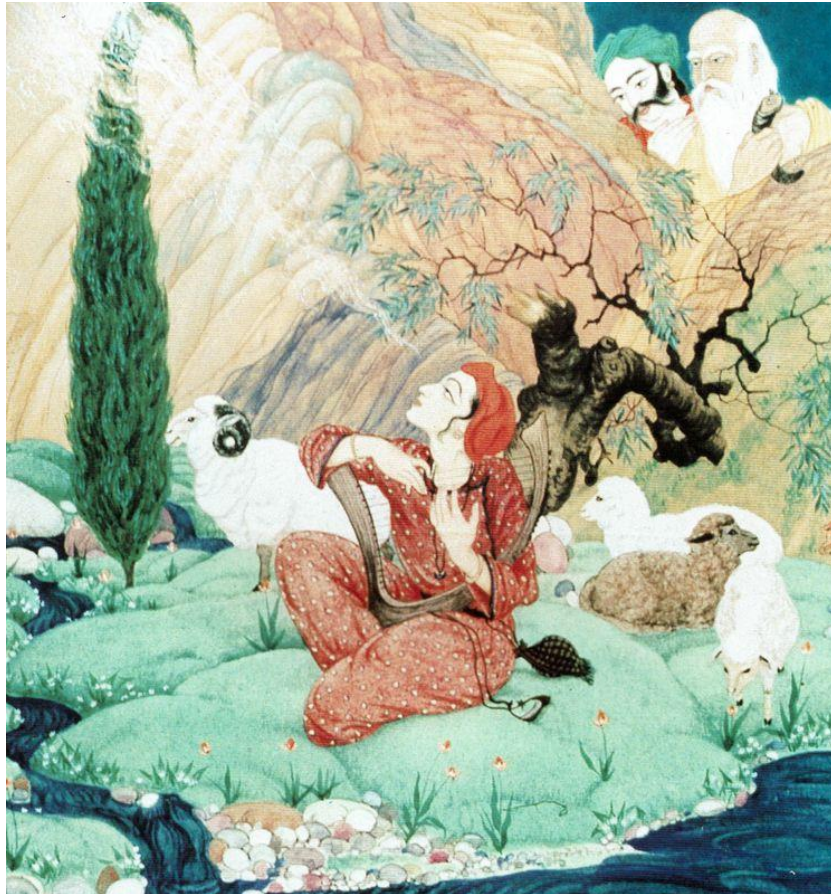


Church of the Holy Cross

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Twenty-Third Psalm

October 11, 2026

10 a.m.

Morning Prayer

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Gathering of the People

Prelude *Silence is appreciated as we prepare to worship*

Opening Hymn *All are Welcome*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions;
one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger;
house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and 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.**

Hymn of Praise VF 109 People of God

1 Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, come, let us
sing on this glo - rious day. Shout-ing a - broad
praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.
Refrain
Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,
prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:1-9

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures ***
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ***
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

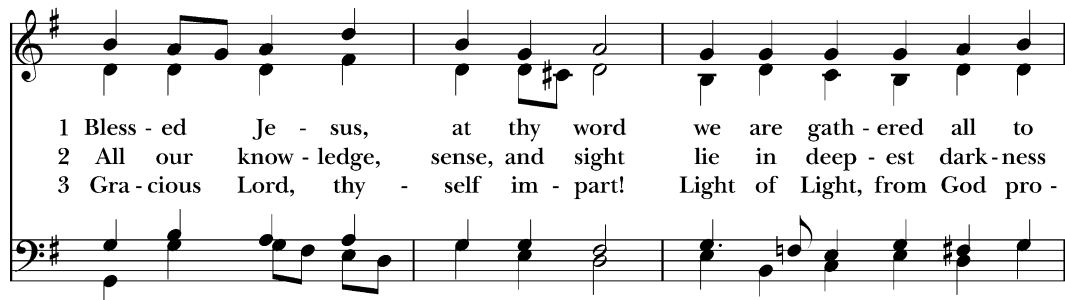
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn H 440

Blessed Jesus at they word

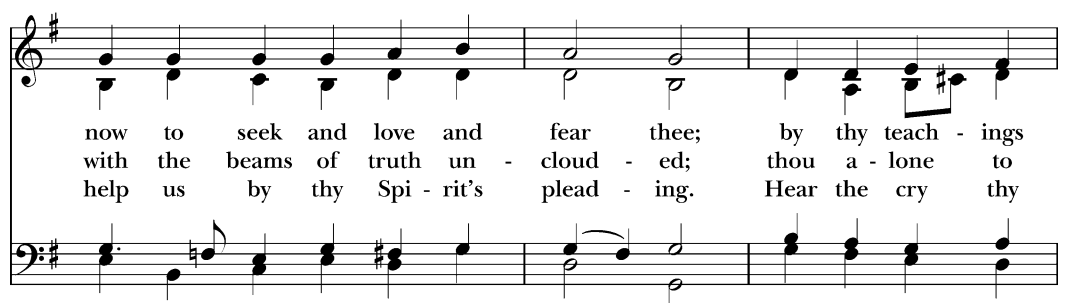
Sing verse 1&2 before the gospel & verse 3 after.



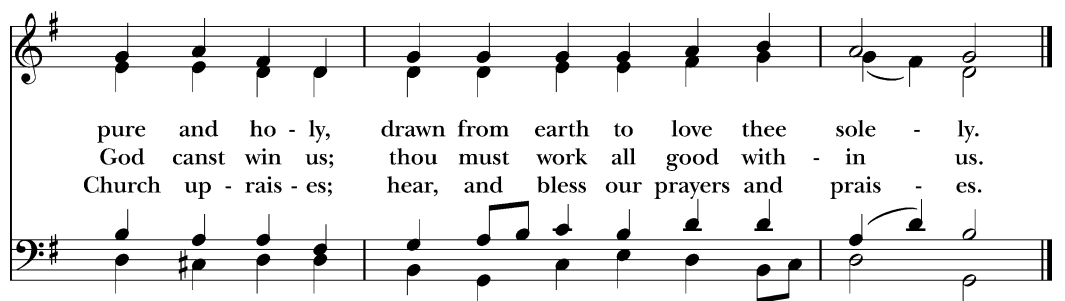
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned

their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Reflection

Karen Wang

Affirmation of Faith *from the New Zealand Prayerbook*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People *from the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

Leader Ever living and ever-loving God,
 We praise you for your loving presence with us.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader take and transform our societies—
 that broken people find healing; that lonely people find love;
 that bitter people find peace; that fearful people find hope.

People **Come, Holy Spirit,**
Leader take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
 that communication can be open; that relationships between
 hostile people and hostile nations will begin to calm and hostilities dissolve,
 that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

People
Leader **Come, Holy Spirit,**
 fill your church—that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours; that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world. We especially keep in our prayers our supply clergy and the ministry of the lay people of Holy Cross.

People
Leader **Come, Holy Spirit,**
 for our search committee and vestry. Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this search process.

People
Leader **Come, Holy Spirit,**
 for the pastor who will be joining us. Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together.

People
Leader **Come, Holy Spirit,**
 fill our lives with your presence—so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name.

People
Leader **Come, Holy Spirit,**
 As we pray for those in our cycle of prayer _____.

Please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

God's Peace is exchanged with one another.

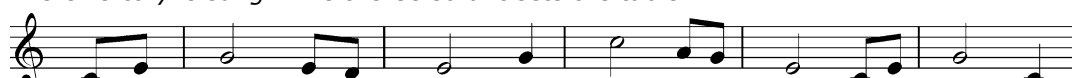
Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Music H 664

My shepherd will supply my needs

The Offertory is sung while the Celebrant sets the table.



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**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.

Final Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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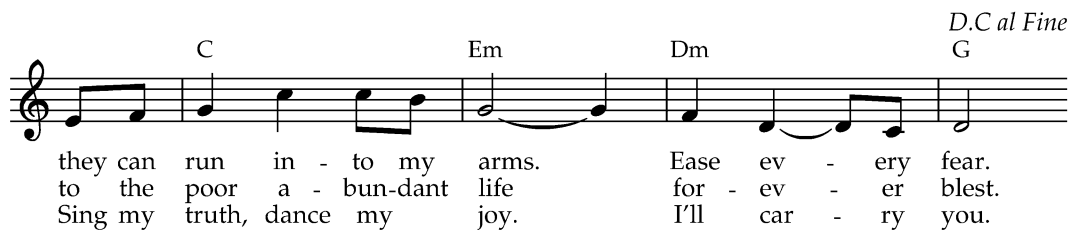
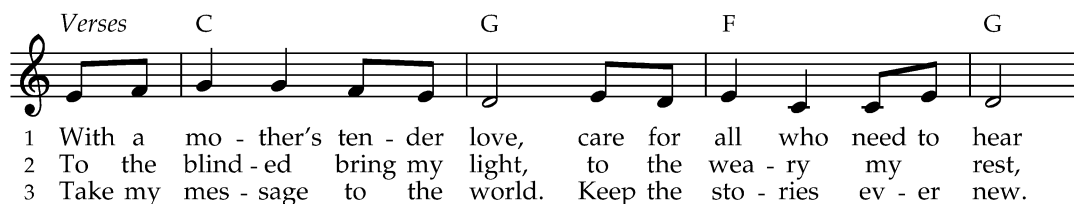
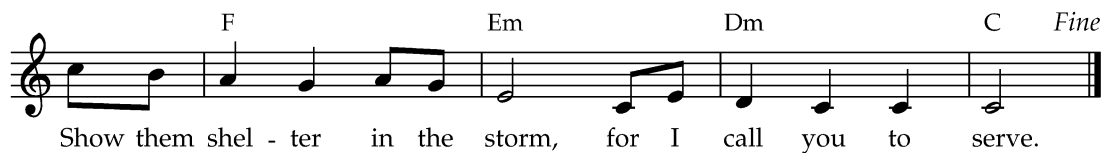
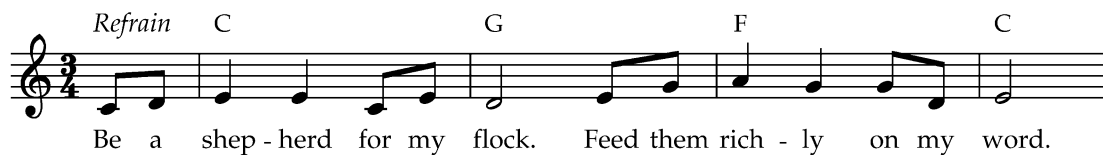
**O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace
to those who are far off and to those who are near:
Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you;
bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn VF 100

Be a shepherd for my flock



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Going into the World

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

1st Reading & Psalm: Larry Jansen
2nd Reading & Prayers: Jane Foote
Greeter/Usher: Zean Smartt
Zoom Host: Minerva Melville
Counters: Bev Siirila & Pam Hinkle
Altar Guild: Gael Grossman & Cathi Peterson

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IN-PERSON SERVICES
Sunday 8am & 10am

WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICES
Sunday Service
@ 10 AM

Information and Zoom links
at www.holycrossnovi.org

Outreach

Hospitality House Food Pantry Holy Cross' ministry to provide **personal care & cleaning products** makes a great impact on 950 families that are served each month.

The **Social Justice Jar** is currently collecting to help **Build a Home in Guatemala**.

Sunday School

1st & 3rd Sundays each month.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary.



Help Us Build a Home in Guatemala!

\$3,400 provides the cinder blocks, rebar, mortar, tin roof, and skilled local labor needed to complete the home.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000 toward the cost of the house. Every gift, no matter the amount, will help turn building materials into a home and make a meaningful difference for a family.

Holy Cross! In September alone we exceeded our goal, raising **\$1745**. With our matching donors we will complete 1 house. We will continue to collect through October. Money raised over our goal will be put towards educational scholarships.

Contributions can be placed in the Social Justice Jar or made online. Checks & online donations - memo: Guatemala

Thank you for helping us put our faith into action! To learn more, please see **Kathie or Silvia**.

NO Kings Protest

Next No Kings Protest October 17

Find a protest near you:
<https://www.nokings.org/#map>

HC Necrology for All Saint's Day

Teri started a list last year –
please check the flower/server board. If you have loved ones to add, fill out a form by Oct. 25
Paper forms available.



Men's Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 7 @ 9am.

Moe's on Ten

39455 W 10 Mile Rd, Novi

Ladies Lunch Friday, Nov. 13 @ 11:30 am

Brentwood Grille

43150 Grand River Ave, Novi

**Prayer Shawl + More =
Compassionate Crafters**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has returned with a new twist. We are reaching out beyond our crocheters and knitters to all types of crafters. We will continue making prayer shawls, PLUS branch out to others community hospitality gifts. Some ideas include woven sleep mats for the homeless & fleece blankets for the foster system.

Please join the new "**Compassionate Crafters**" on the 2nd Friday each month from 10-11:30am.

Please pray for:

Peace the world over; for children in war zones, for all soldiers deployed, for all who have been victims of gun violence, for children affected by preventable diseases, for all those who are detained without due process, being housed in inhumane circumstances, for those affected by dangerous weather conditions.

In the Diocesan & Anglican cycle of prayer, Trinity Church, Farmington Hills; Holy Trinity, Santo Domingo DR. and The Anglican Church of Burundi.

In our Holy Cross community, Laura; Pam J; Denise; Alexandra; Karen T; Meg; Baby Zion; Kate S; Angel, Donna, Ian R; Tim B; Kathy B; Sev; Kyle & Mariah; Wanda & her family; Deb T; Rich, Paulette & Hank; Raul; Minerva; John J; Barbara; Lisa; Greta.

Online Giving

We have 2 ways to give online.

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