

# The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 15, 2017

**10:30pm**



**Welcome!** Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Holy Communion.

## **Our Mission**

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

**Can I receive Communion?** Yes. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy.

**Are children welcome?** Children are especially welcome at Holy Communion, wiggles, noises, and all. There is a soft space at the back of the church, with coloring sheets, colored pencils and quiet books. Our chapel is a good place to bring a crying infant, or a boisterous toddler, with windows into the church and speakers broadcasting the sound from the service.

**How do I find my way around?** There is a map by the Welcome Table in the main entryway (on the East side of the church). Also, feel free to ask anyone to help you around.

**Where are the restrooms?** There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms in the Lounge, through the main (East) door, and through the next glass door. There are gendered larger restrooms downstairs (take the elevator or stairs at the end of the long hallway in front of that entrance). Changing tables are available in the downstairs restrooms or in the nursery.

**Is there wheelchair accessibility?** Yes, the downstairs restrooms and one of the upstairs restrooms is accessible. Everyone is invited to remain seated during the service as they need.

**What about hearing assistance?** We can help there, too. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Just ask.

**How do I get involved?** If you begin by filling out a "Welcome Card" in your pew, or one of the sheets in the entryway, we'd be glad to keep you up to date with all that goes on here.

**Become a member.** All are welcome to be here and to explore. If you would like to learn more and meet interesting people, consider joining in Pilgrimage, the Rector's class for newcomers and explorers. The next class starts Saturday, April 29, at 10am.

# The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*All gather outside the front door.*

*Celebrant*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

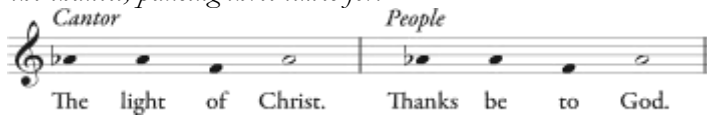
Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Making the sign of the cross, and inserting grains of incense, the celebrant prays:*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

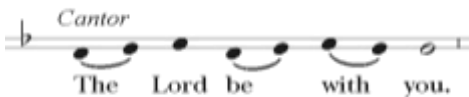
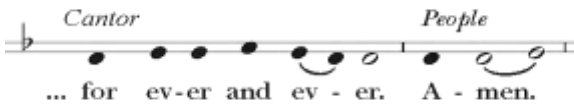
*Then all proceed into the chancel, pausing three times for:*

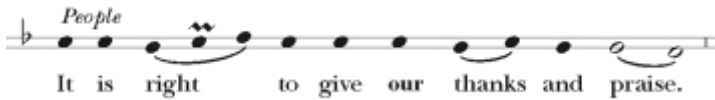
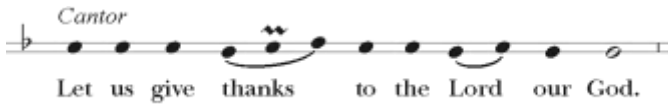


**The Exsultet** *Please stand*

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 286-287*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round Earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praises of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,



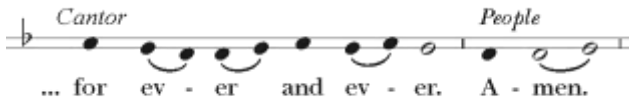


It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our ancestors, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled to God.

Holy God, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning, he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns



*A notebook with the readings will be passed from person to person.*

*If you wish to read, please feel welcome.*

*If you do not wish to read, pass the book to the next person.*

**1st Lesson**

**Genesis 1:1--2:4a**

**Silence & Collect**

**2nd Lesson**

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:16-18, 9:8-13**

Hymn

*Come with Me for the Journey is Long*

1  
Come with me for the jour-ney is long,      Come with me for the jour-ney is long.

5      2  
jour-ney is long,—      The jour-ney, the jour-ney, the jour-ney is long,—      The

8      1      2  
jour-ney, the jour-ney, the jour-ney is long,—      The jour-ney is long.

Silence & Collect

3rd Lesson

Genesis 22:1-18

Silence & Collect

4th Lesson

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Hymn

*Go Down, Moses*

Hymnal 648

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;  
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
 3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;  
 4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they— could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
 to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
 and came at length to— Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.  
 and let us all in— Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

*Refrain*

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;  
 tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

**Silence & Collect**

**5th Lesson**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Anthem**

*Someone Like You*

Frank Wildhorn

*I peer through windows, watch life go by, dream of tomorrow and wonder why the past is holding me, keeping life at bay. I wander, lost in yesterday, wanting to fly, but scared to try.*

*But if someone like you found someone like me, then suddenly, nothing would ever be the same. My heart would take wing, and I'd feel so alive, if someone like you found me.*

*So many secrets I long to share. All I have needed is someone there to help me see a world I've never seen before, a love to open every door, to set me free so I can soar.*

*But if someone like you found someone like me, then suddenly, nothing would ever be the same. There'd be a new way to live, and a new life to love, if someone like you found me.*

*If someone like you found someone like me, then suddenly, nothing would ever be the same. My heart would take wing, and I'd feel so alive, if someone like you found me.*

**Silence & Collect**

# Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

The Congregation is invited to follow the clergy in procession to the font while singing "Down in the River to Pray".

Sequence Hymn: *Down in the River to Pray* arr. Michael Peasall

1.As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - in' a -  
 2.As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - in' a -  
 3.As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - in' a -  
 4.As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - in' a -  
 5.As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - in' a -  
 6.As I went down in the ri - ver to pray, stu - dy - in' a -

1.bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good  
 2.bout that good old way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good  
 3.bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good  
 4.bout that good old way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good  
 5.bout that good old way, and who shall wear the star - ry crown, Good  
 6.bout that good old way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, Good

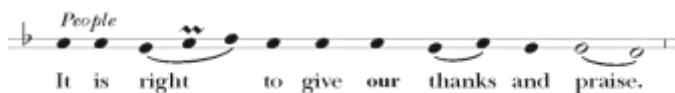
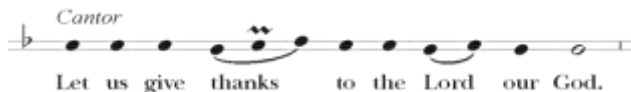
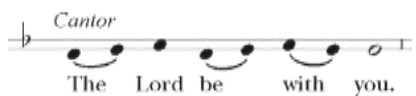
1.Lord, show me the way.  
 2.Lord, show me the way.  
 3.Lord, show me the way.  
 4.Lord, show me the way.  
 5.Lord, show me the way.  
 6.Lord, show me the way.

1.O sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,  
 2.O bro - thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,  
 3.O fa - thers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,  
 4.O mo - thers, let's go down, come on down, come on down,  
 5.O sin - ners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,

1.O sis - ters, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.  
 2.O bro - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.  
 3.O fa - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.  
 4.O mo - thers, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.  
 5.O sin - ners, let's go down, down in the ri - ver to pray.

## Thanksgiving over the Water *All are invited to gather around the font.*

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*



*The Celebrant prays over the water. Toward the end of the prayer, the Paschal Candle is lowered three times into the font, as the celebrant sings "Now sanctify this water we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit on successively higher pitches. As the prayer finishes, the people sing Amen:*



## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**



*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

# Congregational Hymn

# Wade in the Water

LEVAS 143

The clergy asperge the congregation as we sing...

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

**Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
2. See that band all dressed in red,  
3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the  
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter.  
1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

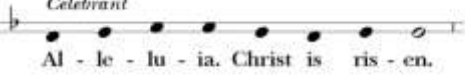
**D.C.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

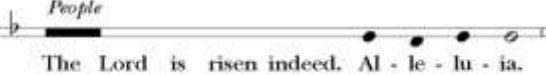
**Easter Acclamation** *standing, sung three times*

*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord’s resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truly; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

**Alleluia-Heleluyan** *the whole congregation processes back to the chancel for the Gospel as the lights are raised and the altar candles are lit.*



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;



he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

**The Holy Gospel** *please remain standing*

**Matthew 28:1-10**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

*The Rev. Marc Smith*

**Prayers of the People** *standing*

Our Lord lives, for death has no dominion over him. And so we, God’s holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God’s image in one another. May our lives proclaim: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

Tested in our faith and strengthened by God’s love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial, we pray for their courage and strength that those who suffer may proclaim: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

*You are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud.*

United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died, proclaiming: **Christ is risen! Amen, Alleluia!**

*Celebrant*

O true God, who has glorified your Son Jesus Christ as the pledge of our freedom from sin and death, receive our praise and prayer through Christ our Lord, the great Amen and our Alleluia, now and forever. **Amen**

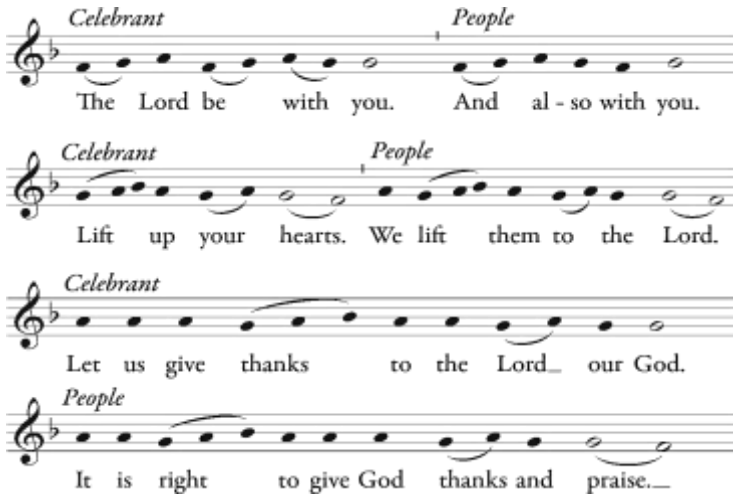
**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Eucharistic Prayer A *standing*

*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 372



Celebrant                                  People  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant                                  People  
 Lift up your hearts. 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.\_

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response all sing:

Sanctus *please stand*

WLP 858

tune name: *Land of Rest*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's reign. The congregation sings the "Great AMEN" to the tune of "Halleluyan" (see p. 8).*

## The Lord's Prayer

**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,**

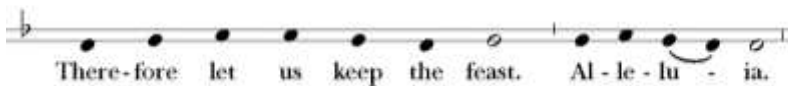
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread



## Administration of the Sacrament

*You are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Gluten Free wafers are available, on request, from the minister. On the left (West) side, the chalice is filled with white grape juice as a sign of welcome for those who choose not to consume wine. On the right (East) side, the chalice is traditional red wine. Please feel free to cross the aisle for your preferred chalice.*

## Communion Hymns

*Noel nouvelet*  
*Vreuchten*

Hymnal 204  
Hymnal 192

## Post Communion Prayer *kneeling or standing*

*Book of Common Prayer, p.365*

**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.**

## The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the Resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Concluding Hymn: *standing*

*Salzburg*

Hymnal 174

## The Dismissal:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ the Lord.  
**“Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!”**

## Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith
Assisting	The Rev. Beth Scriven
Chalice	Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Scott Scoopmire
Usher	Bill Scoopmire

*Lord, hear our prayer...* Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Betty Adams	Marie-José Fraley	Clydia Powers
Ruth Burroughs	Dick Johnson	Richard Powers
Larry Bushon	Doris Jones	Richard Roundtree
Henry Cummings	Jim Krieg	Alma Shuler
Gayle Danielson	Ernie Last	Marylen Stansberry
Angeleen Gamache	Bryan Miller	Liz Tarpy
Sara Green	Erin Murphy	Jerry Taylor
Regina Hoernschemeyer	Chris Nawrocki	Eduardo Teming
The Horrell Family	Amy Ondr	Ruth Worley

To request prayers for a family member or yourself, or remove a name from the list, contact the parish office at 314-721-7401.



*The flowers adorning the church and chapel today are given . . .*

*In memory of:*

Hildagarde Anderson (born this day in 1917), by Heidi & Kenneth Olliff

Joe & Marge Baudendistel, by Leanna, Simone and Donna Baudendistel

The Mayfield and Loper families, by Burton Mayfield

Richard A. Blaha, Mary C. Scott Hammond and Connie L. Stanton, by Connor Scott

Lou & Virginia Darby and Frank & Berenice Krieg, by Jim and Lucy Krieg

Patrick Horrell, by Helen Burton & Bruce McCollister

Mark Moloney, by Bill & Mary Haggerty

Sarah & Earl Wagner, by Sondra & Dan Ellis

*In thanksgiving for:*

The birth of Felix Bernard Goldstein, by Meg and Brian Goldstein

Family and friends, by Josephine Ezenwa

Family and friends, by Beverly White

Our new parish family at Holy Communion, by Sally and Bill Thomas

Two years of ministry at Holy Communion by the Rev Mike Angell & Ellis Anderson

## Announcements

**Continue the Easter celebration at a reception in Mitchell Parish Hall immediately following the service.** We'll pop corks on sparkling beverages and enjoy our favorite chocolate and other treats.

**Easter Egg Hunt** (11:45am) Following Sunday's service, children age 12 and under are invited to hunt eggs on the parish lawn (inside the building if it rains).

**The next date for Holy Baptism** is Sunday, April 23. Please contact our Rector, the Rev. Mike Angell ([mangell@holycommunion.net](mailto:mangell@holycommunion.net)) to schedule a baptism.

**Pilgrimage – Saturday, April 29 & May 6** (10:00am – 2:00pm)

Are you new to Holy Communion? To the Episcopal Church? To Christianity? Are you just looking to know more about the tradition? Join us for Pilgrimage our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition. This class is especially suited for newcomers, but it is open to all who are exploring. Register at [www.holycommunion.net/education/pilgrimage](http://www.holycommunion.net/education/pilgrimage).

### Save these dates!

- April 19:** **Wednesday Book Study** (11:00am)  
**Parish Guild Luncheon & Meeting** (12:30pm)  
**FaithQuest** (6:30pm)
- April 26:** **Parish Day Out** (10:00am)  
**Vestry Meeting** (6:15pm)





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