Welcome to

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.



St. Mary's: Serving with JOY!

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to bear God's Good News through joyful worship, Christ-centered teaching, compassionate care, and intentional relationships.

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

In these extra-ordinary times, St. Mary's offers three Sunday morning worship opportunities of Holy Eucharist. One is an online pre-recorded liturgy of the Rite 2 service (Spiritual Communion), posted to our Facebook and YouTube platforms. The others are indoor public liturgies (Rite 1 at 8am in the Chapel and Rite 2 at 9:30am in the large church), following the parameters outlined in Fr. Tom's Pastoral Letter of October 21 and in accordance with current state Executive Orders and guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.

For worshipers gathering in person, we thank you for taking seriously the measures that are in place that allow us to gather safely, especially wearing face coverings, observing six feet of physical distancing between different households, and refraining from congregational singing. These practices will make our time together safer and are appreciated as signs of love for one another.

You may also wish to begin the practice of bringing with you your own copy of the Book of Common Prayer and Bible to incorporate into your worship while at St. Mary's Church and beyond. If you don't have either, please speak with the clergy - we'd love to help!

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

SERVERS IN THIS LITURGY:

Celebrant & Preacher: Tom Warren

Eucharistic Minister & Seminarian: Greg Smith

Organist: Sharon Veitch Vocal Soloist: Marcus Jones Recorder: Seraphim Smith

Acolytes: Jane Herring, Daniel McKinley, Isabelle Rosa-Irizarry

Lector: Jay Barker

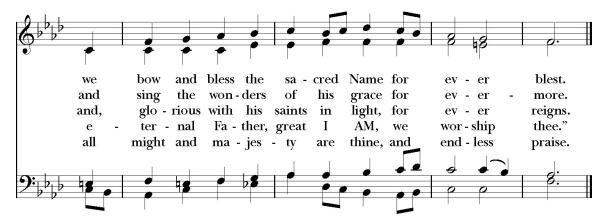
Ushers/Greeters: Cyndi & Bruce Rafferty, Mark Herring

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

The people stand as they are able during the procession while the hymn is sung by the soloist.





Words: Thomas Olivers

Tune: Leoni

A Penitential Order Page 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

All kneel as they are able

The Decalogue Page 350

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Confession Page 352

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

Minister 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 Trisagion (said 3 times)

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Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

All may be seated for the readings.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

[17:1-7, 15-16]

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome:

[4:13-25]

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

All stand as they are able.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All may be seated.

The Sermon Fr. Tom

All stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

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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.

All Stand as they are able

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (Silence)

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; especially Joe, our

President; Roy, our Governor; Don, our Mayor; and people and

leaders of all the nations;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding

Bishop; Rob, our diocesan bishop; and for all bishops and other

ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those preparing for

marriage; especially Jen McKinley & Jason Dean, Sydny Vick & Zane Hamstead; and Eliza Newton & Josh Davis. Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. May this season be one of heightened anticipation of your presence in their lives, let us pray to the Lord. We also pray for any other special needs and concerns of

this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, [especially _____] that they may

have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

The Offertory

A collection basin is located at the entrance of the church where worshippers may, at their desired time, place offerings for Christ and His church.



Words: George Hunt Smyttan

Tune: Aus der tiefe rufe ich

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand as they are able.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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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.

Then the Celebrant proceeds

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

By your will they were created and have their being.

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 betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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

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.

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

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:

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 Celebrant continues, the People kneel

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

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

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.

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

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.*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Please speak to the clergy if you would like to learn more about baptism and following Jesus as a baptized Christian.

During this time, communion is shared in one kind (bread only). Anglican eucharistic theology has consistently taught that Christ is truly and fully present in both, the bread and the wine of communion. The full benefits of communion are available to the faithful in extra-ordinary circumstances when sharing both the bread and wine are not possible.

To receive communion, please stand where you are and the clergy will bring communion to you. Please wait until the clergy has moved beyond six feet from you before adjusting your face covering to consume the bread.

If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing at this time, please stand and as the clergy draws near, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your intention.

Please be seated after you have received communion or a blessing so the clergy can easily tell who still desires to receive communion or a blessing.

For those not wishing to receive communion, you are invited to pray this prayer of Spiritual Communion, adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book.

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I can not now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Hymns

LEVAS II #88 "My faith looks up to thee" Lowell Mason
LEVAS II #31 "King of my life I crown thee" William J Kirkpatrick

Postcommunion Prayer

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Let us pray.

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 Solemn Prayer Over the People

The celebrant introduces the prayer by saying: Bow down before the Lord The people kneel as they are able. Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your diving protection; through christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional Music

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule – February 28, 2021			
Sun.	10:45am Adult Christian Formation Series: Sunday Morning Stories		
		(Moseley Hall for in-person; Zoom link shared by email)	
	10:45am	Children Sunday School (preK-5th grade)	
	2:00 pm	St. Mary's Walking Group	
	3:00 pm	EYC	
	5:00pm	Outdoor Worship: Prayer Stations for Lent	
	8:00 pm	AA meets in Moseley Hall	
Tues.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel	
	9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours	
	9:15 am	St. Mary's Walking Group	
	Noon	Rector's Forum: Reading While Black book study - Email Fr. Tom for	
		the Zoom link.	
	4:00 pm	ECW Bible Study: Ruth - Email Pam Mazingo for the Zoom link	
	6:30 pm	EfM - Email <u>Ion Sargeant</u> for the Zoom link.	
Wed.	7:00 am	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Email Gerry Fox for the Zoom link	
	9am-noon	Fr. Tom's Office Hours	
	2:00 pm	Parish Staff Meeting	
Thurs.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel	
	2-4:30 pm	Fr. Tom's Office Hours	
	5:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	
Fri.	6:45 am	St. Mary's Walking Group	
	9am-Noon		
	5:30 pm	Way of the Cross	

THE ADULT FORUM continues its new Lenten series called "Sunday Morning Stories." Join us as individuals share some of their spiritual journey of discerning and responding to their calls from God. Adult Christian Formation gathers on **Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:45am** in-person in Moseley Hall or online via Zoom. This week's speaker will be Terah Archie.

MONTHLY OUTDOOR WORSHIP - The Outdoor Worship offering for the month of February will be this evening at 5pm. Come to the West Lawn for several prayer stations that will be focused on Lenten themes. This might also be a fine time to try out the outdoor Way of the Cross stations that will be available throughout Lent.

WAY OF THE CROSS - St. Mary's offers the Way of the Cross indoors each Friday during Lent at 5:45 pm. This short devotional experience, usually about 20 minutes, is both tactile and meditative. St. Mary's also offers a drive-thru, accessible, outdoor Way of the Cross located on the driveways near the West Lawn anytime during Lent. Please consider making walking the Way of the Cross at least once before Easter.

LENT @ **ST.** MARY'S - For a summary of all events & offerings, visit www.stmaryskinston.com and click on the "Lent @ St. Mary's" picture on the homepage.

LENT AND YOUTH - Each Sunday during Lent, the children, youth, and families of St. Mary's will be reading stories by Kobi Yamada (read more about him at www.thestoriesweread.com) and talking about how we prepare for what God has for us. This week's book is "Trying." If you missed it this morning, you can view a reading of it again this Wednesday at 4pm on our Instagram page.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES VIRTUAL CRAFTS DISPLAY - St. Mary's provides a virtual display of the African crafts and jewelry from African Team Ministries throughout the month of February and part of March at https://africanteamstore.square.site/. Your support provides much-needed support to the Church in East Africa and its effort to spread HOPE.

THE ECW BIBLE STUDY - As part of your Lenten discipline, we invite you to join us for our next 4-week study of the book of Ruth beginning **this Tuesday, March 2 at 4pm via Zoom**. Ruth is one of only two books in the Bible named for a woman and is a story about how God moves even when we don't see Him working.

THE RECTOR'S FORUM meets on Tuesdays at noon via Zoom to discuss the book "Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope" by the Rev. Canon Dr. Esau McCaulley, an Anglican priest and New Testament scholar at Wheaton College. Contact Fr. Tom by email at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com if you would like to receive the Zoom link.

THE FEBRUARY BELLRINGER is available now! Pick up your copy in person or enjoy it online www.stmaryskinston.com/bellringer.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY - The February-April edition of Forward Day by Day in small or large print is available now! Pick up your copy in person or call the church office and we will gladly mail one to you.

ECW FAITH FRIENDS - Consider joining FAITH FRIENDS, a group of ECW women making intentional personal connections by checking in on an assigned church member via short chats, doorstep visits, letters, and/or surprise gifts. Please contact Laury Sargeant (jsarg4@suddenlink.net) or Audra Haddad (5haddad@suddenlink.net) who will in turn contact you to assign a friend.

ALL LITURGY SERVERS: Please be attentive to emails & messages from Ministry Scheduler Pro! If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact Gerry Fox at gfoxjr@gmail.com. The "live" schedule is available at: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston/schedules/565452.

ST. MARY'S WALKING GROUPS - We are excited to offer safe walking groups to fit any schedule. We hope you will check out any (or all!!) of these walking times:

- Tuesdays at 9:15am meet at St. Mary's for a walk hosted by our ECW;
- Fridays at 6:45 am meet at St. Mary's and join others for 45 minute walk;
- Sundays at 2pm join others for a 30 minute walk at a slower pace; this group will meet at St. Mary's and possibly other locations as announced.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; St. Mark's, Wilmington

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dr. Kendall Mitchell, Mrs. Frances Jilcott, Mrs. Deb Connolly, Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, Mrs. Andrea Parham, Mrs. Cathy Sale

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Barbara and George LaRoque, Elizabeth and Gary Hamm, Jessica and Sandy Shimer

Parish Vestry			
2021	2022		
Jimmy Ballard	John John		
Sam Gilmore	Scott Turik		
Jessica Shimer	Dee Warner		
Stuart Stroud	Harry Wooten		

2023 Skip Greene Audra Haddad Vicki Kennedy Pam Mazingo