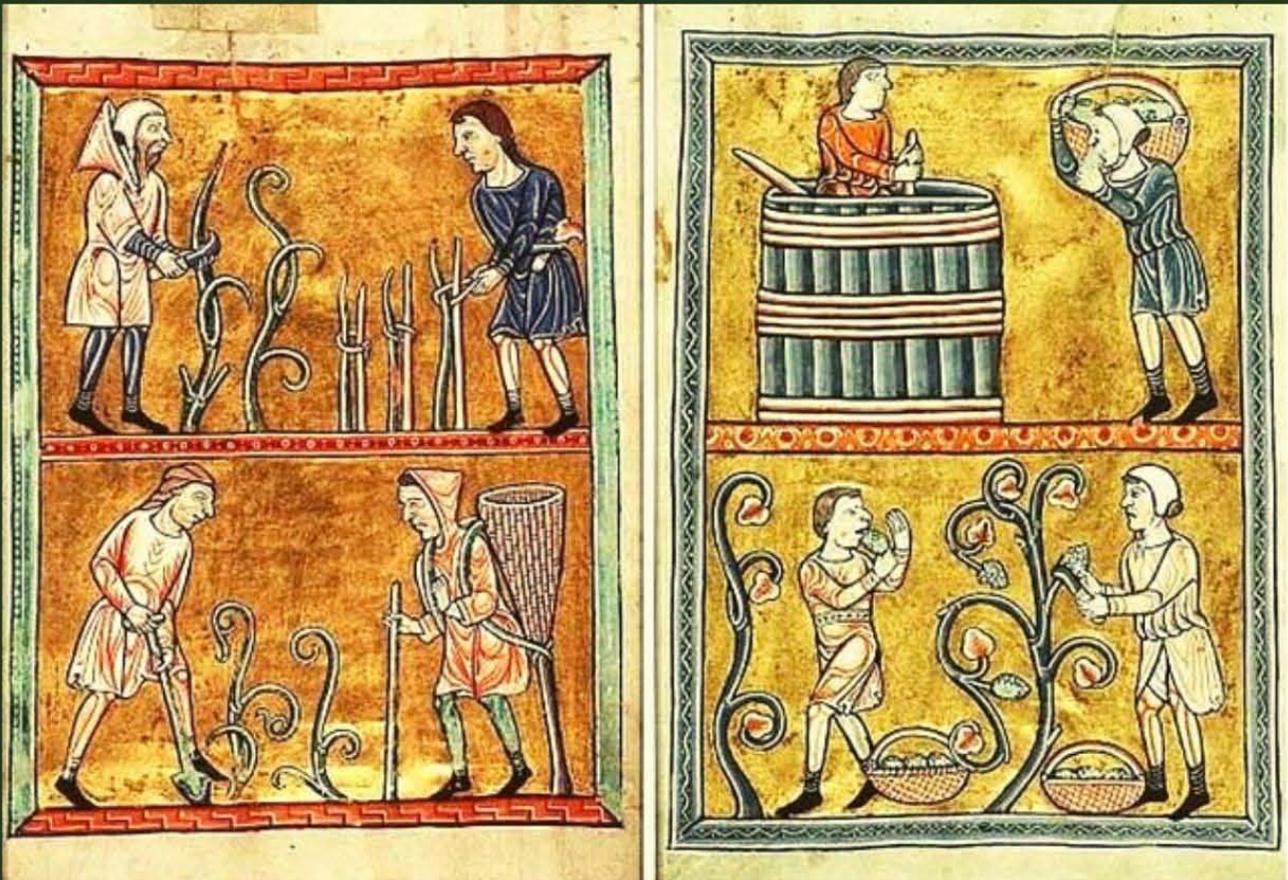


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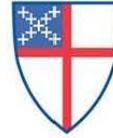
There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower...

Matthew 21:33

**18th Sunday  
after Pentecost**

# God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in -person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

## Our weekly services:

**Sunday 9am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)**

**Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom**

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth CREW, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: [www.stthomasparish.org](http://www.stthomasparish.org).

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, 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.

## Gloria in excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace - to his people on  
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - rit, in the  
glor - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,

judge between me  
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 80:7-14**

***Qui regis Israel***

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

## Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

### Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation (LEVAS 153)

Helen Spence, Soprano

Lord I Have Thy Salvation

Lord I have seen thy salvation,  
drank of the blood, held the body.  
Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my heart.

*Fell on my knees, down at the altar,  
bowed down my head, whispered a prayer.  
Have mercy Lord, I'm not worthy,  
I believe, yes, I believe, now I am sure.*

Lord I have heard of thy kingdom  
Lord I have heard of thy promise,  
Looked on thy birth, cried at Calv'ry,  
Lord I have heard. Refrain.

*All stand*

## The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

Fr Howie

## The Nicene Creed

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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

## Prayers of the People

**Leader:** With faith and confidence, let us pray to the Lord.

I ask your prayers for faithful people around the world. May their work for the Kingdom of God yield abundantly. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the bishops and others who lead Christian communities around the world, especially the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop, and our Bishop. May they nourish us with the riches of the Gospel. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, especially our President, our Governor, our Mayor, and all who are running for office this year. May they lead us with courage and humility. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who serve in the armed forces, all who go in harm's way to protect others, and all who carry the scars of their service. We remember especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.  
Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors. May they experience in us the love of God and may we see in them the image of Christ. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for a fruitful end of the agricultural season. May we have all that we need and may we be good stewards of all that we have been given. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they be strengthened and restored, and may we be ready always to heal even as we are healed. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all our partners in mission, especially the Anglican Church of Tanzania and Immanuel Church, Highlands. May we join them in bringing God's kingdom. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Lord of every blessing, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
guide us in this world,  
sustain us in the world to come,  
and accept these prayers for Jesus' sake.  
**Amen.**

## **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.

*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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*At this point in the service the offerings of the faithful would normally be taken up. In this strange time, the church is aware that some of its members are struggling to make ends meet. If you are in this situation, please let the clergy know of your needs, pray for the church, and feel no guilt about your giving. But if you are able to give, options for giving include mailing a check to your church or online giving is available at stthomasparish.org.*

**Offertory Anthem**

Wherefore, O Father

Hymnal 338



1. Where-fore, O Fa - ther, we thy hum - ble ser - vants here bring be -  
 2. See now thy chil - dren, ma - king in - ter - ces - sion through him our



fore thee Christ thy well - be - lov - ed, All - per - fect Of - fering,  
 Sa - vior, Son of God in - car - nate, for all thy peo - ple,



sac - ri - fice im - mor - tal, spot - less ob - la - tion.  
 liv - ing and de - part - ed, plead - ing be - fore thee.

## Presentation of the Offerings

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*] 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:

Sanctus S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Robert Powell

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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,  
*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues* 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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, Blessed Nicholas 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 our 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,  
          for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

## The Communion

### Postcommunion 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.

## Announcements

### Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## At the Procession

### Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal 518



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head\_ and  
2. All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord\_ of  
4. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask\_ of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all\_ the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy ser - vants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude

*The cover picture this morning is of gardeners working from a 15th Century book in the British Library.*

## Parish Prayer List

Alma	Deacon Cecily	Liz & Family	Rashida
Amanda	Delores	Luke	Reginald
Andre	Doug H	Margurite	Reid
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Arline	Fred & Lori	Marian & Family	Roxanna
Arthur	Giorgio & Family	Marie	Samuel
Alana Davies	Greg	Mary & Family	Sandy
Beverly and Larry	HarrisonFamily	Michael	Sandy Sorenson
Becky	Hope Bruckner	Michael Farrell	Shirley
Beryl	Ina	Mike & Angie	Sondra & Jeff
Bill & Sandy	Jane & Family	Mike Reynolds	Sophia & Family
Bob Taylor	Jayne	Morgan & Family	SouthFamily
Bosco Family	Jean	Nan	Susan & James
Cathy	Jean & Richard	Nancy & Family	Stanley
Carol	Pawl	Nate	Steven
Carol Mullinix	Jeff Coons	Nathalie & Maya	Stover
Charles Baxter	Jenna Puleo	Nelson	Thadine
Chaun	Jesson & Family	Nicholas & Family	Tom
Chris & Ginger	Jim	Nicole	Thomas
Christine & Erich	Josh Moyer	Nikki & Family	Tim & Family
Christopher Corbin	Jule & Family	Norman H	Vicki
Cindy	June	Olivia	Vivian
Colin	Ken & Family	Pat	Wanda
Craig	Kevin	Pat & Dan	Wayne
Dale & Family	Kizis family	Peter & Mike	WeaverFamily
Darnell	LaneFamily	Phil & Jen	William McClements
Darrell	Linda Alexis	Phil & Terri	WilsonFamily
Dave	Lisa	Phyllis	

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
Annie	Joe	Matthew
Ben	Josh	Nate
Bob	Kagen	Nicholas
Bradley	Kate	Stuart
Brett	Kathy	Tina
Brian	Kevin	Tyler
Christie	Luke	Victoria

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9/30/2020



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