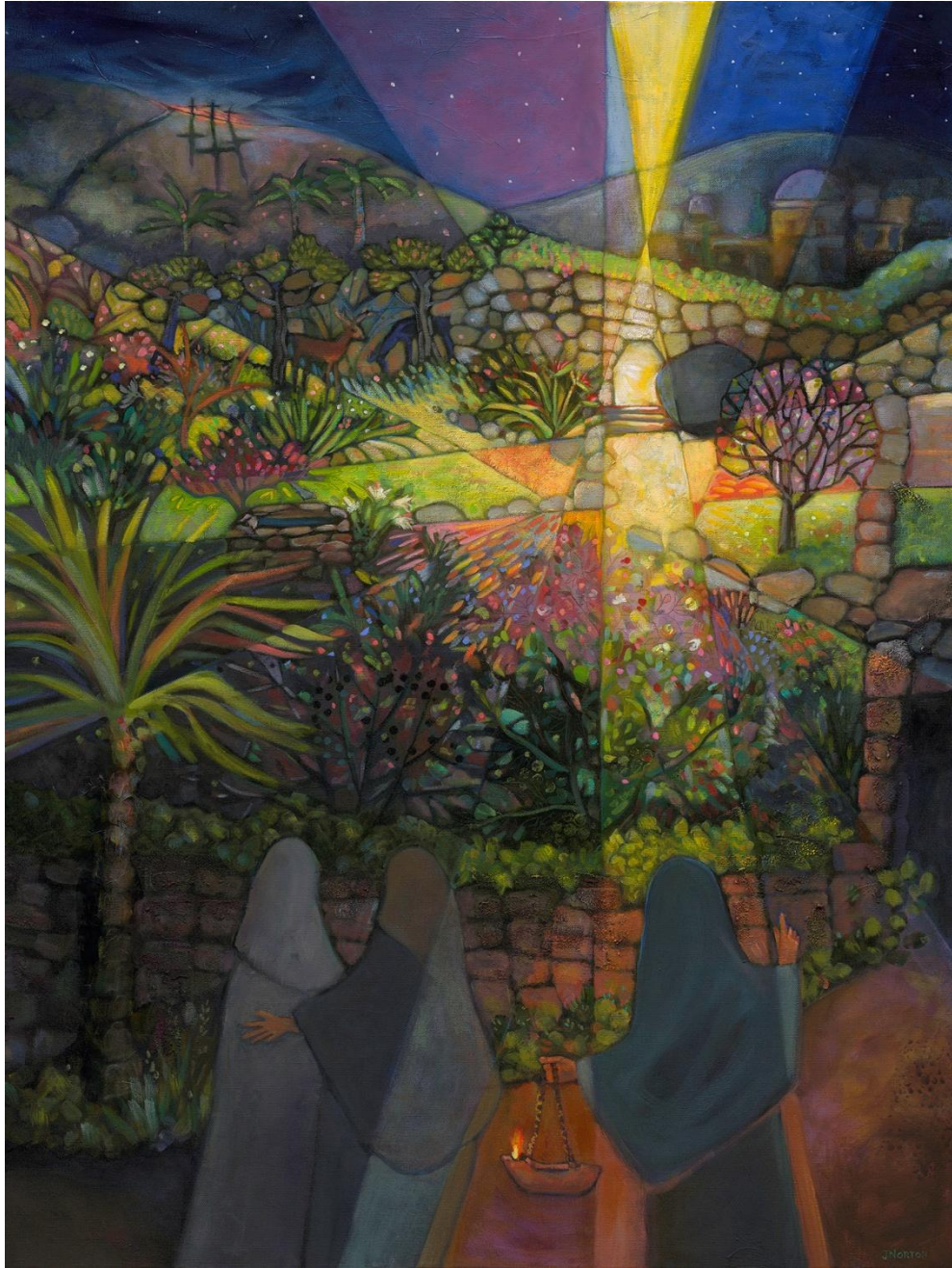


Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025, 8:15 AM



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Basil Souder

Children's Greeting

Mary Curlew, Intern

Opening Hymn, #207 Jesus Christ is risen today (*omit vs. 3*)

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Intern Let every creature and creation rejoice!

People **All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"**

Celebrant Let us share every story of coming alive again.

People **And testify to all that brings peace and justice.**

Intern No spirit of destruction can silence us.

People **Let everything that has breath praise God!**

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect of Easter

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Nina Scribner

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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: "Resurrection" by Teri Hobart

Nina Scribner

I am Resurrection
I am Life – before, beyond, and despite death
I am blossoms bursting from seeds buried in the cold winter ground
I am Lazarus
I am a monarch emerging from the cocoon
I am courage to walk through the abyss
I am fresh favas in spring, the first ripe tomato of summer
I am dominion over death
I am sunlight sparkling after a storm
I am new life born from tragedy
I am the calming of the waves
I am the grace that pours from a heart broken open
I am a new beginning
I am hope reborn in empty souls
I am the sunrise
I am the loved ones that live on in our heart
I am bird song in the dawn
I am balm for the grieving
I am the wellspring of life
I give hope, courage
I live by dying
I live in spite of dying
I am Resurrection
I am Life – before, beyond, and despite death

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #205

Good Christians all rejoice and sing (*vs. 1,2,3*)

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to Luke
People **Glory to you, O God.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #188

Love's redeeming work is done

The Hymnal 1982

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Beloveds of God, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by grace, in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

We thank you, Almighty God, for our baptism into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Asperges

The priest sprinkles water from the font using a sprig from an evergreen as a reminder of the baptismal vows just renewed. During which, the congregation sings:

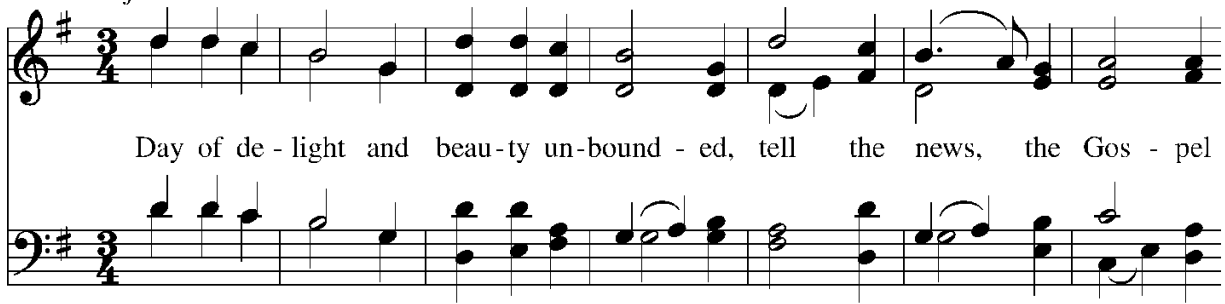
Hymn, #738

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Day of Delight

Wonder, Love, & Praise

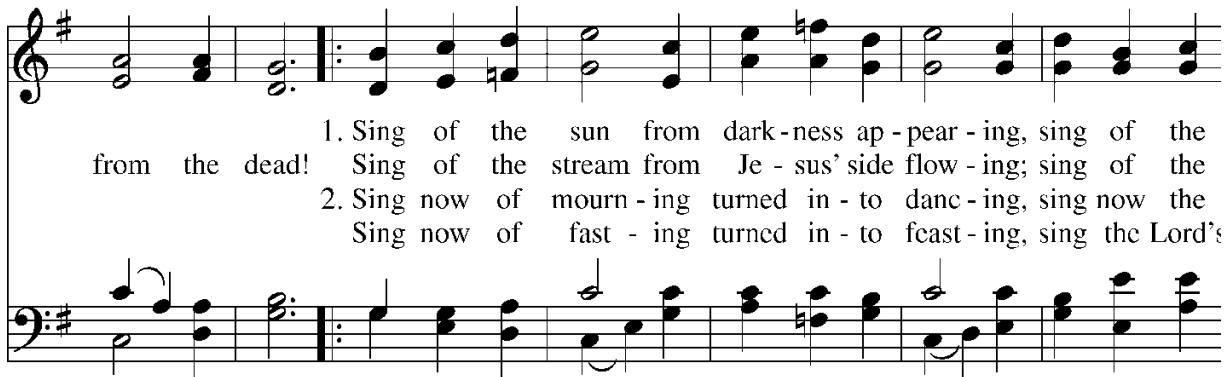
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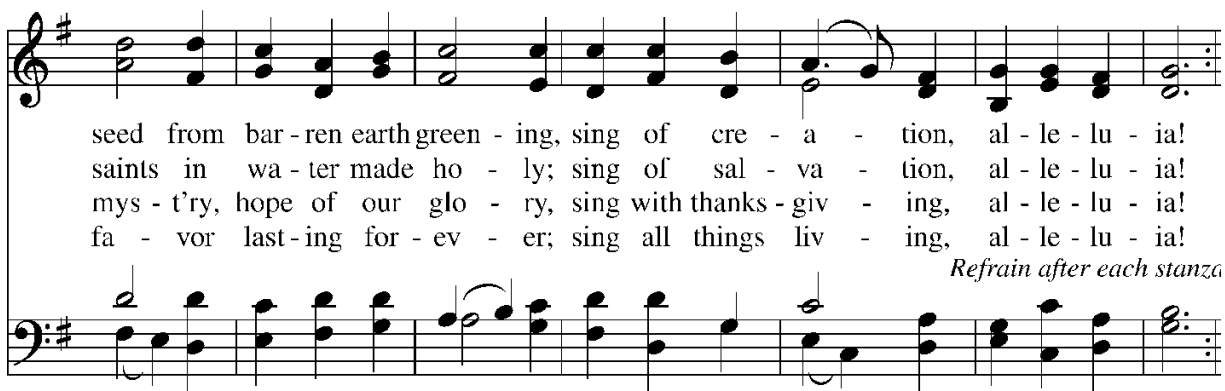
Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the Gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, tell Christ ris - en



1. Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap - pear - ing, sing of the
from the dead! Sing of the stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the
2. Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to danc - ing, sing now the
Sing now of fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing, sing the Lord's



seed from bar - ren earth green - ing, sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
saints in wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry, sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
fa - vor last - ing for - ev - er; sing all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
Refrain after each stanza

Prayers of the People

Mary Curlew

Leader

In joy and celebration let us offer our prayers to the source of all life.
Sing out your joy, saying, "Blessed be the risen Christ!"

A brief silence for reflection.

Holy and faithful God, as your church throughout the world sings "Alleluia" and rejoices because of the power of your love, we pray for the church and for all who preach the gospel with their words and with their lives. May our witness to the

risen Christ be a sure and unmistakable sign of God's victory over the power of hatred and death.

Sing out your joy;

People

Blessed be the risen Christ!

May we hear that voice which promises, "Peace be with you." Lead us to live your peace in our hearts and in our homes. Work through us to establish your peace in our communities and into every corner of the world, remembering those places that suffer war and civil strife, especially Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan. Make us peacemakers in the world.

Sing out your joy;

Blessed be the risen Christ!

As the risen Lord greeted his unbelieving followers and said to them "Do not be afraid," we pray for all who are consumed with fear for themselves or for others, all whose lives are scarred by prejudice, abuse, domestic violence, or addiction. We pray for those in the armed services or all whose labor or vocation places them in danger. May fear this day be replaced by faith and doubt turned to joy.

Sing out your joy;

Blessed be the risen Christ!

As the risen Christ first appeared to women and men who were prepared to see only death and defeat, may he now be known in us and among us, and especially in those places where there is sickness and grief. We pray for the sick and those with special needs from our parish prayer list:

Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Will; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Wes; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Richard; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Ted; Matt; Vanya; Penny N; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Hartley; Isabel; and the Edgecomb family.

Sing out your joy;

Blessed be the risen Christ!

With the words of resurrection fresh in our hearts and on our lips, we commend to your eternal love, O God, those who have died. We offer thanks for all those in whose loving memory the Easter flowers have been given and also those who have recently died, especially Pat Edgecomb, long-time member of St Bart's.

Sing out your joy;

Blessed be the risen Christ!

Our prayers rise to you like the smoke of incense upon an altar. Receive the prayers offered by those who gather here this morning:

A time for intercessions offered aloud or silently.

Sing out your joy;

Blessed be the risen Christ!

Celebrant: Gracious God, by your mighty hand you raised Jesus from the grave and made him the author of eternal life. Bestow upon us who are baptized into his death the same power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the life and peace you give. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born among the dead, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ is always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with the sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #208

The strife is o'er (*omit vs. 3*)

The Hymnal 1982

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People **All things come of thee, O God, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosannah in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We who were no people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

*Celebrant
People*

Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward down the center aisle where there are two bread stations – one for each side of the sanctuary. Each station has both bread and gluten-free bread: presenting your hands facing upward indicates you'd like bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. Once you receive the bread, you may proceed to the Chalice Bearer on your side. You are invited to sip from the chalice. If you prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive a blessing. If you prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Communion Hymns, #204 Now the green blade riseth

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Benediction

Celebrant As the Risen Christ called out, "Mary"
on the other side of death,
may you hear your own name
on the lips of the Beloved
calling you into hope,
even when your heart is shattered.
Evil cannot keep us down.
Love rises. Love persists.
Love always will.

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #210

The day of resurrection!

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Resources

Opening Acclamation & Benediction: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded
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Music Christina Edelen

Chalice Bearer Mary Curlew

Lector Nina Scribner

Ushers Pam Hobson, Jennifer Willard

Altar Guild Jan Burson

Flower Arranger Imelda Schaefer

A/V Peter Sillin

Bread Baker John Perkins

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VPOW Basil Souder

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Easter Flowers are given...



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John Duncan & Barbara Barhydt

The Fitzgibbons Family

Susan Garrett & Randy Moon

Carol Hayes

Laurie and Tom Hyndman

Chris & Anne Jacobs

Imelda Schaefer

The Shank Family

IN MEMORY OF:

All those who have gone before us

Katherine and Albert Zimmerman

Charles Calvin

Charlie Calvin

Mrs. Ruth Lee Calvin

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Emerson Jr.

Fran, Randi, Renate and Steve

My parents, Evelyn and E. Kent Damon

My brothers, Kent and Brad

Muriel P. and David W. Ballard

Our parents

Jane Olson

Richard and Judith Olson

Robert and Anne Fitzgibbons

Our parents, Dorothy and Ed Garrett

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