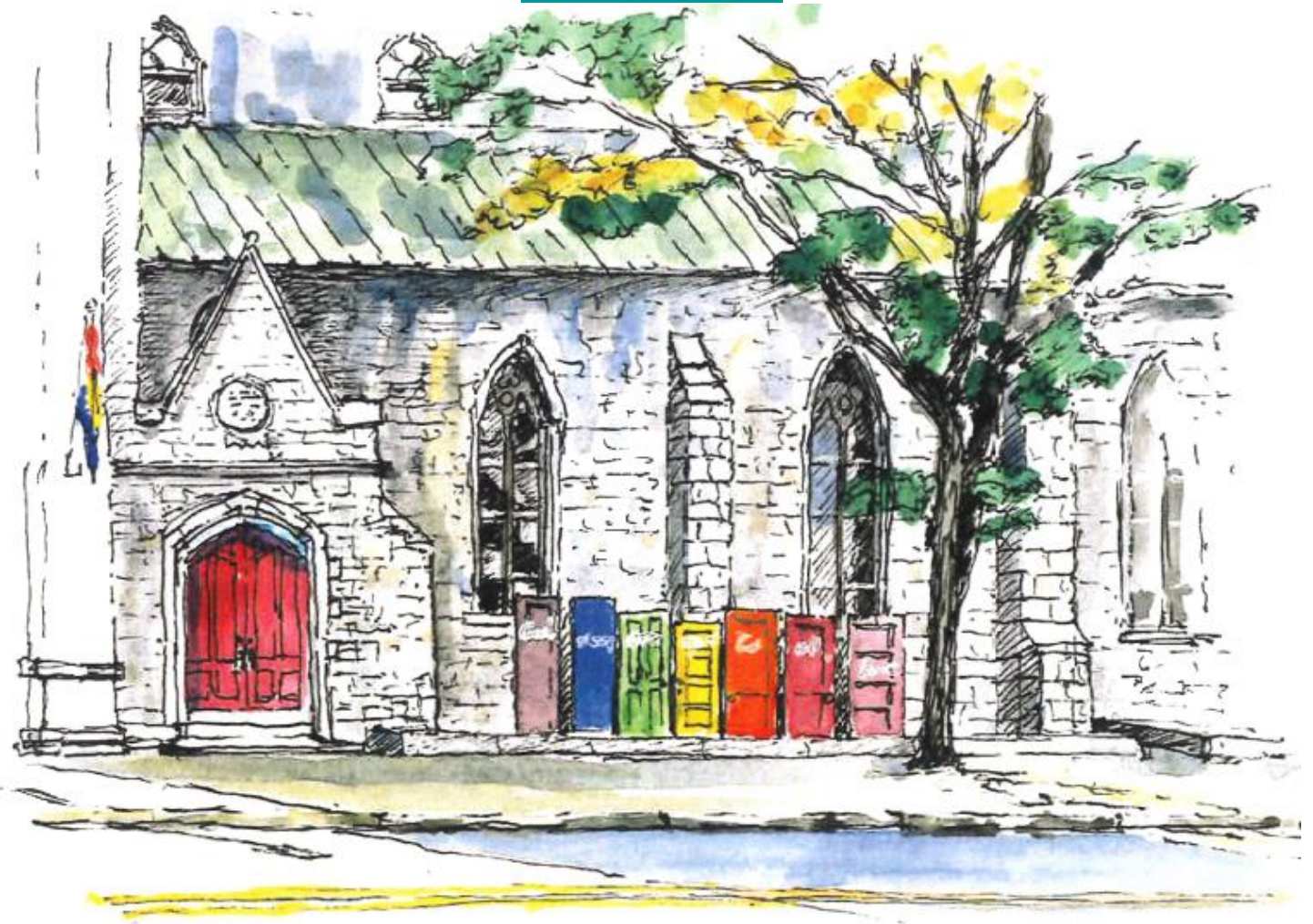


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Syracuse

The Downtown
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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIOTT

EASTER DAY
MARCH 31, 2024
10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Cortège et Litanie*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • 207, “Jesus Christ is risen today”

Easter Hymn

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CANTICLE •

Festival Canticle

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion. [Ant.]

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Isaiah 25:6-9

Lector

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

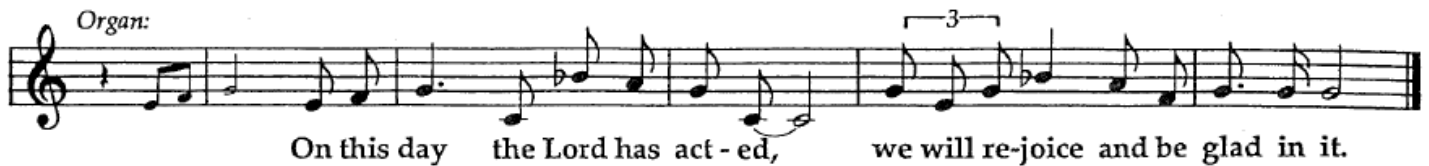
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM • 118:14-17, 22-23 *Confitemini Domino*

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

The Antiphon is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.



The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous. **Antiphon**

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. **Antiphon**

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **Antiphon**

EPISTLE • Corinthians 15:1-11

Lector

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you,
which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being
saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have
come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ
died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he
was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to
Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and
sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he

appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 204, "Now the green blade riseth"

Noël nouvelet

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Mark 16:1-8

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin credo, translated here as "we believe." Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be "we give our heart," "we trust," "we rely upon." Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

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

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, long ago faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the Risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of the Church, Michael our presiding Bishop, DeDe our Bishop, Philip our Rector, and all our laity. May the joy of the resurrection empower them.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the Risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray for those in poverty, sickness, and war. We pray for *n.*

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

Resurrecting God, you conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. We pray for those who have died, especially for *n.*, and for those whose names have been forgotten. Raise us with Christ that we may proclaim healing and peace to all.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

When our lives seem empty, we assume that Christ has been taken away. When our lives are painful, we assume that Christ has been taken away. And yet, Christ is risen.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsy** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea. Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie; Thou hast conquered the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light; now no more can death appal, the grave enthrall; Thou hast opened paradise, and in Thee thy saints shall rise. Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharist Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glorify you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People

By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to

People fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
Celebrant **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
 And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-114

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."
 Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**
Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Ruth and Mary, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**
Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-154

From *New Plainsong*; (b.1950)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

ANTHEMS AT COMMUNION – “

O sacrum convivium

Nigra sum

Thomas Pavlechko (b.1962)

Pablo Casales (1876-1973)

HYMNS AT COMMUNION – 306 & 321

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant

Let us pray.

All

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.

BLESSING

HYMN • 296, “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Engelberg

DISMISSAL

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Toccata (Symphony V)

Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul’s prayer leaders.

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

June B., Peter M., Denise D., Grant D., Phil B., Jean S., Tom A., Jason L., Ken G., Tom F., Edith R., Anne D., Steve S., Mary Ellen R., Craig P., Wanda H., Jim S., Doreen G. and David G.

We remember those who have died in recent days: John Philip Jones

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Julia Fine

Lay Readers: Cathy Wolff & Joe Russo

Ushers: Ieva and Jim Doyle & Mary Hastings

Flower Guild: Harriet Averill, Liz Belden-Handler, Tim Cassavaw, Betsy Elkins, Marion Greenhalgh, Jim Potts & Sandy Wiley

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy What is the reason for having the large, single candle lit and placed in the center of the chancel during the Easter season?

The candle in the center of the chancel is called the Paschal Candle. Episcopal Churches share this liturgical tradition with Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic Churches. The Paschal Candle is always the largest candle in the worship service, normally at least 24 inches tall, and at least 2 inches in diameter. It is decorated with symbols of Christ's presence and work among us, including a cross and the Greek letters alpha and omega. One might argue that, while all of the other candles in the worship space are more or less optional, the Paschal Candle is the only candle which is required for worship.

The lighting of the Paschal Candle is the first ritual of the Easter Vigil. After the Paschal Candle is lit the deacon or priest sings *The Exultet*, a hymn of praise describing God's work and Christ's work in bringing reconciliation and salvation to humankind. With *The Exultet* in mind, the Paschal Candle places God's saving work in the center of our worship throughout the Easter Season, up through the day of Pentecost.

The Paschal Candle is also lit at every baptism service. The symbolism of the Paschal Candle at baptism comes from St. Paul's description of our participation in Christ's work of kenosis, or self-emptying. In chapter six of Romans St. Paul describes the practice of Christians of emptying their lives of sins. Paul makes a connection between us emptying ourselves of the power of sin through baptism, and Christ's emptying of himself through his death: *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org. Fr. Philip +

Announcements for March 31

* We give thanks for the work of our lay leaders in preparing for and leading our Holy Week services and related activities. We give thanks especially for the ministries of our ushers, altar guild, lectors, choir, fellowship hosts, church school teachers, flower guild, acolytes, and eucharistic ministers.

* During this busy season we give thanks for the skills and faithfulness of our church staff: Jim Potts, Doug Mouncey, Judy McAdoo-Pelton, Derek Lane, and Mark King.

Construction Updates/Reminders:

- With more construction activity we can expect that our parking lot will be fuller. You may not park in any of the numbered spaces as they are rented to folks working in the neighborhood. The “x” spaces which are generally for St. Paul’s folks are now available to our construction workers. Plan your trips to St. Paul’s during the week accordingly. There will always be parking on Sundays.

Easter Flower Memorials

In loving memory of Clara & Nathaniel Abbott, and Virginia & William Elkins
Given by Betsy Elkins

In loving memory of Philip & Elizabeth Chase, Charles & Laura Estabrook,
Morris & Mary Chase and Hilda Broad
Given by Sarah Chase

In loving memory of Neva Pilgrim
Given by Dick Pilgrim

In loving memory of The Rev. Harold Avery
Given by Jeanne Avery

In loving memory of Andrew Besemer
Given by Tim Cassavaw

In loving memory of my parents, Arthur W. & Helen M. (Stickels) Sammons, Uncle, Rev. Msgr. Frank L Sammons, and friends, Beverly Bolton, Walley Francis, Pat Freyberger, and Bob Frye
Given by Joan Sammons

In thanksgiving for my sister Anne and family
Given by Debbie Bogan

In loving memory of my parents Leon & Bernadine Pickard
In honor of my wife Mary
Given by Barry Pickard

In loving memory of my parents, Jacob & Marie Heider, my sister, Evelyn Hobaica, and my husband George Paul Bisson
Given by June Bisson

In loving memory of Charles Goetz
Given by Ellie Major

In thanksgiving for the love of God revealed in the life of Nancy Bronder
Given by the Rev. Philip Major



In Loving Memory

Easter Flower Memorials

In loving memory of E. Tefft & Elisabeth H. Barker, Frederick W. & Mildred T. Barker, A. Ford & Edith P. Hinrichs
Given by Elisabeth A. Barker

In loving memory of Sarah B & Frederick A. Wolff
Given by Cathy Wolff

In loving memory of Harold (Hal) Brown Jr.
Given by Ruth Brown

In loving memory of Nellie Lambright, Vernon & Elizabeth Turner
Given by Harry & Nancy Lambright

In loving memory of Russell & Jeanne Greenhalgh and Marion & Edward Hughes
In Honor of Alexis Greenhalgh
Given by Marion Greenhalgh

In loving memory of our loved ones
Given by Jim & Ieva Doyle



In Loving Memory

Officers

Senior Warden: Marion Greenhalgh
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Clerk of the Vestry: Joseph Russo

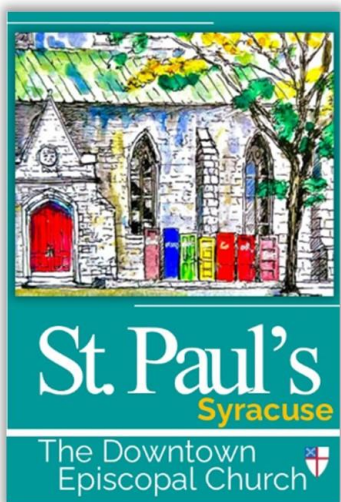
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