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From the Clergy Assistant

Thank you to all of you who gave of your time and talent over the weeks of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, from acolytes, Altar Guild, choirs to office staff, Lenten dinner hosts, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and lily-bearers. There were so many various opportunities for people to assist in any number of ways, and you did. Thank you.

Not only do we have additional services in Holy Week, but those services are also slightly different from our “regular” Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer services. So I am especially grateful to our Altar Guild, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, musicians, and choirs for preparing and “adjusting accordingly.” And to Ann and her office assistants for all of the bulletins!

John compares a senior acolyte to a quarterback. To loosely paraphrase him: both need to be able to stay sharp while keeping an eye on the broader play and to be able to make last-minute adjustments accordingly. And the services of Holy Week and Easter can certainly bring those quarterback skills to the forefront. And to the Altar Guild members who so tirelessly and steadfastly prepared and cleaned for all of the services. And to the musicians and choirs who were amazing... And to the ushers and lectors who had special lighting instructions as well as reading and negotiating stairs by candlelight at times. And many thanks to those who participated in our Good Friday Children’s Service by either leading prayers, or helping with preparations, or serving as the figures in our Stations of the Cross.

As I visited a few of our “more senior parishioners” in the week following Easter, it was very sweet to see our lilies in their new homes and to have each parishioner tell me about the visit she had had with the one who had brought her lily, her Lily-Bearer. Many thanks to those of you who brought these lilies, filled with our thoughts and prayers, to these wonderful individuals who have given so much of their own time, talent, and treasure to St. Elizabeth’s over the years. Seeing these lilies in their new homes was a beautiful reminder of the Light of Christ which holds and connects us all.

In great gratitude for your ministry,
Joan Conley