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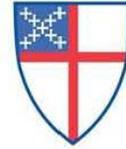
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God loves you. No exceptions.

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!

PSB: Praying Shapes Believing

Whether it is your first time, or your thousandth, reading, reciting, and praying the traditional Rite II worship, it is worthwhile to ask why. In this section of the leaflet, we will examine some of our prayers and collects to help us find more meaning and connection in the ritual.

The Sermon

The preaching of a sermon (sometimes also called a homily) is customary on Sundays and holy days.

What is it?

Phillips Brooks, a famous preacher and Episcopal bishop, called preaching “truth through personality.” Each sermon is one person’s interpretation, on one day, as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Why do we do it?

Although we understand all parts of the liturgy to teach us, the sermon gives the clergy (or others, on occasion) an opportunity to remind the faithful of key aspects of our faith and to help them connect the Word of God with their own lives.

What it says about God

God uses all available messengers and media.
By the grace of God, we are empowered to speak God’s truth.

Messages for how we live

God’s love is revealed in the stories we tell one another.

For more – Choose a Bible story and imagine how you might explain it to someone who did not know it.

Prelude

Procession

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Hymnal 225



1. Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal - lowed for ev - er,



day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with God's grace. grace.



1. Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing,
3. Hark! for the myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his cho - sen a - pos - tles,



he whom the Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:



2. Forth from the Fa - ther she comes with sev'n fold mys - ti - cal of - fering,
4. Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the fount - of our be - ing,



pour - ing on all hu - man souls in - fi - nite rich - es of God:
light that dost light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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; re ceive our prayer; re - ceive our prayer.
 left 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

The Sermon

Fr Sasser

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 joy and gladness, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church throughout the world, that it may be a sign of new life to the weary and the lost, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For all the leaders of the Church, that they may lead us in paths of peace and renewal, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For the nations of the world and those who lead them, that they may strive for justice and a new birth of freedom, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For the peace of the world, that those who use violence and those who condone it may have a change of heart, mind, and soul, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For all whose labor eases our lives, especially those who work in health care, long-term care, and hospice, that they may know themselves to be the hands of God, and may see God's holy angels at work among them, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For the sick, the disabled, and all who suffer, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may see new growth from branches long barren, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia, and for All Saints Church, Delmar, that they may know and share the joy of the empty cross and empty tomb, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For all who serve in the armed forces and all who go in harm's way to protect others, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

For those who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they may have light and peace, and rest with all the saints, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, show us your light.

With saint and angels, we proclaim:

[All say together]

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death with death, and bringing life to those who dwell in tombs. 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.

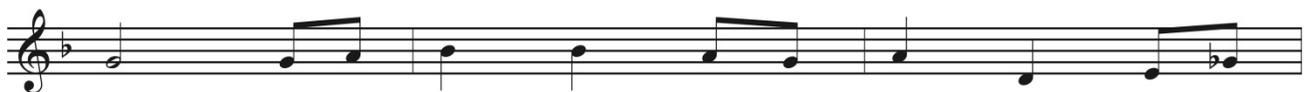
Offertory Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Hymnal 513



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vi - gor of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: Come, ___ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
midst as gift and sign: Come, ___ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: Come, ___ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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

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!
Ho - sa - na in the High - est! Ho - sa - na in the High - est!

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

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

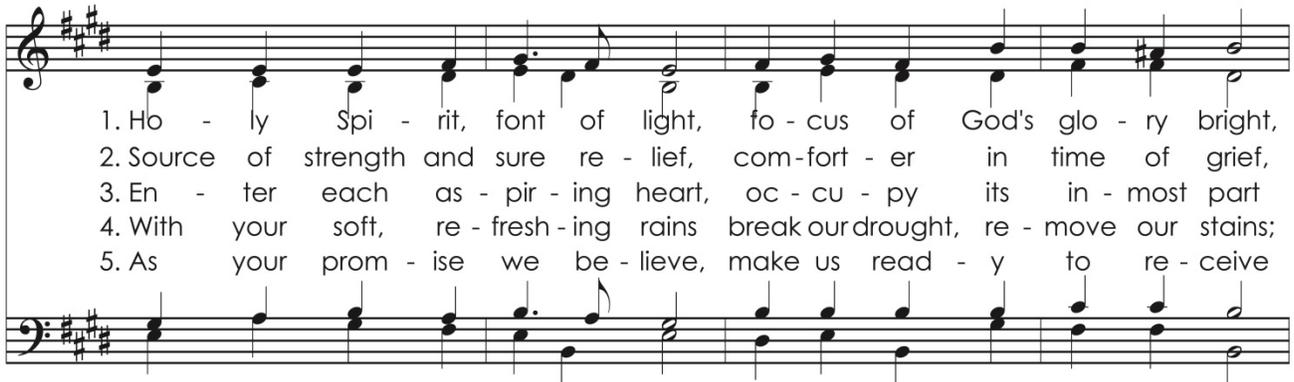
The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

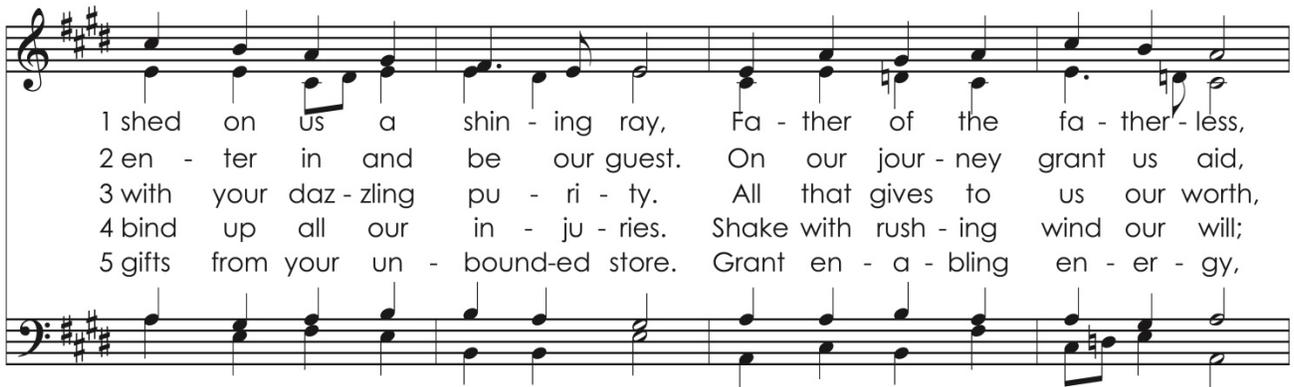
At the Procession

Holy Spirit, Font of Light

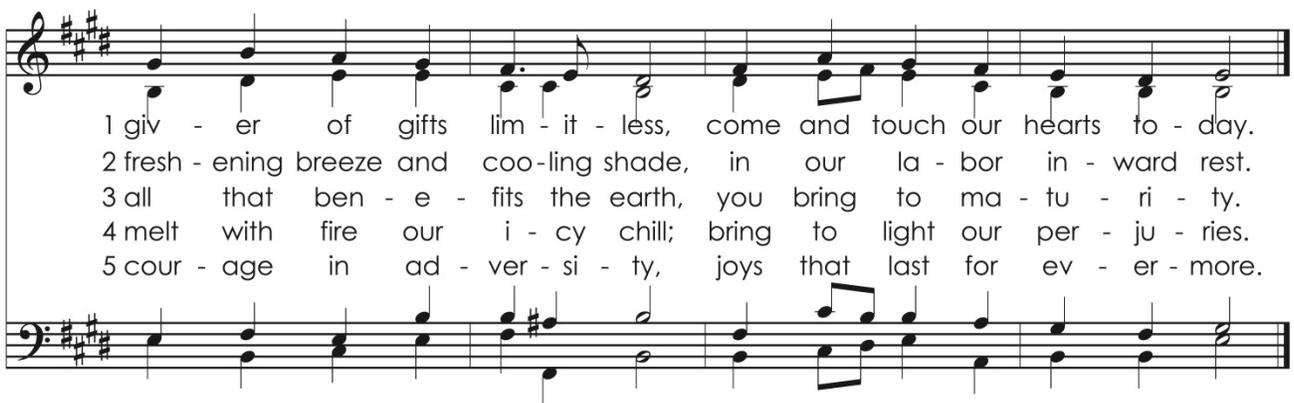
Hymnal 228



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, font of light, fo - cus of God's glo - ry bright,
2. Source of strength and sure re - lief, com - fort - er in time of grief,
3. En - ter each as - pir - ing heart, oc - cu - py its in - most part
4. With your soft, re - fresh - ing rains break our drought, re - move our stains;
5. As your prom - ise we be - lieve, make us read - y to re - ceive



1 shed on us a shin - ing ray, Fa - ther of the fa - ther - less,
2 en - ter in and be our guest. On our jour - ney grant us aid,
3 with your daz - zling pu - ri - ty. All that gives to us our worth,
4 bind up all our in - ju - ries. Shake with rush - ing wind our will;
5 gifts from your un - bound - ed store. Grant en - a - bling en - er - gy,



1 giv - er of gifts lim - it - less, come and touch our hearts to - day.
2 fresh - ening breeze and coo - ling shade, in our la - bor in - ward rest.
3 all that ben - e - fits the earth, you bring to ma - tu - ri - ty.
4 melt with fire our i - cy chill; bring to light our per - ju - ries.
5 cour - age in ad - ver - si - ty, joys that last for ev - er - more.

Dismissal

A Prayer for the Parish's Strategic Planning Group

Holy God, you raise up laborers for your harvest, sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless those engaged in the tending and renewing of your Church; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

*The leaflet picture this morning is of an unidentified mosaic
of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.*

Parish Prayer List

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

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.

5/19/2021



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