



ST. MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2026

10:15 AM SERVICE



# Lent From The **Inside** Out

# Lent: The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things  
I cannot change;

Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will.

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with Him Forever and ever in the next. Amen.

(Reinhold Niebuhr)

**ANGELS CHOIR:**

**Father, I adore you**

*HYMN NOTE: Thomas A. Dorsey wrote "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" in 1932 after a devastating personal tragedy. While leading a revival in St. Louis, he received news that his wife, Nettie, had died in childbirth, and their infant son also passed away shortly after. Devastated, Dorsey returned to Chicago and, days later, visited a music room at Poro College with a friend. Sitting at a piano, he began playing an old hymn tune, Maitland, and spontaneously composed the lyrics in anguish and grief. The song became a powerful expression of reaching out to God in sorrow, with the refrain "Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home." It was first sung at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Martin Luther King, Sr. was pastor, and later became one of the most beloved gospel hymns in history.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Precious Lord

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;  
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

### Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### Kyrie eleison

*Cantor/Presider, then all:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *Cantor/Presider, then all:* Chri - ste, e -

*Cantor/Presider, then all:* le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.*

## FIRST READING

## EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

**Psalm 130** *(to be read responsively by half-verse)*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
**O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
**therefore you shall be feared.**

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
**in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
**for with the LORD there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**SECOND READING**

**ROMANS 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

## GOSPEL HYMN

# Bless the Lord

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note Bb2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name."

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music continues the melody. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note Bb2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

Words: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*HYMN NOTE: this is one of the songs that come from the Taizé Community, founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz during World War II. He arrived in the small village of Taizé, in Burgundy, France, seeking a place to live in solidarity with those suffering from the war. Forced to leave in 1942 due to Gestapo surveillance, he returned in 1944 and began forming a monastic community. In 1949, seven brothers formally committed to a life of prayer, simplicity, and celibacy, marking the official beginning of the community. Welcoming both Catholic and Protestant brothers from around the world, it has grown to include about 100 members from over 30 countries. It became a major center for youth pilgrimage in the 1960s, attracting thousands of young people annually for week-long prayer and reflection meetings. Central to its practice are repetitive chants, silence, and communal prayer, designed to foster reconciliation and unity among Christians – notably achieving unity in the music by using LATIN for many of the songs. Brother Roger was assassinated in 2005, but the community continues under the leadership of Brother Matthew, who became prior in December 2023. The Taizé Community remains a powerful symbol of peace, unity, and contemplative prayer, drawing pilgrims from across the globe.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:1-45

*People*



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and

believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord

*People*



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**

## NICENE CREED

*All Stand*

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Let us pray to the God who sees not as we see, but looks upon the heart , that this holy season may shape us from the inside out.

Lord, you call us not to appearances but to truth. You meet us beneath our defenses, beneath our roles, beneath our pretending. Quiet the voices within us that accuse and shame. Teach us to rest in your mercy.

Lord, search our hearts.

**And renew us by your grace.**

Form your Church into a community of honesty and healing, where repentance is not fear but freedom, where confession is met with compassion, and where every sinner discovers they are welcomed home.

Make us a people whose lives preach the gospel we proclaim.

Lord, search our hearts.

**And renew us by your grace.**

God of mercy, you see the hidden wounds of nations and peoples:

Where there is violence born of fear, soften hearts.

Where there is injustice hardened into systems, awaken conscience.

Where leaders grasp for power, plant wisdom and humility.

Teach us to hunger not only for our own comfort but for the healing of the world you love.

Lord, search our hearts.

**And renew us by your grace.**

You know the burdens carried in silence: anxieties we hide, grief we postpone, addictions we disguise, relationships strained but unspoken.

Bring light where people feel trapped within themselves.

Bring companionship where people feel alone within their pain.

Bring hope where people cannot imagine change.

We pray especially for those we now name before you... {LIST}

Lord, search our hearts.

**And renew us by your grace.**

Hold in your mercy those who have died {PAUSE}, who now see you face to face. Where all masks fall away and every heart is fully known and fully loved. Give us grace to live today in light of eternity.

Lord, search our hearts.

**And renew us by your grace.**

Priest: Merciful Father, you hate nothing you have made, nor reject the contrite heart. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, that, walking the way of the cross, we may find it to be the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Remain kneeling.*

*The Deacon then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*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.*

## PEACE

*All stand.*

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

*(you may sit)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**O Lorde, the maker of al thing**

**J. Joubert**

*TEXT: O Lorde, the maker of al thing, we pray thee nowe in this evening us to defend, through thy mercy, from al deceite of our enemy. Let neither us deluded be, good Lorde, with dreame or phantasy, our hearte wakyng in thee thou kepe, that we in sinne fal not on slepe. O Father, throughe thy blessed Sonne, grant us this oure peticion, to whom with the Holy Ghost alwaies, in heaven and yearth be laude and praise. (Text by King Henry VIII)*

*(you may stand)*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer C)**

*The people remain standing.*

*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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

# SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**(you may kneel)**

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 Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.**

*Amen.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## You Raise Me Up

Words and Music by  
Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland

D5 Dsus D5



1. When I am down and oh, my soul's so wear - y, when trou - bles  
(2. There is no) life, no life with - out its hun - ger, each rest - less

3 D/F# G2 A(add4) G2 G



come and my heart bur - dened be, then I am still and wait here in the  
heart beats so im - per - lect - ly, but when You come and I am filled with

6 D2/F# D/F# G D A7/D D



si - lence un - til You come and sit a while with me. You raise me  
won - der some - times I think I glimpse e - ter - ni - ty.

9 Bm G D/F# A/C# Bm G D/F# A



up so I can stand on moun - tains. You raise me up to walk on storm - y seas. I am

13 D G2/B D/A D/F# G D/A A7 D



strong when I am on Your shoul - ders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

(1) | 2

17 D



2. There is no be.

## LEV SENDING PRAYER

*If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent out, the following words are said:*

*The Celebrant*    *In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.*

*People*            *We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*(you may kneel)*

*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.*

Having been fed with the mercy of Christ,  
go now into the week not hurried, not hardened, but awake.

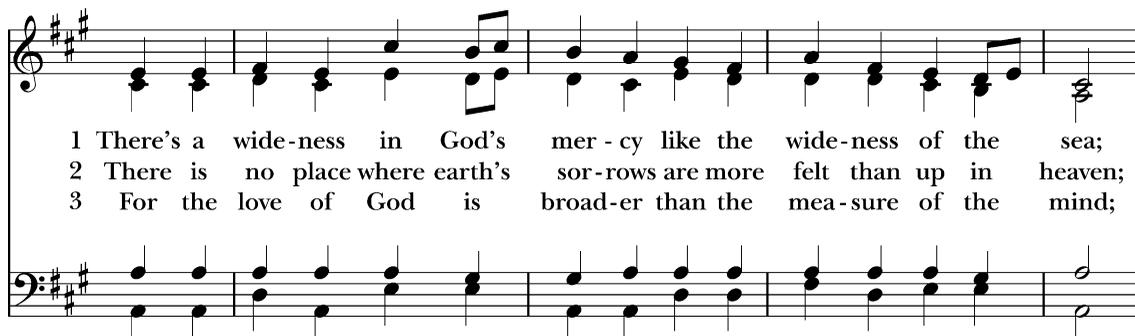
Love God...  
because God has first loved you;  
with honesty instead of pretense,  
with trust instead of control.

Love others...  
as you have been loved: patiently, mercifully, without keeping score;  
seeing in each person the dignity Christ gives them.

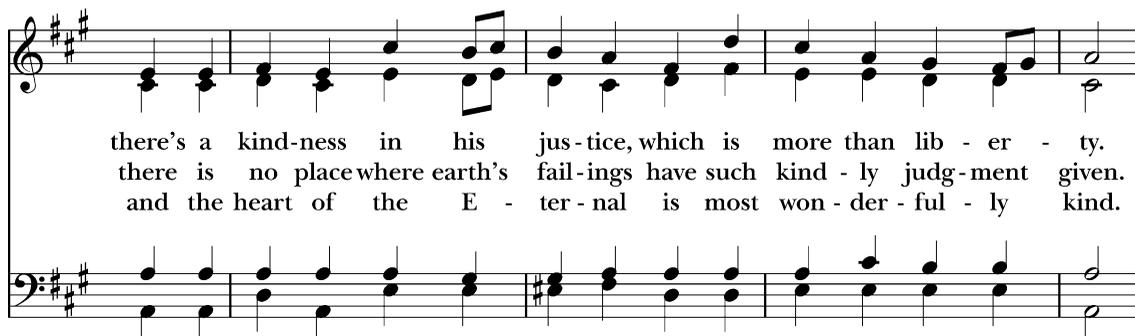
Serve the world ...  
as Christ has served you:  
not to fix everything,  
but to offer yourself in one small act of grace,  
one person, one moment at a time.

And may you fall in love with the God Jesus knew ...  
the Father whose mercy meets you before you are ready,  
and whose love is already waiting for you ahead.

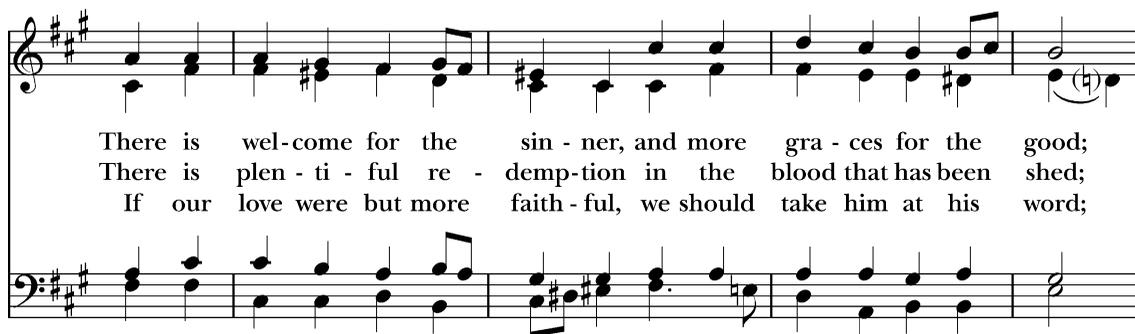
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



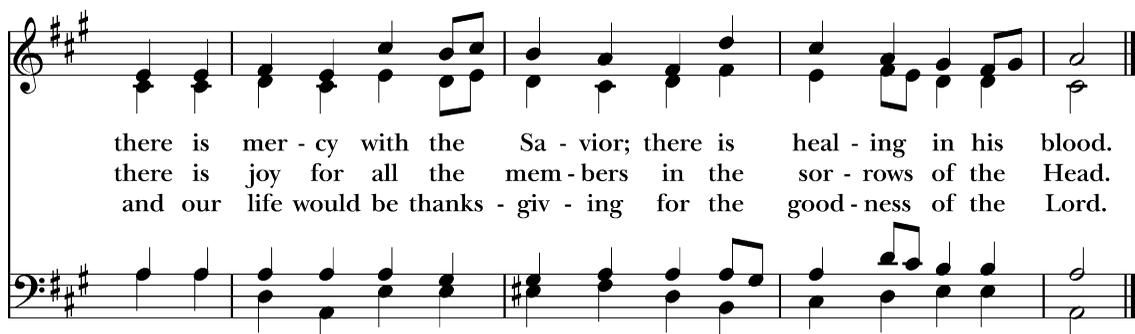
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment 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;



there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Fugue in G minor, Little Preludes and Fugues    J. S. Bach**

# Egg My Yard!

A St. Michael's Preschool Fundraiser

Let our "BUNNIES" do all the work!

Order a select amount of candy and toy filled eggs to be hidden in your yard.

\*Allergy Specific Eggs Are Available By Request



The night before Easter our bunnies will hide the eggs in your yard. On Easter morning, you get to sit back and enjoy the hunt!

## BASIC EGG PACKAGE

50 Easter Eggs with a note from the Easter Bunny!

\$50

## DELUXE EGG PACKAGE

100 Easter Eggs with a note from the Easter Bunny!

\$80

## PREMIUM EGG PACKAGE

150 Easter Eggs with a note from the Easter Bunny!

\$125

SCAN ME



**Place your order by March 31st!**

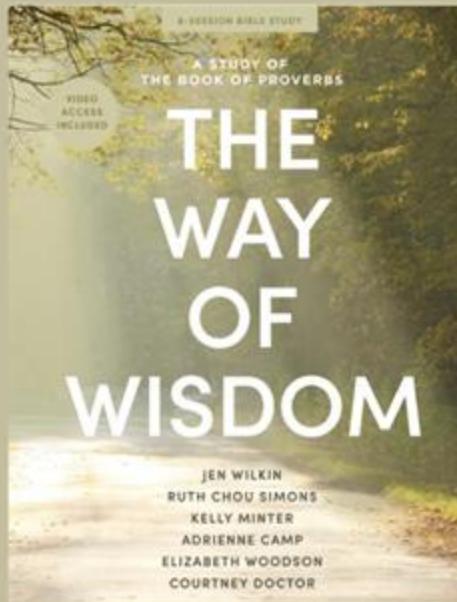
All proceeds from the "EGG MY YARD" Fundraiser will directly benefit St. Michael's Preschool. Thank you so much for your support!



# Support Our Teen Girls in the Month of April!

*4 Opportunities to Serve  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>.*

Make dinner  
and join in  
fellowship at  
the home of  
Kathy Cox  
**Where:** 1506  
Williams Dr.  
Winter Park, FL  
32789



**Sometimes the biggest changes start with a simple “yes.” So, please contact** Kathy Cox at 407-797-6903 or [ckjgo1@gmail.com](mailto:ckjgo1@gmail.com) to express your interest.



# Making Palm Crosses

As we wrap up Lent, everyone is cordially invited to join our awesome Youth for the annual palm cross-making extravaganza for Palm Sunday! Swing by the conference room on Saturday, 3/28, from 11am-2pm.

We'll have some tasty finger foods and snacks to munch on while we craft these leafy masterpieces!



Palm Cross





ST. MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2026 Lenten Guide  
and Reflections



Lent from the  
**INSIDE** OUT

A GUIDE TO PRAYER AND REFLECTION IN THE SEASON OF LENT



Scan here to  
access the  
Lenten Guide  
and Reflections

## Lenten Bible Challenge

### A 40-Day Journey through Matthew



You're invited to rediscover Christ anew by reading through the Gospel of Matthew in 40 days. You'll cover approximately 30 verses each day for six days a week and then take Sunday as a day of rest. This requires intentionality and may require fasting 10 minutes a day from Facebook, X, the news, or ESPN to reflect on God's "love letter" to you.

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#### HERE ARE THE DAILY READINGS BEGINNING ON ASH WEDNESDAY

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##### FEBRUARY 18-21

WED 1:1-25  
THURS 2:1-23  
FRI 3:1-17  
SAT 4:1-25

##### FEBRUARY 22-28

SUN Rest  
MON 5:1-19  
TUES 5:20-48  
WED 6:1-34  
THURS 7:1-29  
FRI 8:1-34  
SAT 9:1-37

##### MARCH 1-7

SUN Rest  
MON 10:1-25  
TUES 10:26-42  
WED 11:1-30  
THURS 12:1-21  
FRI 12:22-50  
SAT 13:1-23

##### MARCH 8-14

SUN Rest  
MON 13:24-58  
TUES 14:1-36  
WED 15:1-20  
THURS 15:21-39  
FRI 16:1-28  
SAT 17:1-27

##### MARCH 15-21

SUN Rest  
MON 18:1-35  
TUES 19:1-30  
WED 20:1-34  
THURS 21:1-22  
FRI 21:23-46  
SAT 22:1-22

##### MARCH 22 - MARCH 28

SUN Rest  
MON 22:23-46  
TUES 23:1-39  
WED 24:1-25  
THURS 24:26-51  
FRI 25:1-30  
SAT 25:31-46

##### MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

HOLY WEEK MON 26:1-25 WED 26:47-75 FRI 27:39-66  
SUN Rest TUES 26:26-46 THURS 27:1-38 SAT 28:1-20

##### APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY  
CELEBRATE!

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# Listening with the Heart: A Lenten Journey of Emotion and Intuition

**Format:** 6-week Lenten series on Zoom

**Practices:** Lectio, Audio, & Visio Divina

**Dates:** Thursdays in Lent  
(February 19 - March 26)

**Time:** 6:30-7:30 pm

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## Holding Hope: Reimagined

This series is for anyone searching for a gentler, deeper way to pray during Lent—one that listens not only for God's word, but for God's movement within.



Scan the QR code to  
join the meeting or  
click on the link in  
the E-messenger.



Contact Heather at [heather@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:heather@stmichaelschurch.com) with any questions.

*Looking for ways to increase your  
conscious contact with God  
this Lent?*



## Noonday Prayer & Compline

Join us Wednesdays at 12 pm & 8 pm  
on Zoom. All are Welcome!

Scan the QR code or click the  
link in the E-messenger.



Noonday Prayer



Compline

# MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER WATCH



**In the Chapel or  
through our  
Online Garden**



Immediately following the Maundy Thursday service through to Good Friday at noon. You can participate by coming to the Chapel or from your home with the online garden via Youtube. Sign-up sheets are in the chapel or scan the QR code above.

# Holy Week 2026



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**APRIL 2  
@ 6:30 PM**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
PRAYER WATCH**

**APRIL 2 & 3  
8 PM THURSDAY -  
12 pm GOOD FRIDAY**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 3  
@ 12 PM**



**EASTER DAY**

**APRIL 5  
7:45, 9, & 10:15 AM**

DON'T FORGET YOUR  
EASTER BASKET

# EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

MEET IN THE COURTYARD 10 MINUTES  
AFTER THE 10:15 AM SERVICE AND WE  
WILL WALK TO THE EASTER EGG HUNT  
TOGETHER

## VBS CRAFT DAYS

Create & Connect!



May 12-14  
10am - 2PM

Quigley Hall

No need to RSVP. Come for a while  
or stay for it all. No crafting talent  
needed. We just need hands that are  
willing to help us make our  
decorations for VBS!

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

# AFS MEETING



What is AFS? Come hear more!!

AFS IS A U.S.-BASED STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD OR HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. THIS INITIATIVE PROMOTES CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND PERSONAL GROWTH, ENRICHING THE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED.

**JOIN US TO LEARN MORE,  
SUNDAY APRIL 12, AFTER 10:15 SERVICE IN  
THE CONFERENCE ROOM.**



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# HERE'S THE DEAL

*You are  
invited to*

**SMP  
ROYALE!**

**APRIL 17TH, 2026 6-9PM**

**QUIGLEY HALL**

CASINO  
BAR  
LITE BITES  
AUCTION  
RAFFLE  
LIVE MUSIC



1 TICKET: \$55  
COUPLES: \$100  
STAFF: \$15  
(ADULTS ONLY)

We are gearing up for our annual St. Michael's Preschool Fundraiser. Come out & support our mission of "Growing little hearts and minds in God's Love" with a fun adult evening out!

We are looking for event sponsors! If you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor our event it is a great way for a business to get recognition or sponsor as a family.

We also need items for our silent auction. Chef's dinner, condo stay, amusement park tickets, gift cards, & other product donations would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or need a copy of our 501(c)(3) please email [SMPreschoolevents@gmail.com](mailto:SMPreschoolevents@gmail.com) for a copy or reach out to Briget Pope @ 407.341.6129



# SPRING FUNDRAISER SMP ROYALE EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2026 6-9PM  
2499 N. WESTMORELAND DR.

**\$1000**

**HIGH ROLLER**

- 6 event tickets
- 12 drink tickets
- \$150 casino chips
- Recognition as a premier sponsor on event signage, gaming table, school newsletter, auction site, and social media

**3 Sponsorships available**

TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDED

**\$500**

**JACKPOT**

- 4 event tickets
- 8 drink tickets
- \$100 casino chips
- Recognition on event signage, gaming table, and social media

**3 Sponsorships available**

TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDED

**\$300**

**FULL HOUSE**

- 2 event tickets
- 4 drink tickets
- \$60 casino chips
- Recognition on event signage and social media

**6 Sponsorships available**



## EVENT TICKETS

**INDIVIDUAL TICKET (1 ADULT)**  
\$55

- 1 event ticket
- 1 drink ticket
- \$20 in casino chips

**STAFF TICKET**  
\$15

- 1 event ticket
- 1 drink ticket
- \$20 in casino chips

**COUPLES TICKET (2 ADULTS)**  
\$100

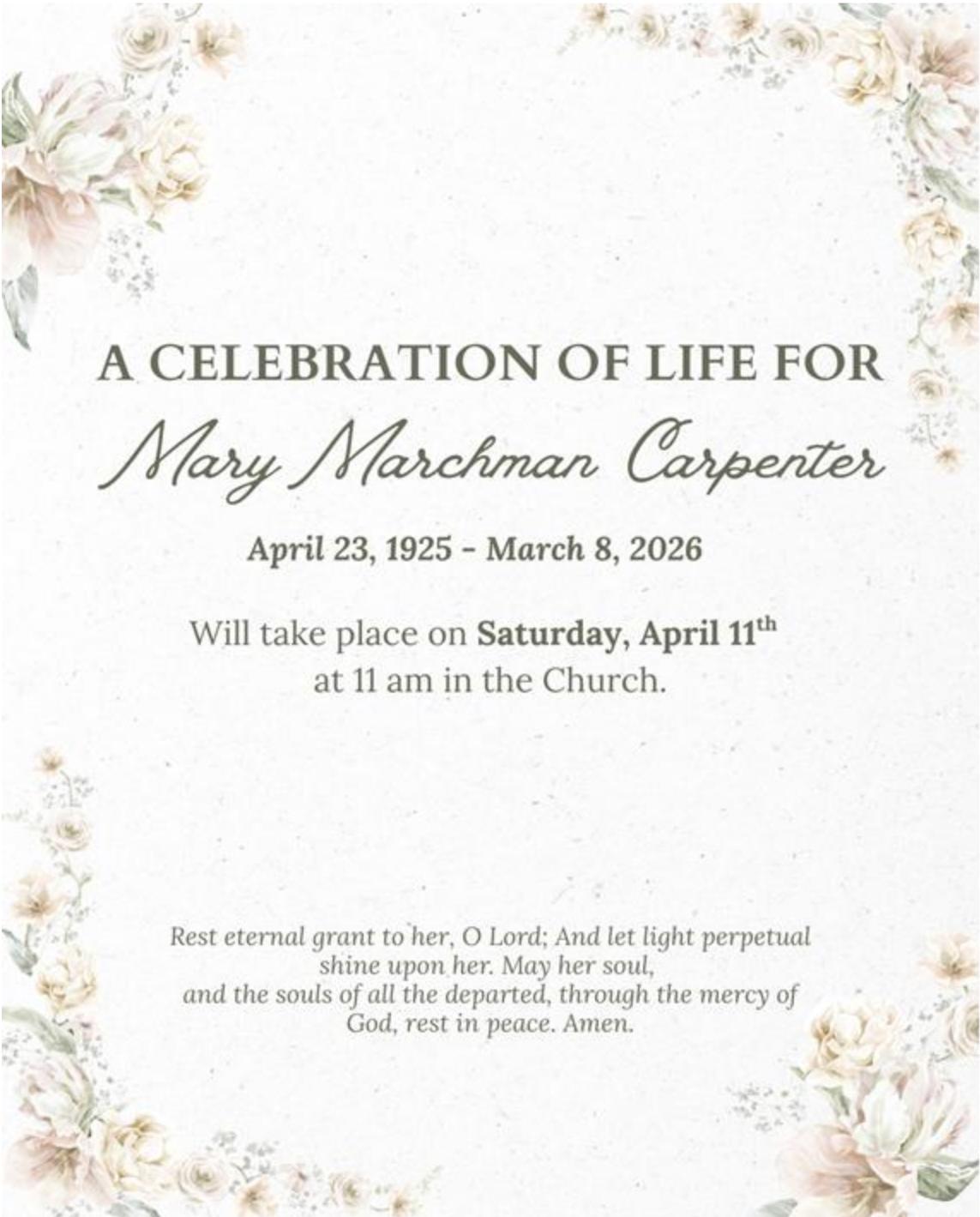
- 2 event tickets
- 2 drink tickets
- \$40 in casino chips

TO PURCHASE SPONSORSHIP & EVENT TICKETS



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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Mary Marchman Carpenter*

April 23, 1925 - March 8, 2026

Will take place on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at 11 am in the Church.

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; And let light perpetual  
shine upon her. May her soul,  
and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of  
God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

**Those who have commended themselves to our prayers:** Alan, Bill, Doriana, Eloise, Emmanuel, Jackie, Jett, Linda D., Lisa L., Kathy J., Melinda M., Muriel M., Perrin, Robby, Roger J., Ron N., Savannah, Sharon, Steve C., Susan M., Tara, Tim, Wayne

**Long-Term Prayer List:** Angela, Alex, Alexa C., Alyssa R., Andrew, Angie, Ashley T., Becca, Benny W., Betsy C., Beth, Beth P., Brigid, Brittney R., Bryan Family, Cannon, Carla, Carolyn, Caryl, Charlie B., Chris M., Chris P., Claire B., Colton, Connor R., Curt. R., Cynthia L., Darrell, David B., Deirdre E., Ella, Elijah, Emma, Emily, Eugenia, Felicia, Gary B., Gary M., George T., Gary M., Gylla, Henry R., Isabella, Jacob B., Jan, Janina G., Jason, Jeffrey, Jett B., Joyce B., JoAnn O., Joseph T., Jimmie, Joe, Joe H., Joey K., John M., Justin, Karen H., Karen M., Kathy G., Kristel, Kris R., Kyle, Lavelle B., Linda, Linda A., Lisa L., Linda T., Lisa, Lola, Lucille, Macauly D., Marci A., Margie S., Mary Lu, Matt P., Megan and son, Melissa, Martin, Nathan W., Oliver, Paul, Paul T., Paula, Pauline, Phil, Rebecca, Russ R., Ryan, Sally C., Sam, Sarah, Shaun B., Sonia, Stephanie G., Steve, Susana C., Susan A., Tim, Tracy, Tripp, Victor, Will, William, Wilson F.

### **Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way:**

Aaron D., Bradley H., Carolyn H., Chad S., Christopher E., Gloria, Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Ben V., Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

### **Birthdays:**

22: Bill Daniel, 23: Lawton Pittenger, Pam Arkins, Cate Steinhaus, Kal Kramer, 25: Gladys van den Berg, Gordon Pace, Eleanor Ackermann, 26: Brielle Cox, 27: Lucy Sommerville, Stephanie Dickinson, 28: Elise McPherson, Blair Howard

### **Anniversaries:**

22: John and Mary Ruth Houston, 26: Victor and Caron Farina

*To place someone on the prayer list, please get in touch with Ashleigh in the parish office at [ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com).*

## **BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen.*

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## **CLERGY AND MINISTERIAL STAFF**

The Rev. Rick Luoni, Rector  
The Rev. Greg Favazza, Assisting Priest  
Andrew J. Walker, Director of Music  
Ella Eagen, Assistant Director of Music  
Mike Robertson, Director of Outreach  
Tiffany Stieger, Director of Children's Ministry  
Melanie Olivier, Director of Preschool  
Mark T. Cole, Director of Youth Ministries

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Junior Warden: Matt Vanture  
Courtney Hazouri  
Brian Rush  
Ashley Bennett  
Eleanor Ackermann  
Basia Andraka-Christou  
Kirsten Leger  
Stephanie Dickinson  
Anna McPherson  
Sam Provencher  
Jenn Mandelion Chrisman

Thank You for Worshiping with Us Today



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A colorful mosaic background with a 'Welcome!' sign, a QR code, and a text box. The sign features a church icon and the text 'WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE'. The QR code is located on the right side of the graphic. A text box at the bottom left contains the text: 'Scan the QR code to let us know you are here and to receive our newsletter.'

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