

# **The Episcopal Church of the Atonement**



## **The Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 2026  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

*The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

**Easter greetings!** The church devotes 50 days to the Easter season celebrating Christ's resurrection. During this season, the "Alleluia" is back, sung and spoken in many places. We omit the general confession as a sign of our joy that we have been forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

## Prelude

### Entrance Hymn 416

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity*

**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.**

*Sung at 8:00 am & 10:00 am*

### Song of Praise

*Glory to God*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2.Lord, God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y  
 God and Fath-er, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3.Lord, Je-sus Christ  
 on - ly son of the Fath-er Lord God, lamb of God, 4.You take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy  
 on us. 5.You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath - er, re - ceive our prayer.  
 6.For you a - lone are the ho - ly one; You a - lone are the Lord; You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus  
 Christ with the Ho - ly Spi-rit In the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - - men. *molto rit.*

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Reader* This reading is a summary of the preaching and other activities of the early Christian community in Jerusalem. Now is the time for repentance, forgiveness, and the gift of the spirit. There are many signs of healings as the church grows. The new disciples share fully with one another and meeting for teaching, eucharistic meals, and prayers.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

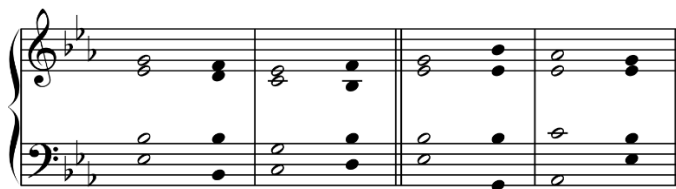
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Spoken at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17**



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| 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *<br>because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. | 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *<br>is the death of his servants.   |
| 2 The cords of death entangled me;<br>the grip of the grave took hold of me; *<br>I came to grief and sorrow.                                | 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *<br>I am your servant<br>and the child of your handmaid;<br>you have freed me from my bonds. |
| 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *<br>"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."  | 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *<br>and call upon the Name of the Lord.                                  |
| 10 How shall I repay the Lord *<br>for all the good things he has done for me?   | 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *<br>in the presence of all his people,   |
| 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *<br>and call upon the Name of the Lord.  | <i>second half</i><br>17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *<br>in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!              |
| 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *<br>in the presence of all his people.  |   |

## The Second Reading

*1 Peter 1:17-23*

*Reader* The letter from which this passage comes was addressed to former pagans, and it may have been read at an Easter baptismal service. Having been purified by Christ's imperishable offering, disciples are now to love one another from the heart.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung at 10:00 am*

**Gospel Hymn 307**

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

## The Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Presider*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

*The Rev. Sandi Albom*

### The Nicene Creed

**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 fully 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 and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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

In this holy season of Easter, when we celebrate Jesus risen from the dead, may we be fully aware of what the Risen Christ has given to us. Our lives have been redeemed that we may fully seek the love of God, the freedom to live as God has created us to be, the abundant life God offers us, and chiefly, the way of love of Jesus. Let us joyfully and thankfully proclaim:

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

We earnestly pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean; our Bishop Douglas; our Bishop-elect Miguelina; Sandi, our Priest; and all those who make it their mission to share the love of Jesus.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

We offer our prayers this day for all leaders who have the power to change lives and to change the world, especially for our President; our Governor; our Mayor; and our legislators and judges, that their decisions may be guided by the way of love of Jesus.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

We pray our world may know freedom from those forces that keep us from living as God has created us to be.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

We pray to live our lives sharing, without fear of scarcity, what we have received from God.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus brought hope to those who suffer and are bowed down by the trials of life. On this day, celebrating Jesus' triumph over death, let us be mindful of those who struggle and are in need.

*Silence. The People may offer names silently or aloud.*

With hope in our hearts, let us pray:

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

Let us pray for all who have died, especially remembering Richard & Doris Tierney, Frank & Carrie Prince, Albert & Edna Prince; and Lawrence & Edith Tierney, in whose memory Altar Memorials have been given; and Sarah Duffy, Lisle and Doris Hebert, and Betty Adams, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns, in the hope of resurrection.

*Silence. The People may offer names silently or aloud.*

Let us honor their memories and be grateful for the ways in which they so generously gave of their gifts during their lifetimes.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen as he said.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of "our life and labor," which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) or scan the QR code located in the pew.*

*Sung at 10:00 am*  
**Offertory Anthem**

*Take Me To the Water - Down in the River*  
*arr. Noble*

Take me to the water  
Take me to the water  
Take me to the water  
To be baptized.

None but the righteous...  
Shall see God.

I love Jesus...  
O yes, I do.

He's my savior...  
O yes, He is.

Let's go down in the river to pray  
Studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O, people, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O, people, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray.  
Down in the river to pray.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am. The People stand to sing.  
**Presentation Hymn 204**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3**

*Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts*

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low, Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise  
Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*Spoken at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*People:* Therefore let us keep the peace.

Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world  
Have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sins of the world, Grant us your peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup or you may intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. Thank you.*

### **Spiritual Communion**

*Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:*

**O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)**

### **Communion Meditation**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*The People stand*

**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 Blessing**

### **Concluding Hymn 296**

*We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More*

### **The Dismissal**

*Presider:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

#### **PERMISSIONS**

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	8:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lesley Frazar	Alice Ehresman
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Gail Meehan	Deb Curtis
<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	Kara Noble	Jan Parks
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<b>Usher(s)</b>	Gail Meehan	Deb Curtis
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### PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.  
 Contact office administrator at [program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org) or call 562-5461.*

**Altar Memorials** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard & Doris Tierney, Frank & Carrie Prince, Albert & Edna Prince; and Lawrence & Edith Tierney.

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Duffy, Lisle and Doris Hebert, and Betty Adams.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

**Diocesan Prayer** for St. Helena's Episcopal Church, Lenox; An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice; Mampong Babies Home, Ghana; Episcopal Media Services; and Archives of The Episcopal Church

**For those suffering throughout the world** especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

**For these families and individuals** Janet, Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick

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## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	The Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person</i> ) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person</i>   <i>live-streamed</i> ) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
<b>Monday, April 20</b>	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>	12:00 pm Women's Lunch 5:00 pm Book Group Discussion 6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (Great Hall)</i> 7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship (SMGR)
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>	5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 6:15 Handbells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Friday, April 24</b>	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
<b>Saturday, April 25</b>	10:00am Ordination & Consecration of the Tenth Bishop ( <i>YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/BZT-8gnI3go">https://www.youtube.com/live/BZT-8gnI3go</a></i> ) 4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	The Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person</i> ) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person</i>   <i>live-streamed</i> ) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

### ***"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"***

*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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# ECOTA Happenings

## April 19, 2026

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sundays: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)*

*Tuesdays: 7pm Bridge Fellowship | Wednesdays: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist*

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## Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Western Mass Hospital Angel program this month!

### **Women's Luncheon – Tuesday, April 21 @ 12:00pm**

Our next Women's Lunch will be on Tuesday, April 21 @ noon. As we look ahead to those hot summer days when many of us will be cooling off at the beach, by the pool, or on a shady porch with a good book in hand, Barbara invites us to bring a book we would **like** to read this summer—and to share why it appeals to us. Call it your *beach book*, your *screened-porch book*, or simply your *summer reading pick*. Please bring the book with you and tell us what drew you to it. And bring your own brown bag lunch; we'll provide beverages and treats. Sign up in the Narthex if you can join us.

### **Book Group Discussion – Tuesday, April 21 @ 5:00pm**

The Book Group will meet to discuss *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 pm in the Saint Margaret's Guild Room. Everyone is welcome to discuss this timely and thoughtful collection of reflections written for moments when the world feels heavy and hope feels fragile.

### **ECOTA Coffeehouse ~ Wednesday, April 22 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Come join us for all three at our next **ECOTA Coffeehouse** on Wednesday, April 22 starting at 10:30am. Do you have a favorite song you'd like to hear played? Let Kara or Jerry know ([program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org)). We could use volunteers to set up, make coffee, and clean up—and we welcome donations of baked goods. If you can help, sign up in the Narthex.

### **Laundry Love Needs Help on Wednesday, April 22 @ 4:30pm**

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. Laundry Love could use volunteers, as well as donations of bottled water and individually wrapped salty snacks and desserts, as well as detergent pods and dryer sheets, for its next session. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

### **Ordination & Consecration of Bishop Miguelina Howell, Saturday, April 25 @ 10:00am**

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### **Spring Clean-up Day – Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

It's time for ECOTA's annual Spring Clean-up. The tasks for the day will focus on the plants around the building, including pruning and gently shaping up the shrubs. If you can participate, it's helpful if you can bring hand pruning clippers, rakes, and gloves. No need to sign up—just come on Saturday, May 2.