Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024, 10:00 am

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

Please also note that our services are publicly livestreamed.

There are no flowers on the Altar during Lent, but you may still make a contribution and have your dedication in honor of a special occasion, or in memory of someone you love, in our Easter bulletins! The suggested donation is \$50. To arrange, please contact Claire in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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The Word of God

Prelude

I've Got Peace Like River

African American Spiritual (arr. Franklin Ashdown)

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, ★ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and

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: Ver. "The Hymnal 1982," after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

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.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

1st Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

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."

1st Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 22:22-30

Deus, Deus meus

Reader Let us read from Psalm 22 responsively (the People reading the text in **bold**).

Refrain

I Will Praise You, Lord

Michel Guimont (Ps. 22)



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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.

Refrain

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. Refrain

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.

Refrain

The Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

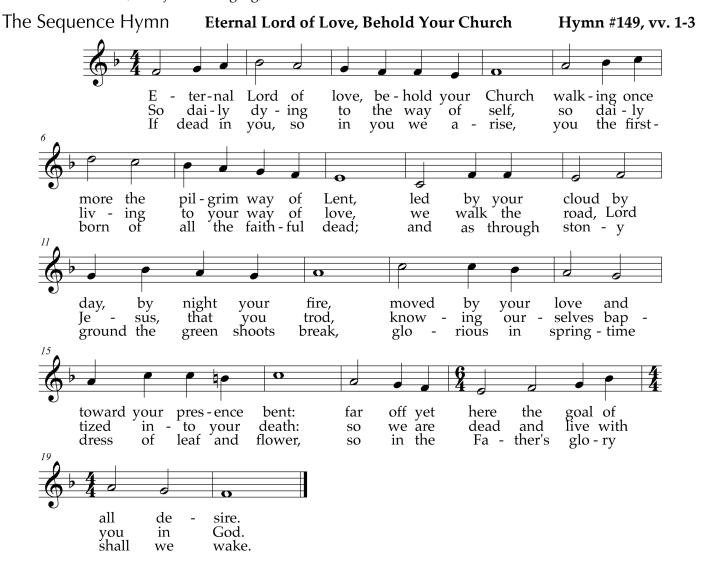
2nd Reader A Reading from a letter to the Romans.

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



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

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:31-38

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for,

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

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.

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.

Please remain standing, as able, for

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

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 Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our prayer.**

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 Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our prayer.**

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 Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our prayer.**

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 Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our prayer.**

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 Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our prayer.**

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 Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

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 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,

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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:

All 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

Offertory Anthem

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend, arr. Larry Shackley

The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe;
All things created by His hand and held together at His command.
He knows the myst'ries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His.
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.
The matchless wisdom of His way that marks the path of righteousness;
His words a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O, the myst'ry of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.
O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love.
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sov'reignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.
So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in your perfect way."
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St. Francis Choir



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: "Hollingside," John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Please stand, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

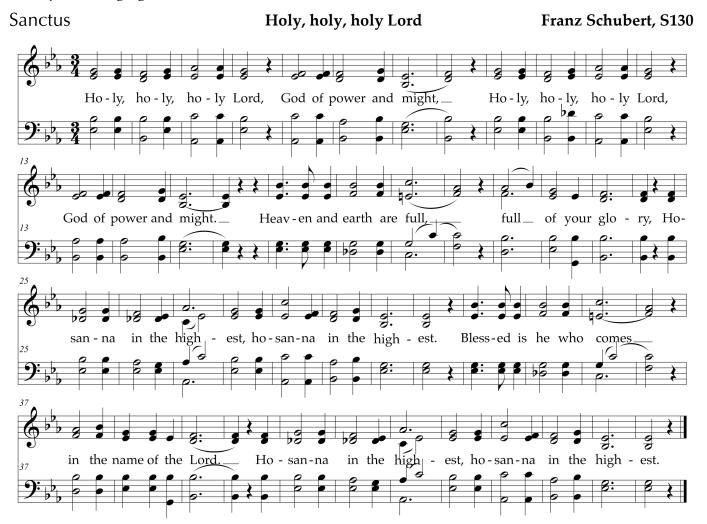
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Please join in singing,



Music: from "Deutsche Mass," Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We Praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Take, O Take Me as I Am (sing three times)

Iona



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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.

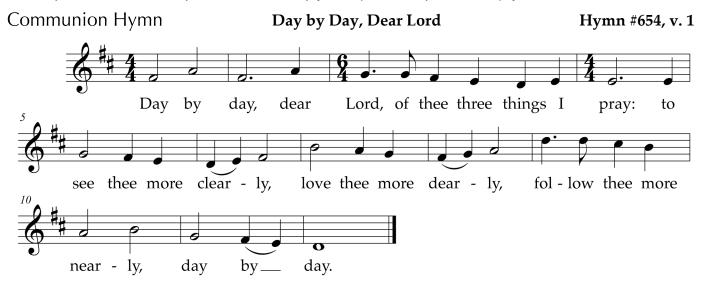
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite my-self entirely 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.



Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253). Music: "Sumner," Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954).

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.

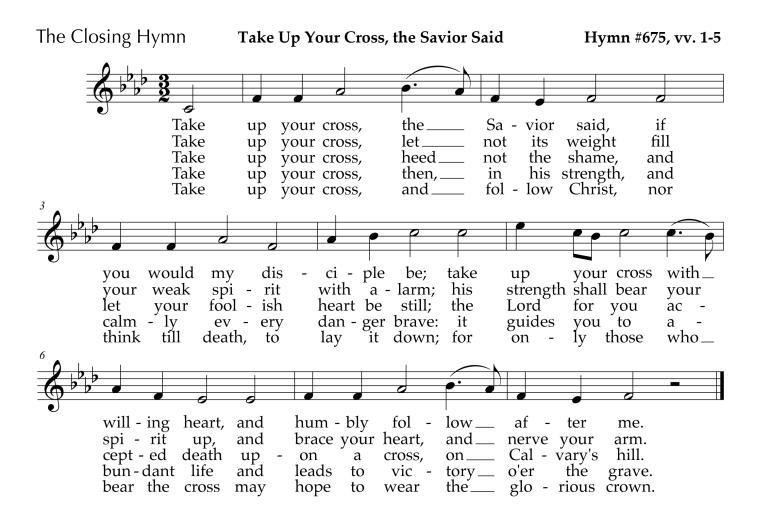
All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God!

Please stand, as able, and join in singing



Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: "Bourbon," melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

Postlude:

"The Gospel Train"

African American Spiritual (arr. Richard Walters)

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, Julia Dawson, 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!

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.

TAIZÉ — Feb 27th, 7pm Service & Reception

Take some time during Lent to savor the peace and quiet of this contemplative service.

Lenten Dinners -2/28, 3/06, 3/13, 3/20 6pm

2/28 - 3/13 From Aspergilums to John the Baptist, a journey through time; 3/20 Seder Meal, presented by Bob Rothman from Congregation Ner Tamid.

Stations of the Cross — March 1st, 6pm

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

Good Friday - March 29th, 12-3pm

Meditation on the last words of Christ. Come or go at any of time during this meditation.

Easter Vigil — March 30th, 7pm

Join us for the "hinge of the liturgical year", our Great Easter Vigil, & celebrate.

Ongoing

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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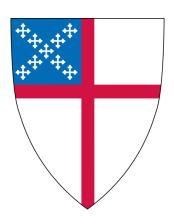
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