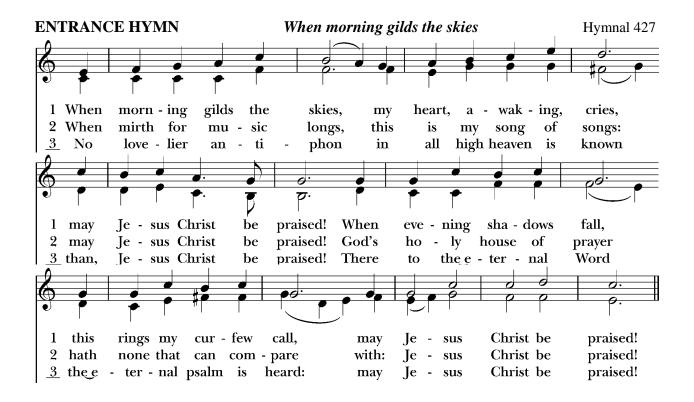


Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



The Word of God OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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*.

The following is sung, all standing as able



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

Remain seated.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

The people sit.

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Silence may follow.

All stand as able.



GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

Continuing standing as able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Will Lowry

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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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.

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: Ever-present God, you reveal yourself in the splendor and order of your creation: Heal our broken lives that we may join in the reconciling prayer and work of Christ, as we pray in faith: Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Litanist: Our Glorious God, you have taught us that whoever is not against us is for us, and you have promised a divine reward for all who befriend any of your children: Save your Church from whatever may cause us to stumble, that our hands may serve compassion, our feet walk in the ways of truth, and our eyes be set upon your unquenchable love. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael,

our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;

your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Just and Compassionate One, you call us to defend the vulnerable and to resist the oppressor: Give our leaders vision and strength to be instruments of justice and servants of peace who will take up the burden of your people and serve them rightly. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;

your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Kind and Gentle One, you uphold the little ones, the weak and the vulnerable: Raise up those who suffer or who are oppressed throughout the world, that they may know the comfort of your saving help. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan and Haiti and all impacted by Hurricanes Ida & Nicholas. Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;

your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Gracious and Loving One, you have surrounded us with neighbors from other traditions who do good in the name of Jesus, and you inspire others to serve you though they follow not our beliefs: Bestow your reward upon any who act in kindness, and lead us to serve our community as ministers of the salt of peace. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and John.

Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;

your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Merciful and Healing One, you have taught us that the prayer of faith will save the sick and that you will raise them up: Hear us as we pray for all who suffer, especially our parishioners Cal, Mike, Norma, Rick, Ellie, Betty, Doris, Ann, Al, Fred, Peter, Diane, Lillian, Norma, Paul, Barbara, Stillman, Joanna, Robert, Kimberly and all on our prayer list.

You have told us to sing songs of praise with the cheerful: Hear our thankful hearts praising you.

You have overcome death in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ: Accept into your eternal love those who have died.

Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;

your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Celebrant: Send your Spirit unto all the earth, O God, that every human being may know your love, grow in faith, and serve your creation in grateful humility, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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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 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.

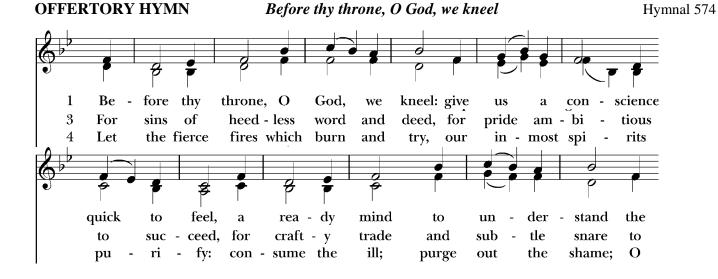
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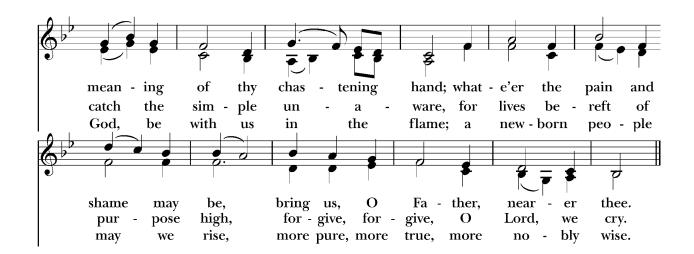
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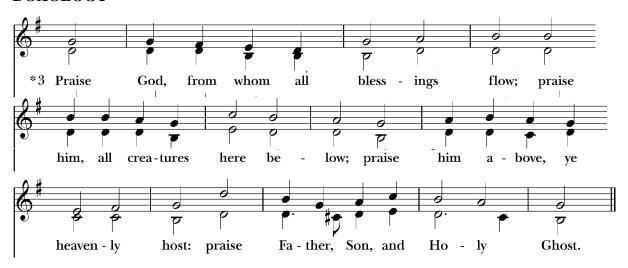
The Celebrant says

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





DOXOLOGY



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The People remain standing as able.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

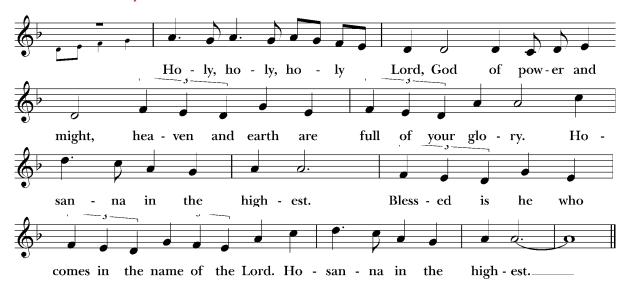
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

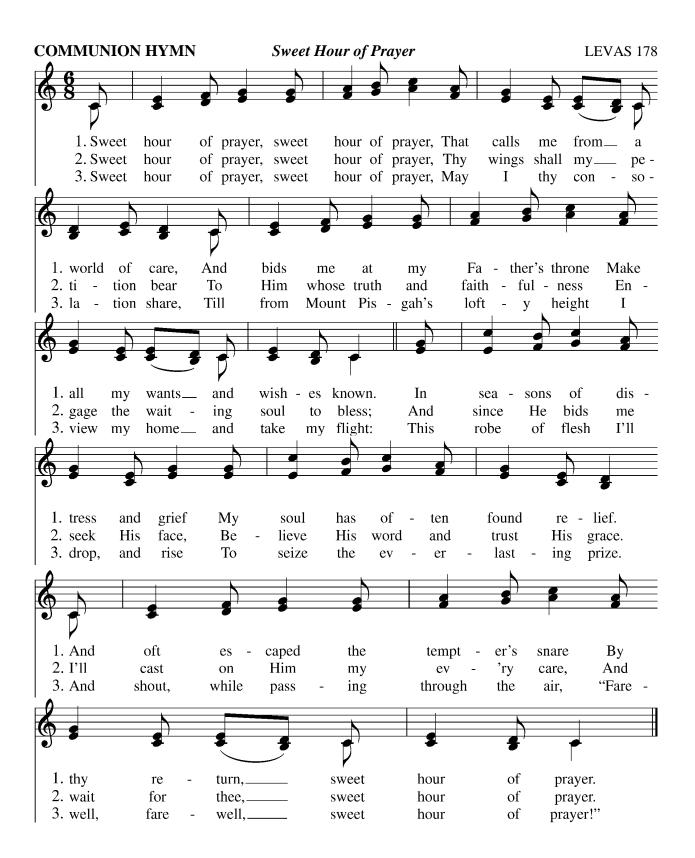
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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. We ask that if you receive the wine you do so by intinction.

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,

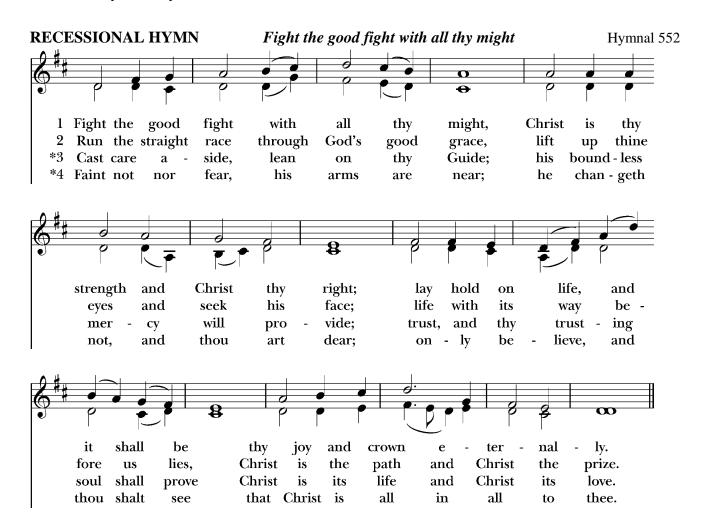
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you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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*



DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Those for whom we pray: Cal Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Rick & Ellie Brandon, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Billy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Roy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Betty Huechtker, Doris Bryant, Melody Taylor (Lillian Bemis), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Ann Gurney, Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner, Gayle Pierce (John Butterick), George Caruso (Stillman Knight), Peter Sanchez, Brooke Butterick (John Butterick), Kurt Porter (Barbara & Paul Smith), Joann Parrish (Rick & Ellie Brandon), Diane Livengood, Lillian Bemis, Pat Barfield (Christine & Wiley Ashley), Andy & Finley Jones (Lillian Bemis), Angus Carver (Lillian Bemis), Betsy Dean Lipscomb (Lillian Bemis), Norma Black-Glossop, Larry Updike (Joy Howell), Staci Lieferman (James & Shauna Howell), Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Paul & Barbara Smith, Jayne Bemis Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Kelly Wallace (Lillian Bemis), Cindy Howell (Joy Howell), Tom Hamet (Laura Pigott), Ann Mercier-Rylee (Laura Pigott), Stillman Knight, Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Matt Burgess & family (Rhonda Barber), Nadia Sitinio (Dick & Lee Reid), Michael Bates (Jim Hill), Bernice Waddell (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Angela Alley (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Sam Gilfillan (Christine Ashley), Lauri Pola (Jan Waggoner), Joanna & Robert Seibert, Martha Cole (Courtney Gibb Dardis), Bailey Powers (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Thomas Michie (Courtney Gibb Dardis), Kimberly Worthy

Prayer List Guidelines: If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the office. Parishioners' names will be said in the Prayers of the People. All others will be added to the Prayer List in the bulletin. Names will be removed from the bulletin list after one month unless we are notified otherwise.

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Dillon Johnson (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), Chris Miller (GSPD), Joseph Callaway (USN), Jonathan Arthur (USA), Savannah Kichler (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USM), Callaway Williamson (USN), John Butterick (FMVFD), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG)

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays: Bill Ericson (28th), Trotter Schaub (29th), Rick Brandon (30th) Ethan Pierce (October 2nd)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries: Gene & Jamie Poole (28th)

In Thanksgiving for Expectant Mothers: Katie Goodwin (Jim & Cyndi Hill)

Servers:

Acolyte/Chalice Bearer- Jim Hill
Lectors- Donna Workman Meehan & Millie Ericson
Ushers- Linda Ryall & Joy Branch
Altar Guild- Judy Allen & Cyndi Hill
Flower Guild- Dianne O'Connor
Beadle- Linda Martin

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