

# Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026 ❖ 10:00 am

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*



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*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.*

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## This Week at St. Francis

### **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)

### **Monday, March 2**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, March 3**

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, March 4**

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

### **Thursday, March 5**

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

### **Friday, March 6**

- 9:30 am Beaders Group
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

### **Sunday, March 8 — Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring forward 1 hour)**

- 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 Altar Guild Meeting (Board Room)

# The Word of God

Please stand as able.

## The Processional Hymn

### Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Hymnal #440



Bless-ed Je-sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to hear thee;  
 All our know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est dark-ness shroud-ed,  
 Gra-cious Lord, thy-self im-part! Light of Light, from God pro-ceed-ing,  
 let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;  
 till thy Spi-rit breaks our night with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed;  
 o-pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spi-rit's plead-ing.  
 by thy teach-ings pure and ho-ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole-ly.  
 thou a-lone to God canst win us; thou must work all good with-in us.  
 Hear the cry thy Church up-rai-es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais-es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: "Liebster Jesu," melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt.; "Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirche-Gesangbuch," 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

## 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 Supplication and Responses

*Cantor* O Lord, arise, help us;

*Choir* And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Cantor* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*Choir* O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Choir* O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Cantor* From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

*Choir* Graciously behold our afflictions.

*Cantor* With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

*Choir* Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

*Cantor* Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

*Choir* O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

*Cantor* Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

*Choir* Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Choir* Amen.

## The Decalogue (*The People chant the responses in bold.*)



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*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.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* You shall not steal.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

### 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.

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 12:1-4a

*Reader*          A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response: Psalm 121

*Reader* Let us read from Psalm 121 responsively.

My help comes from the Lord, my  
help comes from the Lord, who made heav - en and earth.

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<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

**from where is my help to come?**

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, \*

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved \*

**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*

**shall neither slumber nor sleep;..... Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD himself watches over you; \*

**the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

<sup>6</sup>So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*

**nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*

**it is he who shall keep you safe.**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*

**from this time forth forevermore..... Refrain**

## The Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

## The Sequence Hymn

### If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymnal #635

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G minor, 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-8) contains the first line of the hymn. The second system (measures 9-16) contains the second line. The third system (measures 17-24) contains the third line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-swerv-ing; so do thine own part faith-ful-ly,  
he'll give thee strength what-e'er be-tide thee, and bear thee through the e-vil days.  
and trust his word, though un-de-serv-ing; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
Who trusts in God's un-chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
God nev-er yet for-sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: "Wer nur den lieben Gott," Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Please remain standing as able.

## The Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet

you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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.**

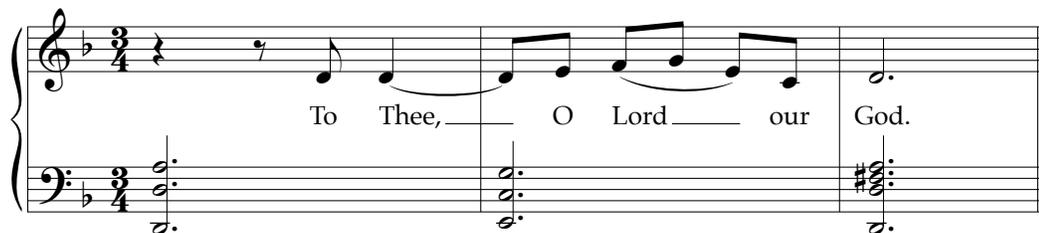
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**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.*



People



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*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 Communion Anthem

*"Mercy" by Craig Courtney*

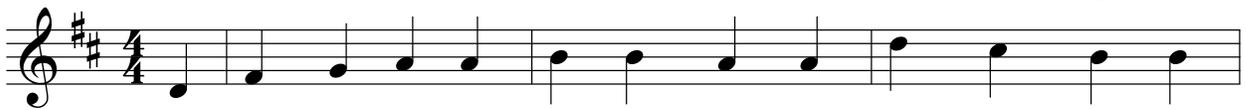
*St. Francis Choir*

*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.*

## The Offertory Hymn

**The Great Creator of the Worlds**

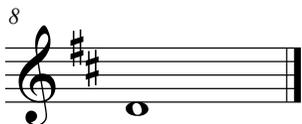
**Hymnal #489**



The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of  
He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y  
He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he



heaven, his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath  
word, but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing  
trod; he came to win us by good will, for force is not of



given.  
Lord.  
God.

Words: "Epistle to Diogenetus," ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.  
Music: "Tallis' Ordinal," Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

Please stand as able.

## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

*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 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,  
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.*

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  
The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal #401

The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove; An - cient of ev - er -  
He by him - self hath sworn; we on his oath de - pend; we shall on ea - gle -  
The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
last - ing days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con -  
wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a -  
ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall  
fessed: we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for - ev - er blest.  
dore, - and sing the won - ders of his - grace, for - ev - er - more.  
be: - e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I - AM, we wor - ship thee."

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.; Medieval Jewish Liturgy.  
Music: "Leoni," Hebrew melody; harm. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1875, alt.

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

### I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes

Hymnal #668



I to the hills will lift mine eyes, from whence shall  
He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he  
Thy faith-ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt-er  
From e-vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy



come my aid? My help is from the Lord a-bove who  
safe-ly keeps; with watch-ful and un-tir-ing eye he  
and thy shade; nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need  
strength re-store and guard thy go-ing out and in, both



heaven and earth hath made.  
slum-bers not, nor sleeps.  
make thy soul a-fraid.  
now and ev-er-more.

Words: "The Psalmes of David in Meeter," 1650, alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984);  
para. of Ps. 121. Music: "Burford," from "A Book of Psalmody," 1718.

*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.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able and join in singing.*

The Recessional Hymn  
How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal #636



How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is —  
"Fear — not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed! For  
"When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, the  
"The — soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose, I —



laid for your faith — in his ex - cel - lent word! What  
I am thy God, — and will still give thee aid; I'll  
riv - ers of woe — shall not thee o - ver - flow; for  
will not, I will — not de - sert to its foes; that



more can he say than to you he hath said, to —  
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -  
I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and —  
soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake, I'll —



you that for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?  
held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
sanc - ti - fy to — thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's "Selection," 1787. Music: "Foundation,"  
melody from "The Sacred Harp," 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

*The Postlude*

*"Choral (Suite Gothique)"*

*Leon Boellmann*





## 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 Ghery, 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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