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Pentecost Flowers for Next Sunday

On the Feast of Pentecost, May 23, we will fill the church with red geraniums. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings please call or email the secretary. Suggested donation is \$20.

May 11, 2021

Dear Friends,

This morning I interred Louis Bashaw's ashes in St. Alban's Memorial Garden and on Thursday morning I will inter David Gregg's ashes at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Elbridge. Performing these rites during the Great Fifty Days of Easter makes the celebration of resurrection poignant. The Committal service includes the words, "In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother/sister." Sure and certain hope - Yes! Made sure and certain by the power of God, who reached into the tomb and raised Jesus from the dead, our hope never can be taken away from us, for nothing is stronger than the power of God.

Not only does God have the power to raise us to eternal life, God has promised to do so. In order for someone to deliver on a promise they must have not only the means to do it, but the desire to do it. God, in whom there is no darkness at all, only light and life, has made this promise to us out of a perfect, unconditional love. God's promises are sure and certain, hence our hope in God's promise of resurrection to eternal life is sure and certain. In God's kingdom we will experience the fullness of joy as at last we meet Jesus face to face, and meet again our loved ones who have gone before us.

In the midst of life's uncertainties - and pandemic life is full of uncertainties! - we can carry this holy hope within us. In times of grief or distress we can turn to God for help, in the sure and certain knowledge that help will be given. Jesus asks his disciples, "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:9-10) Live in hope for the future, for God already is there. Live in hope for the present, for God is always with you, desiring to help; you only need ask. During these 50 Days of Easter celebrate the gifts of a hope which can never be taken away, and a joy that is eternal.

- Mother Julie+

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 am/Ascension Day at 5:30 pm

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter **826 9515 6305#** (Ascension Day: 898 5381 0239#)

When prompted Enter **#**

When prompted Enter **446765#** (Ascension Day: 432942#)

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and you will be let in.

The Ascension Day and Sunday services are both In-Person and on Zoom.

The Bishop allows 50% capacity, which leaves plenty of room for you!

Wear a mask, enter and sign in at the ramp door entrance,

Zoom Calendar

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 835 9000 0245 & 562087
 9:30 a.m. Worship 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: 868 3084 1089 & 114552

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Ascension Day: 898 5381 0239 & 432942

May 13 6:30 p.m. Book Study: Same as above

Thursday Evening Book Study Begins May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The study will be both in person and on Zoom. The secretary's computer can be used to Zoom if you wish to participate and don't have access to Zoom. We will read Simply Christian, by N.T. Wright. Mother Julie can order the book for you to avoid postage. The cost is \$15.

I'm told that it's also available in local libraries. Zoom codes are listed above.

May 13: Part 1

May 20: Part 2, first two chapters

May 27: Part 2, two chapters on Jesus

June 3: Part 2, two chapters on the Holy Spirit

June 10: Begin Part 3

June 17: Finish Part 3



**Sunday School
meets
1st and 3rd
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

