

FEBRUARY 14TH

2021 AT 9AM

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**THE LAST SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY**

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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!

Procession

This is the Day

LEVAS #219

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made,
2. This is the Feast, this is the Feast that ___ Je - sus gives, that ___ Je - sus gives,

we will re - jice, we will re - jice and be glad in it, and be glad in it;
this is the Bread, this is the Wine that ___ gives us Life, that ___ gives us Life;

This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re - jice and be
This is the Feast that ___ gives us ___ Life, this is the Feast that ___

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.
gives us Life; Let us re - jice, let us re - jice and give thanks this day.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant 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.

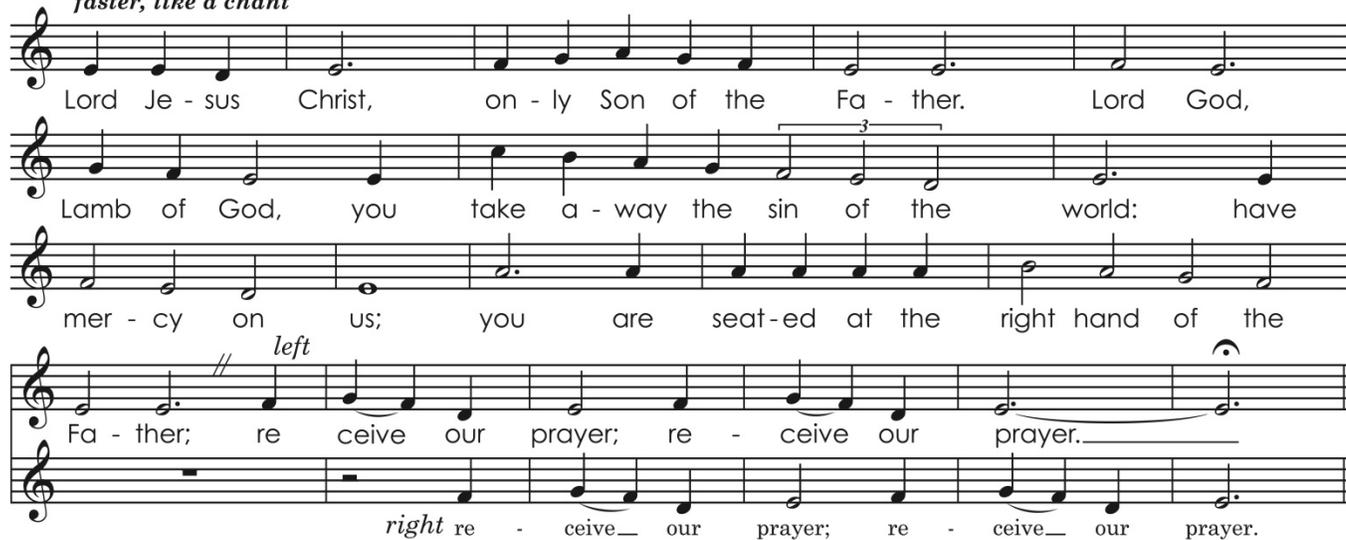
The Gloria

Gloria



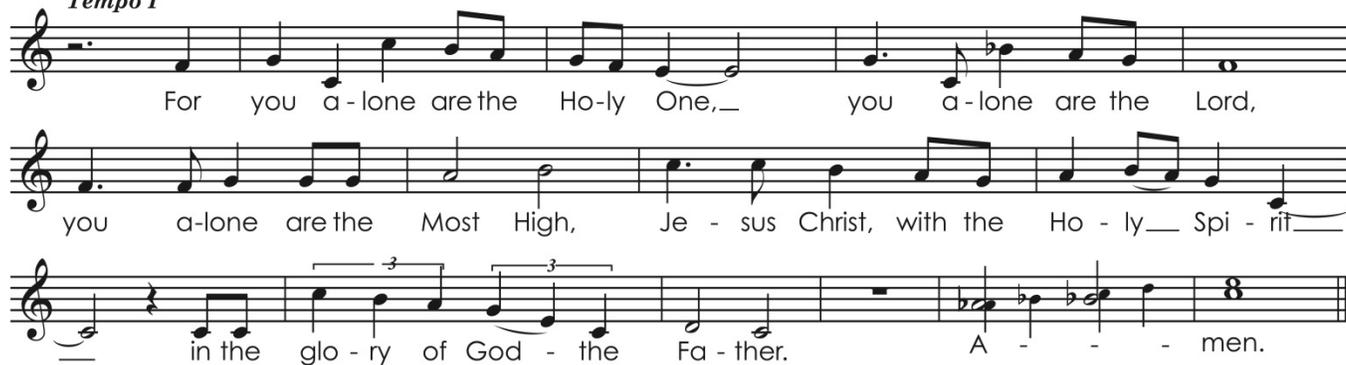
Glo - ry to God in the high - est_ and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you_ for your glo - ry. We praise you for your glo - ry.

faster, like a chant



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; *left* re ceive our prayer; re - ceive our prayer.
right re - ceive_ our prayer; re - ceive_ our prayer.

Tempo I



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_ Spi - rit_
in the glo - ry of God - the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Marc F. Cheban

The Collects

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6*Deus deorum*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual***O Light of Light (Hymnal 134)****Laura Czekaj, Soprano*

O Light of Light

O light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth;
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found
company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth
your light.

To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud

overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon
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Fr.

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

With all our heart, and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have seen the light of Christ, and for all who work to spread it in the world. May they have the joy that moves mountains and the peace that wins over all enemies. We pray especially for Christians whose faith must withstand the loss of home, family, and personal safety. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the leaders of Christian communities around the world. May their wisdom and gentleness inspire the faithful and convert the hard-hearted. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, all those who lead the Anglican Communion and

those who lead our own Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who lead the nations of the world, and for all countries and people. May they do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly as servants of the Kingdom of God. We pray especially for our President, our Governor, and our Mayor, and for all who work for peace and reconciliation. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the needs of our own community, for our neighbors, and for those whose dignity depends on our compassion. In helping and being helped, may we make one another holy. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have lost home and security through war, natural disaster, and economic hardship. May we have the courage and energy to see and respond to their needs, and may they find the safe rest that is a foretaste of our promised rest in Heaven. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who risk their own safety for the sake of others, all who work for the safety of our own community, and all who serve in the armed forces, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those listed in this morning's service leaflet, and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they find healing and strength. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for our partners in mission, especially The Anglican Church of Canada and for the Joint Leadership Team in the ECD. May

they join with us in spreading the Gospel and building the Kingdom.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who have died, especially those we name now,
aloud or in our hearts. We give thanks for all the saints and faithful
people who have gone before us. May they have rest from their
labors and a share in God's promises. Lord, hear us. **Lord,
graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ.
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.

Offertory Hymn

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

Hymnal 129

1. Christ up - on the moun - tain peak___ stands a - lone in
 2. Trem - bling at his feet we saw___ Mo - ses and E -
 3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God___ pro - claim - ing
 4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son!___ Law___ and pro - phets

glo - ry___ blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak, -
 li - jah___ speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law___
 in its___ thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!___
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One, -

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful___ greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in___ won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - sa - na in the High-est!
Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! — Ho - sa - na in
the High-est! Ho - sa - na in the High-est!
Right Ho - sa - na in the High-est! Ho - sa - na in the High-est!

Left

Right

Marc F. Cheban

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 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.

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

O Wondrous Type!

Hymnal 137

Descant

4. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
1. O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2. With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
3. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,
alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

The picture this morning is an interpretation of the story of the Transfiguration
by contemporary French artist Macha Chmakoff.

Parish Prayer List

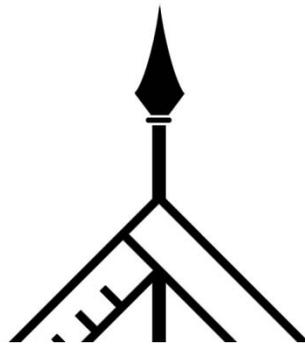
Alan L	Dawn & DW	Luke	Reid
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Amanda	Delores	Margurite	Roxanna
Andre	Doug H	Maria	Ruth
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Arline	Erin L & babies	Marie	Sandy
Alana Davies	Fred & Lori	Mary & Family	Sandy Sorenson
Audrey	Freda Reynolds	Michael	Shirley
Ayla H	Giorgio & Family	Mike & Angie	Sondra & Jeff
Beverly and Larry	Greg	Mike Reynolds	Sophia & Family
Becky	Hailu He	Morgan & Family	SouthFamily
Beryl	HarrisonFamily	Nan	Susan & James
Bill & Sandy	Ina	Nancy & Family	Stacy L
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Bosco Family	Jean & Richard	Nathalie & Maya	Steven
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Darnell	Lisa	Ray Cook	
Darrell	Liz & Family	Reginald	

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
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Bob	Kagen	Nicholas
Bradley	Kate	Stuart
Brett	Kathy	Tin a
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.

2/8/2021



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