



Welcome to our **Lenten Silent Retreat at Mariawald Retreat Center**. What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey! Whether you have attended many silent retreats or if this is your first retreat, our hope is that this retreat will present you with a rare opportunity in our noisy world to spend some time in silence.

Mariawald is a beautiful place with lots of woods and walking trails. The building where we will hold the retreat has many “nooks and crannies” where you can read, meditate, and pray. Take advantage of all that is available to you. Our first meal together is at 5:30 pm. The retreat ends with a closing Eucharist followed by discussion and lunch on Saturday.

This is a *self-directed* retreat. Our goal is to give you the space and time to listen deeply in silence. Being in silence for 36 hours will give you plenty of opportunity for self-exploration and rest. Naps are encouraged! There will be time before the silence begins and at the end for discussion and sharing if you like. Once the silence begins, the house (both inside and out) will be in silence, including mealtimes.

Blessings,

Fr. Rick +

Br. David

Retreat Schedule

Thursday – February 15, 2024

3:00 pm – Participants begin arriving for registration, check-in and tour

5:30 pm – Welcome Dinner

7:00 pm – Participants meet to discuss the Retreat

8:00 pm – Compline – **Begins on page 18**

The Great Silence Begins

Friday – February 16, 2024

7:00 am – Coffee is ready

8:00 am – Breakfast

9:00 am – Morning Prayer (guided meditation following) - **Begins on page 4**

11:30 am – Mid-day Prayer - **Begins on page 10**

12:00 noon – Lunch

5:00 pm – Evening Prayer – **Begins on page 13**

5:30 pm – Dinner

8:00 pm – Compline – **Begins on page 18**

Saturday – February 17, 2024

7:00 am – Coffee is ready

8:00 am – Breakfast

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist – **Begins on page 25**

The Great Silence Ends after the Eucharist

11:00 am – Discussion

12:00 noon – Departing Lunch

Check out by 3:00 pm

Sources:

Common Worship: Daily Prayer (Church of England) <https://www.churchofengland.org>

Book of Common Prayer (1979) The Episcopal Church <https://www.bcponline.org>

Morning Prayer - Lent

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
According to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of Penitence (Ps. 51:1-5,12-15)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; ♦ in your great compassion blot out my offences.
- 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 judgement.
- 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;
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked ♦ and sinners shall return to you.

15 Deliver me from death, O God, ♦ and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer is said.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 31

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; ♦ deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; ♦ make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; ♦ guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, ♦ for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, ♦ for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols; ♦ I put my trust in the Lord.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy, ♦ for you have seen my affliction and known my soul in adversity.

8 You have not shut me up in the hand of the enemy; ♦ you have set my feet in an open place.

9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; ♦ my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; ♦ my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; ♦ when they see me in the street they flee from me.

12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; ♦ I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; ♦ they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

14 But my trust is in you, O Lord. ♦ I have said, 'You are my God.

15 'My times are in your hand; ♦ deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦ and save me for your mercy's sake.'

17 Lord, let me not be confounded for I have called upon you; ♦ but let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence ♦ that speak against the righteous with arrogance, disdain and contempt.

19 How abundant is your goodness, O Lord, which you have laid up for those who fear you; ♦ which you have prepared in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the shelter of your presence from those who slander them; ♦ you keep them safe in your refuge from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord! ♦ For he has shown me his steadfast love when I was as a city besieged.

22 I had said in my alarm, 'I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.' ♦
Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer when I cried out to you.

23 Love the Lord, all you his servants; ♦ for the Lord protects the faithful, but
repays to the full the proud.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, ♦ all you who wait in hope for the
Lord.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is
now and shall be for ever. Amen.***

Scripture Reading

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

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

Canticle 52 The Song of Manasseh

Refrain Full of compassion and mercy and love is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

- 1 Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, ♦ you who made heaven and earth in all
their glory:
- 2 All things tremble with awe at your presence, ♦ before your great and mighty
power.
- 3 Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, ♦ for you are God,
Most High.
- 4 You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, ♦ and you relent
at human suffering.
- 5 O God, according to your great goodness, ♦ you have promised forgiveness for
repentance to those who have sinned against you.

- 6 The sins I have committed against you ♦ are more in number than the sands of the sea.
- 7 I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, ♦ because of the multitude of my iniquities.
- 8 And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, ♦ imploring your kindness upon me.
- 9 I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, ♦ and I acknowledge my transgressions.
- 10 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, ♦ according to your great mercy.
- 11 For all the host of heaven sings your praise, ♦ and your glory is for ever and ever.

Manasseh 1a,2,4,6,7a,b,9a,c,11,12,14b,15b

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Full of compassion and mercy and love is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

Scripture Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:1-9

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

Responsory

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.
O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
To you O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah - Luke 1.68–79)

Refrain Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- 1 +Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Prayers

Prayers, intercessions, or thanksgivings may be offered either silently or aloud.

The response may be used.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Collect for the Friday after Ash Wednesday

Support us, O Lord, with your gracious favor through the fast that we have begun; that as we observe it by bodily self-denial, so we may fulfill it with inner sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mid-day Prayer - Lent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. (*Anselm, 1109*)

The Word of God

Psalm 32 Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgression are forgiven, ♦ and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt, ♦ and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, ♦ because of my groaning all the day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ♦ my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you ♦ and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to God.' ♦ Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; ♦ when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; ♦ you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; ♦ I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; ♦ who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked, ♦ but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most High.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; ♦ shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Friday Reading

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.' *Matthew 6.1-4*

Response after Scripture

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Prayers

Intercessory Prayers may be offered either silently or aloud.

The following Collect is said

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God bless us and show us compassion and mercy. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer - Lent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence, that freed from the misery of sin and shame we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

+Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of Entreaty

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me with many a care opprest; let me thy loving servant be, and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

This opening prayer is said.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalm 35

- 1 Contend, O Lord, with those that contend with me; ♦ fight against those that fight against me.
- 2 Take up shield and buckler ♦ and rise up to help me.
- 3 Draw the spear and bar the way against those who pursue me; ♦ say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'
- 4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and disgraced; ♦ let those who plot my ruin fall back and be put to confusion.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, ♦ with the angel of the Lord thrusting them down.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, ♦ with the angel of the Lord pursuing them.
- 7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; ♦ without any cause they have dug a pit for my soul.
- 8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; ♦ let them be caught in the net they laid; let them fall in it to their destruction.
- 9 Then will my soul be joyful in the Lord ♦ and glory in his salvation.
- 10 My very bones will say, 'Lord, who is like you? ♦ You deliver the poor from those that are too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who would despoil them.'
- 11 False witnesses rose up against me; ♦ they charged me with things I knew not.
- 12 They rewarded me evil for good, ♦ to the desolation of my soul.
- 13 But as for me, when they were sick I put on sackcloth ♦ and humbled myself with fasting;

14 When my prayer returned empty to my bosom, ♦ it was as though I grieved for my friend or brother;

15 I behaved as one who mourns for his mother, ♦ bowed down and brought very low.

16 But when I stumbled, they gathered in delight; they gathered together against me; ♦ as if they were strangers I did not know they tore at me without ceasing.

17 When I fell they mocked me; ♦ they gnashed at me with their teeth.

18 O Lord, how long will you look on? ♦ Rescue my soul from their ravages, and my poor life from the young lions.

19 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; ♦ I will praise you in the mighty throng.

20 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, ♦ or those who hate me without a cause mock me with their glances.

21 For they do not speak of peace, ♦ but invent deceitful schemes against those that are quiet in the land.

22 They opened wide their mouths and derided me, saying ♦ ‘We have seen it with our very eyes.’

23 This you have seen, O Lord; do not keep silent; ♦ go not far from me, O Lord.

24 Awake, arise, to my cause, ♦ to my defence, my God and my Lord!

25 Give me justice, O Lord my God, according to your righteousness; ♦ let them not triumph over me.

26 Let them not say to themselves, ‘Our heart’s desire!’ ♦ Let them not say, ‘We have swallowed him up.’

27 Let all who rejoice at my trouble be put to shame and confusion; ♦ let those who boast against me be clothed with shame and dishonour.

28 Let those who favour my cause rejoice and be glad; ♦ let them say always, ‘Great is the Lord, who delights in his servant’s well-being.’

29 So shall my tongue be talking of your righteousness ♦ and of your praise all the day long.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

John 17:9-19

After the Reading

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

Canticle 66 A Song of Christ the Servant 1 Peter 2.21b-25

Refrain Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

- 1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, ♦ that you should follow in his steps.
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, ♦ when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
- 3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, ♦ but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
- 4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, ♦ that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
- 5 By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep, ♦ but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Responsory

Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.
Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.
Be not far from me, O my God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

Gospel Canticle - The Magnificat (The Song of Mary- Luke 1.46–55)

Refrain Come, let us return to the Lord, for our God will richly pardon.

- 1 +My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦ he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦ the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦ from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦ and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦ and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦ and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦ to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦ to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Come, let us return to the Lord, for our God will richly pardon.

Prayers

Prayers, intercessions, or thanksgivings may be offered either silently or aloud.

The response may be used.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Collect for the Friday after Ash Wednesday

Support us, O Lord, with your gracious favor through the fast that we have begun; that as we observe it by bodily self-denial, so we may fulfill it with inner sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

+Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who made heaven and earth.**

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The following may be said

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

The Word of God

One or more of the following psalms may be used.

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; ♦ you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear me.

2 ‘You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; ♦ how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?’

- 3 Know that God does wonders for the faithful; ♦ when I call, God will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; ♦ speak to your heart and silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices, ♦ and put your trust in the Most High.
- 6 Many are saying, ‘Oh, that we might see better times!’ ♦ Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦ more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep, ♦ for only in you God, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 91

- 1 They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High ♦ abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the God, ‘You are my refuge and my stronghold, ♦ my God in whom I put my trust.’
- 3 For God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter ♦ and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 God’s pinions shall cover you, and under God’s wings you shall find refuge; ♦ God’s faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, ♦ nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in darkness ♦ nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, ♦ but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold, ♦ to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made God your refuge ♦ and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, ♦ neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For God shall give the angels charge over you, ♦ to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, ♦ lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ♦ you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver you; ♦ I will protect you because you know my Name.

15 You shall call upon me, and I will answer you; ♦ I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy you ♦ and show you my salvation.

Psalm 134

1 Behold now, bless God, all you servants of God, ♦ you that by night stand in the house of God.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless God; ♦ God who made heaven, bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

(or)

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith. 1 Peter 5.8, 9

(or)

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22.4, 5

The following responsory may be said

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle - The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon - Luke 2.29-32)

Refrain Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦ your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦ which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦ and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

Silence may be kept.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

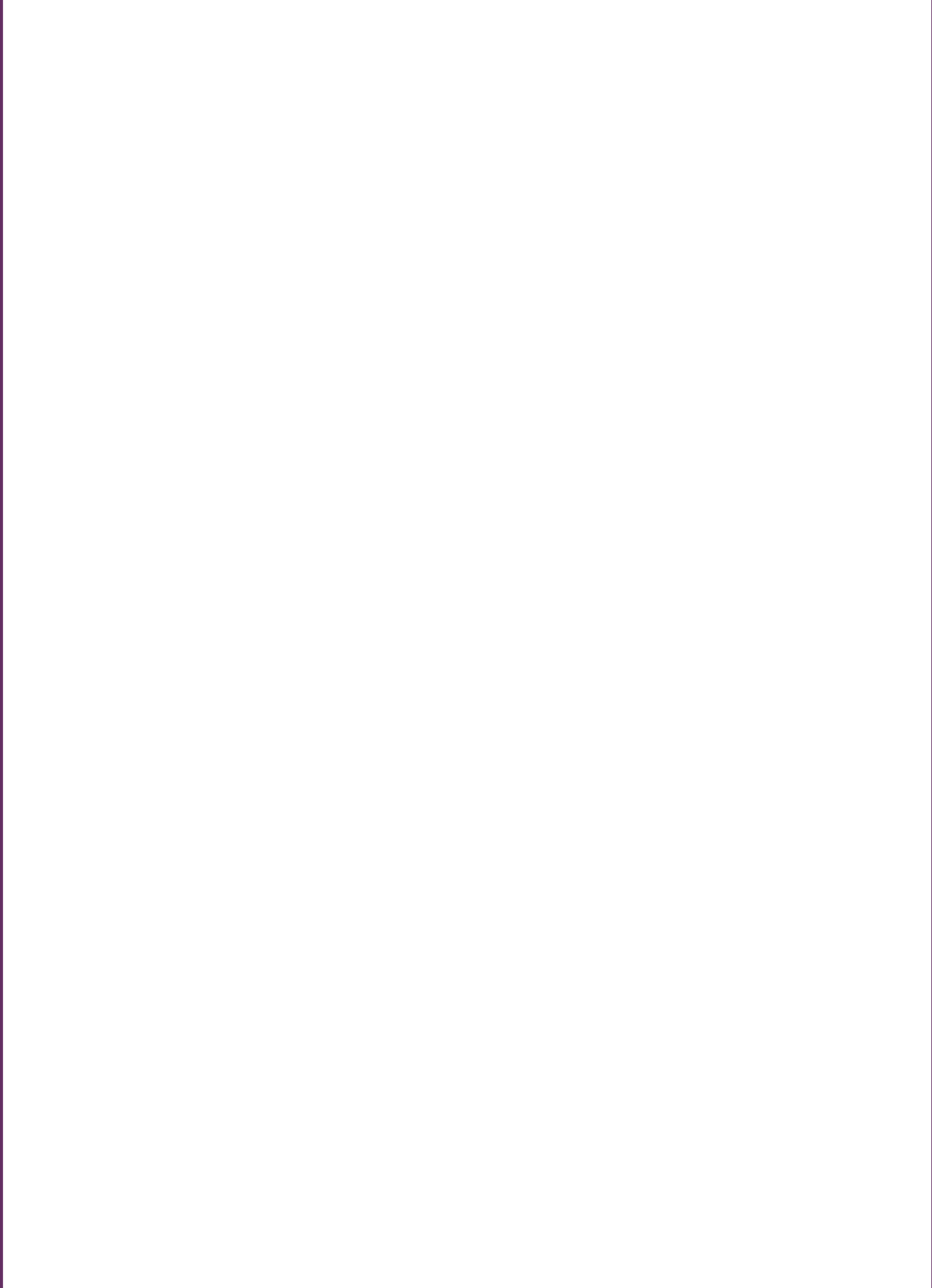
The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless us and watch over us; the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. **Amen.**



*St. Edward's Episcopal Church
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The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector



*The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, February 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.*

The Word of God

The People standing the Celebrant says

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.

Confession of Sin - 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 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 for Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, * nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, * and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; * knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 5:27-32

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Prayers of the People

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace. For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in peace. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word the proceeds from your mouth. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal. (Especially those we name at this time either silently or aloud.) We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For other concerns and thanksgivings. (We name them either silently or aloud.)

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

The Peace

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

The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until we say together

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues with the blessing of bread and wine until we say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic prayer ends with the Lord's Prayer

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

**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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest then blesses the people.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.