

# St. Mary the Virgin

## Anglican Catholic Parish

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The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch, Rector

The Rev. Deacon John Yeager, Assisting

### The Sunday called Sexagesima, or the Second Sunday before Lent

Commemoration of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Feb)

4 February 2024

#### Low Mass

#### Processional

Mannheim

Hymn 524

*Congregational Church Music*, 1853

Adapted from Friedrich Filitz, 1847



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as -  
3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



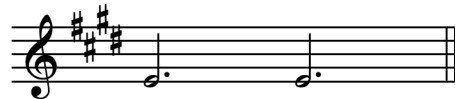
pour thy power; Crown thine an - cient Chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, sel - fish glad - ness,  
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces



Bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise: Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
In the fight to set men free. Grant us wis - dom,



grantus cou - rage, For the fa - cing of this hour.  
grantus cou - rage, For the liv - ing of these days.  
grantus cou - rage, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
grantus cou - rage, That we fail not man nor thee.



A - men.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.

## Introit

### The Decalogue *(may be said here)*

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Deacon: GOD spake these words, and said:  
I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Honour thy father and thy mother;  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt do no murder.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt not steal.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.  
Deacon: Thou shalt not covet.  
People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

### Summary of the Law

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### Kyrie Eleison

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Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Collect for Sexagesima Sunday

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O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

## Prayer for Our Country

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Lesson

### *Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

## Psalm 126

*In convertendo*

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WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, then were we like unto them that dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \* and our tongue with joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then said they among the heathen, \* The LORD hath done great things for them.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; \* whereof we rejoice.

<sup>5</sup> Turn our captivity, O LORD, \* as the rivers in the south.

<sup>6</sup> They that sow in tears \* shall reap in joy.

<sup>7</sup> He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, \* shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

All: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Epistle

### *II Corinthians 11:19-31*

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BRETHREN: Ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are

they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

## Gradual and Alleluia

### The Gospel

#### *St. Luke 8:4-15*

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People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time; When much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, Jesus spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way-side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## Announcements

### Sermon Hymn

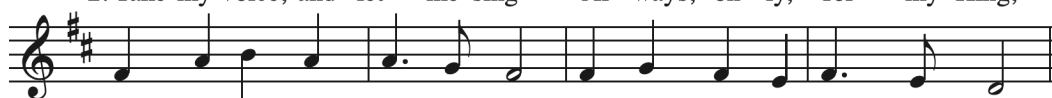
Hymn 408

Hollingside

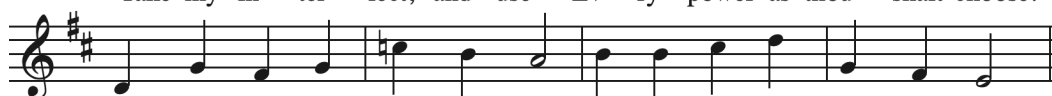
John B. Dykes, 1861



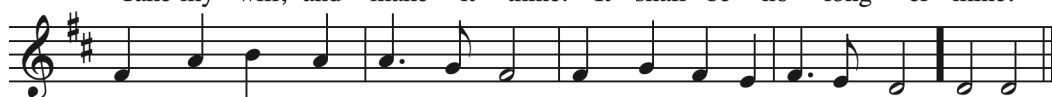
1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee;  
2. Take my voice, and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine: It shall be no long - er mine.



Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men.

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

### Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

### Offertory Verse and Sentences

**Offertory Hymn**  
Weymouth

Hymn 401  
Theodore P. Ferris, 1941



Be - hold a Sow - er! from a - far He go - eth forth with  
O Lord of life, to thee we lift Our hearts in praise for  
Shine forth, O Light, that we may see, With hearts all un - a -  
Light up thy word; the fet - tered page From kill - ing bond - age



might; The roll - ing years his fur - rows are, His  
those, Thy pro - phets, who have shown thy gift Of  
fraid, The mean - ing and the mys - ter - y Of  
free: Light up our way; lead forth this age In



seed the grow - ing light; For all the just his word is sown, It  
grace that ev - er grows, Of truth that spreads from shore to shore, Of  
things that thou hast made: Shine forth, and let the dark - ling past Be -  
love's large li - ber - ty. O Light of Light! with - in us dwell, Through



spring - eth up al - way; The ten - der blade is  
wis - dom's wide - ning ray, Of light that shin - eth  
neath thy beam grow bright; Shine forth, and touch the  
us thy ra - diance pour, That word and life thy



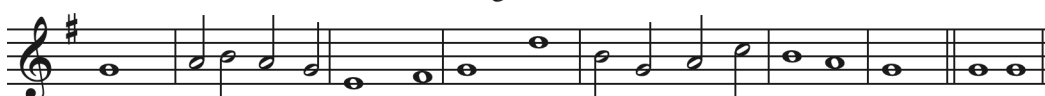
hope's young dawn, The har - vest, love's new day. A - men.  
more and more Un - to thy per - fect day.  
fu - ture vast With thine un - trou - bled light.  
truths may tell, And praise thee ev - er - more.

Washington Gladden, 1904

**Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

**Bidding Prayers**

## **Orate, Fratres**

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

## **Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church**

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## **General Confession**

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Absolution**

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## **The Comfortable Words**

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## **Sursum Corda**

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Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

## **Preface**

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## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

## **Prayer of Consecration**

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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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 Peace**

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

People: And with thy spirit.

## **Agnus Dei**

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
People: Have mercy upon us.  
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
People: Have mercy upon us.  
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
People: Grant us thy peace.

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

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### **Communion of the Faithful**

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:*

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.  
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

*As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.*

*For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.*

*In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

*Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.*

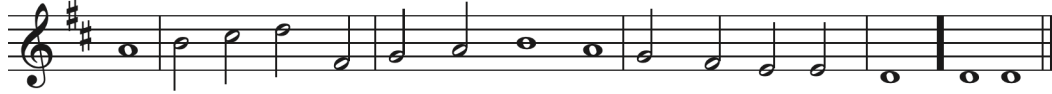
## Communion Hymn

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Hymn 416, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune  
*Scottish Psalter*, 1635



1. O for a clo - ser walk with God, A calm and heav'n - ly frame,
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;



A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb! A-men.  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.  
Help me to tear it from thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly thee.  
So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1772

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

### Dismissal

### Final Blessing

Celebrant: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Retiring Processional:

St. Leonard

Hymn 518

Johann Christoph Bach, 1693



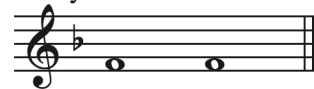
1. Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen-dor, Lord of lords and King of kings,  
2. Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing For the hour that brings re - lease,  
3. Crown, O God, thine own en - dea - vor; Cleave our dark - ness with thy sword;



With thy liv - ing fire of — judg - ment Purge this land of bit - ter things;  
And the ci - ty's crowd - ed — clan - gor Cries a - loud for sin to cease;  
Feed the faint and hun - gry — hea - then With the rich - ness of thy word;



So - lace all its wide do - min - ion With the heal - ing of thy wings.  
And the homesteads and the wood - lands Plead in si - lence for their peace.  
Cleanse the bo - dy of this na - tion Through the glo - ry of the Lord.



A - men.

Henry Scott Holland, 1902

## Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training	Robert Yeager
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Midweek Mass will be celebrated this week on Wednesday at 10 am (St. Romuald, Hermit & Abbot, 11<sup>th</sup> c.).

### Happy Birthday!

Christine McIntosh 9 February  
Pamela Rosen 10 February

Results of the 2024 Parish Annual Meeting: 17 members were in attendance. Tori Wood was elected to serve as Clerk of the Annual Meeting. Deacon Yeager and Gretchen Martin were elected to serve for three years each on the Vestry. The Bishop appointed Gretchen Martin as 2024 Senior Warden. Nancy Jones was elected to serve as Junior Warden. Nancy Jones and Gretchen Martin were elected to serve as Delegates to the 2024 Diocesan Synod, with Jackie Yeager and Landon Melamed elected as Alternates. The 2024 Parish Budget in the amount \$50,221 was discussed and approved. Annual reports were given by the Deacon, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Altar Guild, Choir, Funerals Committee, Sunday school,

Web Master, and Parish Communications. And Lenten services and study course were discussed. We will have Evening Prayer and discuss another book by authoress and news anchor Shannon Bream entitled *The Women of the Bible Speak*. (<https://www.amazon.com/Women-Bible-Speak-Wisdom-Lessons/dp/0063046598/>) Be careful to order the book not the workbook (or coloring book).

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting the Vestry met briefly and Ken Kubo was elected as Assistant Clerk of the Vestry, and Debbie Ruiz as Parish Treasurer. The newly elected Officers will be Installed during today's Mass, and also next Sunday in the event some new officers may not have been able to attend this morning.

### **Lent commences Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>!**

February 13<sup>th</sup> SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER,. There is a Sign Up sheet posted in the Parish Hall for the Pancake Supper. If you plan to attend please sign up today! It will be at Gretchen Martin's home at 5:30 p.m. We request that all Reservations must be firm.

February 14<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY,. Mass & Imposition of Blessed Ashes with Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Blessed Ashes prior to Mass on the First Sunday in Lent will also be available to those unable to receive them at Ash Wednesday Mass.