

# Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong. Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024

**Opening Hymn:** H-205 | Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)

**Gospel Hymn**: H-194 | *Jesus lives! thy terrors now* 

**Communion Hymn:** H-490 | *I want to walk as a child of the light* 

**Closing Hymn:** H-178 | *Jesus is Lord of all the earth* 

#### The Collect/ Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

**Readings:** https://lectionarypage.net/YearB RCL/Easter/BEaster2 RCL.html

**Psalm 133**– Prayed responsively by **whole** verse

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \* that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \* and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Birthday Prayer**

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 understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Anniversary Prayer**

Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year of married life together, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness, patience, wisdom, and grace, that what they have begun together they may end in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Welcome Rev. John Stonesifer</u> – as our Supply Priest this Sunday while Rev. Beth is away.

<u>Laredo Grill</u> – Please join members of St. Nicholas at Laredo Grill tomorrow night for dinner to support El Hogar. Write "St. Nicholas" on the restaurant receipt and a portion of your purchase will help St. Nick's support Alondra Ortiz and her 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.

<u>Easter Eggs</u> – Please return empty plastic eggs to St. Nick's so that we can reuse them next year. Thanks!

<u>Congratulations to Dawn Booth</u> – Dawn, our Deacon Intern, has been approved by the EDOW Standing Committee for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate. Dawn will be ordained on Saturday, October 26 at the Washington National Cathedral. Dawn's last Sunday with us is Pentecost, May 19, 2024. If you would like to make a donation to Dawn's gift please write a check to **St. Nicholas** and write <u>Dawn Booth</u> on the memo line.

<u>Solar Power at St. Nicholas</u> – Weather permitting, we expect our solar panels to be powered up on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>! What a great day to celebrate the sun, the solar eclipse and all of God's creation! With deep gratitude to Geof Fuller for spearheading this project.

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