



Opening Prayer

The Rev. Trilby Murray
ECW Chaplain

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God of the seasons turning, another year has come and gone and once again we gather for the Annual Meeting of this Women's Ministry. We just want to stop and say thank you.

To this place we bring all the celebrations and hardships, the joys and the sorrows of the past year.

We all gather to look forward to what the coming years have in store for us.

We know that they will not always be easy tasks, that life will always have a mixture of easy and difficult things.

As we meet and discuss the life and work of this part of our ministry we pray Lord, that you would be a part of our discussions to lead us in the right direction.

May your Spirit move in our hearts, opening them to hear what each of us has to offer, bringing light to both possibilities and realities, drawing us always to consider what you would have us be, and do in this time and place. Remind us that we are called to be bearers of Christ's life, light, and love to all we meet.

Help us to live in such a way that we draw closer to the vision you have for us. In this time together we celebrate the many gifts we all have to offer. Help us offer what we can to your service and your glory, mindful of our great giftedness in so many ways throughout our lives. These things we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ, in whose name and hope we gather together as a community. **Amen.**





Worship

The Rev. Catherine Healy

Celebrant

The Rev. Trilby Murray

Deacon



Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Chicago

Annual Meeting

Zoom on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Women with Wings: *Celebrating Women in Leadership*

Honoring Women of the Chicago Diocese
Celebrating the lives of the women who have died
Noonday Service

In Christ Alone.





Priest O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Priest and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

A photograph of a classic oil lantern with a glass chimney and a metal frame, resting on a sandy surface. The lantern is lit, casting a warm, yellow glow. The background is a dark, blue night sky with a hint of a horizon line.

Psalm 119 V 105-112

Read in unison (on mute) led by Deacon Murray

**Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.**

**I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**

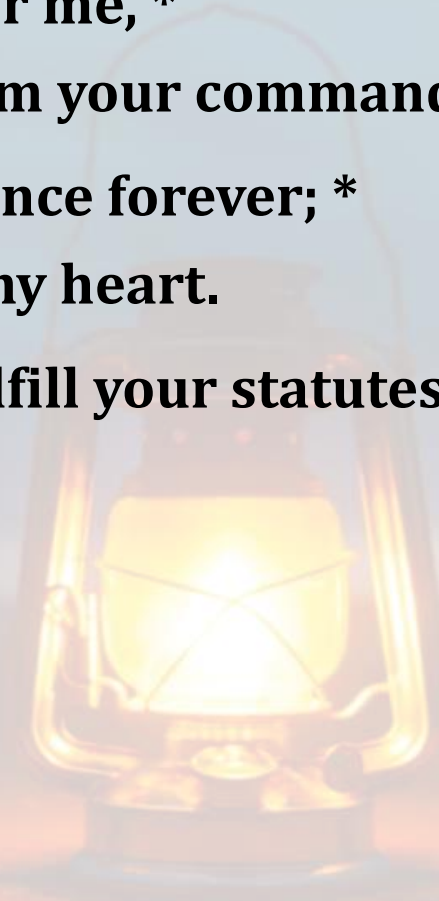
**I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.**

**Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**

**My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.**

(continued)

**The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
Your decrees are my inheritance forever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
forever and to the end.**



The Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Deacon

If anyone is in Christ she is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

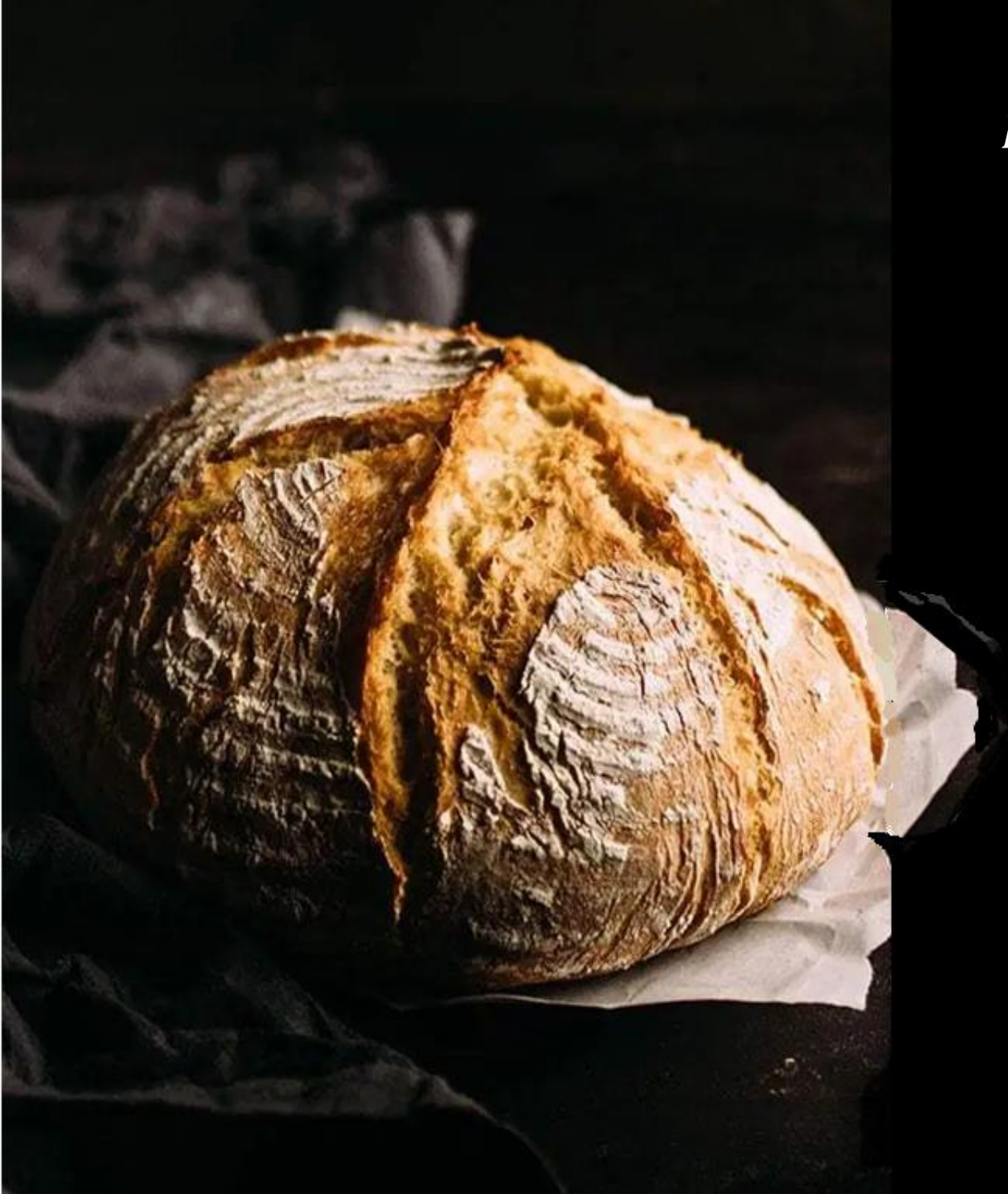
People Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.



Priest and 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.**

Two hands are raised in a gesture of prayer, palms facing up, against a dark, textured background. The hands are illuminated from the side, creating a soft glow on the skin. The fingers are slightly spread, and the wrists are extended upwards.

Priest Lord, hear our prayer.

People And let our cry come to you.

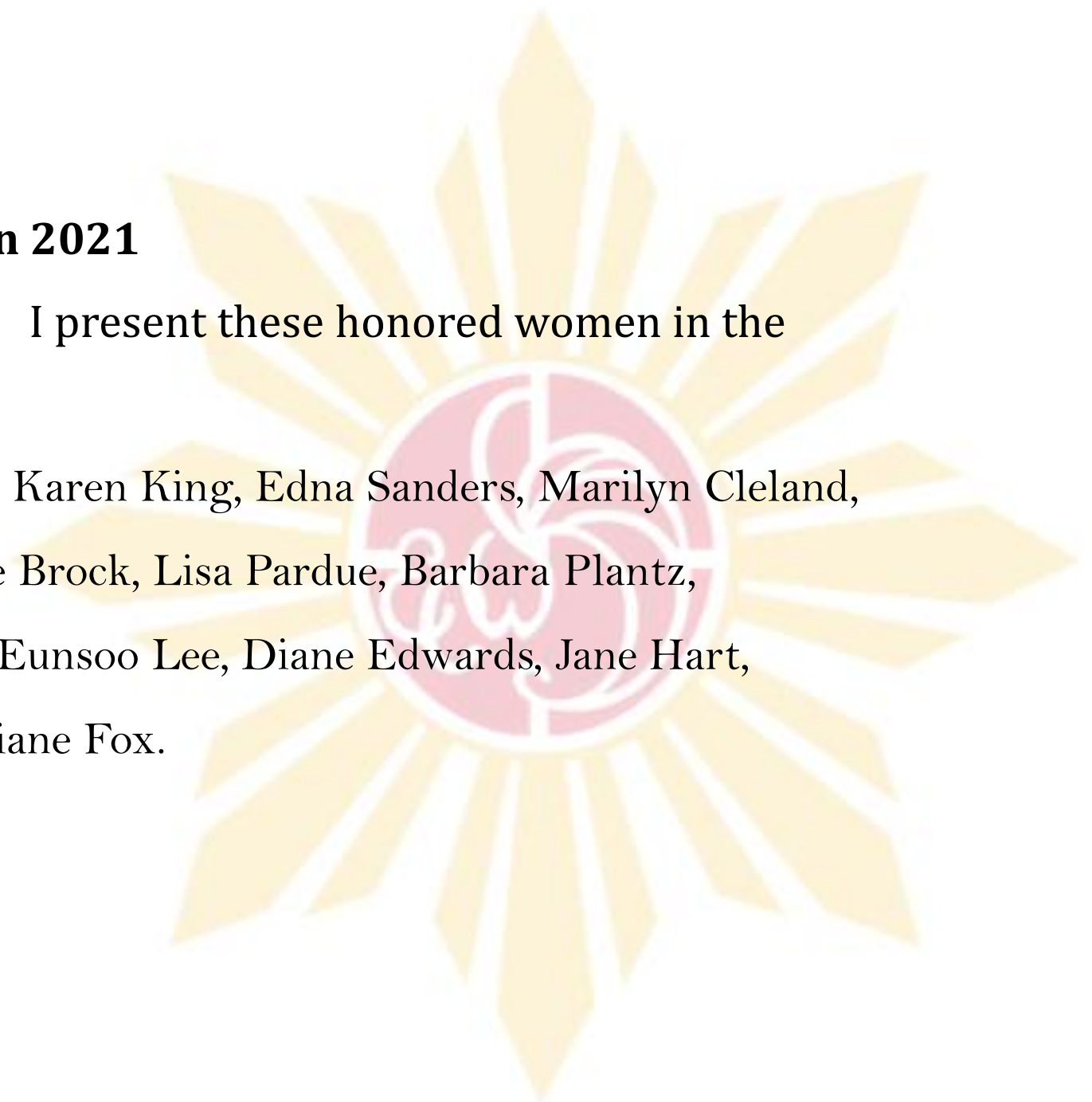
Priest Let us pray.

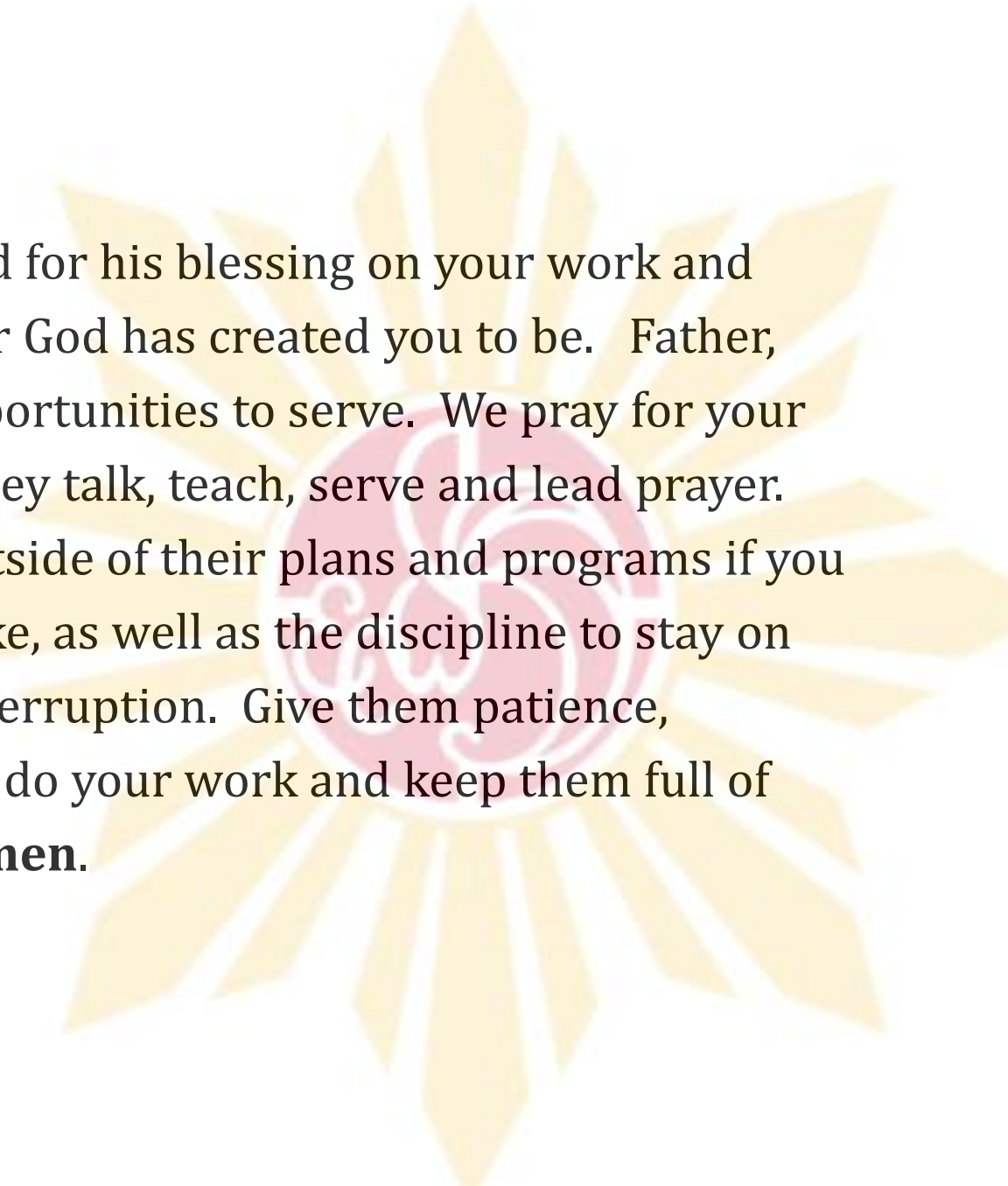
Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Honored Women 2021

Beth Petti, Honored Women committee chair I present these honored women in the
Diocese of Chicago.

Betty Kilgore, Ruth Denofrio, The Rev. Karen King, Edna Sanders, Marilyn Cleland,
Angie McPhillips, Elizabeth Rice, Susie Brock, Lisa Pardue, Barbara Plantz,
Susan Comins, Karen Donovan, Hilda Eunsoo Lee, Diane Edwards, Jane Hart,
Barbara Weaver, Susan Bennett, and Diane Fox.





Priest Sisters in Christ Jesus, we ask God for his blessing on your work and lives as you strive to be the leader God has created you to be. Father, give them humble hearts and opportunities to serve. We pray for your words to flow through them as they talk, teach, serve and lead prayer. Give them the courage to step outside of their plans and programs if you have another path for them to take, as well as the discipline to stay on course amidst distraction and interruption. Give them patience, endurance, and fortitude, as they do your work and keep them full of peace from beginning to end. **Amen.**

All (on mute)

Most awesome God, women are and have always been among the first to volunteer, the first to organize, and the first to use their network of friends in Christ to accomplish good works. We give you thanks for bringing us together – women who are willing to contribute their considerable skill to the advancement of your church and to the world.

Priest We ask that you support and guide us and allow each of us to be strengthened by the inspiration of our sisters. All this we ask in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. ***Amen***

Sisters, thank you for faithfully sharing God's love with one another and our community.

Intercessory prayer

Priest We are called to be people who listen to God's Word and respond.
Let us turn to God in prayer now, so that our prayers can help make a difference to our world.

Deacon We pray for men and women who hold positions of leadership and power within the Church, that their work will help empower all those influenced by their ministry, to know their full dignity and value.

All **Gracious God, help us lead.**



Deacon We pray for liberation for women who live with violence and exploitation in all countries of our world.

All **Gracious God, help us heal.**

Deacon We pray for all women and men in our Church, that we will find new ways to work together in partnership to reflect each of us being made in the image of God.

All **Gracious God, help us be better partners.**

Deacon We pray for ourselves, that each of us will discern ways that we can more fully live as God calls us to live.

All **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**



Deacon We pray for healing for those in our community who are suffering physical, emotional or mental illness.

All **Gracious God, help us heal.**

Deacon We pray for those who have died especially the women who have gone before us. May they rest forever in the arms of our loving God.

The necrology is read.



2021 ECW Annual Meeting Necrology

The Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Gurnee

Leni Bordelon
Cindy Hibbard
Jannette Kellogg
Patricia Dailey

Trinity - Wheaton

Diane Fox
Betty McCabe
Durema Kohl
Nancy Thomas
Joyce Brown

St. Mark – Glen Ellyn

Janis Groner
Linda Gonzalez
Dolores Dunnett
Peggy Heilig
Terry Stent
Judy Petrushka
Janet Donaldson
Nancy Schmitt
Judy Picariello
Marilyn Kunard
Linda Farrell
Carmen Salazar

Church of Our Saviour – Elmhurst

Marjorie Paddock

St. Lawrence – Libertyville

Mary Gedney
Mary Jean Brison
Elise Ryder
Joan Moody

St. Thomas-Chicago

JoThelma Hill
Constance Payton-Brown
Willa Small

St. John's – Naperville

Eloise Suk (sook)
Jane Baier

St. Nicholas – Elk Grove Village

Ann Pociask
Carrie Grech
Patricia Stoll
Susan Diamond
Beth Ann O'Reilly
Ruth L. Krock
Arlene Cooper
Barbara Bonkowski
Andrea Ullrich
Aunt Dot
Michelle Avila
Aunt Joyce
Nora Pun
Aunt Virginia
Aunt Joan

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St. Peter's – Chicago

Elinor Dahmer

Nora Pun

St. Paul's – DeKalb

Elizabeth (Puzz) George

Emmanuel- LaGrange

Sally Weaver

Trinity – Aurora

Patricia Wilson

St. James Cathedral – Chicago

Constance Gaylord Rial

Matthews

Calvary – Lombard

Mary Beth McGowan

Chelle O'Connell

Eleanor Alberts

Grace – New Lenox

Anna Macek

St. Pauls – LaSalle

Ruth E. Frig


All Saints – Western Springs

Ruth Paul

Messiah-St. Bartholomew

Sarah Coleman Ragland





Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom

Deacon I invite you to lift your hands up to God and let him know your heart's desire and that of others.

Priest Gracious and ever-loving God, we know that you hear these and all the prayers in our hearts.
We make all these prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





The Recognition of the Retiring Officers

Jane Schenk, ECW Board Convener: Reverend Healy, I present these women
for a blessing as they retire from their service as Board Members for the
Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Chicago.

Jane reads the names of the retiring board members.

Jeanne LaSheff, May Anstee, Eva Smith

Priest Bless these women as they complete their service with the
Episcopal Church Women. Watch over them as they go forward to lead
in new ways, in Your honor.

Amen

The Recognition of the Continuing Officers

Jane Schenck reads the names of the continuing board members.

Reverend Healy, I present to you these women who are continuing to serve as Board Members for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago.

Judy Greaves, Helen Mensing, Susan O'Brien, The Rev. Trilby Murray, Diane Edwards, Jenny Frederickson, Maryfran Crist, Linda Toberman, and Beth Petti.

Priest My sisters in Christ, do you choose to continue to serve on the Board of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Chicago?

Board **We do.**

Priest I reinstall you as Board Members for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago. May God richly bless you in this service.



The Installation of the President and Newly Appointed Members at Large

Beth Petti, committee chairman, presents the newly elected President and the newly appointed Members at Large.



Beth Reverend Healy, I present to you Jane Schenck, to serve as President of the Board for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago and the following women who will serve the Board as Members at Large: Helena Echoles-Carlson, Judi Jordan, Carolyn Levystein, Peg Newby and Wanda Norris

Priest My sisters in Christ, are you convinced that the work of this ministry is so important that you will be diligent and faithful in performing the same?

All **We are so convinced.**



Priest Will you strive faithfully and reverently to execute the duties of your office knowing that in serving others, you serve Christ?

All **I will with God's help.**

Priest Jane, I install you as President of the Board for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago.

Helena, Judi, Carolyn, Peg, and Wanda,

I install you as Members at Large of the Board for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago.

I invite everyone to read together.

The ECW Prayer (on following slide)



The ECW Prayer

All (on mute) **Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.**

The Blessing of the United Thank Offering

Linda The United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering looks very different this year. If we were meeting in person at this time, all of you would come forward with the UTO Spring Ingathering checks from your churches. However, this service is virtual, and in this springtime of new life and new beginnings, there is still a continued need to help those less fortunate.

I would like you at this time to visualize your blue box. Think about one thing you are grateful for today and ask how to thank God for this blessing. Visualize putting your note of gratitude, coin or bill into the box. Now ask God to bring to mind one thing that you are grateful for each day for the next 30 days. And after this service or during the next 30 days, please send your blessings either by check or credit card to UTO by mail or text as written in the UTO report. Be sure to enter the name of your church and diocese. This is a wonderful way to start planting Spring seeds of a new or on-going practice of gratitude. It has been a difficult year for many; still we have been blessed by the generosity of several churches and individuals. So, with grateful hearts, let us begin our attitude of Gratitude for 2021.

The United Thank Offering Prayer

Priest Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers of your harvest. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that inspire the work of the United Thank Offering. May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to address the needs of our ever-changing world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow. Amen.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



A woman in a white dress stands in a field of tall grass at sunset. Her arms are raised in a gesture of praise or joy, and she is silhouetted against the bright, low sun. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and some darker clouds on the right side.

The Blessing

Priest

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thank you for attending our 2021 Annual Meeting

We hope you enjoyed your day with us and we will look forward
to seeing you again.

Special thanks to Bridget Schank and Hope Pavich, our speakers
The Rev. Catherine Healy and The Rev. Trilby Murray, our worship leaders
Catherine Belassie and Sue Campbell, our technical operators.

Upcoming Events



Altar Guild Conference

Stitches for God:
Needlepoint Across Our Diocese

September 18, 2021



Women's Fall Retreat

October 15-17, 2021

DeKoven Retreat Center
Racine, WI

For the latest information about women's ministries across the diocese, please see our website:

ecwchicago.org