

St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA

Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:00 am

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Liturgical Year B, Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Prelude:** "Swing low, sweet chariot"

organ arrangement James Mansfield (1927-2018)

**Hymn:** "Christ upon the mountain peak"

#129 *The Hymnal 1982*

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

# Collect for Purity

*Celebrant & People: 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.*

## Gloria

# S - 280 *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1 – 12

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm:** (*Choir*) “The Lord has spoken” Paraphrase of Psalm 50:1 – 6 by Christopher L. Webber  
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3 – 6

*Reader:* A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Corinth.

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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## Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2 – 9

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

Fr. Jarred

## **Nicene Creed**

*All stand and together say*

*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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

*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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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: Form IV**

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

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

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for:

John Coliano – Friend of Cathleen Williamson

Ann Davis – Friend of Cathleen Williamson

Donna & Bob Northam – Parishioners

Larry Blondin – Parishioner

Bethany Albritton – Grandniece of Judy Jester

Kristin Corning – Parishioner

Ron Trieff – Husband of Sheila Trieff

Nancy Burkholder – Sister-in-law of Pat Maslen

Jori Guldenstern

Susan Smith – Sister of Anne Tuthill

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died especially Walter Blumenscheid, Seth Bossung, Frances Caulkins and Patricia Wall, as well as those whose anniversary falls at this time, that your will for them be fulfilled and that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in our fellowship with Blessed Mary, Paul and all your saints, we offer our whole lives to you and in a moment of silence our own prayers.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Celebrant & People*

*Most merciful God,*

*we confess that we have sinned against you*

*in thought, word, and deed,*

*by what we have done,*

*and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;*

*we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.*

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,*

*have mercy on us and forgive us;*

*that we may delight in your will,*

*and walk in your ways,*

*to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*All share signs of Christ's peace with one another,  
especially seeking to amend any hurts or conflicts.*

## MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

*The offering is taken and the altar is set for the Eucharist.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.*

## Offertory Anthem: "Christ is the world's true Light"

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) Music: Walter Kendall Stanton (1891-1978)

The text for this anthem can be found at hymn 542 in *The Hymnal 1982*

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* | *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* | *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues with the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer*

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:** “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

S – 130 *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. There are several measures with rests in the vocal line, indicating where the voice should be silent while the piano accompaniment continues.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

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

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

*The Celebrant continues with the Doxology, to which all respond with the "great Amen."*



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the



u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,



glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - MEN.

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Saviour taught us, now we pray:

*Celebrant & People*

*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,*

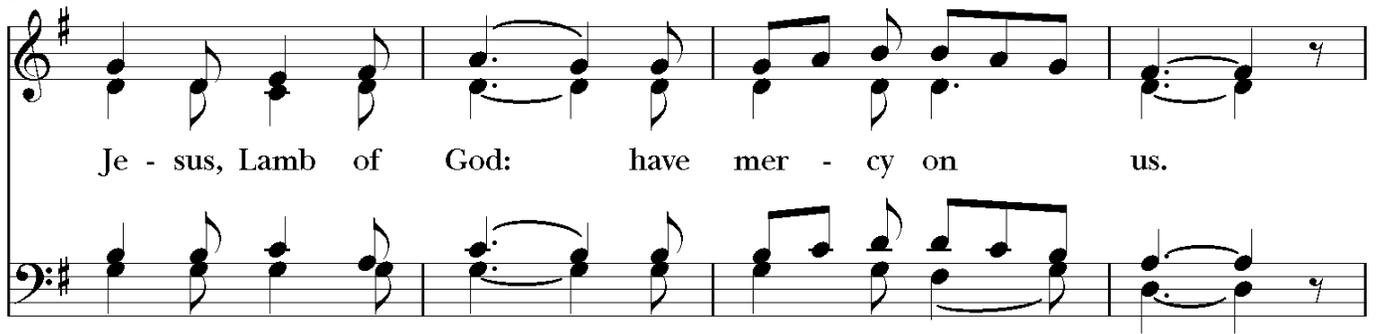
*now and for ever. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

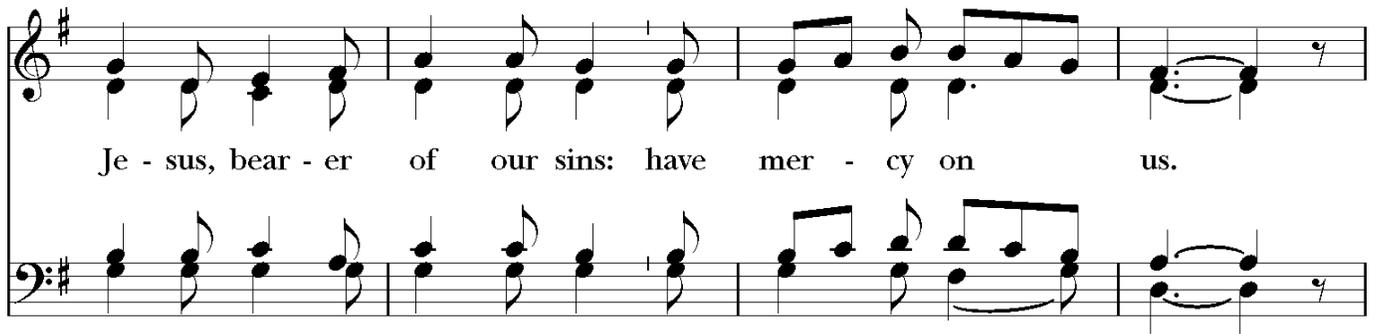
*People:* ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

**Agnus Dei: "Jesus, Lamb of God"**

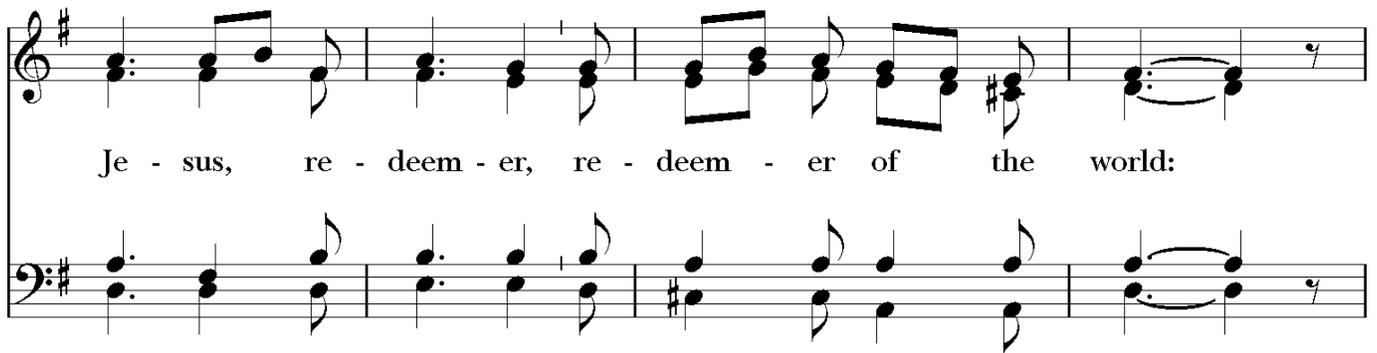
S-164 *The Hymnal 1982*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant:* Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People: Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed*

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant:* As we are not all gathered to receive the sacrament together, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

*All: Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.*

*Amen.*

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

# Post Communion Hymn: "Swing low, sweet chariot" African-American spiritual

*refrain*

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home;

swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,  
 2 If you get there be - fore I do,  
 3 I'm some - times up, 3 I'm some - times down,

com-ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels  
 com-ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm  
 com-ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels

*to Refrain*

com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 com - ing too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 heav - en - ly bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant & 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 and Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The celebrant pronounces a blessing, after which all respond  
**Amen.***

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Closing Hymn: "O wondrous type! O vision fair"

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*Descant*

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Postlude: "Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux"

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

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**Choir:** Richard Blumenscheid, Elaine Bucher, Joyce Cejka, Virginia Meyer, Jane Niebling

**Today's Service Leaders**

**Clergy:** The Rev. Dr. Jarred A. Mercer, Rector

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**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Bev Brennan

**Lector:** Virginia Meyer

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## **Cycle of Prayer**

Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the *Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery*; St. Mary's Church, Barnstable; St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay; St. Christopher's Church, Chatham; St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown; Union of Black Episcopalians, and in the *local cycle of prayer*: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.

## **Prayer List**

### *Person to Pray for and Relationship*

Allison Flynn – Niece of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins  
Eve Steinberg – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins  
Judy Abby – Parishioner  
Debby Demopoulos – Sister of Pat Maslen  
Marya Toffey – Niece of Ann Winslow  
Keetah Life – Parishioner  
Stephen Mathis – Friend of Priscilla Bellairs  
Talia Duff—Niece of Lorrie and Jeff Jones  
Stephen Jones—Nephew of Lorrie and Jeff Jones  
Betty Moberger – Sister-in-law of Ingrid Sanborn  
Marilyn Diehl – Friend of Ingrid Sanborn  
Jill Davila – Niece of Carole Bishop  
Tony Broer - Brother of Carole Bishop  
Joanne Norris – Friend of Sheila & Jack Butler  
Karen – Friend of the Budzyna family  
Theresa Winslow – Mother of Ed Winslow  
Olin Braids – Brother of Priscilla Bellairs  
Karen & Richard Greene – Family of Wendy Colby  
Betty Trowbridge – Friend of Donna Northam  
Marie Buckman – Mother of Linda Davis Siess  
Lois Schofield – Parishioner  
Mary Snowdon – Parishioner  
Ken Leistler – Friend of Susan Flint  
David Sanborn – Brother of Wayne Sanborn  
Laura Hobbs – Friend of Susan Flint  
Jeanne Rainoldi – Friend of Ann Staffeld  
Vikas Chandhoke – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello  
Richelle Stephens – Friend of Susan Flint  
Paul Lucas – Parishioner  
John Coliano – Friend of Cathleen Williamson  
Ann Davis – Friend of Cathleen Williamson  
Donna & Bob Northam – Parishioners  
Larry Blondin – Parishioner  
Bethany Albritton – Grandniece of Judy Jester

Kristin Corning – Parishioner  
Ron Trieff – Husband of Sheila Trieff  
Nancy Burkholder – Sister-in-law of Pat Maslen  
Jori Guldenstern  
Susan Smith – Sister of Anne Tuthill  
Donald Peck – Brother of Doug Peck  
Rev. Connie Reinhardt – Friend of St. Paul’s Church  
Alan White – Friend of Susan Flint  
Tim Coco – Friend of Susan Flint  
Barbara Barnes – Cousin of Joyce Thayer  
Jessica, Owen & Family – Friends of Gail Bishop-Davis  
Alexander Schumann – Cousin of John Neale  
Corey – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello  
Kathy Steele – Friend of Ed Winslow  
Richard Ellis - Friend of Pat Maslen  
Karen Staffeld – Niece of Ann Staffeld  
George Partaledis – Friend of Joyce Thayer  
Mike Dichiara Jr. – Friend of Susan Flint

### **Statement of Call - St. Paul's Church**

*St. Paul's is a Christian community where people are met and accepted without judgment for who they are and are adopted into a loving and caring family. Our faith provides a framework within which we explore, honor and celebrate the presence of God in daily experiences, especially in the crises, conflicts and transitions of life, and are thereby equipped to live fully in an increasingly complex and changing world.*

*We believe we are called to center our life in Jesus Christ through a regular discipline of Eucharistic worship, scripture study and prayer.*

*We believe our faith leads us to fulfill our mission, which is to share ourselves and our resources with each other, our community and the world.*

*We believe we are called to discover and affirm our spiritual gifts and be responsible and committed ministers of these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**St. Paul's 2020 Vestry**

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Stu Tuthill – Treasurer

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Sam Walker

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Jenn Mansfield

Michelle Rogers

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The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris

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