Pentecost 14 / Proper 16

Sunday, August 25, 2024 * 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



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 and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Patricia (Patt) Parker in loving memory of Bill Parker. And by Liz Cantine in loving memory of her incredible, inspiring mother, Amelia.

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

What's Happening!

Taizé service and reception – Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 pm

Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist - Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel

Good Grief Support Group - Wednesdays, alternating time each week in the Parish Library

- Wednesday, August 28, 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 4, 11:00 am

Ongoing

Good Grief Loss Support Group: Alternating Wednesday mornings (11 am to noon) and evenings (5 pm to 6 pm) in the St. Francis Library. For people suffering loss of any kind including death, divorce, loss of health due to an illness or accident, et al.

Men's Corner: Monthly for dinner at Corner Bakery. Contact Ed Hinz (kn6jn@yahoo.com).

Quilting and Knitting Group: Thursdays at 1 pm in the Board Room. Contact: Anna Eakins (annatkozaki@gmail.com).

SAGES (Senior Adult Group of Episcopalians): Outings, social gatherings, guest speakers, and more.

- **St. Anne's Guild:** Meets on the 4th Monday of Sept-June at 6pm. Join us for fellowship, plan church events (like the Rummage Sale and Antiques Show), potluck dinners, and our Christmas charity event! Contact Anna Eakins for questions.
- **St. Teresa's Guild:** Meet a few times a year to raise money for charities that support women and children through dues and our famous Chinese New Year event. Contact Robin Pano for questions.

Friars: Meets as needed to cook meals for Parish events (e.g. Lenten Suppers). Contact Dick Briggs.

Yoga: All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility: Mondays, 11 am to 12:30 pm. All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance: Wednesdays, 9am to 10:30 am. Contact: Jill Lynch (jillfenskelynch@gmail.com).

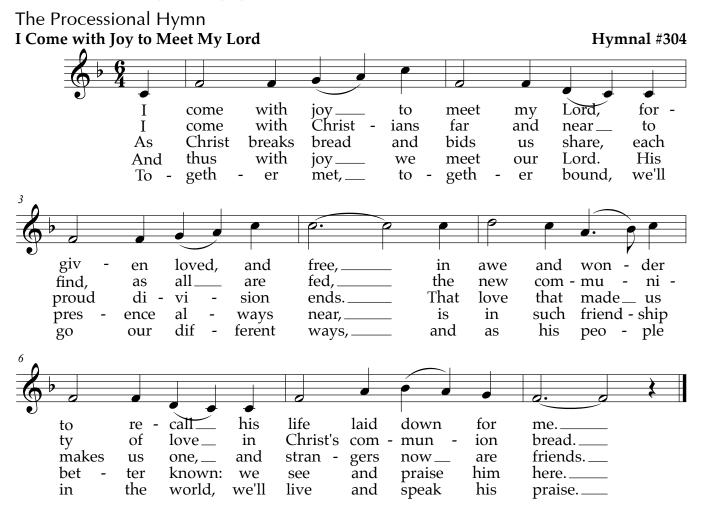
Alcoholics Anonymous Thursdays and Sundays, 7:30 pm.

Al-Anon Thursdays, 7 pm.

Visit our website calendar for more events, dates and times: stfrancispalosverdes.org

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt. Music: "Land of Rest," American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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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,

People 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.

The Gloria



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 for the Lessons.

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Reader A Reading from the book of Joshua.

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

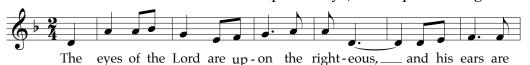
¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the

LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

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

The Response: Psalm 34:15-22

Reader Let us read from Psalm 34 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).





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¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *

and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *

and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *

and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Refrain

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, *

but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

²⁰He will keep safe all his bones; *

not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, *

and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *

and none will be punished who trust in him.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

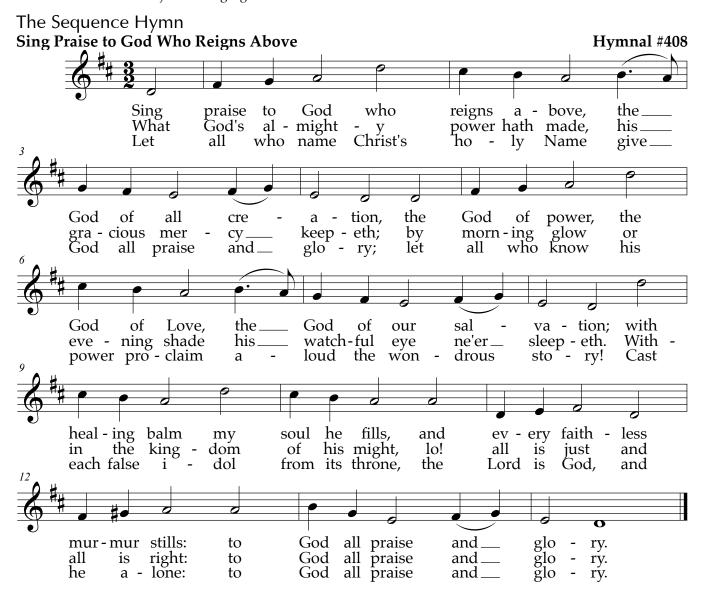
¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a

message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Johann Jacob Schuetz (1640-1690), tr. Frances Eliazbeth Cox (1812-1897). Music: "Mit Freuden zart," melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. "Psaumes cinquante de David," 1547, and "Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Henirich Reimann (19 cent.).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, 56"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

"Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. "So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" "Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. "We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

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.

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 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, who with the Father and the Son he 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.

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

Reader 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

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

Reader 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

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

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its

resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Reader 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.

Silence

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

Reader 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

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

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be

fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal

kingdom.

Silence

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only

what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

The Welcome and Announcements

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

All

Watch over your child(ren), 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

The Offertory From a Distance

Julie Gold

Susan Tsuji, tenor



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: "Rendez à Dieu," att. Louis Bourgeous (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 our thanks and praise.

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:



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Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us To that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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.

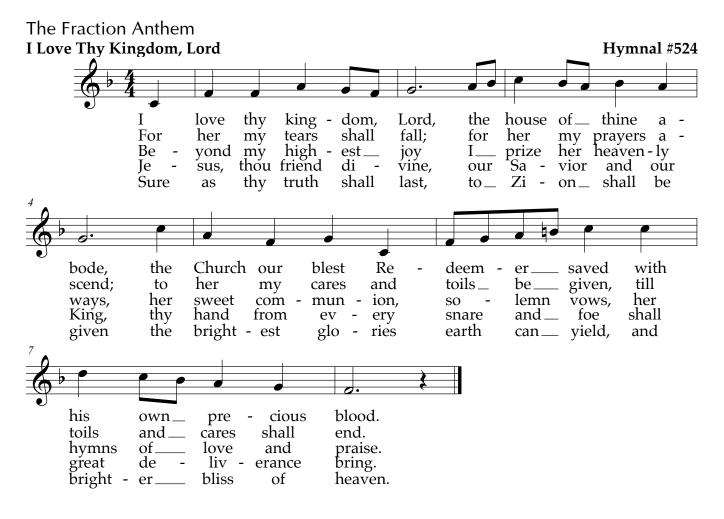
The Breaking of the Bread

All

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

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.



Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817). Music: "St. Thomas (Williams)," melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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.

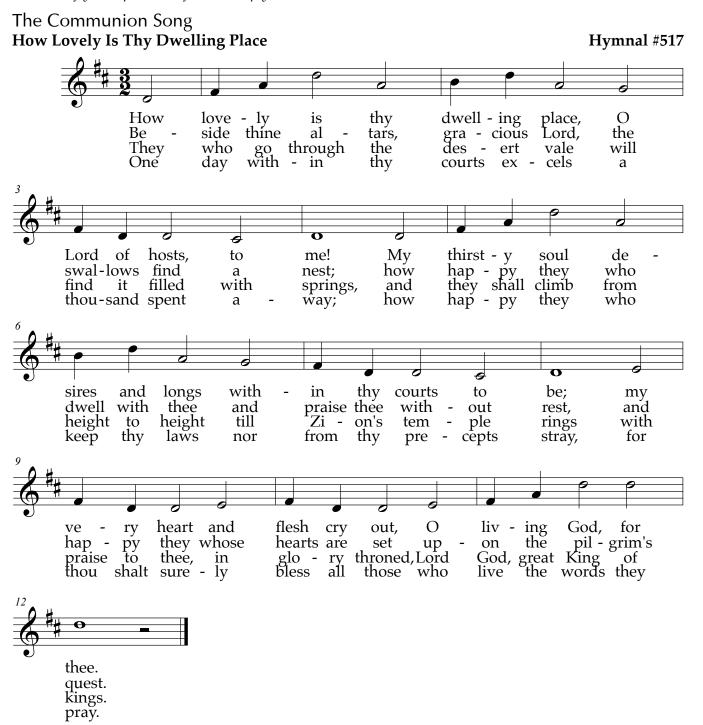
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

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 you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

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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Music: "Brother James' Air," J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925).

Please kneel or stand as able as able.

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!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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

The Postlude "Festival Toccata" Percy Fletcher

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, Bruce Schaefer, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, and William Zak Sr., and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

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

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