April 28, 2024



St. Luke's Atlanta

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Luke's

Our worship today is in the Episcopal tradition and centered around the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

As you participate in today's service, you may notice we use many ways of naming God in worship through expansive and inclusive language (HEIIE). This diversity of language engages our imaginations inviting a fuller picture of the Divine mystery dwelling among us.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. You are invited to participate in today's service as fully as is comfortable for you.

Please fill out our online visitor card using the QR code below.



Visitor Card

Nursery & Children's Chapel

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship services at St. Luke's. Nursery care is available from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for children ages 0-4.

Children's Chapel is available during this service in Wilmer Chapel. The children will exit the church during the procession and return before Communion.

About the Bulletin Cover Art

The artwork on the cover of this morning's bulletin is by Indian artist Jyoti Sahi, called "Take Refuge in the Lord." Sahi is known for his artwork that portrays Christ in the midst of other religions.

Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector* The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar* The Rev. Nicole Lambelet, *Associate Rector, Children, Youth, and Families*

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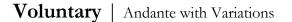
Kate Kane



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In Procession | Hymn 353

Welcome

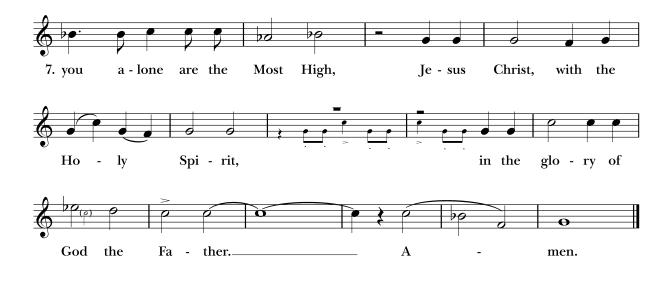
Opening Acclamation

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleChrist is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HEIIE

Gloria in Excelsis | S-278





The Collect of the Day

BCP 222

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you
~ ! !	Ŧ

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.



24 My praise is of you in the great as-/ sembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship you.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall / praise you: * "May your heart live for / ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to you, * and all the families of the nations shall bow be-/ fore you.

27 For yours is the royal power, O / God; * you rule over the / nations.

28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; * all who go down to the dust fall be-/ fore you.

29 My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall / serve you; * they shall be known as yours for / ever.

(second half)

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un-/ born * the saving deeds that you have / done.

The Second Reading

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

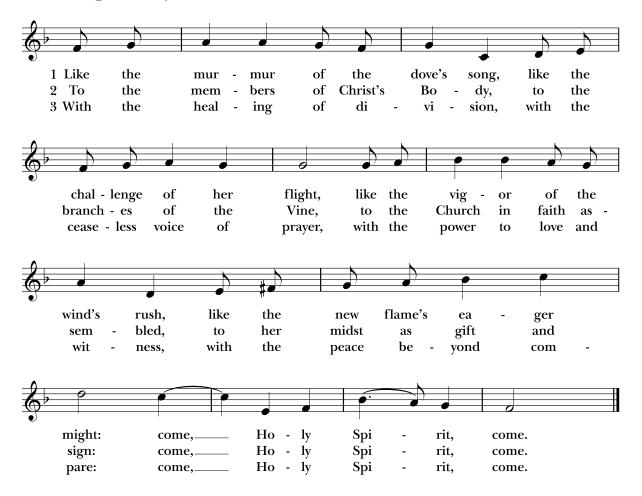
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

At the Sequence | Hymn 513

Bridegroom



The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

DeaconThe Gospel of our Savior.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

A period of silence is kept. Then, as able, all stand.

The Nicene Creed

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

Intercessor People	Eternal God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.
Intercessor People	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor	We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Robert our bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Intercessor	We pray for Joseph, our president, Brian, our governor, Andre, our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Intercessor People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.
Intercessor People	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.
Intercessor People	Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Intercessor People	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Intercessor	We pray for those who have asked for the prayers of this church: Betsy, Jennifer, Bill, Peggy, Hunter, Larry, Bob, Burgess, Mary, Kim, Liz, Nancy, Daniel, Bob, Gene, Lee, Winnie S., Martha, Barbara, Elaine, Thom; and for those who have died: Clay Thompson, Roberta Shearin, and Jean Oliver. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
	The people may offer prayers either silently or aloud.
Celebrant	Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.

The Peace

CelebrantThe Peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

EOW 56

The Holy Communion

Your contribution to today's offering benefits the ministries and programs of St. Luke's. We are grateful for your support. You can also contribute online using the QR code below.



At the Offertory | Anthem from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

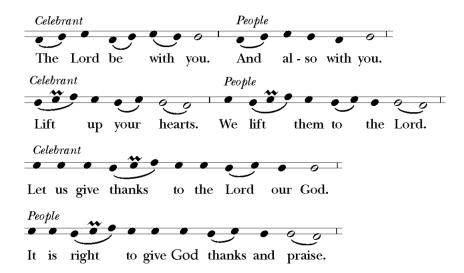
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

-George Herbert

At the Presentation | Hymn

Thaxted

1. O_ _God, be-yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to -2. The __flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor time must sure - ly in 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we a - maz - ing That songs can - not And sing the love day re die, its __ frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most bring, That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our can on - ly won - der At___ ev - 'ry pay; For we gift you hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is high; but King; And wheth - er our to - mor-rows Be ____ filled with good or with - out num - ber And mer-cies with-out send, At bless - ings sown though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den ill, We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you We lift our hearts be - fore __ you And wait up-on your end: Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us grown: for at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your still: To___ mar___ vel and a - dore you, Our great and might-y Lord. word, We hon - or we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry. free, and joy-ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise. ways, And make а Text: Carl P. Daw



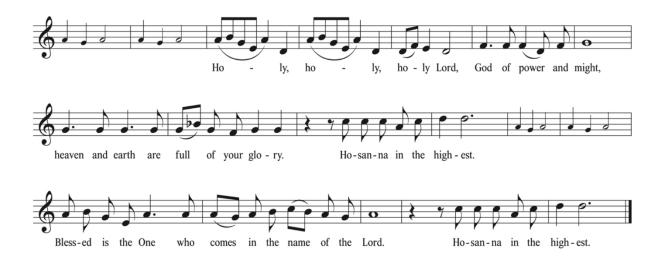
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus | S-128

William Mathias (1934-1992)



The Celebrant continues

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.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, People 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.**People** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

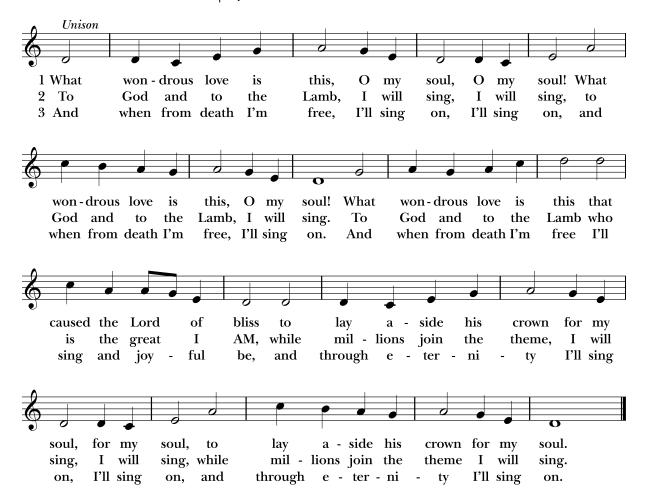
CelebrantThe Gifts of God for the People of God.And may addTake them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts
by faith, with thanksgiving.

You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usber and we will bring Communion to your seat.

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BCP 364

Music at Communion | Hymn 439





Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant	Let us pray.
People	Eternal God,
	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 Savior. Amen.

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

When Communion is taken to home-bound parishioners, we send our Eucharistic Visitors with these words:

Celebrant	On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts,
	that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of
	Christ's body and blood.
People	We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

The Blessing

The Priest offers a blessing.



The Dismissal

DeaconLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary | Nachspiel

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

– Announcements and Opportunities –

April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nursery Childcare (ages 0-4)
9 a.m. Family Service with Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School and Chorister Rehearsals
10:15 a.m. Parish Brunch in Budd Hall, Sponsored by the Good Shepherd Society
11:15 a.m. Service with Communion

Today: Parish Brunch Sponsored by St. Luke's Good Shepherd Society

This morning at 10:15 a.m., you are invited to a brunch hosted by St. Luke's Good Shepherd Society. This is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a meal together.

Today: Ben Weaver to Perform Recital at The Cathedral of St. Philip

This afternoon at 3:15 p.m., St. Luke's Assistant Organist Ben Weaver will perform music by Bach, Locklair, Vierne, and Franck, at The Cathedral of St. Philip.

May 5: The Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas at St. Luke's

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5, when The Very Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, Ph.D., will be at St. Luke's to lead a forum conversation at 10:15 a.m., and to preach at the 11:15 a.m. service. Kelly is Interim President of the Episcopal Divinity School. She also serves as the Canon Theologian at the Washington National Cathedral and Theologian in Residence at Trinity Church Wall Street. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from one of the great preachers and theologians of The Episcopal Church.

May 12: Youth Sunday

On Sunday, May 12, we will celebrate our children and youth, especially those graduating from high school and 5th grade. High School seniors will give the sermon at each service and we will also honor St. Luke's Choristers during the 10 a.m. hour that morning.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

May 19: Streets Alive

On Sunday, May 19, Streets Alive will return to Peachtree Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for St. Luke's to welcome the community to our corner of Peachtree Street. The event will not impact parking at St. Luke's for the morning services. If you plan to attend the Organ Recital or Choral Evensong that afternoon, please plan to use the back parking lot (Courtland Street). St. Luke's will host a bounce house for kids and hospitality after the 11:15 a.m. service and throughout the afternoon. An outdoor reception will follow the service of Choral Evensong that afternoon. Mark your calendar and make plans to spend the afternoon enjoying Peachtree Street!

- Lifelong Formation -



May 15: Stephanie Spellers at St. Luke's

Ebenzer Baptist Church and St. Luke's invite you to an evening with The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, who is a canon to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and spearheads Episcopal efforts around evangelism, racial reconciliation and creation care. She is the author of "The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community," which Ebenezer and St. Luke's are reading together for their annual book study. Even if you're not participating in the book study, please plan to join us at 6 p.m. at St. Luke's on Wednesday, May 15. Use the QR code *(left)* to register.

- Music -

May 3: Fourth Annual Concert for a Cause Benefitting the Hodgson Organ Fund

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. when Music at St. Luke's will host the Fourth Annual Concert for a Cause. This year's concert will feature St. Luke's Director of Music Matthew Brown, performing with the principal players of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The concert will raise funds to benefit the Alston Memorial Organ, which is undergoing critical maintenance this year. Contact **matthew@stlukesatlanta.org** if you're interested in being a lead sponsor.

May 19: Organ Recital and Choral Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost

At 3:15 p.m. on May 19, Deke Polifka, Director of Music at St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Va., will play music by Cecilia McDowall, Herbert Sumsion, Adolphus Hailstork, Gerre Hancock, and Maurice Duruflé on the Alston Memorial Organ. Following the recital, the Adult Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m with music by Eleanor Daley, Peter Aston, Charles Wood, and Edward Elgar. A reception will follow the service on the lawn in front of the bell tower.

– Parish Life –



May 8: Act III Luncheon with Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright

Act III, a group for members of St. Luke's community who are ages 60 and older, is hosting a luncheon event with guest speaker Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright on May 8, from noon until 2 p.m. This event will be catered by Soiree Catering and Events and a \$10 contribution is requested for lunch. Dr. Beth-Sarah will discuss "Finding Joy in Act III" and will pull wisdom from her new book "Deep Joy," which will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Dr. Beth-Sarah will be available to sign copies of her book as well. Please use the QR code *(left)* to register.

– Pastoral Care –

May 5: Daughters of the King Royal Tea Party

Let the St. Luke's Daughters of the King treat you like royalty at a Royal Tea Party! This event will take place Sunday, May 5, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service. The attire is festive. Hats, including fascinators and tiaras, are encouraged. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the Daughters of the King and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Learn more and register using the QR code *(right)*.



- Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) -



Register Today! St. Luke's Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This year, St. Luke's will partner with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light to host a week-long summer camp for kids ages 4 years through 6th grade on creation care. Mark your calendar for July 15-19, and use the QR code *(left)* to register.

- Community Ministries -

April Fill the Baskets: Returning Her Home

This month, St. Luke's will collect items for Returning Her Home, a transitional home for women returning from prison. Needs include: Visa, Target, or Wal-Mart gift cards in any amount, personal health items, such as feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, ankle socks (women's sizes 8-10), and twin sheet sets. Donation baskets can be found at the reception desk and in the Narthex on Sundays and during the week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

May 14: Film Screening and Panel Conversation

On May 14, at 7 p.m., you are invited to a screening of the film "The Philadelphia Elevent" at the Tara 4 theatre. "The Philadelphia Eleven" is a documentary about the 11 women who were the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church in 1974. The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion with The Rev. Winnie Varghese, The Rev. Patricia Templeton, The Rev. Martha Sterne, The Rev. Lynn Washington, and Leigh Halsema. Purchase tickets here – https://www.taraatlanta.com/movie/the-philadelphia-eleven-2/

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