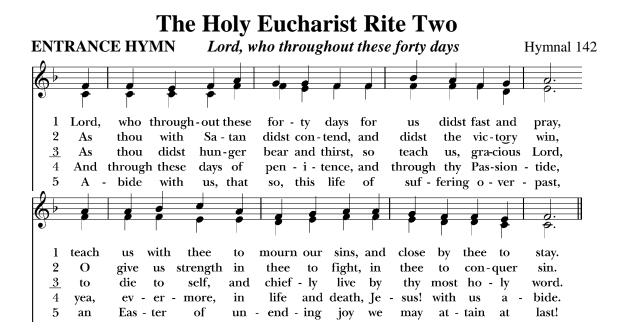


Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025 10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector



The Word of God A Penitential Order OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing as able, the Celebrant says

CelebrantBless the Lord who forgives all our sins.PeopleHis mercy endures for ever.

The people kneel as able.

DECALOGUE

The Decalogue is said

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

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Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

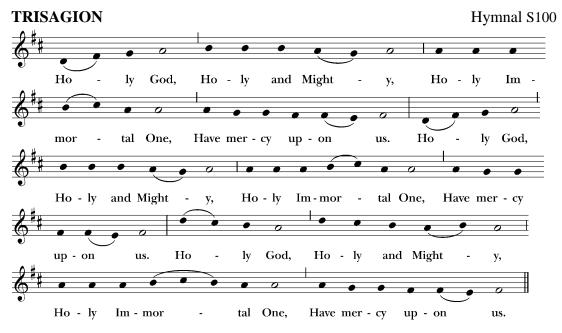
Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebran</i> t	Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The people sit. **FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15**

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse.

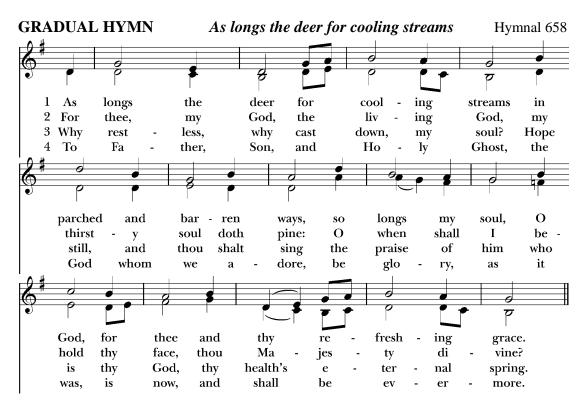
¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. ²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might behold your power and your glory. ³For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise. ⁴So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name. ⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * `and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, ⁶When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches. ⁷For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. ⁸My soul clings to you; * vour right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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



GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

All stand as able.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

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

THE SERMON

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

All stand as able. 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.

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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

All remain standing as able.

Celebrant: O mysterious God of Moses, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we stand on this holy ground as witnesses of your burning presence among us: Receive our prayers and intercessions as we bring to you the concerns of the world, saying: Your loving-kindness is better than life itself; our lips shall give you praise.

Litanist: Like a patient gardener you nurture and feed your Church, urging us to grow and flourish and to bring forth fruit without delay: Bless your people, that all may seek you eagerly and share in your work of reconciliation. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

our lips shall give you praise.

You see the misery of those who cry on account of their taskmasters, and you deliver your children from bondage and oppression: Bless our leaders and those in authority throughout the world, that they may rescue all who suffer from violence, terror and injustice; and lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

our lips shall give you praise.

You hear the call of all who live with misery, illness, poverty or threat: Raise up champions of virtue, healing, and justice to bring the power of your gracious compassion and liberation to everyone in need. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. We pray also for those effected by wildfires. Bring your peace to our world. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

our lips shall give you praise.

You have brought us to a good and broad land and promised to be with us in the power of your holy Name: Grasp the attention of all your people, and, as you called Moses, call us into your mysterious presence to share in your work of freedom and justice.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

our lips shall give you praise.

You led our ancestors through the cloud and sea, and you fed them with spiritual food and drink in the wilderness: Let your hope and blessing be upon those for whom we pray in intercession, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Doris and all on our prayer list.

Our souls are content and our mouths praise you with joy: Hear our gratitude as we offer you our thanks.

You have redeemed the souls of your children and freed them for eternal life: Take into the fire of your love those who have died.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

our lips shall give you praise.

Celebrant: Eternal One, you are mysterious, free and undefined: Let the power of your presence burn in our hearts and in our land, that your will may be done and your Name glorified forever, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

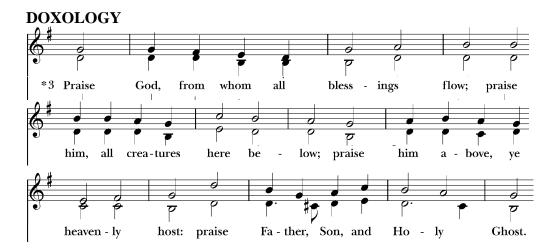
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

There's a wideness in God's mercy **OFFERTORY HYMN** Hymnal 470 wide-ness God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the 1 There's a in sea; 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven; broad-er than the For the love of God is mea-sure of the mind; there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er tv. no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment there is given. and the heart of the E ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. -There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; There is plen - ti - ful re demp-tion in the blood that has been shed; If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word: mer - cv with the blood. there is Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his for all iov the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head. there is life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord. and our



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The People remain standing as able.

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. *By your will they were created and have their being*.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

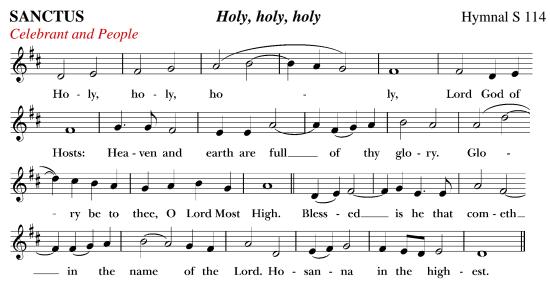
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The People stand or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and

Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

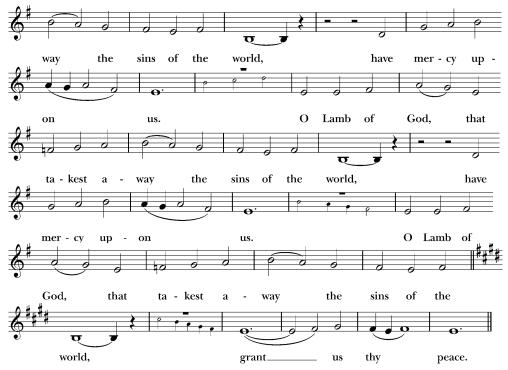
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.*





INVITATION

The Celebrant says

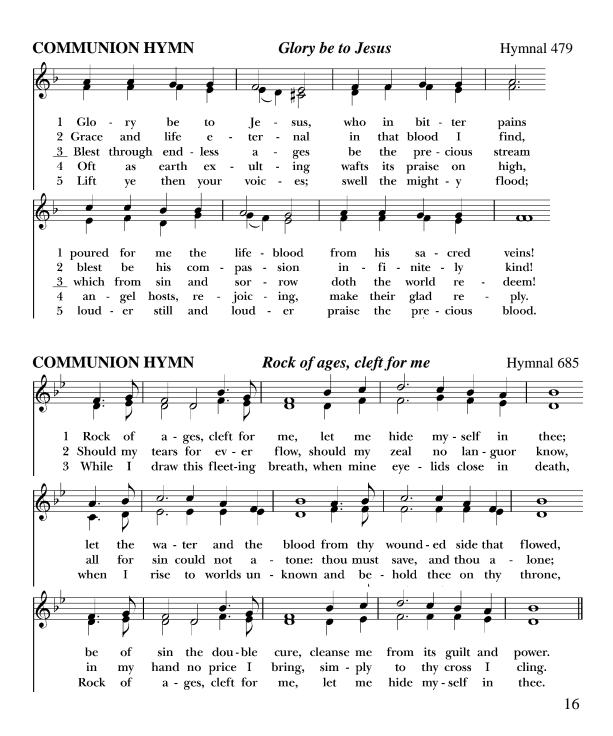
This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.

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*.]



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

RECESSIONAL HYMN Glorious things of thee are spoken Hymnal 522 Glo rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi 1 on, ci ty liv - ing ing 2 See! the streams of wa - ters, spring from e ta - tion hov - ering, 3 Round each ha bi see the cloud and 4 Blest in - hab - it ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -0 of our God: he whose word can not be ter nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and for fire ap pear а glo and а ry blood! deem - er's Je whom their souls sus, re 4 bro formed thee for his ken own bode; а daugh and all fear of ters want re move. cov show that the Lord ering, ing is near. ly on, makes them kings and priests to God. the Rock of ed. what can on Α ges found _ shake thy Who can faint, when such a riv er ev - er will their Thus de - riv ing from their night, ban light by and -ner, 'Tis his love his ple rais self peo o - ver to es . 0 17 0 sure re - pose? With sal tion's walls sur -va thirst as-suage? Grace which. like the Lord, the day, shade by safe they feed up on the reign as kings: and priests, his sol as emn thou may'st smile at all thy foes. round ed, from giv er nev er fails age to age. man which he gives them when they pray. na prais each for thank of fering brings. es a

DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord!PeopleThanks be to God.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

NURSERY: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew,

Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop, Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Kimberly Worthy, Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Wiley Ashley, Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Jane Taylor, Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett, Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Kot (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), Dawn Johnson, Pam Webster, Daphne Grimsley, Seeley Lewis (Marilyn Quinn), Anne Meydrech, Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), Sonya Urquhart, Kimberly Brand (Jan Waggoner), Justin Requena (Carolyn Towery), Sara Walker, Helen Lauderdale & family (Witt Lauderdale), Evie Loftin, Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), Joy Howell, Doris Kimmerlin, Sherry Jo Johnson (Rose Johnson), Margaret Pickering (Rhonda Barber), Linda Garlin (Evie Loftin)

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In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in March: Alysha & Chris Miller (10th),

Shauna & James Howell (13th), Marge & William Ludwig (21st), Ashley & Jason Hendren (28th)

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