



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

March 22, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

Have you ever had the feeling of anxiety about doing something uncomfortable or difficult? For a long time, the season of Lent felt a lot like that for me. Giving something up? No meat on Friday? Giving alms? Taking something extra on? Boy, this season can sound like a lot of work!

I remember a very old priest named Fr. Bowling, whom I loved very much, telling me once, "I hate Lent." I thought it was odd to hear a priest say that, but I also realized that for many people, Lent feels like a chore or something that is hard.

It is certain that there is a drastic liturgical shift during Lent, and we are indeed called to look inward and evaluate our relationship with God. This does not have to be laborious or feel like a chore. You don't need to give up all those things that make you happy, wear a hair shirt, or recreate your bedroom to be more like the Tower of London! Lent simply calls each of us to find those things in our lives that we are putting in front of or in the way of becoming closer to Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to examine your relationship with Jesus, and to answer honestly, where do I need to let Jesus in so he can help me reveal the good news that God loves the world to as many people as possible. As we journey through this season of Lent, let's do so with smiles on our faces and with our hearts fixed on Our Lord and Savior! Enjoy this journey, it's worth it!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chr Wood" with a small cross at the end of the name.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Rhosymedre* — Ralph Vaughan Williams

The people stand as the Ministers enter

Processional Hymn 495

In Babilone



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare all those who confess their faults,
restore all those who are penitent,**

**according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our
Lord.**

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE S-89

Hans Leo Hassler

Unison or harmony

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes various rhythmic values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and accidentals. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. —

— Chri - ste e - le - i - son. — Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, thou knowest." Again he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host. Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold,

I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, says the LORD."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 130

Henry Walford Davies

Sung by the choir

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord;

 Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well

 the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,

 O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee;

 therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him;

 in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch;

 I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy,

 and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel

 from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

 and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

 world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:6-11

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All elementary-aged students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

SEQUENCE HYMN 511

Abbot's Leigh

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor-ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go into Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus

said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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

THE SERMON

All stand

Lauren Whitnah, PhD
Dean of Nashotah House Theological Seminary

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and people

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The people kneel

Almighty and everliving God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these prayers which we offer to your divine Majesty. Inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, the Presiding Bishop, and Douglas, our Bishop, that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your true and living Word, and faithfully administer your holy Sacraments.

Give your heavenly grace to all your people, and especially to this congregation here present; that with humble hearts and due reverence they may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.

We pray also that you will guide the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land: we pray for Donald, our President; Ron, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to see your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, they may honor you with their substance and be faithful stewards of your bounty.

In your goodness, O Lord, comfort and help all those who in this passing life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear. Grant them continual growth in your love and service; and give us grace to follow the good examples of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, that with them we may share in your heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The people stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people sit for the announcements

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Almighty and everlasting God — Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand

HYMN 142 *Stanza 5*

St. Flavian

5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

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 and Benedictus S-130

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel

Celebrant

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

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 after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-164

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The lyrics 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Motet

Ave verum corpus — Sir Edward Elgar

Ave verum Corpus, natum De Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine: Cuius latum perforatum Unda fluxit et sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death. O gentle, O merciful, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary,

Communion Hymn 314

Adoro devote



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant gives the Blessing

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

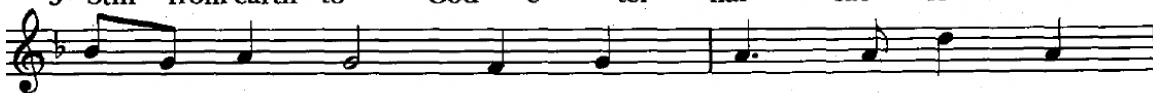
The people stand

Processional Hymn 665

Michael



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 * 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Until Fr. Chris completes his chemotherapy treatment, his medical team has advised that he refrain from shaking hands. Following services, he will continue to greet parishioners outdoors on the steps; however, a friendly wave and smile are encouraged in place of physical contact during this period. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Assisting in Today's Services

Altar Guild: Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier,
Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Lyz Pickette, Laurie Lackman

Linens: Laurie Lackman

Ushers: 8:00 Brien Burkett, Charles Harden

9:30 Keith Lindquist, Norman Allen, Cary Brown, Roger Kurz, Eric Williams, Bruce
Yost

Acolytes: 8:00 Donna Gem

9:30 Elizabeth Welch, Maggie Welch, Maggie Wood, Charlie Pickette, James Isaacs

Chalice: Janice Straske, Paul Brokaw

Lectors: 8:00 Rich Hadlow 9:30 Steve Straske, Paul Brokaw, Drew Graham

Verger: Donna Gem **Subdeacon:** Michael Eachon

Prayer Request

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: School for Ministry, St. Anselm's Chapel, University of South Florida Chapel Center, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, Episcopal College Chaplaincies: College of Florida Chaplaincy, Bradenton

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, Tyler (Libya) and Brandon

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:

March 22: Miriam Faircloth, Rich Whiteley, Kristi O'Brien, Julian Sanchez

March 23: Patty Crumpton, John Guyton, Beth Heisel, Chris Farnen, Michael Matthews, Helen Baker, Charlie Sansone, Shirley Susich, Hope Rossi

March 24: Stephen Crane, Catherine Marston, Andrew Deitzer, Chloe Isaacs, Caroline Gritte

March 25: The Rev. Caroline Devitt, Whitney Tozier

March 26: Beth Foley, Lori Green, Pam Scruggs, Lanny Russell, Karen Dellinger, Josie O'Brien

March 27: Christine Henry, Glenda Hodgson, Christian Brown, Kevin Breen

March 28: Baldwin Barnes, Tess Lowke, Lara Butler, Gaines Hayes, Shahla Madani

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks, Richard, Michael Wood, Tor, Collin, Sam, Lee, David, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Carey, Scott, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Minnie, Will, Armando, Berta, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Gwen, Helen, David W. Reffue, Melinda, Sunny, Davis, Damian, Dave, Charlotte, Alexis, Amy, Cole, Sue, Peyton, Lee, Holly, Stephanie, the Dickerson family, Brandon, Halley, Dean, Lisa and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed

Thomas Dickerson

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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