

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Rogation Sunday  
May 5, 2024



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Priest in Charge*

*“Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.” -Psalm 98: 8-9*

Welcome to St. Matthew's, and God's peace be to you all. Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, which means "to ask", reflecting the beseeching of God for protection from calamities, for God's blessing upon a fruitful harvest and thus the well-being of all. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it: "Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry."

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our occasional evening services. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes- please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are. All our contact information is listed at the back of this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. At services with music, you will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

**All** are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

*Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina*

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter- Rogation Sunday Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 am

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

### The Ringing of the Bells

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into the silence and reflection that settles our souls for our worship together.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude      “Wir pflugen”      Johann Abraham Peter Schulz

Choral Introit    “The Church is wherever God’s people are”

*(Traditional Cornish melody, arr. Jane Marshall; text by Carol Rose Ikeler)*

The church is wherever God’s people are praising,  
singing their thanks for joy on this day.  
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God’s people are helping,  
caring for neighbors in sickness and need.  
The church is wherever God’s people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

Processional Hymn      #1, The Hymnal 1982  
“Father, we praise thee”

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*      The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The people and Celebrant say together*

**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.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis**

S-280, The Hymnal 1982

**“Glory to God in the highest!”**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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.**

**Prayers for Rogation Days**

BCP 258-259

*I. For fruitful seasons*

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*II. For Commerce and Industry*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*III. For stewardship of creation*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino (Said in unison)*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight  
of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house  
of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory  
of our God.

- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**The Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**

#398, The Hymnal 1982

**“I sing the almighty power of God”**

**The Gospel: John 15:9-17**

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

Mother Dina

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed** *all stand and say together* BCP 358

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

A Litany for Rogation Sunday

Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

Almighty God, you have created what we need to sustain our earthly lives. May we be faithful in our stewardship of the soil, the sky, the water and the air, and of all things that live in your creation.

*People* **Hear us, Lord.**

O God, the Creator, you have ordered a time for planting and for harvesting, for rest and growth and work; for sun and rain, for warmth and for cold. May we respect and celebrate all times and seasons as a part of your creation and the cycle of our lives.

*People* **Help us, Lord.**

Give us favorable weather for planting and growing and harvest. Bless the soil of the earth and the waters of streams and lakes and seas. And bless the harvests of all farmers and fishermen.

*People* **Bless us, Lord.**

We pray for the homeless, the hungry and the helpless, that we may be always willing to share with others and be mindful and responsive to their needs and wants.

*People* **Touch us, Lord.**

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit. For those hospitalized or homebound, for the victims of natural disasters, and for anyone carrying heavy burdens.

*People* **Heal us, Lord.**

For those who have died and have passed on to us the care of the



beautiful earth. We thank you for their example and for your love that blesses us with eternal life.

*People* **Keep us, Lord.**

For your Church as the community of faith and for those who serve you faithfully, and for the world in which we serve, we pray your grace and Spirit upon us.

*People* **Empower us, Lord.**

Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Memorial Church, Danville. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, York, and The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

I ask your prayers for Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances (Fran), Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike B., Anita, Carole, Richard S., the Sterner family, Dawson, Ellen and family, Erika, Stan R., Nancy R., Carlos K., Frank L., Tammy R., Barbara and family, Becky, Robert, Roy C., Tanner Fasold, Donna N., Patty N. and Michael, Holly, Pam, Kelsey, Marley, John, Blair, Vicky, Candace, Ron, Sydney C., Suzanne I., and Lisa. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan D., Kara, Melissa, Janice, and their co-workers; for all serving in our military and law enforcement; and for our President Joe Biden; our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Broscious, and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver.

I also ask your prayers for all the departed, especially Nancy S., and David.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayers.** *Silence is held.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have**

**mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

BCP 360

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn “This is my Father’s World” (Hymnary.org)**  
(Please see p.18 for this hymn)

**The Presentation of the Offerings #380, v.3, The Hymnal 1982**  
**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

BCP 369

*The Celebrant says* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift 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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,

and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and we betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**The Sanctus**

S-129, The Hymnal 1982

**“Holy, holy, holy”**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray together: **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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **The Fraction Anthem**

S-154, The Hymnal 1982

**"Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us"**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**Communion Hymn**

#291, The Hymnal 1982

**“We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land”**

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*The people and Celebrant pray together*

**Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 Lord. Amen.**

**The Easter Blessing**

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

**Recessional Hymn** #541, The Hymnal 1982  
“Come, labor on”

**The Dismissal** *The Priest dismisses the People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Christ and the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

**Postlude** “Fresh as the morning” **Tony E. Alonso**

Serving today’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; and St. Matthew’s Choir  
Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Roy Casey, *Eucharistic Minister*  
Tina McGee, *Lector*  
Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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**PARISH NOTES FOR MAY 5, 2024**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We’re in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed. Please give to the Treasurer, Tom Culver, in an envelope labeled “Diaper Pantry.” **Donations of diaper wipes and pull-ups are so appreciated and urgently needed- WE COVERED 88 BABY BOTTOMS IN APRIL!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message, to volunteer. Donations of canned soups and cereals are welcome.

**We fed 53 families in April!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, May 25, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.  
**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** Wednesday, 11:30- 5:00pm (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) **I LOVE** hearing from you!

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY:** Please prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry. If interested in guiding our young people in their faith, please contact Mother Dina or Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, 570-898-2275.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of **all ages** for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or **ANY** of our other ministries!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL- TIME CHANGE!!** Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us- **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday starting at 7:00PM.

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

May 5<sup>th</sup>- Fran Z.

May 12<sup>th</sup>- Martha Bohner

May 19<sup>th</sup>- Lori & Carol

May 26<sup>th</sup>- Kistler

**CINCO DE MAYO:** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM in the Social Hall, Tex-Mex Food! Help us to restock our Diaper Pantry! Admission: 1 pack of any size or brand of diapers, unopened, **OR** cash donation.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE:** Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM, service with Holy Eucharist

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning

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| breakfast will be held on Mother's Day, May 12 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SUNDAY:</b> Is May 12 <sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30AM. Any questions, please contact Anissa.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>VESTRY MEETING:</b> The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on May 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>SPRING AUCTION: Bring a friend and relax!</b> May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, Social Hour, 6PM – 7PM, hors d'oeuvres & refreshments will be served and the Auction will begin at 7PM. A \$5.00 donation per person at the door will be deducted from your auction purchase. Any donations for the Auction are greatly appreciated, please contact Cynthia Reid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</b> Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on May 19 <sup>th</sup> . Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE:</b> A memorial service for Nancy Shipman will be held May 26 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM, reception to follow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:</b> Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information<br>Sun., May 5 <sup>th</sup> : No monthly Breakfast<br>Sun., May 5 <sup>th</sup> : No monthly Children's Activity<br>Sun., May 5 <sup>th</sup> : Cinco de Mayo Diaper Drive, 5:00PM, Social Hall<br>Sun., May 9 <sup>th</sup> : Ascension Day Holy Eucharist, 5:30 PM<br>Sun., May 12 <sup>th</sup> : Mother's Day Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM<br>Sun., May 12 <sup>th</sup> : Children's Activity Sunday, 9:30AM<br>Wed., May 15 <sup>th</sup> : Vestry Meeting, 6PM, Social Hall<br>Sat., May 18 <sup>th</sup> : Spring Auction, 6:00PM<br>Sun., May 19 <sup>th</sup> : Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM<br>Sun., May 26 <sup>th</sup> : Memorial service for Nancy Shipman, 3:00PM |

**VESTRY MEMBERS**

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Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*



SEXTON Sharon Baney

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# This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my list - ning ears All  
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world: The birds their ca - rols raise, The  
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world: O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
 mor - ning light, the li - ly white, De - clare their Ma - ker's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of  
 This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the  
 This is my Fa - ther's world: Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is King—let the hea - ven's ring! God reigns; let earth be glad! A - men.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901)  
 Tune: Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)



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