Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 30, 2025 * 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Mar. 30 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 4:00 pm Camerata Singers, Faure Requiem

Monday, Mar. 31

• 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Apr. 2

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist service of healing and reconciliation
- 10:00 am Blue Bin sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief meeting
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper, "Theology of the Book of Common Prayer"
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, Apr. 3

• 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Apr. 4

• 9:00 am Beaders Group

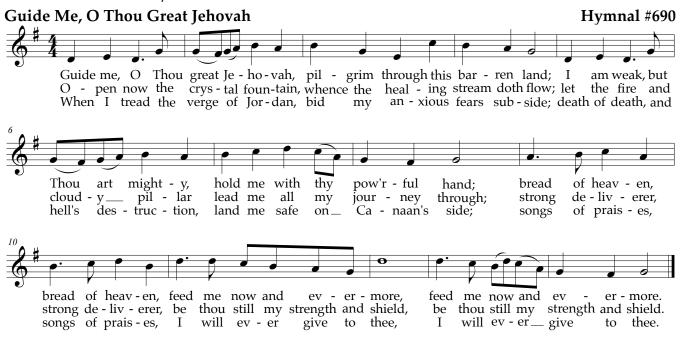
Sunday, Apr. 6 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30 am Antique Show meeting

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: "Cwm Rhondda," John Hughes (1873-1932).

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon 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.

The Absolution

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.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Trisagion



Setting: Ver. "The Hymnal 1982," after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Reader A Reading from the book of Joshua.

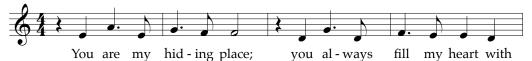
⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

The Response: Psalm 32

Reader Let us read from Psalm 32 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).





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¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *

and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *

because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer......Refrain

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *

and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; *

9"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *

I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.Refrain

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

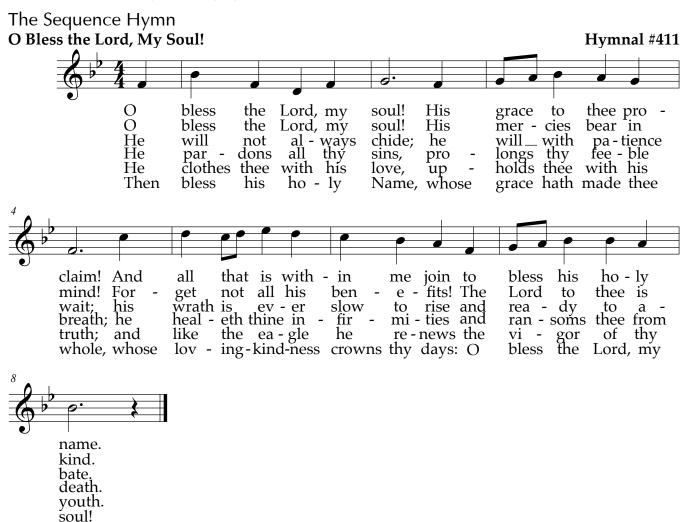
Reader A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So

we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5. Music: "Festal Song," William H. Walter (1825-1893).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ¹¹⁶"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he

divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People



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Deacon With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Kyrie eleison."

For the peace of the world, the welfare of the Holy Church of God, the unity of all peoples; for our Bishop and all clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

All Kyrie eleison

Deacon For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; for this city, and every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Kyrie eleison

Deacon

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them let us pray to the Lord.

All Kyrie eleison

Deacon

For Andrea, Barbara, Billy, Bruce, Carlos, Ceri, Charlotte, Chris, Colette, Daniel.
Erica, Gail, George, Hector, Jane, Judy, Kathy, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel,
Patt, Richard, Roxanne, Roz, Sally, Tommy, Tony, the people of the Middle East,
victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the
wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's, let us pray to the
Lord.

All Kyrie eleison

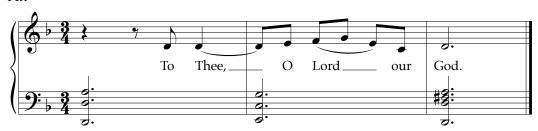
Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, including Pauline Hazarian Duley on the first anniversary of her passing this week, let us pray to the Lord.

All Kyrie eleison

Deacon

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All



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Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his

table.

The Offertory Anthem

Wounded Alleluias by Craig Courtney

Lord, heal our wounded alleluias. Touch our fragile, simple praise. Comfort every troubled, wayward song with Your gentle grace. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the stillness of our inmost thoughts, each broken song redeem. Move Your bow across our silent strings, that we might learn Your theme. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Write in us Your hymns of hope and wonder, craft each needed chord with care.

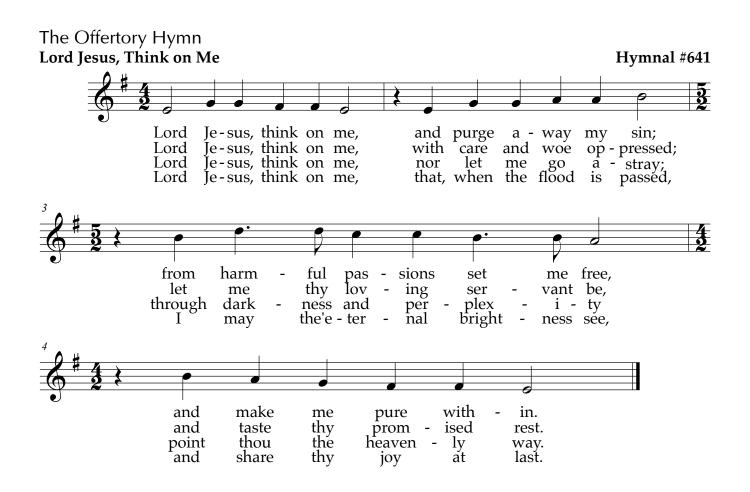
Fix in us Your wondrous harmony, a symphony to share.

Help us trust Your holy, grand design, Composer of the heart.

Make us Your instruments of peace and let the music start.

Alleluia, alleluia.

St. Francis Choir



Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt. Music: "Southwell," from "Daman's Psalter," 1579; adapt. "Hymnal, 1982".

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,



Music: from "Deutsche Mass," Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: "Beecher," 1870, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

The Invitation

Celebrant Remember that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

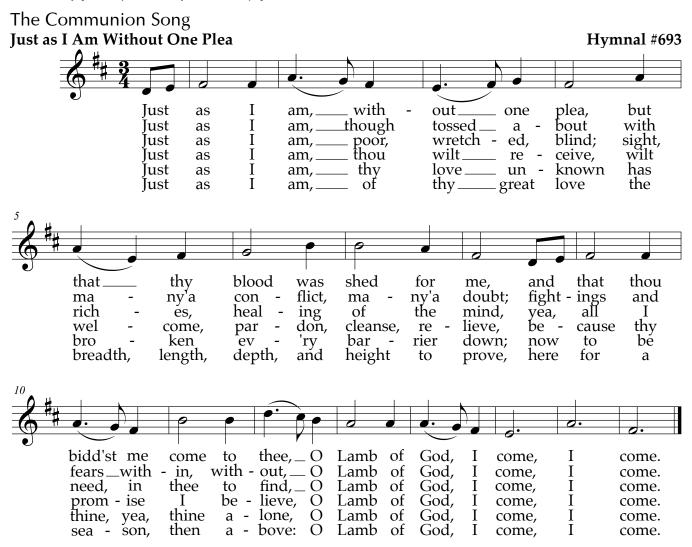
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least

spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.



Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: "Woodworth," William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868). *Please kneel or stand as able as able.*

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, **+** The Father, The Son, and

The Holy Spirit be with you always.

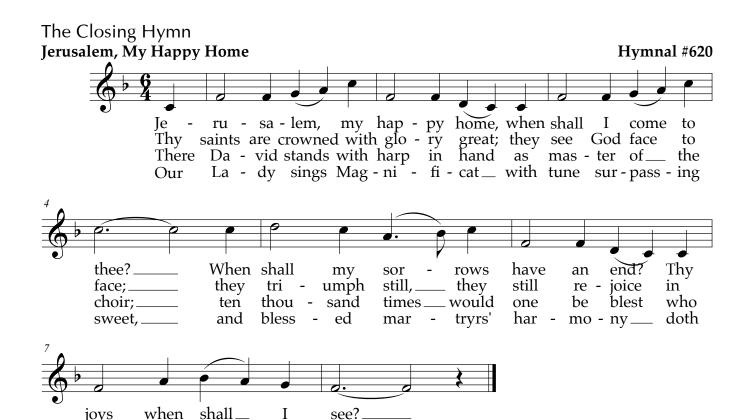
All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling. Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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