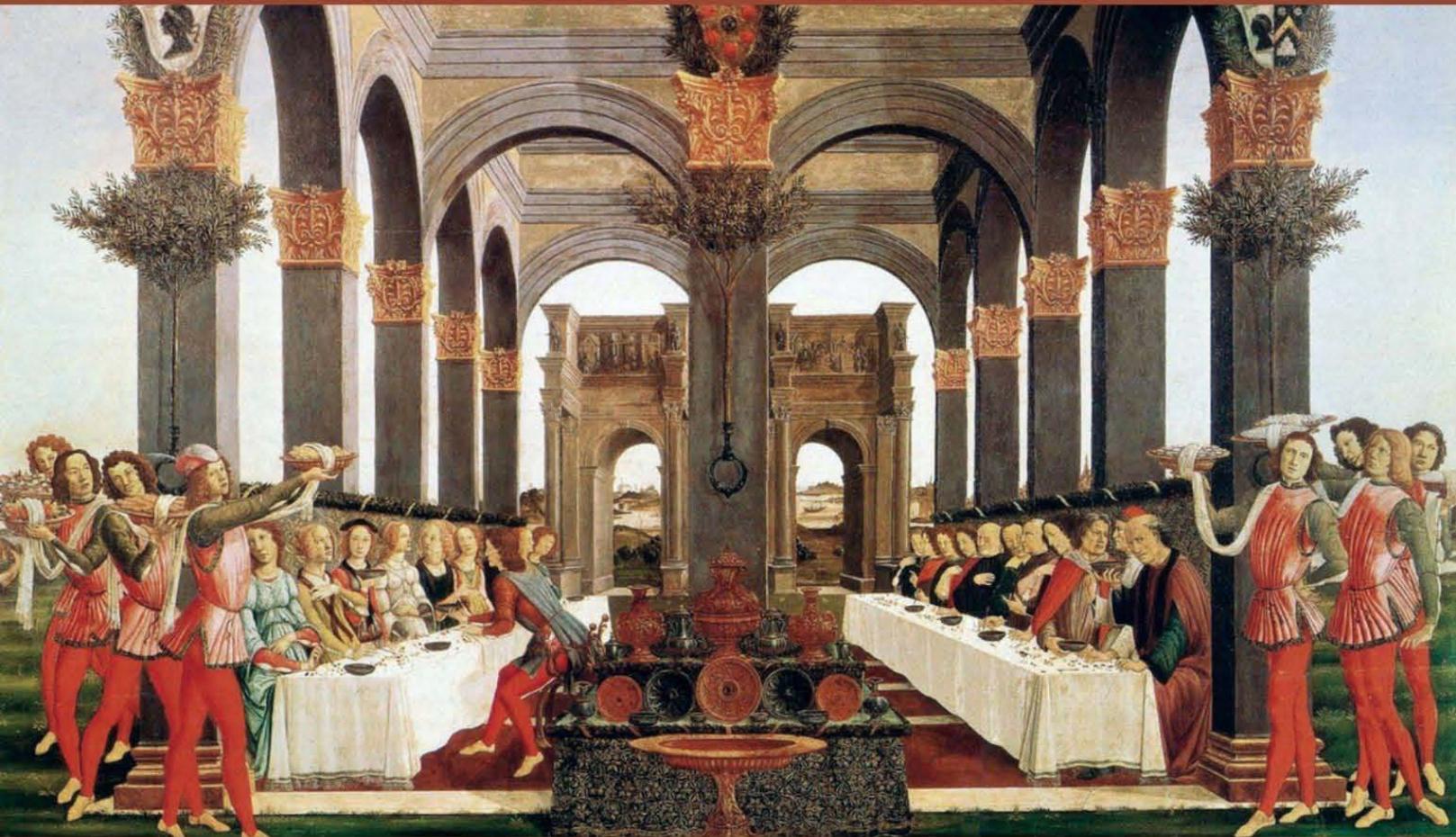


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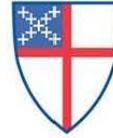
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son..."

Matthew 21:1

**19TH 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-6th grade
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th 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.

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the
Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask
you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me
in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose
names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gradual

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester
arr. L.J. White

Helen Spence, *Soprano*

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
 may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
 and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

All stand

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 Church of the Province of Uganda, and for postulants/candidates for Holy Orders, the Diaconate Ministry, and the members of the commission on Ministry. 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

This is the Hour

Hymnal 317

1. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
2. Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
3. Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,

here let me feast, and feast - ing still pro - long
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
thou still art here with us - our Shield and Sun.
the Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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

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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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymnal 664

1. My ___ Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2. When I walk through the shades of ___ death, thy pres - ence
3. The ___ sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; ___ in ___ pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; ___ one word of ___ thy sup -
all my days; ___ oh, ___ may thy ___ house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. ___
port - ing ___ breath drives all my fears a - way. ___
mine a - bode and ___ all my work be praise. ___

He brings my wan - ering spi - rit ___ back when I for -
Thy hand, in ___ sight of all my foes, doth still my ___
There would I ___ find a se - tled rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, ___ and leads me, ___ for his
ta - ble spread; ___ my ___ cup with bless - ings
go and come; ___ no ___ more a ___ stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in ___ paths of truth and grace. ___
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. ___
or a ___ guest, but like a child at home. ___

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*The cover picture is of "The Wedding Banquet"
by Sandro Botticelli (1445-1510).*

Parish Prayer List

Alma	Deacon Cecily	Liz & Family	Rashida
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Andre	Doug H	Margurite	Reid
Archer Family	Elmer	Maria	Roman
Arline	Fred & Lori	Marian & Family	Roxanna
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Alana Davies	Greg	Mary & Family	Sandy
Beverly and Larry	HarrisonFamily	Michael	Sandy Sorenson
Becky	Hope Bruckner	Michael Farrell	Shirley
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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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