

**ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

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The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rite II

March 21, 2021

10:15 a.m. Service

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While we have printed all of the hymnal music in the bulletins, we prayerfully request that while the soloist sings our hymns and service music that for the safety of all during this time of covidtide that you refrain from singing and perhaps silently read the words in quiet contemplation.
We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Prelude In the Cross

Rathbun/Near the Cross

arr. Thomas Keesecker

Processional Hymn "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

Gardiner

#609, Hymnal 1982

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The People standing the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People *Amen.*

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

Psalm 51:1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
 and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
 and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

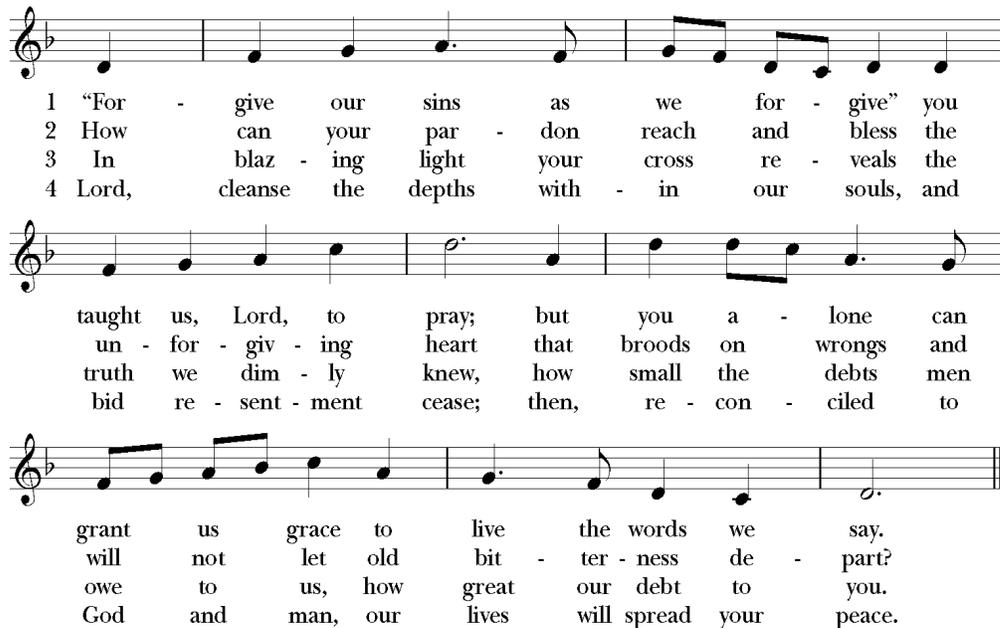
In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Acclamation “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

#674, Hymnal 1982

Verses 1 and 4



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give” you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

(The People stand)

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord***

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer

The Nicene Creed

***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 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 Form IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant says the absolution

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)*

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Music *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

arr. Thomas Keesecker

DOXOLOGY

Verse 3

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People stand. The Celebrant says

People The Lord be with you.
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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with the joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People may stand or kneel

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.

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.*

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

People and celebrant say the Lord's Prayer together

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 Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion Table of the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians. In the understanding of the Episcopal Church it is truly the Lord's Table, and not the property of any single denomination. Those of you who are here to share the service this morning are welcome to that table at the Lord's invitation...

Communion Music Chorale on *Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God*

J.L Krebs
arr. Robert Gower

Communion Hymn "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest
#304, Hymnal 1982

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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For those unable to receive communion, we offer you a Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

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 Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People *Thanks be to God.*

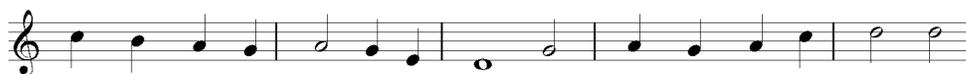
Recessional “What wondrous love is this”

Wondrous Love
#439, Hymnal 1982

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

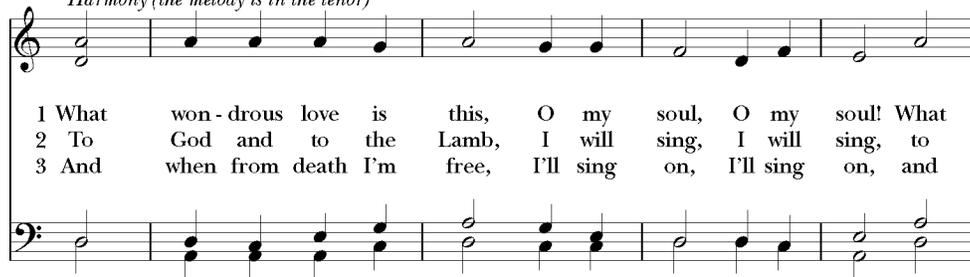


caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

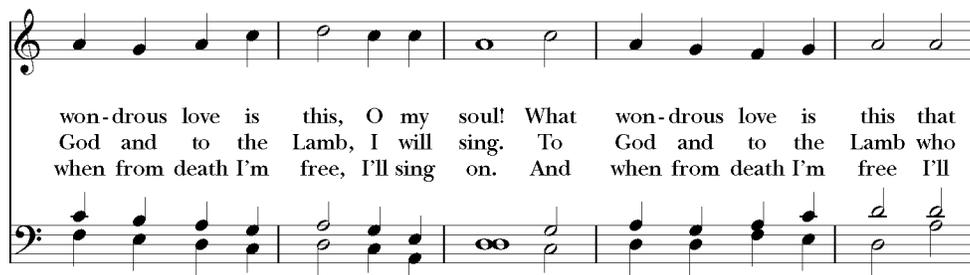


soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

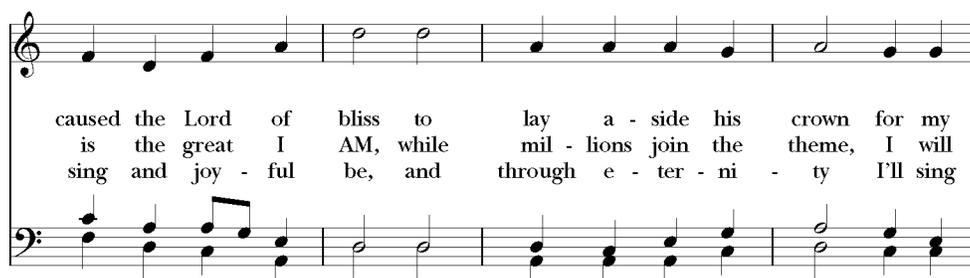
Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young (b. 1926) Copyright ©1964 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Postlude *Lead Me to Calvary*

William Kirkpatrick
arr. Victor Labenske



Serving the Liturgy

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Patrick Ishler, Choir Director & Cantor

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Seth Hake

Ushers

Mary Snyder
Buddy Yeager

Altar Guild

Bev Hess and Gail Irons



In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of England

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Luke's, Mechanicsburg

We pray for Christians, Muslims, and Jews and all people of faith throughout the world who are suffering persecution for their beliefs.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Tony and Dina Cerase; Fred Cluck and Nancy Mannion; Geraldine Cosgrave; Carl and Carol Cotnoir

Our Lenten Altar Arrangements were given by the good people of St. Edward's.

Praying for those we love and who are important in our lives is an essential component of our worship, but many of the names listed and read out in the Prayers of the People are known only to those who have requested them, and the list grows each week. So, when we come to the Prayers of the people in the service, the names for those "You are asked to pray for" and those "for our military personnel" will not be read aloud; rather we invite you to lift those names up to God in Christ silently in your heart as we pray the Prayers of the People, adding any others you wish to pray for.

You are asked to pray for: Rayelenn Casey, Emily and Elizabeth Casey and the Casey family; The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer and family; Karen Grant; Matthew and Libby Sternberg; Mary Snyder; Jodi Good; Amy, Bill, Reed and Cole Swiernik; Joe Holwager; Arch Cross; Mary Walker; Liz Yeager; Patricia Stout; Mimi Stauffer; Robert Hubbard; Tom Joerger; Donna J. Mott; Charlotte Jakiel; Dakota Patrone; DJ Dixon; Robert; Dorothy Diehl; Barbara Bradfield; Fran Davis; Heather; Cheryl Shearer; Myra Taylor; Sally Mears; Barry Leed; Dr. Randy Cohen and Family; Aaron Rowe, Sr.; Dorothy Rowe; Dr. Karl and Carolyn Moyer; James Pentland Moore; Rick Welk; Max Lown; Aiden Guillory; Winnie Sternberg and her family; Paul Gomez; Jillian; Adelaide L. Petersen; Dorothy Johnson; Annette Green; Stanley Jakiel; John Holena; Joe Holena; Carrie; Larry Haffey; Janine Holena; Ted Fitzgerald; Peter Kelly; Cindy and Ken; Teresa Kennedy; the family of Julie Sandblade – Elle, Dustin, and Robby; Amy Diehl; Jim Gayenski; Ken and Kim Berkich; Richard Burgess; Connie Mathias; Bill Gilbert; all prisoners who are on lockdown due to COVID19

You are asked to pray for our military personnel who are being deployed or serving in the military: Rev. David J. Sparks; Evan Westgate; David Peck; David Sternberg; John Lewis; Gordon Frankenfield; Allison Tomich; Mike Spurr; Seamas Whitesel; Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer; 1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel; Brandon Fox; Alex Kube; Richard Mutari; Dustin Burlson; Anthony Koser; Jack Hawk; Christina Dragon; Justin Carnahan; Clayton Tennies; Benjamin Jenkins; Andy Lopez

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers!

The community of St. Edward's is glad you are worshipping with us this morning, via our live stream. If you would like more information about the ministry of St. Edward's, please contact our parish office or visit our web site: sainteds.org

WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Joy in the Lord as Companions in Christ"

The Rt. Reverend Audrey Cady Scanlan, DMin

Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector

Michelle Bentley, Parish Administrative Assistant

Karen E. Waddill, Organist & Pianist

Patrick Ishler, Choir Director

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m. service live streamed on YouTube Live – St. Edward's channel

In-person Worship

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist: Rite I ~ 10:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Temporarily suspended due to Covid19 mandates

10:40 a.m. Christian Education ages

pre-K/K – Grade 12

Nursery is available up to age 4

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:00 p.m. – Contemplative Eucharist with meditation & healing prayer

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

7:00 p.m.: Join us on Zoom – led by Patrick Ishler

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327105082>

Join Code: 863 2710 5082

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Weekly Parish Announcements - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha. The season now known as Lent has a long history. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. All Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).

- To read the entire passage regarding Lent, go to: episcopalchurch.org/glossary/lent

Please pay special attention to our weekly email messages next week as there will be important information regarding Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter services. We will not be having Sunday Zoom coffee hour, but please stay tuned for exciting NEW offerings of fellowship happening after Easter Sunday.



Find out what our Faith in Action Ministry is all about! All interested people are invited to attend a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87948321029?pwd=NUtmcjRSWjV6WW9WYUtlUHRIzTdDZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 4832 1029

Passcode: 466682

Please continue your support of the **Hempfield Area Food Pantry**. Let us continue our tradition of generosity for those less fortunate than ourselves. The following is a list of food items needed for March: Large peanut butter; Large jelly; Canned corn; Canned carrots; Canned mixed vegetables; Mac and cheese; 2-pound package of dried pinto beans

Soles 4 Souls: St. Edward's, with Saint John's of Lancaster will collect shoes through Palm Sunday, and we invite parishioners to donate used shoes. The shoes can be lightly used to falling apart. Collection boxes will be placed in the sanctuary. Please tie any laced shoes together and rubber band other types. There is also a need for shipping boxes approximately the size of an office paper box. Any questions can be directed to our FIA ministry members: Lynch's, Milligan's, Ishler's, Peg Reiley, or Leslie Arnold.

St. Edward's is offering a full complement of Adult Spiritual Formation which continues through Lent! *Please check your weekly emails which will have all the study details & Zoom invitation details.*

Bible Study: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM: For questions, please contact Bob Mosebach at rcmosebach@comcast.net or Leslie Arnold at larnold897@aol.com.

Lunch & Learn: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices: Fridays from 12 Noon – 1 PM led by Bob Mosebach

The Way of the Cross: Go to our St. Edward's YouTube Channel to view our Stations of the Cross, each week, as a Lenten discipline. You will find the pre-recorded offering and a Way of the Cross pdf to download.

Friday Evening Prayer: Each Friday at 7:00 PM hosted by Patrick and Dina Ishler

Sunday Evening Prayer: Each Sunday at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested can send Br. David Rutledge an email to be put on an email distribution list: drutledge1225@gmail.com

Join Zoom Meeting

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