



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

March 19, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

----- A Special WELCOME to all! -----

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning and hope you feel warmly welcomed.

Masks are STRONGLY recommended but not required. If you forgot your face covering, masks are provided on the sign-in table.

Please make sure to leave us your name and contact information for contact tracing purposes. The lists will be kept in the church office so we can notify you to isolate for 14 days should anyone in attendance test positive for Covid-19.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the worship space.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become a part of the
St. Jude's Church Community.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books located near the library entrance to the church.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____ Meditation on Two Lenten Tunes, Hobby

Opening Hymn #371 Please stand & join in singing _____ Thou, whose almighty word

A Penitential Order _____

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue Please stand or kneel _____

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Confession of Sin *Please stand or kneel* _____

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

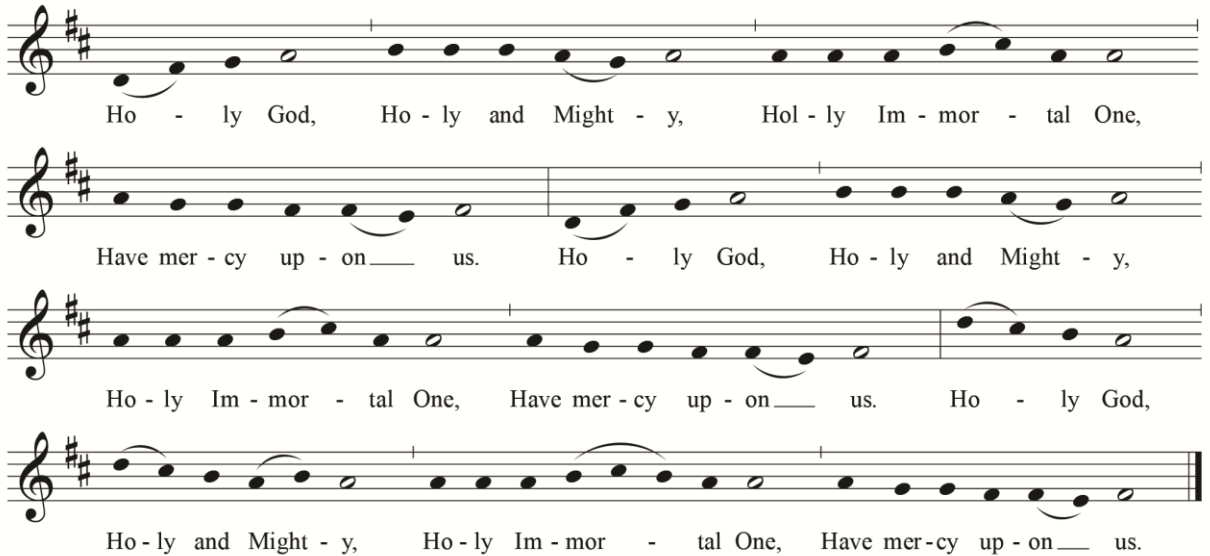
People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of 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.**

Absolution _____

Presider 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

All eternal life.
Amen.

Trisagion



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

S 100-Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray together.
All **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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading *Please be seated* _____ 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 23*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading _____ *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #490 *Please join in singing _____ I want to walk as a child of the light*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand _____ John 9:1-41*

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man

who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would

not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ The Rev. Paul Brunell

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

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 *Please stand or kneel* _____

Intercessor Let us pray.

Brothers and sisters, live as children of the light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Light of the world, **open our eyes.**”

Lord our Shepherd, you have given your church all that we need. Rain down on us mightily with your Spirit, that we may testify to the astonishing things you have done in our lives.

Please add your own thanksgivings.

Silence.

People Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Intercessor God, you are present in the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort all those around the world who know danger or violence or war. By our love, cast out all evil and fear.

Silence

People Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Intercessor Lord, you make us to lie down in green pastures; you lead us by still waters. You have blessed us with a beautiful planet. May we work to preserve the holy gift of nature.

Silence

People Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Intercessor Lord, spread a table for those who are hungry; where there is scarcity and need in our neighborhoods, fill empty hearts, lives, and cups with your abundance. By your light expose all the unfruitful works of darkness.

Silence

People Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Intercessor God of life, pursue the sick and sorrowful with your goodness and mercy. Reveal your works in those who are suffering. Make yourself known as Healer.

Please add your own petitions.

Silence

People Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Intercessor Reviver of Souls, give to the dying and the dead your promise of new and unending life. May we one day live with them forever in the light of Christ.

Silence

People Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Intercessor Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Jude's Episcopal Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church.

We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider We praise you, God of our hope, for all the children of light who have gone before us and now stand in your radiant countenance. Give us the light of Christ, that we may leap up in our darkness and rise from death at the last, into the life of gladness in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand* _____

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

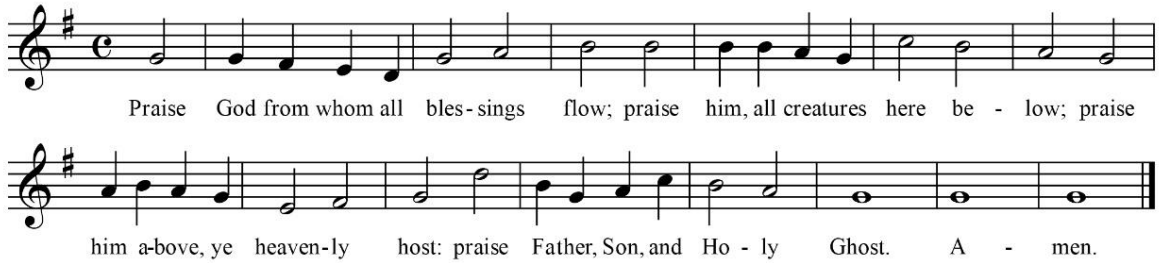
Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!



Offertory Anthem _____ *As the Deer, Nystrom*

The Doxology *Please stand* _____



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise
him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

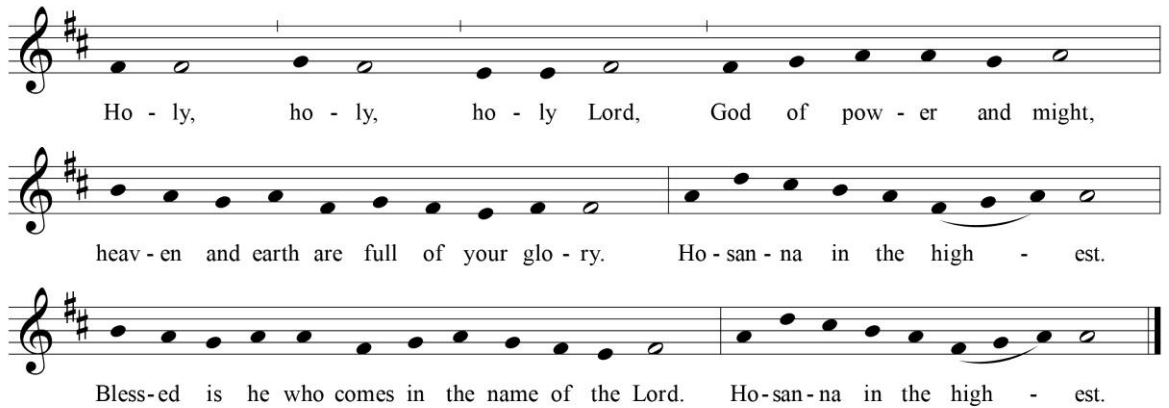
The Eucharistic Prayer *Please remain standing* _____

- Priest* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

S 124-Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Priest

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

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 Fraction

First Cantor, then all

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My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink by blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

S 169-Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion *Please be seated*

We are now distributing Communion in both kinds: bread and wine.

If you wish to drink wine, please drink from the cup only. Do not intinct (dip your bread) in the wine.

No one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive communion, please place your arms across your shoulders indicating you would like to receive a blessing. The priest will not touch you, but will extend hands towards you and offer the blessing.

If you wish to receive bread only, please take the bread and walk back to your seat or, if you wish to remain at the rail, place your arms across your shoulders when the Lay Eucharistic Minister comes by with the cup to indicate your preference.

Communion Music _____ *Here's My Heart*, Crowder

Prayer after Communion *Please stand* _____

Priest

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing _____

Priest

Look down in mercy, Lord on your people who kneel before
you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your
Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of
repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Sending Out of LEV's _____

Priest or Deacon gives LEV the Visitation Kit,

Priest

Let us all pray together:

People

**In the name of this congregation, we send you out bearing
these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us
in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are
many are one body, because we all share one bread, one
cup. Amen.**

The Sending Out

Milestones & Announcements *Please be seated* _____

Sending Out Hymn #493 *Please join in singing* _____ *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Sending Out _____

The Presider dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God!

Postlude _____ *Improvisation on "O for a Thousand Tongues", Manz*

Prayer List _____

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; for the Search Committee and Vestry.

For Al; Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kathy; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Becky; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; and Brad.

SERVING TODAY

Leaders: Dave & Denise Rayner
Reader/Prayers: Katie Young
Ushers: Lisa & Kelly Cronk
Altar Guild: Terri Huthcins & Francine Johnston
Vestry P. of Day: Bill Anderson
Coffee Hour: Amy Freeman

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dee Grossmann
3/13 Monday Counter: Diane Putnam
3/14 Tues. Office Volunteer: Liz Sailus & Jimmy
3/16 Thus. Office Volunteer: Nancy Day

Serving Next Week, March 19

LEM: Mary Louise Susalla
Reader/Prayers: Dave & Deb James
Ushers: Nancy Day & Lynne Ronthi
Altar Guild: Sarah Dolza & Gay Adams
Vestry P. of Day: Clay Putnam
Coffee Hour: Lynne Ronthi

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Lynn Hopper
3/20 Monday Counter: Francine Johnston
3/21 Tues. Office Volunteer: Kathy Kortge
3/23 Thus. Office Volunteer: Ellen Tripp

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