



**Fifth Sunday in Lent:  
March 22, 2026, 10:00 AM  
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# HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

## WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude in D minor by J.S. Bach

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Hymnal # 314

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who **forgives** all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: 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.

Kyrie

Hymnal S-88

*Cantor or Choir*



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

*All*



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

*Cantor or Choir*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*All*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor or Choir* *All*



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## Salutation and 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.

**People: Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

## A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel [37:1-14]

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then 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: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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 had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and 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, mortal, 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130 *De profundis*

**BCP 784**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \*

**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*

**O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is **forgiveness** with you; \*

**therefore you shall be feared.**

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*

**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous **redemption**, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### **New Testament Reading**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [8:6-11]**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason 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, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

### **O Love of God, how strong and true**

**Hymnal # 455**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [11:1-45]

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you **love** is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus **loved** Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to

weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said 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 greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. 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, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent 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 strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in 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 Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Sermon

Dr. Michael Mulder

**Profession of Faith (South Indian)**, *said together, standing*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.**

**And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

### Prayers of the People

#### Form I

BCP 383

Reader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the towns of North Salem and Brewster, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Rob K., Nina T., Annie, Mackenzie, Bill, Jennifer C., Marissa, Randy S., Nancy Guthrie and family, Family of Ed Lorch, Fawn, Logan, Michael W., John C., Mike M., Robert T., Alan, Biran, Susan W., Family and friends of Carol Goldberg, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben and Ali;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the **resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: For 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, especially remembering soldiers who have lost their lives in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other parts of the Middle East: MAJ John "Alex" Kliner; MAJ Jeffery O'Brien; CPT Curtis Angst; CPT Cody Khork; CPT Seth Koval; CPT Ariana Savino; CWO3 Robert Marzan; TSGT Tyler Simmons; SGT 1st Class Nicole Amor; SGT 1st Class Noah Tietjens; SGT Declan Coady; SGT Benjamin Pennington; and SGT Ashley Pruitt. For comfort and support for their families and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: In the communion of blessed St. James; James De Koven, *Priest* (1879); Gregory the Illuminator, *Bishop and Missionary* (c. 332); Oscar Romero, *Archbishop and Martyr* (1980) and the Martyrs of El Salvador; Harriet Monsell, *Monastic* (1883); Charles Henry Brent, *Bishop*

(1929); James Solomon Russell, *Priest* (1935); and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**People: To thee, O Lord our God.**

Reader: O God, by whom the meek are guided by judgment,

**People: and light rises up in darkness for the godly:**

Reader: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,

**People: the grace to ask what you would have us to do,**

Reader: that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices,

**People: and that in your light we may see light,**

Reader: and in your straight path may not stumble;

**People: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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** *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

**Remembering Carol Goldberg**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. [1 Chronicles 29:11]

**Offertory**      **When Jesus Wept by William Billings arr. Gerald Custer**      **The St. James Choir**

### **Litany of Healing**

Celebrant: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

**People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

**People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

**People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

**People: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Celebrant: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**People: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Celebrant: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**People: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Celebrant: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

**People: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Celebrant: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**People: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Celebrant: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**People: Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Celebrant: You are the Lord who does wonders:

**People: You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Celebrant: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

**People: And in your light we see light.**

Celebrant: Hear us, O Lord of Life:

**People: Heal us, and make us whole.**

### **Healing Blessing**

Celebrant: The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP 372**

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 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 sing,

**Sanctus** *Holy, holy, holy*

**Hymnal S-129**

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

**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.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. James 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!**

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

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Music**

**If thou but trust in God to guide thee**

**Hymnal # 635**

## Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you;  
and then use us, we pray, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Lenten Blessing

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus!**

**Hymnal # 495**

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to **love** and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Postlude by G.F. Handel**

**Michael Mulder**



**Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdémez** born on August 15, 1917, in San Salvador, was sent to the Gregorian University in Rome to study theology. After his ordination to the priesthood, he returned to his native land, where he worked among the poor. When he was appointed a bishop, radicals distrusted his conservative sympathies. However, after his appointment as Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, a progressive Jesuit friend of his, Rutilio Grande, was assassinated, and Romero began protesting the government's injustice to the poor and its policies of torture. He met with Pope John Paul II in 1980 and complained that the leaders of El Salvador engaged in terror and assassinations. He also pleaded with the American government to stop military aid to his country, but this request was ignored. Romero was shot to death while celebrating Mass at a small hospital chapel near his cathedral on March 24, 1980. The previous day, he had preached a sermon calling on soldiers to disobey orders that violated human rights. He said, "A bishop will die, but the Church of God, which is the people, will never perish." **The Martyrs of El Salvador:** Romero was not the only Christian leader who was assassinated. Almost nine months after Romero's assassination, four women—two Maryknoll Sisters, an Ursuline Sister, and a lay missionary—were also killed in the course of their ministry by the army. Six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter were similarly murdered in November of 1989. The Roman Catholic Church canonized Romero on October 14, 2018, and he is honored as a martyr by many Christian churches worldwide. A statue of Romero stands at the door of Westminster Abbey in London as part of a commemoration of twentieth-century martyrs.

**Our Book for Lent:** We'll be reading through the following book during Lent, **The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey** by Brian Zahnd.

**Diocesan Book for Lent** is: **For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional** by Hanna Reichel.

**Lent:** The fast of 40 days before Easter. In the first three centuries the period of fasting in preparation for Easter did not, as a rule, exceed two or three days, as is evident from a statement of Irenaeus recorded by Eusebius. The first mention of a period of 40 days, occurs in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325; can. 5). The custom may have originated in the prescribed fast of candidates for baptism, and the number 40 was evidently suggested by the 40 days' fasts of Moses, Elijah, and especially the Lord Himself, though till a much later date the period was reckoned differently in the different Churches...Lent is generally observed as a time of penance by abstaining from festivities, by almsgiving, and by devoting more than the usual time to religious exercises. Of recent years in the Western Church more emphasis has been placed on these aspects than on physical fasting.

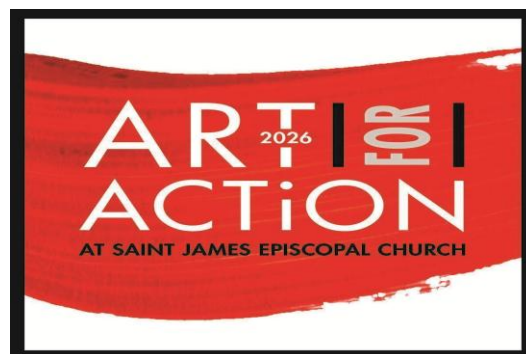
[The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church]

### Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Jeanette, Dean W., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Sheryl and family, Jeffrey, Bro, Kathleen, Janet, Bob and Bobbe

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

- March 29: Palm Sunday; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- April 2: Maundy Thursday; Holy Eucharist service at 7:00 PM**
- April 3: Good Friday service at 7:00 PM**
- April 5: Easter Sunday; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- April 12: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- April 19: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**
- April 25: Art for Action art show and benefit in the Village Hall at 5:30 pm**
- April 26: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am**



**Save the date: Saturday, April 25 at 5:30 pm. For more information go to [stjamesns.com](http://stjamesns.com).**