# Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 11, 2024, 10:00 am

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Please also note that our services are publicly livestreamed.

The altar flowers this week are given by Sara Schulz and Dick Briggs to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dick's mother on the anniversary of her birth.

# The Word of God

Prelude

*Come Sunday ("Black, Brown and Beige")* 

Edward "Duke" Ellington

Please stand as able, and join in singing,

Processional Hymn Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones 0 Ye watch - ers bright ho - ly and ye ones, high - er Ο than the che ru bim, more spond, end - less Re souls in rest, \_ ye ye  $\mathbf{O}$ friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su Θ ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le lead their prais - es, Al - le glo - rious than the ser - a phim, rchs and pro-phets an-thems ech - o -Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, pa - tri - archs and al - le blest, al - le per - nal ing, ο do - min - ions, prince-doms, lu ia! Cry powers, vir out, bear -ho the'e - ter - nal ye mar - tyrs lu \_ ia! Thou of Word, most er ia! ly twelve, strong, all lu Ye \_ To God the ther, ia! Fa -God ťhe Son, and lu θ arch - an - gels, an gels' choirs, Al-le-luia, al - le tues, cious, mag - ni gra the Lord, Al-le-lu ia, al - le fy tri - um - phant, raise the Spi - rit, Three -Al-le-lu *šaints* the song, ia, al - le -Al-le - lu God Three in One, - ia, al - le ο al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, lu - ia, al-le-lu ia! al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia, al-le-lu ia! lu - ia, al-le - lu ia! lu - ia, al-le-lu ia!

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Hymn #618, vv. 1-4

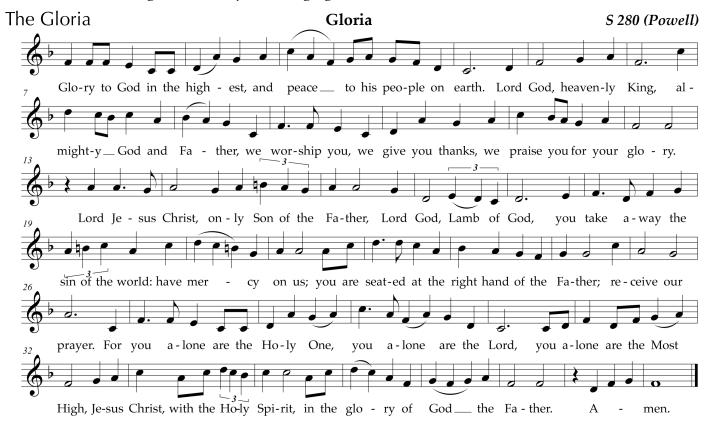
# The Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God, ★ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and<br/>for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

- Celebrant Almighty God,
- All 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.

Please remain standing as able, and join in singing,



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932), S-280 The Hymnal, 1982

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

The First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

1st ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Response Psalm 50:1-6 Deus deorum Reader Let us read from Psalm 50 responsively (the People reading the text in **bold**). To the Upright I Will Show Michel Guimont (Ps. 50) Refrain To the up-right I will show the sav-ing pow'r of God. Words: English translation from Lectionary for Mass, Copyright © 1969, 1981, 1997 International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved; Music: Michel Guimont, from "Lectionary Psalms: The Revised Grail Psalms," Copyright © 1994, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. International Copyright Secured. All Rights Reserved. 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \* he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \* God reveals himself in glory. 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \* before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \* to witness the judgment of his people. 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \* those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \* for God himself is judge. Refrain The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from the second letter to the Corinthians. Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let

light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2<sup>nd</sup> ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: "Hyfrydol," Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Please remain standing, as able, for the reading of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

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

### People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for,

The SermonThe Rev. Jason ShelbyThere will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.Please stand as able, and join in saying,

#### The Nicene Creed

A11	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 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.
	<ul> <li>We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.</li> <li>We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.</li> <li>We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</li> </ul>

Please remain standing, as able, for

The Prayers of the People ( <i>the People read the responses in bold</i> ) Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.			
	Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.		
Silence			
Deacon <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Deacon	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.		
Silence			
Deacon <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Deacon	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its re sources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.		
Silence			
Deacon <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Silence			
Deacon	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.		
Deacon <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Silence			
Deacon	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.		
Silence			
Deacon <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Deacon	We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be ful- filled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.		
Silence			
Deacon <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Celebrant:	Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.		
Please knowl as able			

Please kneel, as able,

#### The Confession of Sin

- Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. All
  - 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 Absolution

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**.

*Please stand, as able,* 

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

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

#### Welcome, Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

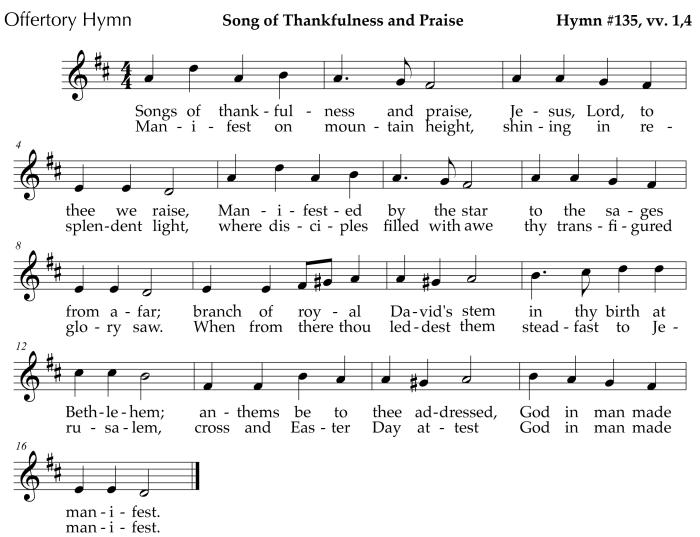
A11 Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

"All Things New"

Light after darkness, gain after loss, Strength after weakness, crown after cross; Sweet after bitter, hope after fears, Home after wandering, praise after tears. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new, Songs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new. Sight after mystery, sun after rain, Joy after sorrow, peace after pain; Near after distant, gleam after gloom, Love after loneliness, life after tomb. Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new, Songs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new,

#### St. Francis Choir

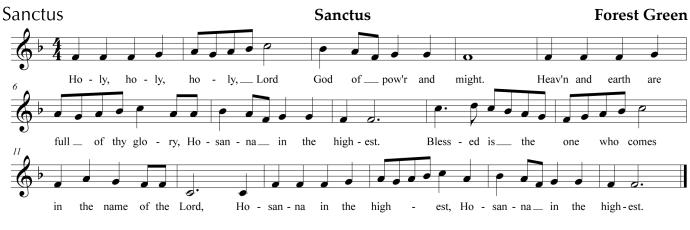


Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895. Music: "Salzburg," melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Please stand, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving				
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.			
People	And also with you.			
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>			
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>			

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



Please join in singing,

#### Please kneel or stand, as able, as 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."

Music: "Forest Green," Traditional English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### All 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**.

Celebrant	And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All	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,
	forever and ever. Amen.
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The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Words: German, ca 1800, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: "Laudes Domini," Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

#### The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

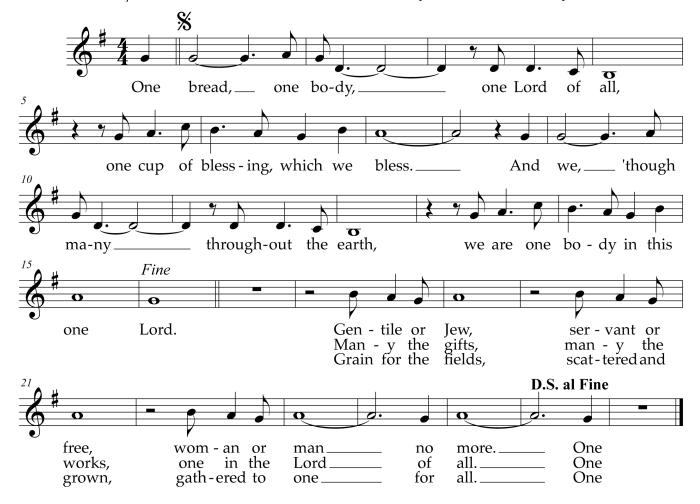
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will also be available to pray with you, or you may just choose to light a candle.

# The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.



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Please kneel or stand, as able for,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

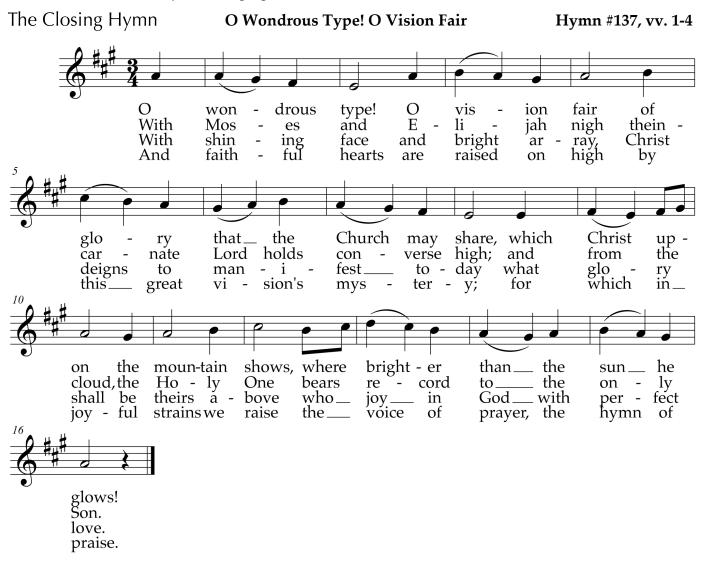
The Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons.
 Love and serve the lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The ♥ Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.
 All Amen.

#### The Sending Forth

#### Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! **People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand, as able, and join in singing



Words: Hyde W. Beadon (1812-1891). Music: "Carlisle," Charles Lockhart (1745-1815); descant by permission of the Royal School of Church Music.

Postlude:

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Johnson/Johnson The Postlude and Prelude have been chosen in recognition of Black History Month.

# Welcome!!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

Please join us for coffee fellowship after the service. The Ushers will direct you.

# Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Christa, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, George Ginis, Hannah, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, and for the people of the middle east, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

# What's Happening!

### Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras Supper — Feb 13th, 5:30pm

Join us for a Service of Reconciliation, gumbo dinner, games, and more!

#### Memorial for PVE Officers - Feb 14, 10am

The city of PVE is honoring the lives of Capt. Michael Tracy & Sgt. Thomas Vanderpool.

### Ash Wednesday — Feb 14th, Services at 7am & 6pm in the Chapel

7am—ministry of the word and imposition of Ashes. 6pm—Holy Eucharist and imposition of Ashes. 3:30-5:30pm Ashes to Go in the lower parking lot.

#### SAGES — Feb 20th, 11:30am

Welcome Richard Downie as our guest speaker talk about his role in the World Affairs Council of Orange County. RSVP with Kristina Pelá if you're interested in attending, 310-941-2498.

#### PVEPD Safety Preparedness Presentation – Feb 25th, 11:30am in the Parish Hall

We invite everyone to sit in on this presentation about safety by the PVE Police Department. Please RSVP with Claire at 310-375-4517.

# Lenten Dinners — 2/21, 2/28, 3/06, 3/13 6pm

From Aspergilums to John the Baptist, a journey through time; 3/20 Seder Meal, presented by Bob Rothman from Congregation Ner Tamid.

# Ongoing

**Bible Study on Zoom**—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, *john.w.hailwood@outlook.com* or Suellen Eslinger, *suellenesl@verizon.net* 

#### Yoga

Mondays from 11:00am –1:00pm - All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility. Wednesdays 9:00-10:30am All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance. (free-will offering).

Contact: Jill Lynch—jillfenskelynch@gmail.com

AA-Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, Al-Anon-Thursdays 7:00pm

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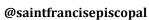
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