



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

22 N. Union Street, Smyrna, Delaware 19977

*A Faith Community Offering Hospitality, Hope and Healing*

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**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Sunday, January 31, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.**

## PRELUDE

## The Word of God

### ENTRANCE HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon)*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] <sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

<sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’ ”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

<sup>8</sup>They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) [vs. 1]*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE CREED**

**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.***

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (revised)

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants  
give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all  
whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your presence,  
that as we lament our separation from one another during this time of disease, we  
may continually show forth your praise, not only with our lips,  
but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in  
holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,  
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We  
are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have  
mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

*“All things come of thee, O Lord...*

The Vestry of St. Peter’s wishes to thank all who are able to maintain their pledges and gifts to the Church during these challenging times. Offerings may be mailed to the Church office or made online using the information included:

To financial contribute to our ministry, click on <https://onrealm.org/StPetersSmyrna/Give> to give online *OR* text **RISENCHRIST \$amount** (ex: RISENCHRIST \$30) to **73256** to give by phone. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

## ANTHEM

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* All things come of Thee, O Lord  
*People:* **And of Thine Own, have we given Thee. Amen.**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and 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."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham)*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Let us pray.

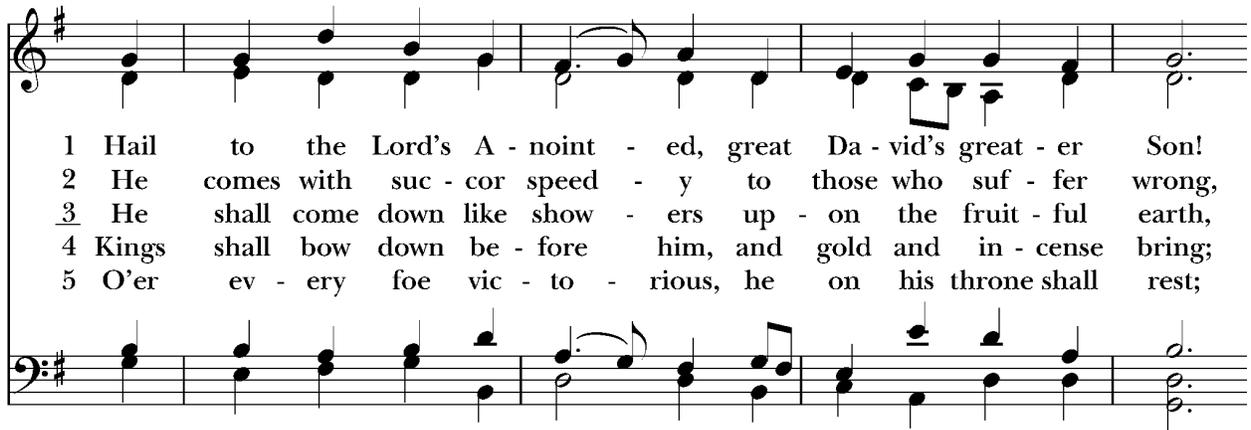
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the**

**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.**

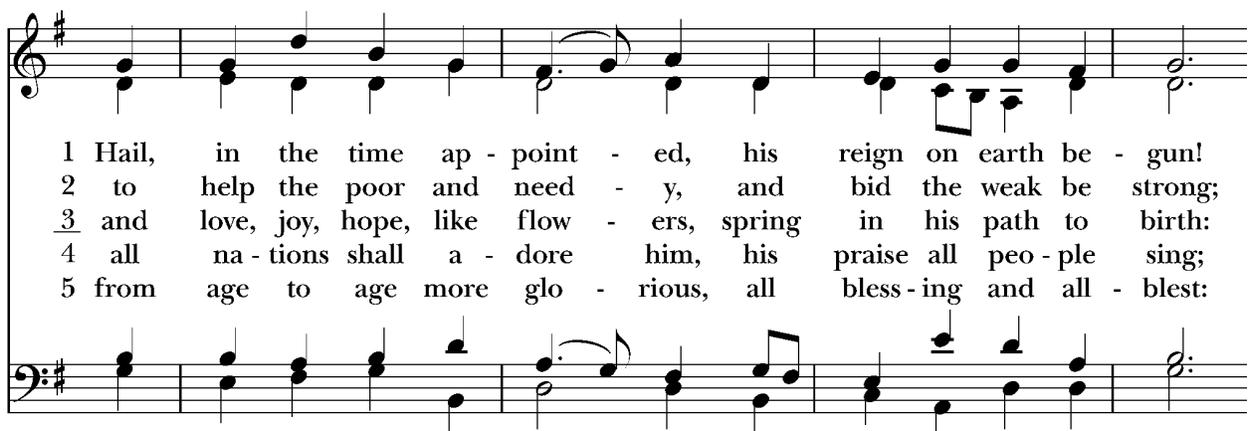
**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein)***



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Jean Kiessling, Rector

Supply Organist: Susan L. Ennis

Choir: Dawn Arnold

Reader: Shirley Biddle

**We Thank Susan Ennis** for being our supply organist while Bonnie is recuperating from her knee surgery.

**Thank you** for worshipping virtually with *St. Peter's Episcopal Church* in Smyrna, Delaware this morning! Your presence and participation are important to us.

The video of this service will be posted to our Facebook page at **St. Peters Smyrna** as well as on the homepage of our website: [www.stpeters-smyrna.org](http://www.stpeters-smyrna.org).

**Stewardship Reflection: Epiphany 4** “*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart...*” Our Catechism (see the Prayer Book, p. 856) has at least one set of suggestions about how to do this. We are to follow Christ, to come together week by week for corporate worship, and to work, pray, and give for the spread of his kingdom. What a concise list for a “steward-in-training”!

### Prayers for this Week

All Members and Friends who have asked for our prayers

*Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* St. Anne's Church, Middletown

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Province of Brazil

*Smyrna/Clayton Ministerium Cycle of Prayer:* The First Presbyterian Church

*Parish Cycle of Prayer:* Wayne & Susan Burris

Tom Campbell & Sue Poteau

*Welfare of the World:* Healing for all those infected with the Coronavirus; Consolation for Loved Ones of those who have Died during this pandemic; For the efficient and widespread distribution of the vaccines and medication to help those who are ill; and ALL medical staff and First Responders.

### Aumbry Candle

Given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for the Members of St. Peter's and  
For the Gift of the Life of Fr. William A. Barry, SJ

By: Mo. Donna Jean

### Announcements

**Reminder:** Online Fellowship with Bishop Kevin Brown follows this service beginning at 10:15AM on ZOOM.

Zoom Information: **Web Link HERE**

**Meeting ID: 874 3952 1121**

**Passcode: 540734**

Join by Phone: call **301-715-8592** and enter above ID and Passcode

**FOR DELAWAREANS 65 YEARS OR OLDER:** Requests for appointments for Delaware Division of Public Health vaccination events are now being taken at **[vaccinerequest.delaware.gov](http://vaccinerequest.delaware.gov)**.

It is highly recommended the online system be used, but those without computer access may call the COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at **1-833-643-1715** and a call center operator can assist you in making the initial request.

**Harvest Sharing (Outreach) Opportunity:** In January and February we will be collecting funds for the Smyrna Emergency Fund administered by the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium. Funds can be sent or dropped off to St. Peter's marked for the "Emergency Fund." We're working on getting a Harvest Sharing fund set up online for you to donate online. Stay tuned for more details later.

**Our Church Office is open by Appointment.** Please call the office Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM to 12:30PM or contact Mo. Donna Jean. Please do not hesitate to call if you need something.

Virtual AA Meetings Available: Many AA groups are no longer able to meet in-person due to restrictions surrounding the coronavirus. Please spread the word that virtual AA meetings are available on [the e-AA website](#).

The Episcopal Church in Delaware has a COVID-19 response page that includes all of the bishop's responses, State of Emergency and all modifications, worship service information, parish and worship resources, news from the Episcopal Church, and public health information. It can be found by following this link: <https://delaware.church/covid-19-response/>.