

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025 ❖ 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. Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Mar. 16 — Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30 am Antique Show planning meeting (Board Room)

Monday, Mar. 17

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Mar. 18

- 6:00 pm Finance meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 19

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist service of healing and reconciliation
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief meeting
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper, "Theology of the Book of Common Prayer"

Thursday, Mar. 20

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Mar. 21

- 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast prep

Saturday, Mar. 15

- 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast

Sunday, Mar. 23 — Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Please stand as the altar party processes in silence.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Decalogue

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.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Please kneel or sit 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 join in singing.

The Trisagion

Holy God

Hymnal #S-102

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy God'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.' The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

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 15:1-12, 17-18

Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 27

Reader Let us read from Psalm 27 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of whom shall I be a -
 afraid, of whom shall I be a - afraid.

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¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom then shall I fear? *

**the LORD is the strength of my life;
 of whom then shall I be afraid?**

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
 one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.Refrain

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.**

⁸Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.Refrain

¹³You have been my helper;

cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

the LORD will sustain me.

¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

**for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

¹⁷What if I had not believed

that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

in the land of the living!

¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;

be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

wait patiently for the LORD.Refrain

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17—4:1

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

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam's't to Earth

Hymnal #598



Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up -
O awe - ful Love, which found no room in _____
New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall _____
O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in _____



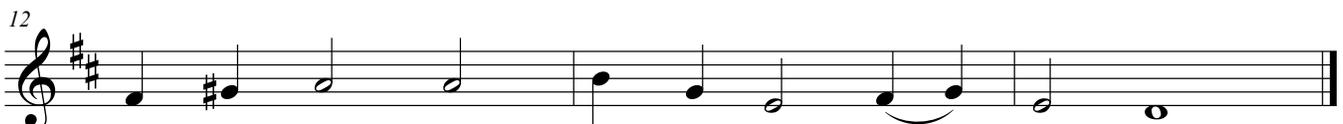
on a cross they bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing
life where sin de - nied thee, and, doomed to death, must
we a - gain re - fuse thee, till in the night of
us thy new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship then by _____ thorns with which they crowned thee: and
bring to doom the _____ powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till
hate and war we _____ per - ish as we _____ lose thee? From
vaunt is stilled, we _____ wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O



still our wrongs may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
old un - faith our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row _____ round thee.
pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we _____ choose thee.
fore the cross, to fin - ish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt. Music: "Mit Freuden zart,"
melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. "Psaumes cinquante de David," 1547,
and "Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566;
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Henirich Reimann (19 cent.).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."
³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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.**

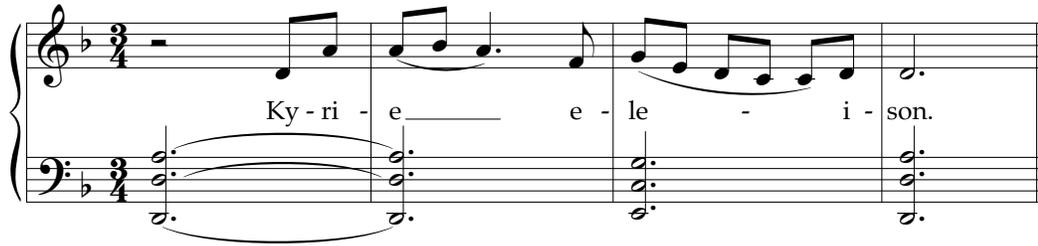
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power 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 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



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Deacon With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Kyrie eleison."

For the peace of the world, the welfare of the Holy Church of God, the unity of all peoples; for our Bishop and all clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; for this city, and every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For Andrea, Barbara, Billy, Bruce, Carlos, Ceri, Charlotte, Chris, Colette, Daniel, Erica, Gail, George, Hector, Jane, Judy, Kathy, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel, Patt, Richard, Roxanne, Roz, Sally, Tommy, Tony, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All **To thee, O Lord, Our God**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

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 Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Offertory Anthem

Mercy by Craig Courtney

*I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.

Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon purity.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy,

Tender compassion to the one, who seeks your face.

A broken heart, a fainting soul,

A contrite spirit, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.

Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

St. Francis Choir

The Offertory Hymn
 Kind Maker of the World, O Hear

Hymnal #152

Kind Ma - ker of the world, O__ hear
 Each heart is man - i - fest to__ thee;
 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty;

3
 the fer - vent prayer with man - y a tear poured forth by all the
 thou know - est our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
 grant O un - chang - ing U - ni - ty; that this our fast of

6
 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
 for - ty__ days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); ver. "Hymnal 1940," alt.
 Music: "A la venue de Noël," melody from "Fleurs des noëls," 1535.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

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 our 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 say,

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might. — Heav - en and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —
 in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Francis and 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**

The Lord's Prayer

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;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymnal #448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

6
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of God, should
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions sharp he
dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and ac - tions,
deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom we a -

12
take our mor - tal form for mor - tal's sake.
knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: "Deus tuorum militum," from "Antiphoner," 1753; adapt. "The English Hymnal," 1906; alt.;
harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

The Invitation

Celebrant Remember that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

The Communion Song

Day by Day, Dear Lord

Hymnal #654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
5 see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly, fol - low thee more
10 near - ly, day by — day.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with line numbers 5 and 10 indicating the start of new lines of music.

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

Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and
The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Closing Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Hymnal #675



Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
think till death, to lay it down; for on - ly those who



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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

The Postlude

Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Gordon Young

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, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

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

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