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**MARCH 7TH**  
**2021 AT 9AM**  
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# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



# 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.

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 the person next to you. 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.

Our weekly services:

Sunday 8am- Rite I (spoken Eucharist)

Sunday 10:30am- Rite II (sung Eucharist)

Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist

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.

**Ask, Seek, Knock** from Matthew 7:7-8

<sup>7</sup> "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. We welcome everyone to drop in and check out the many offerings. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6<sup>th</sup> grade- meet weekly at 9:15am
- Youth CREW, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades- meet semi-weekly at 11:45am
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8- meet weekly at 9:00am
- ECM, college age students- meet weekly on Weds at 5:30pm
- The Parlor Class, adult ed- meet weekly at 9:15am
- Novel Theology, all ages- meet monthly at 9:15am
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages- meet weekly on Weds at 10:30am

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 ask any member of the vestry, speak with Fr Howie, or visit our website:

[www.stthomasparish.org](http://www.stthomasparish.org)

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

## At the Procession

### Kind Maker of the World

Hymnal 152

1. Kind Ma - ker of the world, O\_\_ hear the fer - vent  
2. Each heart is man - i - fest to\_\_ thee; thou know - est  
3. Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and  
4. Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -  
5. Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i\_\_ ty; grant, O un -

prayer, with man - y'a\_\_ tear poured forth by all the  
our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and  
all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry  
nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,  
chang - ing U - ni - ty; that this our fast of

pen - i\_\_ tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!  
seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - d'ning grace.  
of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.  
so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.  
for - ty\_\_ days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

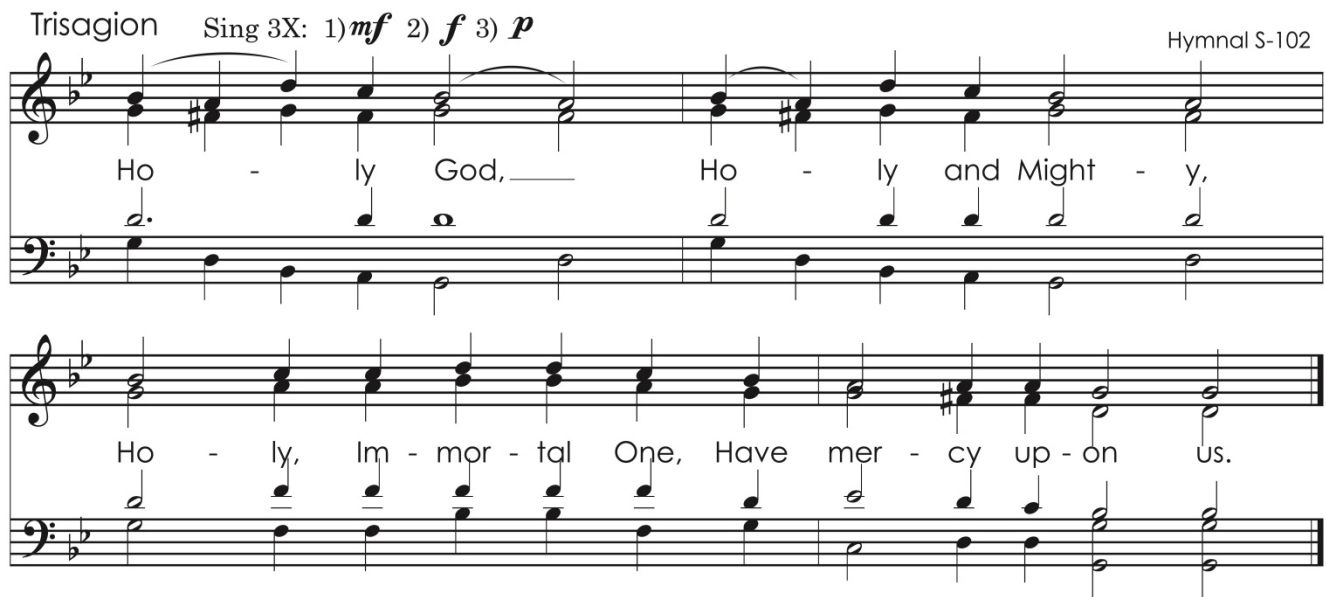
*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."  
[Mark 12:29-31]

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.

Trisagion    Sing 3X: 1) *mf* 2) *f* 3) *p*    Hymnal S-102



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

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant**    The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant**    Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

## Psalm 19

### *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Agnus Dei* – S. Webbe (1740-1816)

Laurey Czekaj, Mezzo Soprano

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*All stand*

The Gospel

John 2:13-22

*Deacon*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up



in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*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

With all our heart and all our mind, let us come before the Throne of Grace and ask God's mercy for ourselves and for the whole world.

For the evil we do	Lord, have mercy
For the good we fail to do	Lord, have mercy
For the faith we lack	Lord, have mercy
For the blessings we take for granted	Lord, have mercy
For the grace to turn again and believe	Lord, have mercy
For the light of the Gospel to guide our feet	Lord, have mercy
For the example of the saints to strengthen our faith	Lord, have mercy
For the glory of the Cross to shape our lives	Lord, have mercy
For the Church in every place	Lord, have mercy
For the faithful who suffer for Christ	Lord, have mercy
For those who do not yet believe	Lord, have mercy
For those who have lost their faith	Lord, have mercy
For the nations and peoples of the world	Lord, have mercy
For those who make war and those who make peace	Lord, have mercy
For those driven from their homes by fear	Lord, have mercy
For those blinded by greed and hatred	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who go hungry	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who are unemployed	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who are lonely	Lord, have mercy
For our neighbors who have no hope	Lord, have mercy
For all we love who are sick or in any kind of trouble, those we name now, silently or aloud, and those known only to God	Lord, have mercy
For the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo and for St Nicholas' Church, Newark.	Lord, have mercy
For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those we name now, silently or aloud, and all who risk their lives for others	Lord, have mercy
For all the faithful departed, especially those we name now, silently or aloud, and all those who have gone before us in this parish	Lord, have mercy

**Holy God**  
**Holy and mighty**  
**Holy and immortal**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

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

# Offertory Hymn

## Before Thy Throne

Hymnal 574

1. Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel; give us a con - science  
2. Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3. For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: Con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O God, we cry.  
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

## 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. 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:

Sanctus

S-124

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. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

David Hurd

*The*

*people stand or kneel.*

*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, 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* 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.**

*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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast.

### Fraction Anthem

*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 Prayer over the People

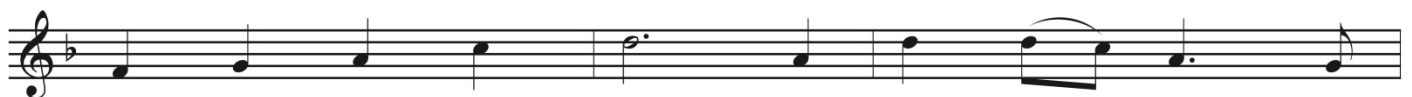
### At the Procession

## Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Hymnal 674



1. "For - give our sins as we\_\_\_ for - give" you  
2. How can your par - don reach and\_\_\_ bless the  
3. In blaz - ing light your cross\_\_\_ re - veals the  
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in\_\_\_ our\_\_\_ souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on\_\_\_ wrongs and  
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the\_\_\_ debts are  
bid re - sent - ment cease; to God and\_\_\_ neigh - bor



grant - us - grace to live the words we say.  
will\_\_\_ not\_\_\_ let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
owed to\_\_\_ us, how great our debt to you.  
then\_\_\_ re - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

vv. 3, 4 alt. Marc F. Cheban

## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## Parish Prayer List

Alan L	Deacon Cecily	Luke	Reginald
Alma	Delores	Lynn Dunham	Reid
Amanda	Doug H	Margurite	Roman
Andre	Elmer	Maria	Roxanna
Archer Family	Erin L & babies	Marian & Family	Ruth
Arline	Fred & Lori	Marie	Samuel
Alana Davies	Freda Reynolds	Mary & Family	Sandy
Audrey	Giorgio & Family	Michael	Sandy Sorenson
Ayla H	Greg	Mike & Angie	Shirley
Beverly and Larry	Hailu He	Mike Reynolds	Sondra & Jeff
Becky	HarrisonFamily	Morgan & Family	Sophia & Family
Beryl	Ina	Nan	SouthFamily
Bill & Sandy	Jane & Family	Nancy & Family	Susan & James
Bosco Family	Jean & Richard	Nate	Stacy L
Brian Smith	Pawl	Nathalie & Maya	Stanley
Cathy	Geoff Coons	Nelson	Steven
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Carolyn Bowman	Josh Moyer	Nikki & Family	Terrie W
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Chaun	Jule & Family	Noah P	Tom
Chris & Ginger	June	Norman H	Thomas
Christine & Erich	Ken & Family	Olivia	Tim & Family
Christine & Francis	Kevin	Pat & Dan	Vicki
Christopher Corbin	Kizis family	Pat & Emmett	Vivian
Cindy	LaneFamily	Peter & Mike	Wanda
Colin	Larry	Phil & Jen	Wayne
Dale & Family	Laurie J	Phil & Terri	WeaverFamily
Darnell	Linda Alexis	Phyllis	William McClements
Darrell	Lisa	Rashida	WilsonFamily
Dawn & DW	Liz & Family	Ray Cook	

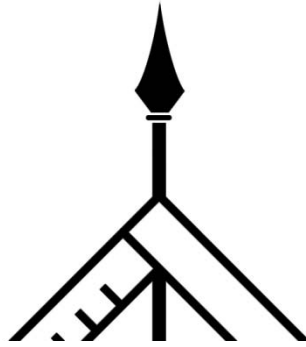
We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

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.

3/3/2021

During Lent, the bulletin pictures will be of crosses from Christian cultures around the world. This week's is of a "Milagro" Cross, common in Mexico and the American Southwest. They are covered with tiny ex-votos, symbols of prayers made and/or answered.



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