

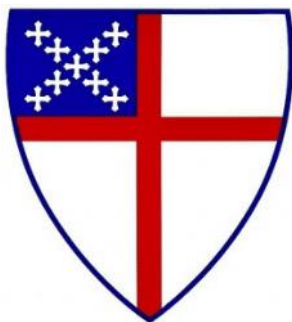


# THE ANCHOR

APRIL 2022

*St. Clement's by-the-Sea*  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican  
Communion**

**PARISH MISSION:**

*Follow Christ through the  
way we live and love,  
spreading the good news  
of God in Christ, opening  
our hearts to all, and  
experience and spread  
joy in the process.*



**“This Church of  
Ours is Open To  
All...There Will  
Be No Outcasts.”**

-The Most Rev. Edmund  
Browning Emeritus  
Presiding Bishop



## Anointing...

April of this year will be quite full, with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and of course Easter. There will be a lot that is familiar about this pattern, including Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his Last Supper, his betrayal, trial, crucifixion burial, and the joyous celebration of his glorious resurrection and conquering of death. This year we will also hear of his anointing. We typically only hear about that on either the Monday of Holy Week, or as part of the long passion narratives in years when we hear from the gospels, Mark or Matthew.



In those two accounts, Jesus' anointing takes place after he has entered into Jerusalem. But in John's account (the one we hear this year) it precedes his triumphal entry. Further, whereas we have an unnamed woman in those earlier synoptic gospels, it is Mary of Bethany in John's version. And she doesn't anoint Jesus upon his head, as we might expect, but rather anoints his feet. Her actions leave us with many more questions than easy answers. And so, it is worth some contemplation. Why does she anoint Jesus? What is significant about that? And why do we still contemplate her actions even today.

The story is well known. Jesus is at the house of his friend, Lazarus (whom he had raised) and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Martha is serving, John tells us. And Mary, takes a large vial of pure nard, and unexpectedly pours it completely out upon Jesus' feet, and dries them with her hair. The place is filled with the wonderful fragrance of that perfume, but it puts some people's noses out of joint. Judas speaks up and asks why the valuable product was wasted in this way. He claims it could have been sold for 300 denarii (almost a full year's wages for a laborer in those days) and the proceeds given to the poor.

John tells us, as an aside, Judas' real motivation, indicating that he cares not in the least for the poor, but rather that he was a thief and would rob from the common purse of the disciples. If Judas is correct in his assessment of the value of that perfume, we can say without question that Mary's action was extravagant in the extreme. But why does she do it? Jesus commands Judas to leave Mary alone. He points out, in essence, that the poor have been around them all this time, and Judas has not been particularly responsive to their needs. At least, that is how I understand him. And this is important, for as the one who kept the purse, it would have been Judas' job to distribute any charity to the poor.

Jesus also says, provocatively, that Mary had bought that perfume for his own burial. But we might wonder, did she know that she was preparing him for what was coming in just five days' time? Was she so aware, and indicating to us that his time had come. Perhaps it would have been obvious to anyone who was really paying attention, but perhaps not. There are some who have it out even for Lazarus (Jn 12:9-11). And Jesus' own disciples were certainly worried when he told them he wanted to go back to Judea (Jn 11:8). But did Mary know?

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She probably did. Her anointing of his feet is nonetheless quite unusual and hard to comprehend. And her action could have been a kind of testimony. After all, to be the “Messiah” in Hebrew, or the “Christ” in Greek, was literally to be God’s “anointed one.” So, was she proclaiming Jesus to be the Messiah / the Christ by her actions? “Here is God’s anointed! I’ve just anointed him!” Was this part of what motivated her?

We discussed this passage in our Lenten Series at some length, we concluded that we simply cannot know Mary’s motivations. She seems compelled simply by love. And love isn’t very easy to explain. It is like trying to explain poetry, isn’t it? Something is lost in the effort to reduce what has already been beautifully done or said to mere explanation. But we probably can identify with Mary’s actions. We may have felt the urge to do something so extravagant as a gesture of deep love for someone else, to give of something valuable, perhaps even tremendously valuable. And perhaps we’ve done something like this in the name of Jesus or at least motivated by our love for him. Perhaps we’ve given for the needs of his Church in this way, or for the relief of the suffering of others for Christ’ sake and motivated by our love for him.

It was pointed out in our discussion that we don’t see many examples like Mary’s in our gospel accounts. There are very few instances of people doing things for Jesus. Rather it is usually Jesus who is doing things for others. There is of course a rightness to that balance. After all, he tells us that he has come to serve and not to be served (Mt 20:28, Mk 10:45). And he gives us an example of his servant leadership, when he washes his disciples’ feet (including Judas’) at the Last Supper in John’s telling of that event. Nonetheless, we want to be like Mary. We desire to show our deep love for him, even to do so extravagantly. But how? We are left with the words that he spoke to his disciples at that Last Supper, “I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” That is to say, that we should love others as he has loved us. That is how.

As always, I welcome your feedback: [frpatrick@scbythsea.org](mailto:frpatrick@scbythsea.org)

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Patrick

# THE MARTINI CLUB

ON A SUNDAY IN 2003 A LONG TIME PARISHIONER, NORM KLEBER, WAS AT THE ALTAR RAIL FOR HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY BLESSING. TO A QUESTION REGARDING HIS LONG LIFE HE RESPONDED....AND A MARTINI EVERY DAY AT 5 O'CLOCK. A COUPLE IN THE CONGREGATION, JON & KARIN SHERMAN SAW THIS AS A MISSION OPPORTUNITY! THEY STARTED PICKING UP NORM EVERY THURSDAY AND WENT TO DIFFERENT RESTURANTS IN TOWN TO SEE WHO MADE THE BEST MARTINIS. THEIR FIRST STOP WAS IVA LEE'S. DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS THEY MET AT VARIOUS RESTURANTS ALL OF WHICH ARE CLOSED TODAY. THE GROUP WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL THEY WERE BAD LUCK. FORTUNATELY THEY WENT BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN, IVA LEE'S AT 555 N. EL CAMINO REAL. THIS TURNED OUT TO BE THE RIGHT

FIT AND THEY HAVE BEEN GATHERING THERE ON THURSDAYS FROM 5-6 O'CLOCK FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS.

WE ALWAYS START EVERY THURSDAY WITH A TOAST TO OUR GOOD HEALTH, OUR FRENDSHIPS AND THE REMEMBRANCE OF NORM. WHILE SEVERAL MEMBERS DO ORDER MARTINIS, OTHERS ORDER THEIR DRINK OF CHOICE. THE GROUP HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OVER THE YEARS MANY STRONG FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN FORMED. NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: ROGER MORRISON, 949-361-0031

# Generation to Generation

Last Fall, our Bishop, the Rt. Reverend John Taylor, announced the formation of a Generation to Generation Diocesan Capital Campaign. As we have inherited a Church built on the faith, sacrifices, and persistence of those before us, so too are we called on to take up the work of growing and strengthening our Church.

This bold 5 year campaign to raise 40 million dollars has 4 key objectives in mind:

1. Create a Diocesan Operating Endowment - to support a more sustainable Diocesan operating budget.
2. Create a Congregational Leadership Endowment - to provide scholarships and grants for the development of both Ordained and Lay Leaders, especially for women of color.
3. Create a Neighbor's in Need Endowment - for ministry and grants to those most in need within our communities.
4. Congregational Partnerships - to provide support and partnerships with Missions and Churches within the Diocese to help them achieve their own Visions.

Last year, our Church committed to supporting this Campaign with a total gift of \$250,000 over the 5 year timeframe. This roughly amounts to a tithe of 10% of our operating revenue for that period. To launch our efforts, we set aside \$100,000 of the proceeds from the sale of the Rectory: \$75,000 was presented to the Bishop at the last Diocesan Convention, and \$25,000 was set aside to fund a matching gift campaign within our Parish for this year. In addition, the Vestry allocated an additional \$12,500 towards this matching gift fund so that we might aspire to raise and match \$37,500 from our Congregation this year, which would be matched by this fund, resulting in total gifts to the Diocese this year of an additional \$75,000. Combined with last year's inaugural gift, we plan on meeting \$150,000 of our pledge by the end of this year; making the remaining \$100,000 balance of our pledge more manageable to budget for over the coming 4 years.

We are pleased to report that several donor's have already come forward to help launch our efforts towards meeting our goal, and we will be encouraging widespread participation, at any level, by our Congregation through this coming Spring and Summer.

On Sunday May 1st, our Diocesan Treasurer, Andy Tomat will be joining us to further share this Campaign's vision and answer any questions you may have. We then look forward to a visit by Bishop Taylor for a special celebration on September 10th.

More to come as this Campaign unfolds, but please accept our collective appreciation in advance, for your support and participation.

On behalf of The Vestry,

*Pat Warren*

Sr. Warden

## You can help Ukrainian Refugees through Episcopal Relief & Development



Your gift will help provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to families from Ukraine.

You many have received an e-mail from Episcopal Relief and Development asking for donations to provide emergency assistance to the Ukrainian refugees. Episcopal Relief is supporting Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance) as it works through ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and other local organizations to provide emergency assistance such as food, shelter, water and basic supplies to refugees and people displaced within Ukraine. They have set up refugee support points on the Ukrainian side of the border where volunteers are providing refreshments, blankets and hygiene items for families waiting to cross into Hungary. HIA is in contact with its network of churches and organizations, as well as local governments in Hungary, to coordinate cash assistance, shelter, food and medicine for people who have been displaced. It is working through local partners to provide aid for refugees in Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Poland.

If you would like to support these efforts, there will be donation jars at coffee hour on Sundays March 27, April 3 and April 10. We will forward your contribution to the Episcopal Relief & Development. Or, you can donate directly on their website at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> . Please continue to hold the people of Ukraine in your prayers and thoughts as they face this ongoing crisis.

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**Vestry Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 19**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Meeting by Zoom**

## Picture St. Clement's in Your Home; Limited Edition of Two Paintings of Our Church

Two beautiful paintings have been created of St. Clement's, one of the entrance to the church and the most recent painting, "St. Clement's at Christmas," depicts the interior of the church with holiday greenery. These two paintings are by nationally awarded, San Clemente-based painter Rick Delanty.

Giclée copies of the paintings, measuring 16" x 10", are being offered for a limited time under the supervision of the artist. A giclée is a very high quality reproduction of a painting, made with pigment-based inks that capture the shade and resolution of the original artwork. They have 3-dimensional elements and are mounted on a hard backing.

Examples of the two giclée artworks were unveiled at the Celtic Mass luncheon on March 20. Orders will be taken through Easter Sunday, April 17.

Each work will be signed by the artist. A limited edition of 25 copies will be made of each painting, with the version number shown on the giclée. The numbers (1/25, then 2/25, etc.) will be assigned to buyers based on order of purchase.

The cost is \$400 for an unframed 16"x10" giclée, and \$550 with frame.

You may purchase the paintings at the office now, or on the website as of March 20. A portion of each purchase is deductible as a donation to the church.

Questions may be directed to Judy Johnson, 949-422-8210, who is coordinating this event.





## Celtic Mass and Luncheon Celebrates St. Patrick and a Return to Celebrations

The mood was festive at St. Clement's on Sunday, March 20 for the annual Celtic Mass in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The church service was based on the Celtic liturgy, which is very poetic with many references to the beauty of God's natural creation, and has been an annual event since the days of the Rev. (now Bishop) Diane Jardine Bruce.

The 10 a.m. service, packed with worshippers, enjoyed the Irish musical talents of Barbara Gershman on hammered dulcimer and accordion, and Liz Cassidy on Irish Tin Whistle. The two ladies also played during the luncheon that followed the service.

"Happy Days Are Here Again" could have been the theme, as the parish hall was full with parishioners enjoying corned beef and cabbage sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, condiments, and home-made cookies. Most of all, we were happy to be together again for a time of fellowship. The tables were festively decorated, and many hands made light work. The luncheon decorating and cooking crew, chaired by Patti Welliver, also included Lanneau Miller, Merrill Wilson, Mary Colarik, and Rose Bradley.

Quote attributed to St. Patrick:

"Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."





**April 8th  
5pm-7pm**

**Cost: \$10.00**

St. Clement's will be hosting a Fish Fry on April 8th! Bring a friend and stop by for a delicious fried fish dinner.

## Each Dinner Includes:

Fried Fish	Peas
Cole Slaw	Bread
Cookie	Drink

ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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**PALMING OF THE CHURCH  
&  
PALM CROSS PREPARATION**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH  
9:00 AM**

Mark your calendars to prepare our Sanctuary for our Palm Sunday services. Plan to join your fellow parishioners in making palm crosses and in decorating the Sanctuary!



## Anchors Potluck and a Birthday Celebration

The Anchor's potluck, an evening of good food and great conversation, was extra special last month. Jane Fladd decided to spend her actual birthday, March 11, with her St. Clement's family. Father Jay led the group of 22 in singing Happy Birthday to Jane.

Anchors is always a lot of fun, with time for meaningful conversation in small groups. The party, held at the home of Judy Johnson, lasted almost 3 hours as everyone was enjoying themselves.

Watch for the date of the next Anchors potluck. Hope you can make it!







Looking to connect during Lent for fellowship, prayer and bible study? We have found over the last year and a half that in small groups the power of God emerges naturally from personal sharing, and reflection on the scripture and prayer. Nearly 25 parishioners meet weekly on zoom and in person to *discuss the scripture* for the upcoming week and *enjoy fellowship and prayer*. All the groups (men, women and co-ed) are open. Each group is led by a trained facilitator. For more information or to join our Lent series, contact the facilitator.

**WOMEN'S COVENANT GROUP:** THURSDAY mornings in person, 11am.

Contact Hilary Viscount: [hviscount@gmail.com](mailto:hviscount@gmail.com) (714)932-2210

**WOMEN'S COVENANT GROUP:** MONDAY evenings on zoom, 7pm.

Contact: [Laura.casellas@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.casellas@yahoo.com) (203)451-7598

**MEN'S COVENANT GROUP:** WEDNESDAY evenings on zoom, 7pm.

Contact Beto Casellas: [betolaura@mac.com](mailto:betolaura@mac.com) , 704-661-6994

**CO-ED COVENANT GROUP:** THURSDAY evenings on zoom, 7pm.

Contact Ken and Laurie Baxter: [kbaxter@choc.org](mailto:kbaxter@choc.org), 630-674-5017



## Clean Air, Cool Air, New Oven All Operational

Capital improvement projects first discussed by the Vestry six months ago to add air purification, air conditioning, and a new industrial-quality oven were all recently completed.

These projects, made possible by generous year-end donations, have been on the capital improvement wish list for many years.

The air purification systems, installed in both the sanctuary and in both air systems for the parish hall and activity room, provide a much higher level of health safety for people. The HVAC contractor, Dave Colbert of DC Plumbing, said they remove about 89% of all potential allergens and germs.

Both new HVAC units are high energy efficiency, and are slim-line and low noise.

The parish building has never had air conditioning and now all the facilities will have cooling. Additionally, the air flow system in the activity room was significantly enhanced, with additional ducting and registers, so that heating will also be more effective.

The new 6-burner plus griddle Imperial commercial range, which replaced a 40 plus year old system, was used for the first time for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Reports were glowing for the heavily-used griddle, which replaced a piece of sheet metal positioned on top of bricks which were on top of burners!

Father Jay reported that the youth group loves to cook, and that the new oven and range will be well used.



## Repairs Complete for Bricks and Tiles Throughout the Church

Brick and tiles have a long life, but after more than 90 years even the most durable of materials show some age.

St. Clement's parishioners Mike and Nancy Badstubner took it upon themselves to identify all of the places on parish grounds and in parish buildings where tile, brick or grout needed to be replaced or repaired, and then found a skilled craftsman and the materials needed for repairs within the historic framework of the church.

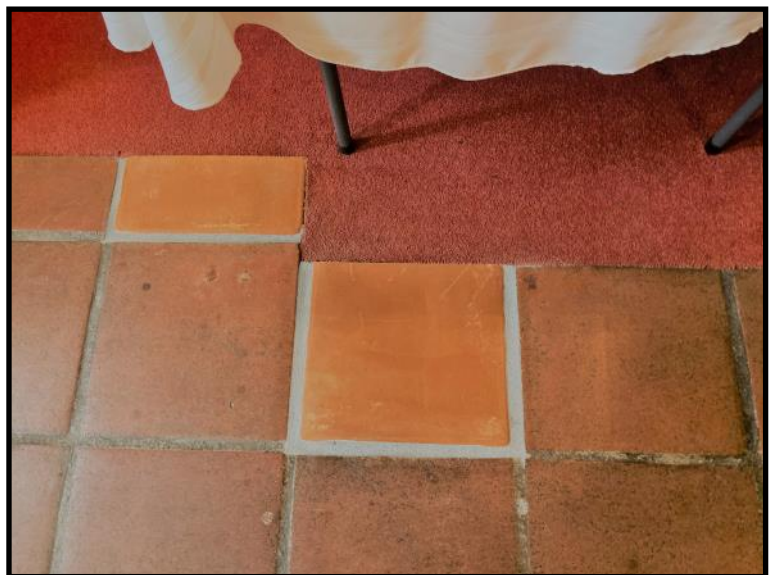
This three-month project was recently complete, with about 20 bricks replaced on the Memorial Garden wall and about 25 tiles inside the church, in the patio, and at several other outside locations.

Mike said that the replacement of badly broken bricks in the Memorial Garden wall and on top of the wall pillars presented special challenges, as no used brick could be found to match the materials and size of our 1929 construction.

Nancy Badstubner suggested using current brick from a low visibility location and replacing that brick with new materials. Very clever idea, Nancy! That solved the problem, and then the bricklayer could make the repairs.

Tiles were replaced throughout interior and exterior locations, as well as grouting.

This project has been long overdue, and now our historic church looks refreshed, but still historic.





## Spring Plantings and Memorial Garden Rejuvenation

Spring flowers and greenery are brightening the grounds of St. Clement's. Parishioner Barbara Fox has replanted the pots at the entrance to the sanctuary, and brightened the flower bed around the St. Clement's marquee. The plants will be in full bloom glory just in time for Easter.

The Memorial Garden has never looked better. Buildings and Grounds Vestry Member Matt Hawblitzel has been replanting and maintaining this space for several years now, and some major improvements have been completed.

The Cypress trees planted last years on each side of the entrance gate has grown quickly, and were recently replanted from pots into the ground. They now are a welcome green sentry to this sacred space. The re-seeded lawn is now lush, and the border plantings now have a year's growth.

There were almost 20 broken or missing bricks along the garden wall and entrance posts, and all have been replaced with used brick from the parish grounds in the past month.

You might want to sit on one of the benches in the garden; it's a wonderful place for meditation and prayer.



## ST. Clement's Outreach Ministries

We haven't talked about our Laundry Love Outreach Ministry in a while, so I thought it was time to bring you up to date on our activities.

In 2021 we completed our fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year providing money, laundry supplies, and warm hearts to the homeless and underserved of our community. On the third Wednesday of every month, St. Clement's volunteers team up with volunteers from Christ Lutheran to help provide clean clothes and bedding to low/no income families. Over these past 5 years, we only missed 2 months of providing this outreach, and those 2 months were in 2021 in the midst of the heaviest Covid pandemic.

In looking back, 350 different people have walked through the doors of Laundry Basket South to participate in this outreach. Some customers have been with us since the beginning of the ministry, others come now and then when they most need the help.

Below is a snapshot of our 2021 service year. In 2021 we started keeping track of the number of adults and children who were able to have clean clothes. Although the number of actual customers doing the laundry appeared to not be many each month, we knew that lots of laundry was getting done based on the amount of clothes we saw being washed and dried. Keeping track of the number of adults and children whose clothes were actually being cleaned demonstrated how far reaching this ministry actually is.

2021 LAUNDRY LOVE SUMMARY				
TOTAL NUMBER OF LOADS WASHED & DRIED			2055	
TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT			\$4,144	
AVERAGE COST PER LOAD			\$2.02	
NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CUSTOMERS IN 2021			144	
CUSTOMER PROFILE			12 Month Total	Monthly Average
number of customers who walked through the door			220	18
WHO ARE OUR CUSTOMERS? (these numbers are larger than the total number of customers who walked through the door because some customers did laundry for more than one family)				
number of families			246	21
number of children			286	24
number of adults			335	28

*We anticipate 2022 to be a robust year for this ministry. How can you help? We really do need volunteers. Time investment is 1-2 hours per month on the third Wednesday of the month in the afternoon. You don't have to work every month, just when you are able. If you are interested, please contact me at [ringlish@cox.net](mailto:ringlish@cox.net). Thank you.*

Tina Inglish ([ringlish@cox.net](mailto:ringlish@cox.net))

Vestry Outreach

Hello fellow parishioners.

It is time for us to start filling our UTO (United Thank Offering) boxes again for our Spring contributions. These boxes can be picked up on Sundays at the back of the sanctuary or from the bookcase in the reception area of the church office.



Your contributions reflect your appreciation and thankfulness during our daily life. Perhaps a note from a friend, sunshine after a rainy day or rain after a dry spell. Place coins into the box to show how thankful you are. We collect the boxes here at the end of May and send the proceeds to the diocese to fund important ministries throughout the world.

Of course, we accept paper money and checks as well. Checks are made out to St Clement's Church with a note at the bottom for UTO.



The sign up poster will be available at coffee hour, along with envelopes for the donation and dedication information. You may also call or drop by the office to sign up. Donations can be dropped in the drop box, mailed, or use the QR code and indicate "Sunday Flowers". Please contact Katrina Soto with any questions.



St. Clement's parishioners love socializing after services at Coffee Hour!

We need more volunteers to host our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Coffee Hours!

Pick a date to host on the website  
Sign Up Genius!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-coffee>

Our Sunday Ushers are a vital part of who we are as a welcoming community of faith, and we urgently need your help in this ministry.



Ushers provide a warm welcome to our services, distribute bulletins, and guide visitors to our Sunday School, Nursery, etc. We need a minimum of two ushers for each service at 8am and 10am. These times require all of us working together to ensure a warm welcome to all.

Please sign up to help us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ac2ca3fc1-ushers1>



# April Birthdays

3-Lanneau Miller

14-Patty Clarke

4-Larry Gates

14-Fred Stewart

6-Wesley Ulz

18-Rebecca Marcu

7-Karen Williams

25-Mark Pocino

11-Hailey Allen

26-Evelyn Seech

13-Tina English

# April Anniversaries

10– Kent &amp; Laurie Adamson

29– Marc &amp; Carolyn Allen



## Join us for the Great Watch

From 8pm on the evening of Maundy Thursday (April 14) - 11am on Good Friday (April 15), we will gather on-line to observe the Great Watch. This is the time when we spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, as he instructed his disciples to do on that night in the garden of Gethsemane.

We will be streaming a live broadcast from the sanctuary, with the Eucharist (which is the holy presence of Christ among us) upon our altar. You will be able to easily tune in, from wherever you are, and pray that hour with our Lord. We'll provide some useful prayers and readings too, which you may find helpful. You can sign up for your hour here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ac2ca3fc1-thewatch>

Please stay tuned in to our eblasts for more details. The link to the actual stream is below. If you've already signed up for your hour, save the stream now, so you are ready on that night/morning.

<https://youtu.be/x8oWAMffU-c>

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8am Sunday: Holy Communion Rite I (spoken)  
10am Sunday: Holy Communion Rite II (with choir)  
12 pm Sunday: La Misa en Español

*as well as streaming on our YouTube channel*

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The Rev. Patrick Crerar, Rector