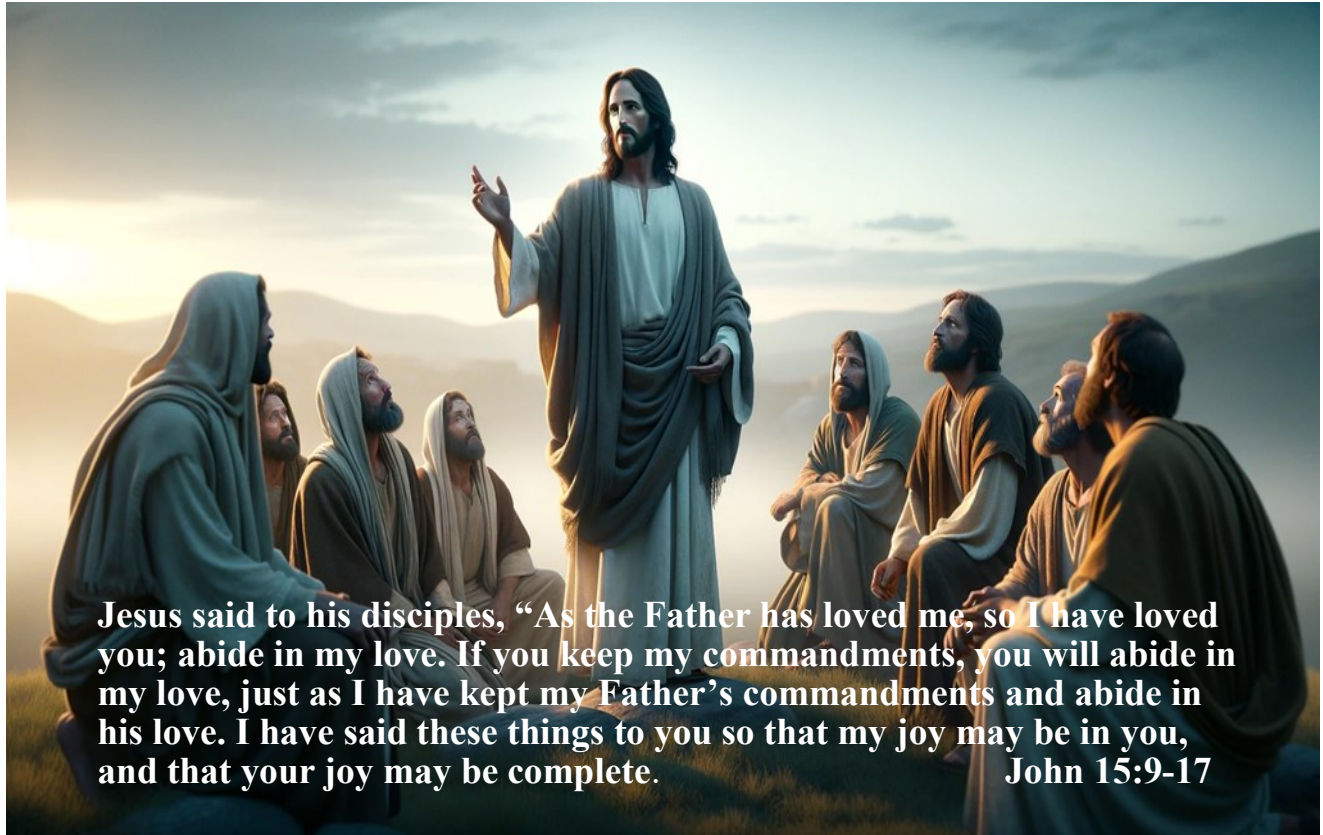


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



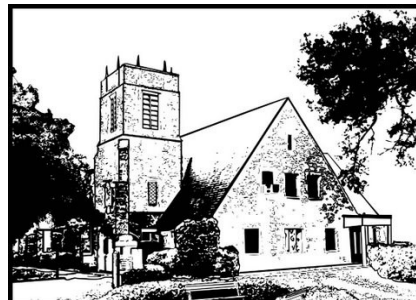
Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. John 15:9-17

To All who are weary and need rest;  
To All who are lowly and want friendship;  
To All who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;  
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever  
will come...

The Church opens the door and says in the  
name of the Master

### Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,  
Bishop of Texas  
2024 VESTRY  
Senior Warden –  
Rebecca Rutledge  
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock  
Clerk - Bill Smith  
Arlene Howland  
Jay Todd Cleaver  
Joe Maglothin  
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Parish Administrator  
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Morning Prayer 8:00am  
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am  
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.  
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9:00-3:00pm  
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:  
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## Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.  
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.  
*Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Meg Lovejoy  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Margaret Light  
**Homilist:** The Rev. Margaret Light

Hymn *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* *The Hymnal* 379

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE; **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

**Gloria** (*Sung by all.*) *The Hymnal* S 280  
*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day** (*See Readings Insert*)

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

ALL: **Amen.**

Anthem: *More Love* Choir

*Please be seated.*

**The First Lesson:**

READER: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm:**

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 98 (See Readings Insert)  
We will read responsively by whole verse.

**The Second Lesson:**

READER: A reading from the 1st Letter of St. John (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

**Sequence Hymn** (Vv. 1& 2) *God is Love, and Where True Love Is* *The Hymnal 458*

DEACON: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: John 15:9-17** (See Readings Insert)

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn** (V. 3) *God is Love, and Where True Love Is* *The Hymnal 458*

**The Sermon**

Following the Sermon, all stand and say **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 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**

## Prayers of the People

LEADER: As we celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of our Lord, let us offer our intercessions and thanksgivings to God:

We pray for the holy Church of God and for its mission, that its divisions may cease, and that it may be filled with truth and love, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel of Christ. Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: Grant that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our own bishops; for Mark and Meg, our priests, and for Margaret our deacon; and for all other ministers and for all the holy people of God. Grant that they may be so filled with the power of the resurrection that they may lead us steadfastly in the way that brings us to everlasting life.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: As in your compassion you gave Lady Julian of Norwich many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love, move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, that we may know, as Julian did, that all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Bring the nations into your fold. Grant that people everywhere listen to the voice of the shepherd who calls each one by name and follow where he leads.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: As your servants Johann Arndt and Jacob Boehme encouraged believers to abide in Christ through personal prayer, scripture-reading, and godliness, deepen our resolve to follow their example, and use us in accordance with your will to bring others to the knowledge and love of you.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for our families, friends and neighbors who live and work in this community, especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. Grant that we remain secure in the knowledge that your power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for the relief and protection of the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger. Open the eyes of our faith that we may behold you in all your redeeming work.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Grant that we, who have been raised with Christ, may abide in his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

PEOPLE: **To you, O Lord our God.**

CELEBRANT: [Concluding Collect]

**Confession of Sin**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says .*

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Leader and People**

**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. Amen.

**The Peace**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

*(All stand. )*

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory  
Doxology**

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place  
Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow, v. 3*

*The Hymnal 517  
380*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts: Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 361*

CELEBRANT: 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 him thanks and praise.**  
 CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**S-130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 (The people stand or kneel.)  
*Then the Celebrant 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.

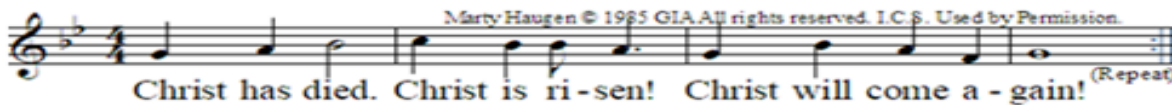
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Celebrant and People***  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**



**Eucharistic prayer continues**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 363*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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



**The Lord's Prayer**  
*People and Celebrant*

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 365*

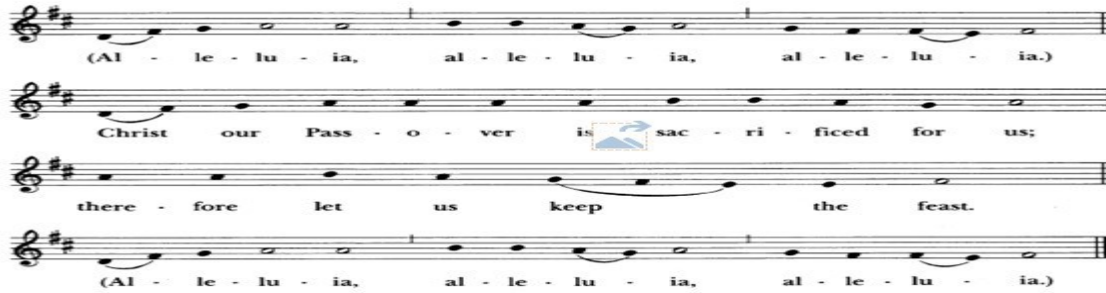
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

**Fraction Anthem:**

**S-154**



CELEBRANT: 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.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.  
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.  
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,  
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

**Communion Music:**

*In Remembrance*  
*One Bread, One Body*

**LEV 149**  
**LEV 151**

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

**All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

**The Hymn:**

*Spirit Song*

**LEV 118**

**The Dismissal**

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, May 5** Outreach Sunday  
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. The Book of Acts Book Study with Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Mother Meg

**Wednesday, May 8** Art Class at 9:30am with Shirley Marshall  
**Thursday, May 9** Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos

**Sunday, May 12**  
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. The Book of Acts Book Study with Father Mark and Deacon Margaret  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday May 8** Supper and Book Study at 6:00pm "In the Footsteps of the Savior" by Max Lucado  
**Sunday, May 19** Pentecost Sunday (Wear red)  
**Sunday, May 19** St. Paul's Episcopal Church Birthday Party with cake and punch.  
**Saturday, June 8** Women's Retreat at St. Mark's 8:30am to 2:00pm in the parish hall.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024	7th Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024
<b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm</b> Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 Anne Breitenstein	<b>10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm</b> Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 Anie Reeves' Aidan Reeves
<b>EM 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice</b> 1 John 5:1-6 Becky Rutledge  Gospel: John 15:9-17 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Me Lovejoy	<b>EM 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice</b> 1 John 5:9-13 Allison Maglothin  Gospel: John 17:6-19 Rev. Margaret Light Sermon: Miles Hall, III Rev. Mark Wood
<b>Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes</b> Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Eric & Anne Reeves Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris Allison Maglothin	<b>Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes</b> Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith
<b>Flower Guild: Anne Reeves</b>	<b>Flower Guild: Pat Geis</b>

**Service Notes**

**Julian of Norwich**, English mystic (1342-1417?), following a grave illness, had 15 visions of Christ's Passion. She became recluse (an anchoress) at Norwich soon after her recovery, living in a small dwelling attached to the Church of St. Julian. Famed as a mystic and spiritual counselor, she was frequently visited by clergymen and lay persons seeking counsel.

**Johann Arndt and Jacob Boehme**, German mystics and prophetic witnesses, who contributed to the rich tapestry of Christian mysticism, emphasizing personal devotion, inner experience, and the union of the soul with God.

**Prayer List Sign Up Sheet**

We will have the Prayer list in the bulletin each week. We will have these people on the prayer list for the whole month. At the beginning of each month we will start over and we will have a sign up sheet for that month. If you are not able to sign the sheet, email me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com). If you need to add anyone during the month just add to the list or email me.

**Happy Birthday**

Shaw-Wheat, Erin	5/04
Baldwin, Melissa	5/28

**Happy Annivesary**

Hall, Miles & Donna	5/05
Sterling, Pete & Delores	5/18

**Prayers : All Military personnel. Pray for the people in Ukraine, People suffering with an illness, Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, Unemployed Jay Todd Cleaver, Rosie Hurst, Pete Sterling, Allen Jones, Bailey Hathaway, Peggy Johnson,, Ken Slaughter, The Cook Family, Barbara Klein, Ester Jeans, Jana and Kenric Marshall, Robert Hollier, Mimi Hollier, Doris Byrd, Katherine Hillsten, Dena Stringer, Justin Morvant, Mara, Chris and Crystal, David Haley, Bella Houston, Louis Davis, Diane Dotson**