The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

July 13, 2025 at 10:00am



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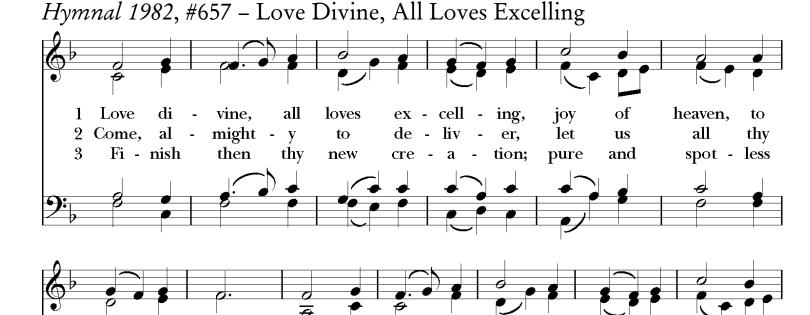
Prelude *Musicians*

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Gathering Rites / Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Gathering Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.





Section: The Christian Life Title: Love divine, all loves excelling Meter: 87. 87. D Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

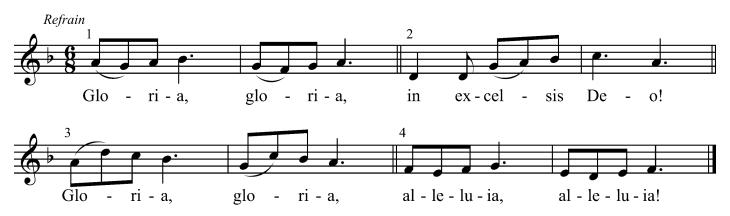
People And blessed be God's kindom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider

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 Savior. Amen.

The Gloria MHSO, #9
We will sing the Gloria twice



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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together let us pray.

O God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated
The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Holy One your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For our God will again take delight in prospering you, just as our God delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Holy One your God by observing the commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Holy One your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 25:1-9

We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

Gracious and upright are you; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from the Holy One our God.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Parent of our Savior Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and who has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of our God, fully pleasing to God, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Holy One, our God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kindom of God's beloved Begotten One, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable. We will sing the hymn twice.



Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: Jesu, Jesu Words: John 13:1-17; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969 Music: Ghana Folk Song; adapt. Tom Colvin 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988 Copyright: © 1969 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

The Gospel Luke 8:26-39

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," the lawyer said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to the lawyer, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer answered, "You shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to the lawyer, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to be justified, the lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A person was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped the person, beat them, and went away, leaving the person half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when the priest saw the person, the priest passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, who came to the place and saw the person, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near the person; and when the Samaritan saw the person, the Samaritan was moved with pity. The Samaritan went to the person and bandaged the person's wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the person on the Samaritan's own animal and brought the person to an inn to care for them. The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of this person; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the person who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed the person mercy." Jesus said to the lawyer, "Go and do likewise."

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Priest-in-Charge

A few moments of silence will be kept

Statement of Faith

Intercessor: Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

We believe in God,

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Loving God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River, St. Luke's Church, Fall River, St. Gabriel's Church, Marion, and St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the church do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Either in silence or aloud, for which peoples and leaders of the world do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Either in silence or aloud, for what in the created order do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Either in silence or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks in our lives today? (You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kindom. Either in silence or aloud, whom do we remember today by name? (You are invited to offer names.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Prayer for the Social Order (BCP p. 823)

Intercessor Together let us pray.

All Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Presider offers a collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and all of God's creation.

Presider and People

O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

Silence

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

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The Presider offers instructions for receiving communion, and bids the offertory sentence.

Offertory Anthem

Choir

The Doxology - Old Hundredth

Please rise as you are comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.

You are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

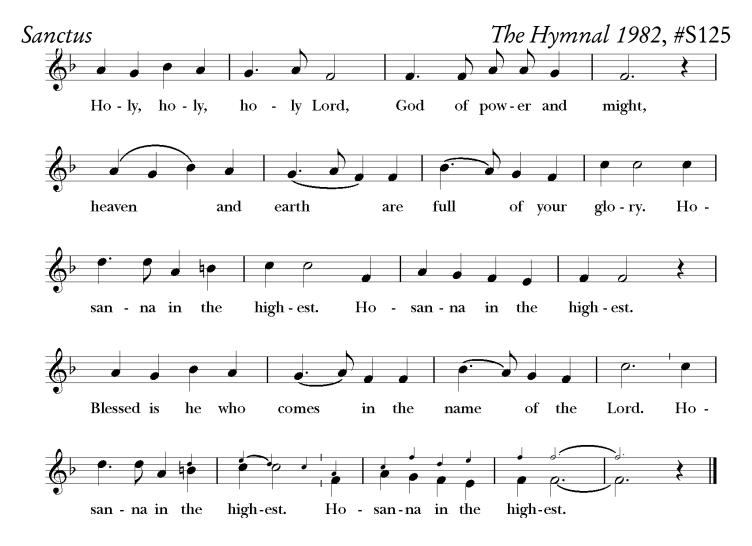
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

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

Presider offers a Preface.

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:



The Presider continues – you are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable. We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all, in

Jesus, your Word and Wisdom made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Jesus, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Jesus, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before Jesus died for us, 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may we all be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters,

children all; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer moves you.

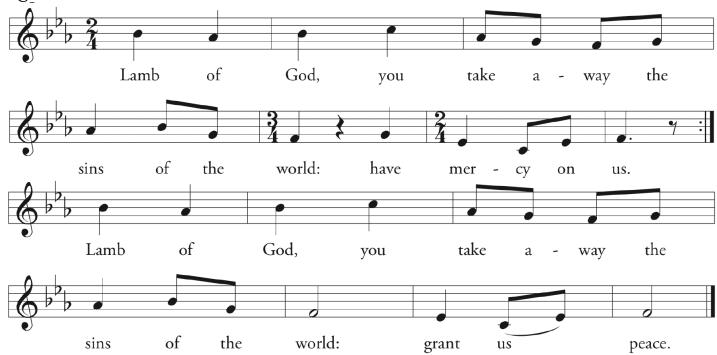
Presider

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kindom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kindom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei



Presider

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Jesus says, "Come and see."

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

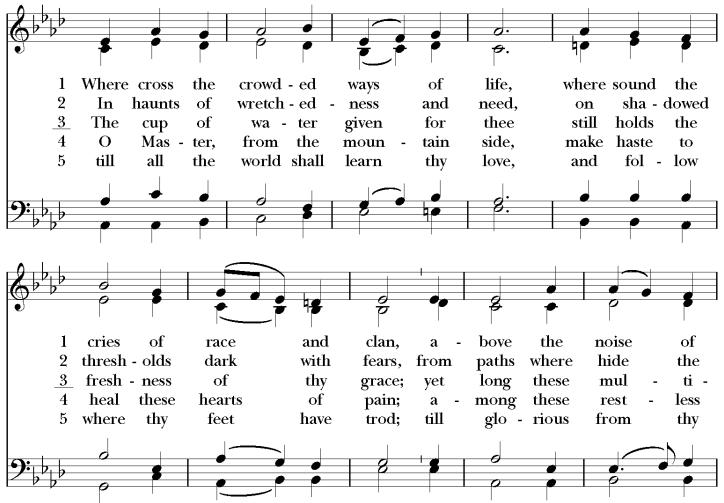
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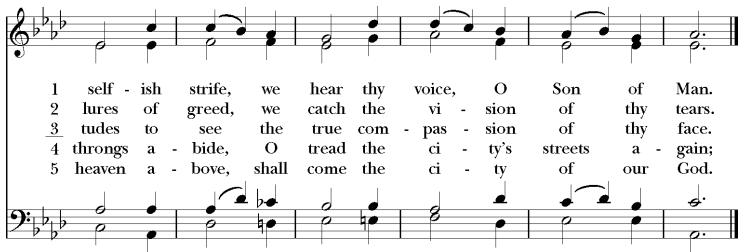
In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, 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.

Postcommunion Hymn

You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.







Section: Christian Responsibility Title: Where cross the crowded ways of life Meter: LM Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: Gardiner, from Sacred Melodies, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

Postcommunion Prayer

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

People and Presider

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion.

You have united us with Christ,

and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

Blessing

Processional Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide



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Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to Presider

love and serve God and God's people.

Thanks be to God. People



TODAY'S LITURGY

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney - Priest-in-Charge Eliza Blay - Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm Bernice Cramer - Lector of Second Reading Carter Lustig - Acolyte

Natalie Brelsford - Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Brenda Carter - Pianist

Jack Blay and Ellie Pandorf - Altar Guild

Mary Lou Pierron - Usher/Attendance

David Montgomery and Kathryn Anderson - Counters

Will Holz - Tech

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PRAYERS

In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River, St. Luke's Church, Fall River, St. Gabriel's Church, Marion, and St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett.

Parish Prayer List - Prayers are Requested for:

Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Anniversary, Elliot Lias-Sweeney (July 11)!

Happy Birthday, Kathryn Anderson (July 14)!

Today's altar flowers are donated by Eliza and Craig Blay for the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of Lynne Urquiola.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renewing the Prayer List

The prayer list has been renewed. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an inperson conversation about something of concern.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners, and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.

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Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.



Staff and Office Hours

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – <u>office@parishofstpaul.org</u>. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

Vestry

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting happens on Wednesday, June 18.

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Elected Parish Leaders

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: David Montgomery and Mary Lou Pierron Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Tricia Tyler

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