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Palm Sunday

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

April 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Service broadcast online via livestream video

THE VOLUNTARY Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

THE WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PALM GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.


People **Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN 154, vv. 1, 2 & 3 All glory, laud, and honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

All sing.

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

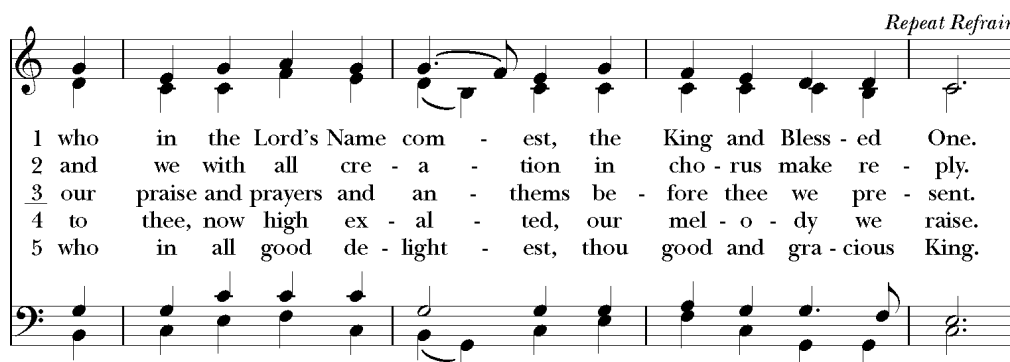


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE VENITE

Plainsong, Tone 4

All chant, beginning and ending with the Antiphon.

Antiphon:

The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:
Come let us a - dore him.

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. [Ant.] 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. [Ant.]

6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord
our Ma-ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice! [Ant.]

Repeat Antiphon

Title: Daily Morning Prayer II, The Invitatory: Venite / Psalm 95

Music: Plainsong, Tone 4; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Alec Wyton (1921–2007) Melody: © 1985 Bruce E. Ford.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 31:9-16

The people say the text in **bold** print, and sing the Antiphon as indicated

Have mer - cy on me, O Lord. God.

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 **For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; ***
**my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 **I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; ***
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. ***
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Antiphon***

THE FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 14: A SONG OF PENITENCE (*Kyrie Pantokrator*)

Plainsong, Tone 3

All chant.

1. O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, God of Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous off-spring;

2. You made the heavens and the earth, with all their vast array.

3. All things quake with fear at your presence; they tremble be -
cause of your power. 4. But your merciful promise is be -
yond all mea - sure; it surpasses all that our minds can fath - om.

5. O Lord, you are full of com - pas - sion, long - suffering,
and abound - ing in mer - cy. 6. You hold back your hand;
you do not pun - ish as we de - serve. 7. In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sin - ners, that they may repent

of their sin and be saved. 8. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee
of my heart, and make my appeal, sure of your gra - cious good - ness.

9. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my wickedness
on - ly too well. 10. Therefore I make this prayer to you:
Forgive me, Lord, for - give me. 11. Do not let me per - ish
in my sin, nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

12. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who re - pent,
and in me you will show forth your good - ness. 13. Unworthy as I am,
you will save me, in accordance with your great mer - cy,
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

14. For all the powers of heaven sing your prais - es,
and yours is the glory to ages of a - ges. A - men. [Ant.]

Music: *Mode 3 antiphon, adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Alec Wyton (1921–2007). Plainsong, Tone 3, verses 1-4, 12-14; Plainsong, Irregular Tone, verses 5-11; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979; acc. Alec Wyton and SCCM, 1979*

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THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 27:11–54

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting

on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 21: YOU ARE GOD (*Te deum laudamus*)

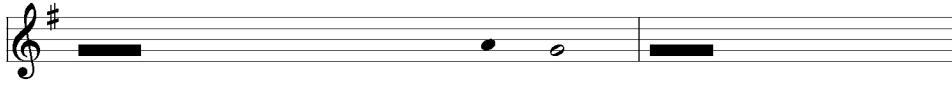
Plainsong, Tone 8

All chant, concluding with the Gloria Patri chanted to the same tone.

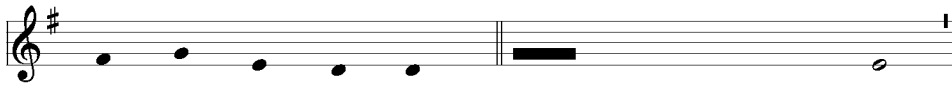
1. You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord: we ac-claim you;



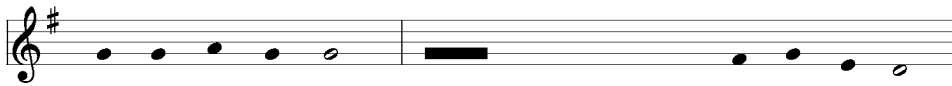
2. You are the eternal Fa-ther: All cre-a-tion wor-ships you.



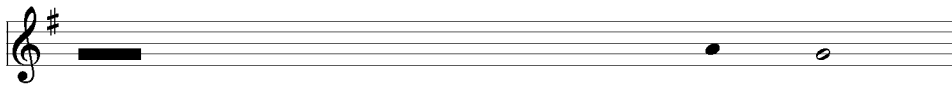
3. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of hea-ven, Cherubim and Seraphim,



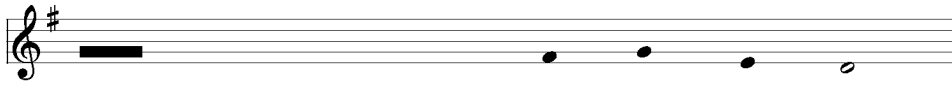
sing in end-less praise: 4. Holy, holy, holy Lord



God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.



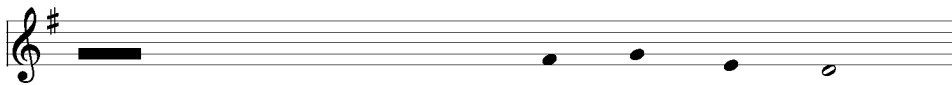
5. The glorious company of apostles praise you.



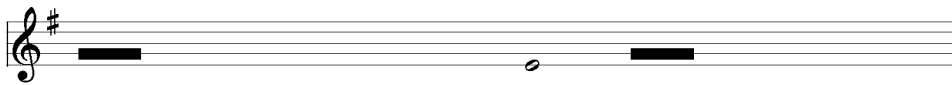
The noble fellowship of pro-phets praise you.



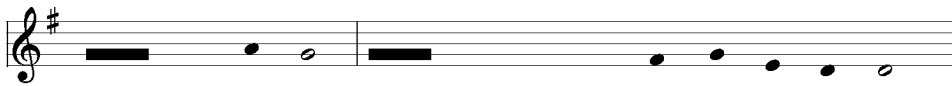
6. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the holy Church ac-claims you;



7. Father, of majesty unbound-ed, your true and only Son,



worthy of all wor-ship, 8. and the Holy Spirit ad-vo-cate and guide.



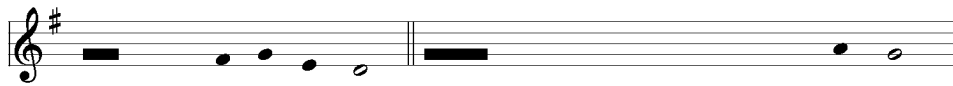
9. You, Christ, are the king of glo-ry, the eternal Son of the Fa-ther.



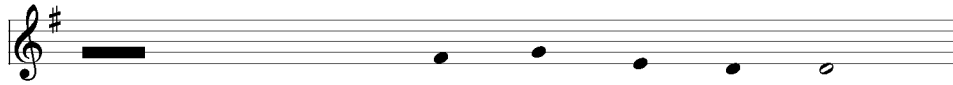
10. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Vir-gin's womb.



11. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of



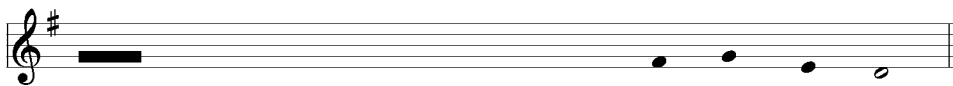
heaven to all be-liev-ers. 12. You are seated at God's right hand in glo - ry.



We believe that you will come and be our judge.



13. Come then, Lord, and help your peo-ple, bought with the price of your own blood,



14. and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Music: Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

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THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Margie Baker

THE APOSTLES CREED

All stand.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 SUFFRAGES

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECTS AND PRAYER FOR MISSION

Officiant Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. **Amen.**

HYMN 158 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

All sing.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585–1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.

Music: Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Crüger (1598–1662), alt.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Officiant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Organist: Scott Lamlein

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Mary Byrd
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Whitney Lynch
Janet Ray	Linda Evans	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Susan Murray	Sue	Mary Stoughton	Lee
Brad Babbitt	Jen Evans	Ellie Brown	Lonnie
Billy Ulrich	Gwain Gillespie	Shep Baker	Micah, Francis &
Mary Rose	Erika Ulrich	Bev Baker	Shadae Gillam
June Aziz	Zachary Fletcher		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

John Amamoo	Pat Vance	David Kaletski Jr.
Janet Faude	Delaney Patterson	Gordon Fowler
Kristie Harrington	Richard Krissingner	Bruce Farnsworth
Billy Ulrich	Philip Chapman	Brooke Hayes
Akilah Williams	Brad Thomas	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Anne & Randall Hayes

Those who have died:

Joaquin Castro Lugay, grandfather of Fraz Lugay

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; collaborative ministries and all ministry networks; Joining Jesus in the New Missional Age; ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.