

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 22, 2026 ❖ 10:00 am

Celebrant and 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.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

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

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, February 22

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

Monday, February 23

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 24

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, February 26

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, February 27

- 4:00 pm PVP High School Orchestra Concert

Saturday, February 28

- 10:00 am Vestry Planning Session

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Liturgy Lab

The Prelude: "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

*The Great Litany is read responsively, the people reading the text in **bold print**.*

The Great Litany

Celebrant O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

People **Spare us, good Lord.**

Celebrant From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Francis, and of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **Grant us thy peace.**
Celebrant O Christ, hear us.
People **O Christ, hear us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Penitential Order: Rite Two

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 Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **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.**

The Trisagion

Holy God

Hymnal #S-102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 32

Reader Let us read from Psalm 32 responsively.



You are my hid - ing place; you pre - serve me from trou - ble;
 you sur - round me with shouts of de - liv' - rance.

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- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- ²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Refrain
- ⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸You are my hiding-place;
 you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
 or else they will not stay near you."**
- ¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- ¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. Refrain

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

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

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

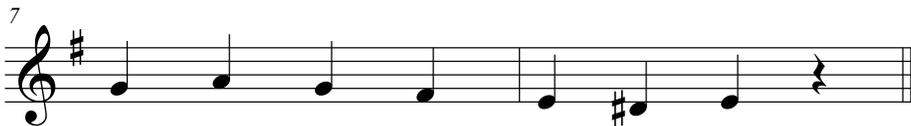
Hymnal #143



The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with
A - lone and fast - ing— Mo - ses saw the lov - ing God who
Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and



songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, him -
gave the law; and to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came the
prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en with thy grace, and



self has fast - ed and has prayed.
steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
give us joy to see thy face.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. Music: "Erhalt uns, Herr,"
melody from "Geistliche Lieder," 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Deacon **✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 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 Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

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

The Communion Anthem

"A Communion Invitation" by Craig Courtney

St. Francis Choir

*Come, if you are lonely, my door is open wide.
All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
Enter with my blessing, no-one is denied.
Come, sit at my table, come, sit by my side.
Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread, sit with me and dine.
Every weary traveler, every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.
The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share,
The bread we'll break together, I've lovingly prepared.
Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread, sit with me and dine.
Rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.*

The Offertory Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymnal #448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass-ing thought and
All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so deep, — so

7
fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of God, — should take our mor - tal
high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom we — a - dore for ev - er

14
form for mor - tal's sake.
and — for ev - er - more.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is a simple melody with some rests and ties.

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)

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is the treble clef and the second staff is the bass clef. The music is a simple melody with some rests and ties.

The Sanctus continues on the next page.

13
God of power and might. — Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, Ho-

25
san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes —

37
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.

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."

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.*

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal #142



Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for
 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so
 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
 A - bide with us, that so, this life of



us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and
 teach us gra-cious Lord, to die to self and chief - ly live, by
 through thy Pas-sion-tide, yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je -
 suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we



close by thee to stay.
 thy most ho - ly word.
 sus! with us a - bide.
 may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898). Music: "St. Flavian," melody from "Day's Psalter," 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

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.

The Communion Song
Now Let Us All with One Accord

Hymnal #147



Now let us all with one accord, in
The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has



com - pan - y with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,



heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604), para. James Quinn, SJ.

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Music: "Bourbon," melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

Special Offering

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child, Traditional Spiritual

Tony Lowe, tenor

Please kneel or stand 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 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

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.

The Recessional Hymn
Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymnal #150



For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing
Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly
Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior,
So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness
Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant



in the wild; for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet
joys ab - stain, fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to
hear our call! Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not
ours shall be; round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is -
by thy side; that with thee we may ap - pear at the'e - ter - nal



un - de - filed.
suf - fer pain.
faint nor fail.
tered to thee.
Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: "Aus der Tiefe rufe ich",
melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Postlude: "Anthem of Praise" by Richard Smallwood

Prayers this Week

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

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, , Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

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

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