

Lent 5 March 17, 2024

Prelude Londonderry Air, arr. by William M. Felton c. 1940 by Theodore Presser Co. in "At the Console"

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Confession and Absolution

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn (see next page)

Apostolic Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie pg 147-148

L In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord Have Mercy**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

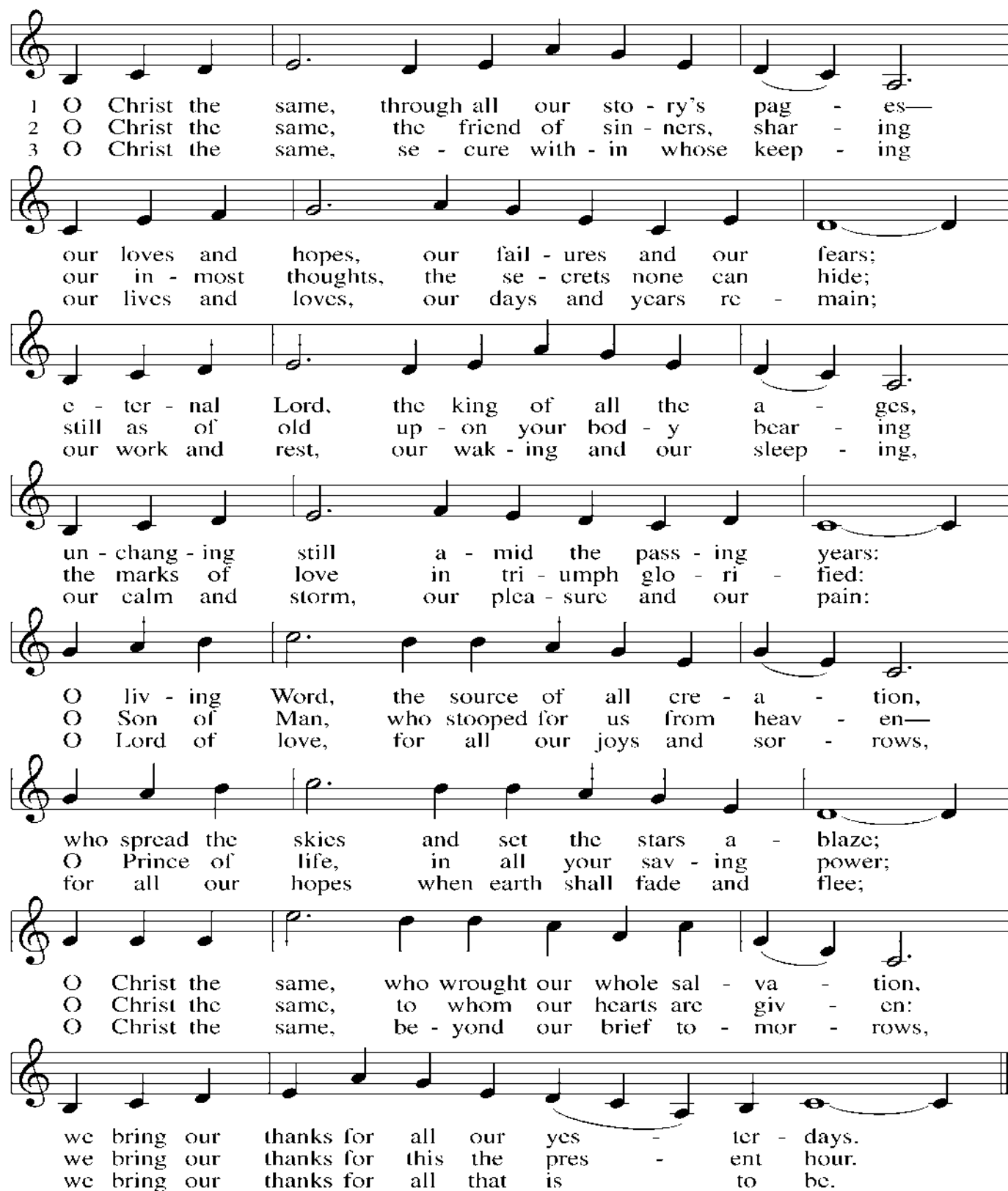
C Lord Have Mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C Amen.**

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y hear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent - hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C Also, with you.

L Let us pray: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-24

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 51: 1-12 *chanted responsively*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

³For I know ¹my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born ¹steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth ¹deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear ¹joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken ¹may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face ¹from my sins,
and blot out ¹all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean ¹heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- ¹it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away ¹from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- ¹it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of ¹your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- ¹tiful Spirit.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. Holy wisdom Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God

We stand to sing the Gospel Acclamation for Lent

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Gospel according to John the 12th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

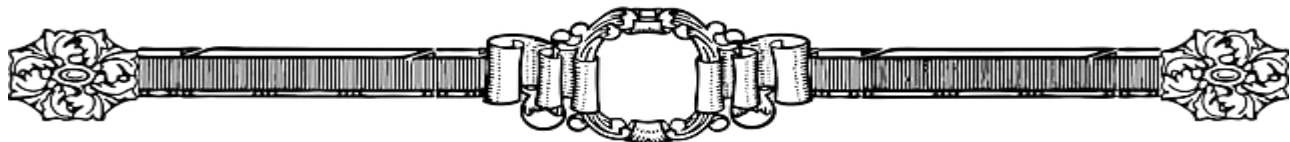
²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

(see next page)



Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

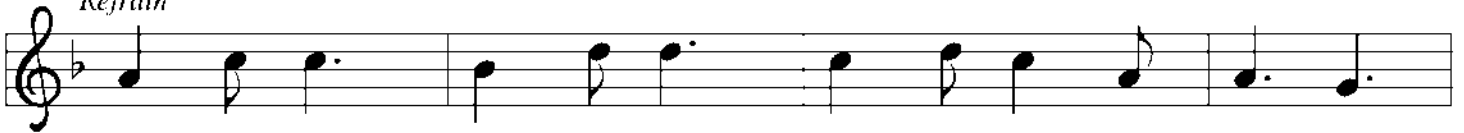


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



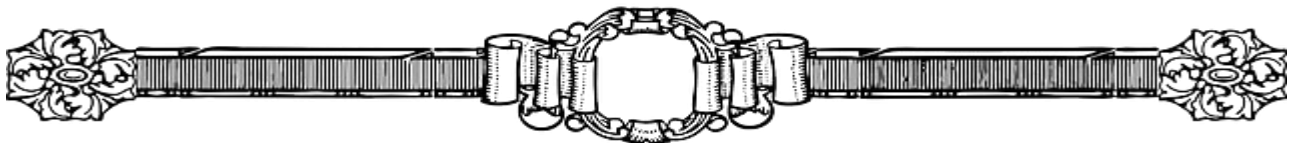
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915



Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

L Drawn to the one who was "lifted up" to redeem us from our sins, we now pray with bold and trusting hearts.

AM For all the great examples of faithfulness in Church history, especially today our brother Patrick, that we also should be courageous in our witness, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For the wider human community, that the crucified One, may touch more and more hearts with His love, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For the magnificent world in all its bounty and beauty, that we may sense God's presence each new day, Lord in your mercy.
C Hear our prayer

AM For the lost, rejected, abused, and all who struggle with any burden, and for those who experience violence, that they may find relief, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For the victims of war – in Palestine and Israel, in Ukraine, and wherever weapons replace words to solve conflicts, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

AM For hearts overflowing with generosity, that the mission of the church may be a bold witness into the future for the healing of the world, Lord in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Sharing of the Peace

Anthem *Teach Us to Pray Words and Music by Pepper Choplin.*

When we sense Your holiness, when our hearts can't express. When we seek Your mind to find Your way, teach us to pray. By Your goodness we are fed. From Your table comes our bread. When words of thanks we forget to say, teach us to pray. When forgiveness we can't find, revenge and power fill the mind, we condemn and we forget Your grace, teach us, Teach us to pray. Though we seek Your perfect will, we fight temptation still. When from goodness we begin to stray, teach us to pray, teach us to pray, for Yours is the power and majesty. Your Kingdom reigns eternally. Until the coming of the endless day, when all your children you meet face to face, O teach us, teach us, teach us to pray, teach us to pray. Amen, Amen.

Offertory Hymn *Sung as the plates are brought forward*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

"Christ has extended a wide and loving invitation to join with him and with each other at his table of grace. Anyone who desires to come forward to receive the Eucharist is encouraged to do so."

The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

C And also, with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted.

The Sanctus

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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 Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

C 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,

forever and ever. Amen

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion In the Cross of Christ I Glory, arr. by James Mansfield c. 1987 by Lorenz Publishing Co. in "Songs of Calvary for Piano"

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn (see next page)

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God

Postlude I Will Arise and Go to Jesus, arr. by John Carter c. 1987 by Hope Publishing Co. in "Folk Hymns for Piano"

Please maintain a respectful quiet during the Prelude.



Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Verse

Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,
 Come, ye thirst - y, come, wel - -
 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y den,
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger,

3

weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
 God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 Lost and of ru - ined the ly; fall;
 Nor of fit - ness fond ly dream;

5

Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 True be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 If you tar - ry you're bet - ter,
 All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth

7

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
 You will nev - er er need at all.
 Is to feel your need of Him.

Refrain

9

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus,

11

He will em - brace me in His arms;

13

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior,

15

O there are ten thou - sand charms.

Around the Church

March 18	Chris Ed	6:30 pm
March 21	Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Soup Kitchen	5:00– 7:30 pm
March 25	WELCA	6:30 pm

Midweek Lenten Services will be Thursday evening beginning at 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

March 21 will be in the church. No Potluck dinner due to the Soup Kitchen's Empty Bowls Fundraise that evening.

Palm/Passion Sunday March 24

Maundy Thursday – 7pm worship with communion, washing of feet, and stripping of the altar

Good Friday – 7pm Tenebrae with the Passion According to John

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom &
10 am most Wednesdays in person*

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:

Needed weekly – \$4,948
Received last week— \$2,210
Shortage—(\$2,738)

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

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First Reading Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm 51: 1-15

Second Reading Hebrews 5: 5-10

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Reading of the Holy Gospel
John the 12th Chapter

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn Pg. 186

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

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Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Joe Abbott	Julie Hake	Dennis Nalette	Finley
Laurie Abbott	Jack & Barbara Heintz	Karen Ness	JoAnn
Francine Ahrens	Lorraine Hill	Tom O'Brien	Glen
Kim & Will Ahrens	Kathleen Hilton	Dawn Osterman	Jen O.
Peggy Ali	Shannon Hilton	Russell Palmer	Jaiden
Joyce Almsted	Jake Hoadley	Terry Parker & Family	Roger T.
William Appell	Erma Horn	Maria Payne	Alissa
Coni-Jo Aparo	Brian Hurlock	Dr. Barbara Rose Ponse	Ava
Vinnie Aparo	Amy Rose Jensen	Jack Quinn	Verna G.
Cory Aulbin	Susan Jones	Caroline Quintal	Amanda T.
Nanci Battistoni	Ulf Johansson	Roman Radzins	Corrine
Armando Binelli	A&R Jones	RuthAnn Rash	Diane H.
Charlie Blakeslee	Rusty Judd	Jonathan Richard	Fitzpatrick Family
Diane Boscarino	Ed Killingbeck	Michelle Richards	Kristan, Mason & Family
Cherie Brown	Lynn Killingbeck	Ralph Richardson	Clarence & Pricilla
Eli Boda	Marilyn Killingbeck	Emily Robertson	Cynthia
Selma Boscarino	Pat King	Louise Roche	Gidio
Mark & Tiffany Brilliant	Raquel Launabaugh	Christine Roulin	Laura
Sharon Cable	David Little	Raymond Roy	Baby Walker
Ryan Castaldi	Rebecca Little	Debra Seitz	The Kurtz Family
Janine Cimmino	Anita Loeber	Judy Schaller	Heidi
Diane Currier	Dave Loomis	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Angela
Emily Decker	Audrey & Ernie Marquard	Shelli Schwab	Charles
Angela DeJesus	Abigail Marine	Teri Seleman	Dennis P.
Linda Dellano	Eric Marine	George Shank	Steve
Irene Douglas	Michael Marine	Russell Sirois	Ethan R.
Robert Doyal, Sr.	Richard Marine	Paul Smith	Angel Marie
Betty Enbeskotte	Janis Martin	Carol Speaker	Lou W.
Mark Enbeskotte	Mike Martin	Jon Sterling	Curtis
Judy Elliott	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Julia Thompson Carroll	Shayla W.
Jan Eucallito	Kate Mellow	Carol Valliere	
Bruce & Liz Falls	Jerry McCarthy	Vincenzo Viscariello, Sr.	
Deb Francis	Patrick & Denise	Jackie Quinn Wassik	
Ashley Friday	McCormack	Bob & Sue Watkins	
Rosemarie Foth	Michael Meyers	Diane Wright	
Mary Lynn Gagnon	Rich Minelli	Bruce Yauney	<u>Our Nursing Home Members</u>
Joan Gerard	Sharon Mitchell	Bruce & Joyce Young	Dee Gammon
Fred George	John Monsam	Helen	Midge Rosenbeck
Ruth Grech	Baby Amelia Mosca	Ed	Calvin Bensch
Theresa Corriveau Greene	Bill Muhl	Madison	Ida Maillet

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James Ernst USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Committee presents
837 Charles St., Torrington 06790



Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Fellowship – 5:15pm Dinner – 6pm
Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555

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**Friday, May 10, 2024
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Drawing at 7:00pm**

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Moms or the special ladies in your life!
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