# **Emmanuel Church**

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



"Christ Appears to Mary Magdalene as a Gardener" (detail), ca. 1503–1504, England, National Library of Wales.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST EASTER DAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025, 8:00 AM

#### Welcome Guests & Visitors

+ Welcome to the Episcopal Church. The mission of the Episcopal Church, as stated in our Book of Common Prayer, is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." We seek to follow Jesus in loving and life-giving relationships with God, with one another, with all people, and with all God's creation. Our worship, beliefs and practices are diverse and reflect influences from Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox traditions as well as on going reflection and prayer about what it means to believe in and follow Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing world. We Episcopalians are also known as Anglicans, part of the worldwide Anglican Communion with origins and ongoing ties to the Church of England.

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- + Welcome to Our Worship Today. The order for worship that we call the Holy Eucharist is printed, with music, on the following pages. It begins with the Liturgy of the Word: Bible readings, a sermon, an affirmation of faith, prayers, and greeting one another at the Peace. All this prepares us for the Eucharist itself the word is derived from the biblical Greek word for thanksgiving. Here and elsewhere it may also be called Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper or the Mass.
- + Welcome to Communion. The Real Presence of Christ in the blessed bread and wine is a primary belief in our Anglican tradition. Here at Emmanuel, any and all who are drawn to do so may receive Communion. Additional notes may be found at the appropriate place in today's printed order of worship.
- + Welcome to Getting Around Here.
- Our nursery and ministries with young children are offered in various ways at various times. Please inquire with an usher, the clergy or other parents, or look for information on our website.
- An accessible restroom may be found across from the stairway outside the west doors of the narthex (the gathering area just beyond the doors of the church proper). Other restrooms may be found up the ramp and stairs at the east side of the narthex.
- Hearing assistance devices, with related instructions, may be found in and borrowed from a basket on a narthex table.

Please let us know how we may better welcome you.

### History & Worship for Easter

The earliest followers of Jesus understood his death nand resurrection in the context of the salvation history of Israel, particularly God's deliverance of the Israelites from a centuries-long period of oppression and slavery in Egypt. God commanded that this mighty event of divine deliverance be annually remembered in the feast of Passover, still observed by Jews today. Passover rituals historically included the slaughter of a lamb as a memorial sacrifice and thank offering to God. Lambs were still being sacrificed at the Temple in Jerusalem in the time of Jesus.

According to the unique chronology in the Gospel of John, Jesus was crucified on the same day and at the same hour as the offering of the Passover lamb. Christ therefore became directly identified with Passover and also gave it new meaning – the Passover by which God delivers all humanity from the reign of sin and death. This is why, in Christian worship, Jesus is described as the Lamb of God. Listen for the language at the end of the blessing of the bread and wine for Communion, when we say (or sing) together, 'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.'

Christ's death and resurrection also took place in the context of the life, culture, religion and politics of Jesus' day. In all four biblical accounts (Gospels), Jesus became aware at some point that he would die, and he began to share this anticipation with his followers. In the church we've been following this story throughout the season of Lent that began with Ash Wednesday (in March) and we have shared in the tragic culmination of events by way of our Holy Week services that started last Sunday. Lent and Holy Week compel us to take an unflinching look at the world's primordial plague of sin and death. We have also been prepared to better appreciate with joy the message of God's triumph over the same by way of Christ's resurrection.

In the Episcopal Church and other Christian traditions, Easter is not only a single day but a seven-week season. Throughout the season we learn of additional resurrection appearances of Jesus and of how the resurrection was received by and changed the lives of his followers – including, eventually, us! Alleluia!

Parm +

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector patrick@emmanuelmi.org

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE TWO - 8:00 AM

**VOLUNTARY -** "Regina Coeli, Laetare" – "Queen of Heaven, Rejoice" Adagio from "Organ Sonata in F"

Lynn Trapp Felix Mendelssohn

**PROCESSION** – "Jesus Christ is risen today"



## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

## Celebrant and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE 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. **Amen**.

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS - Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

### **THE PSALM** – 118:1-2, 14-24

Read Responsively

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.
- 2. Let Israel now proclaim, \*

"His mercy endures for ever."

- 14. The Lord is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.
- 15. There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:
- 16. "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*
  the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
  the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17. I shall not die, but live, \*

and declare the works of the Lord.

18. The Lord has punished me sorely, \*

but he did not hand me over to death.

- 19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*
  I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20. "This is the gate of the Lord; \*

he who is righteous may enter."

- 21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.
- 22. The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23. This is the Lord's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24. On this day the Lord has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

#### A READING FROM THE EPISTLES – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Lector A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL –** John 20:1-18

All standing, the Priest says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Patrick Raymond

The Celebrant addresses the people

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus

Christ?

People I do.

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?

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.

The Celebrant concludes

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.** 

The Celebrant asperges (sprinkles) the People with holy water.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy and living God, we bless you for showing your power and love and for saving us from sin and death by raising Jesus from the dead; we bless you and thank you for all the blessings in our own lives in which we see and know your love, creativity, delight and mercy.

## People Glory and praise to you, living God, risen Lord.

We pray for the faithful witness of your Church throughout the world: for our Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishop Phil, for the clergy, lay leaders and staff of our diocese and this parish, for the graciousness and perseverance of all who follow Jesus, and for all who yearn for a deeper life with God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## People Risen Lord, hear our prayers.

We pray for our stewardship of the earth that you created in love; for all who suffer from the consequences of natural disasters and wars, for migrants and refugees unable to find safe communities, for the safeguarding of animals and plants at risk of extinction, for all who devote their time and skills to the well-being of others and the good of all.

## People Risen Lord, hear our prayers.

We pray for the leaders of households, communities, states and nations, for the justice and well-being of all to be paramount in the intentions and decisions of elected officials and public servants in all branches of government, for all who work for mutual understanding and peace among the peoples, cultures, races and nations of the earth.

## People Risen Lord, hear our prayers.

We bring before you those who have asked for prayers from this parish family, [including ...], and we pray for all who are in any need or trouble: those who doubt and those who have lost their faith, hope or love, for the lonely and those who grieve, and for all who are in need of healing in body, mind or spirit.

## People Risen Lord, hear our prayers.

We pray for the dying and the dead, [including ....], that they may know the light and love of your resurrection in the holy and everlasting communion of all your saints.

## People Risen Lord, hear our prayers.

The Celebrant adds this prayer

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. Please share the Peace of Christ with others.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Part of our spiritual practice as Christians is to support the mission of the church through financial donations. You may give in the plate or online using PayPal. To donate via PayPal, simply scan this QR codeand follow the instructions.



Information on receiving Communion may be found on page 15.

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, The Book of Common Prayer

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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

People and Celebrant

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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept after which the Celebrant says Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to participate in communion at Emmanuel. Primarily our communion takes place at the altar rail. You can stand or kneel. If you want to abstain from the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If the steps to the altar rail present a challenge for you, you may stand at the bottom of the stairs, or ask an usher to have communion brought to you in your seat.



## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER.** Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS

Whether recently, today or in days to come, whether members of this parish or guests: Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are welcomed to come forward. Led by the Celebrant, all pray:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

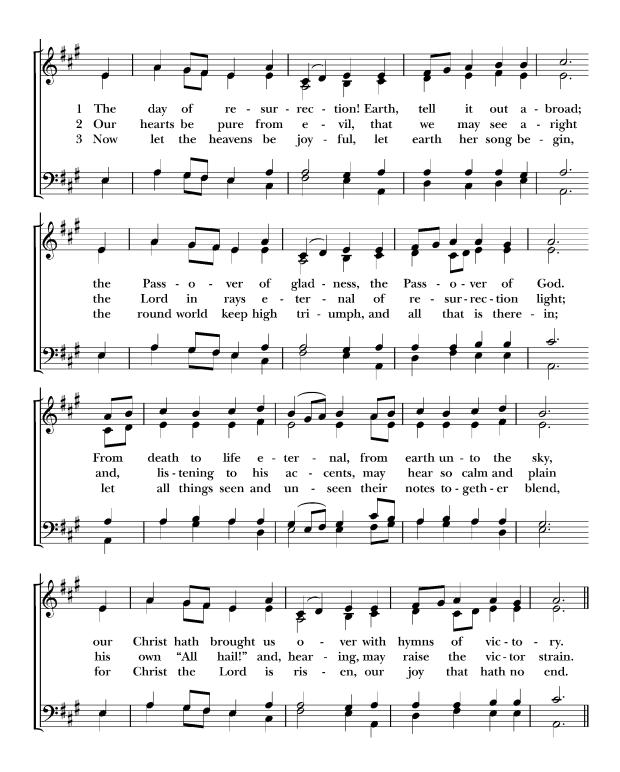
The Celebrant blesses the People

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.** 

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.** 

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 



## THE DISMISSAL

All respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

During Lent, the usual organ music following the liturgy gives way to silence as the People depart.

## The Easter Flower

Far from this foreign Easter damp and chilly

My soul steals to a pear-shaped plot of ground,

Where gleamed the lilac-tinted Easter lily

Soft-scented in the air for yards around; Alone, without a hint of guardian leaf!

Just like a fragile bell of silver rime,

It burst the tomb for freedom sweet and brief

In the young pregnant year at Eastertime; And many thought it was a sacred sign,

And some called it the resurrection flower;

And I, a pagan, worshiped at its shrine,

Yielding my heart unto its perfumed power.

- Claude McKay, from Harlem Shadows, 1922





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#### Covenant for Our Common Life and Witness

We, the members, staff, and clergy of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, aspire to personally and collectively demonstrate and advocate the following principles in all of our relationships.

- 1. We Demonstrate Christ's Command to Love One Another, treating all with generosity, kindness, and empathy. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12
- 2. We Respect the Dignity of Every Person, listening to one another and honoring differences.

Jesus said, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

- 3. We Speak Truth in Love, sharing our hopes, concerns, and perspectives in a spirit of collaboration.
  - "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body." Ephesians 4:25
- 4. We Promptly Address Conflicts and Pursue Reconciliation, whenever and with whomever it is needed, seeking to heal and restore broken relationships.
  - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32
- 5. We Promote Unity, acknowledging that we share a love for this community and its future.
  - "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3
- 6. We Practice Humility, recognizing the needs, concerns and interests of others alongside our own.
  - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit." Philippians 2:3a. "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8
- 7. We Pray For Each Other, the Church, Our Community, and Our World.
  - "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people." 1 Timothy 2:1

By way of this covenant, we seek to share in a parish community that reflects Christ's love and peace to all, where every person is valued and respected, and where we work together for the common good of the church, our community and our world.

Clergy and Staff: The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector; The Rev. Brian Gregory, Associate Rector; Fred McIlroy, Director of Music; Julene Levin, Parish Administrator; John Pritchard, Bookkeeper

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