

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*You are dust  
And dust you  
Shall return*

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*All Stand. The Ministers enter in silence.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

## PSALM 103:8-14



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- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **mercy**, \*  
slow to anger and of great **kindness**.
- 9 He will not always **accuse us**, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for **ever**.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our **sins**, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our **wickedness**.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the **earth**, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who **fear him**.
- 12 As far as the east is from the **west**, \*  
so far has he removed our **sins from us**.
- 13 As a father cares for his **children**, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who **fear him**.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are **made**; \*  
he remembers that we are but **dust**.

## SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10*

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished,

and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader  
People

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

*Led by the Spirit*

1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and  
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to  
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -  
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -

1. pray With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his  
2. face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re -  
3. birth With hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it  
4. ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to

1. pas - chal way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn  
2. deem - ing grace. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but  
3. and in truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall  
4. set us free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to

1. back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and  
2. nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of  
3. nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who  
4. make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -

1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.  
2. God to do: this is our drink and food.  
3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.  
4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

*All stand.*

*Priest*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*                ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

## HOMILY

The Very Rev. Peter Browning

## INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

*All stand.*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Kneel if you are able.*

## BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*The Celebrant then says*

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Those people desiring may then come before the altar to receive the imposition of ashes.*

*The ashes are imposed with the following words*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

## PSALM 51

*The Celebrant and People all kneeling then say*



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*Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-**kindness**; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my **offenses**.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my **wickedness** \*  
and cleanse me from my **sin**.
- 3 For I know my **transgressions**, \*  
and my sin is ever **before me**.
- 4 Against you only have I **sinned** \*  
and done what is evil in your **sight**.
- 5 And so you are justified when you **speak** \*  
and upright in your **judgment**.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my **birth**, \*  
a sinner from my mother's **womb**.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within **me**, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom **secretly**.

- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be **pure**; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean **indeed**.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and **gladness**, \*  
that the body you have broken may **rejoice**.
- 10 Hide your face from my **sins** \*  
and blot out all my **iniquities**.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O **God**, \*  
and renew a right spirit **within me**.
- 12 Cast me not away from your **presence** \*  
and take not your holy Spirit **from me**.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help **again** \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful **Spirit**.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the **wicked**, \*  
and sinners shall return to **you**.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O **God**, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my **salvation**.
- 16 Open my lips, O **Lord**, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your **praise**.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered **sacrifice**, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-**offerings**.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled **spirit**; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not **despise**.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to **Zion**, \*  
and rebuild the walls of **Jerusalem**.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,  
with burnt-offerings and **oblations**; \*  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your **altar**.

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most holy and merciful God:**

**We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Celebrant* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*People* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, the creator of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*All stand.*

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *See back of bulletin for announcements.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*O bless the Lord, my soul*

Hymnal 411



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

*All remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.***

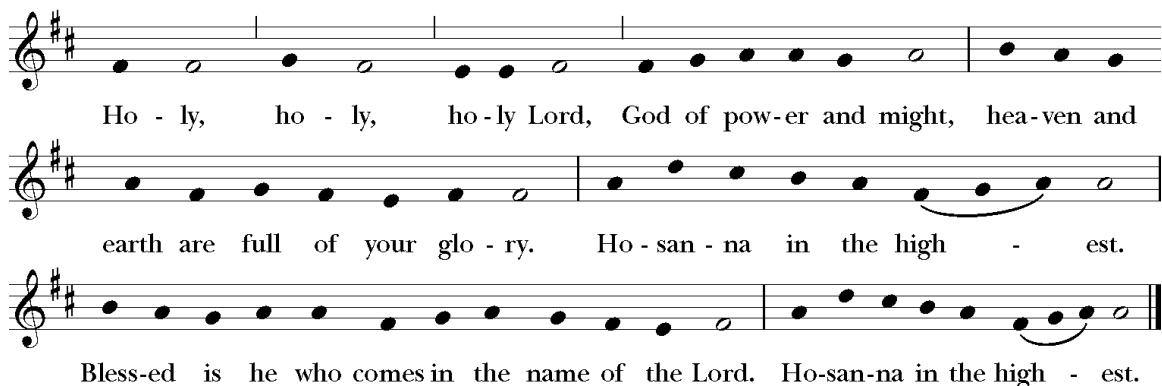
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***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**

*S124*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, gracious God, 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 Ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and creator 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, gracious God, 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.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

***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.***

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.

*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.

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

***Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since some of us are not able now to receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into all of our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.*** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry)

*Everyone is invited to come to the altar. If you do not wish to receive bread but would like a blessing simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus, all my gladness*

Hymnal 701

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,  
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,  
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je-sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit  
 Je-sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they  
 Je-sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;  
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;  
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.  
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.  
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life  
and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **SOLEMN COLLECT**

*Celebrant says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says*

Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Hymnal 559

1 Lead us, heaven-ly Fa-ther, lead us o'er the world's tem-  
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend-ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend-ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

## DISMISSAL

*LEM  
People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer List *Please take this list home to remember those who need your daily prayers.*

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### For the Church

Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Sean, Presiding Bishop  
John, Bishop of the Diocese  
Antonio, Bishop Elect  
Hosam E. Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem

### For the Vestry

Kathy, Tom, Wardens  
Peter, Priest  
Brooke, Ministry Intern  
Ministry of Canterbury Irvine  
Saint Andrew's Children's Center

### For the Government and the Nations of the World:

Donald, our President  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Congress of the United States  
Gavin, our Governor

**For Those in College:** Audrey, Aidan, Zachary, Jonathan, Caitlin, Matthew, Gram, Emma, Haven, Catherine, Bryce, Elise, Tyler, Benjamin

**Guidance:** Andrea, Jacob, Rebecca, Jose, Dominick

### Healing

Corinne Lakes	Carl Barton	Michelle	Jim Bratton	Betsy
Mitsuye	Heather Harris	Jayne Baldwin	Addy James	Christine Shaver
Sandy Wilson	Gabriel	Sue Powell	Chandra	Olivia
Bernice	Wendy	Michele Perciva	Cyrene Pellegrino	Donna Catalano
Judi Matthews	Joyce & Ken Jenson	Grace	Cynthia Morse	Debbie Calkins
Louise	Susan Berkel	Daniel	Patrick Chewning	Kelsey
Mary Baker	Jonas Tupper-Graeff	Jan Cannon	Meghan	Stefanik-Sidener
Lisa Rotchford	Frances Fosnaugh	Mary	Langsdorf Ruggio	Terry Manhardt
John Salistean	Dana Hollinger	Jan	Tim K	Suzanne Wheeler

### Long Term Needs

AA Groups	Patti Patel	Peggy E.
Chris Bennett	Wanda Lay	Mollie
Donna Westlund	Our Refugee Family	Patsy
Jack & John Selman	Scott Perrin	Jeffrey Marks
Merrilee Gardner	Nancy Perrin	Berkel & West families
Patti	Tyler Hudson	Sharon Brooks
Susan D'Zmura	Mike Catalano	Kwesi
Lyle Menzel	Leslie Ennis	Mary Dennis
Julie	Dominick Pellegrino	Bob Mitchell
Carl	Brian Kingsfield	Phil Henry
Stacy Watson	Rich & Libby Cook	Kelli Grace
Nora	Lynne Raftery	Dillon-Harris family

**Pets:**, Luna, Shiso, Tulip, Roxy & Chloe, Stanley, Pippa

### Repose of the Soul:

**Comfort for:** Rick, Wendy & Rick, Bob and Teri Mitchell

**For those in the Military:** 1st LT. Ryan Hane

**Celebration of Birth:**

# Ongoing Scheduled Activities

## Monday

10:30 a.m. **Volunteer at Woodbridge Manor**  
St. Andrew's volunteers staff a Food Bank for approximately 85 residents at this apartment complex for low-income seniors and disabled adults. We receive food donated by local grocers, unpack it and organize it on tables for the residents to "shop" for their groceries. We have a group of loyal volunteers, and we can always use more help. If you can help, we'd love to have you join us. We meet every other Monday at 10:30 a.m. except for federal holidays. It takes about 2 hours. Contact Catherine Sharbaugh for more information. We can always use empty 1 dozen cardboard egg cartons (not plastic) and small plastic fruit boxes (like the ones blueberries and raspberries come in). Please bring what you can to the church.

7:30 p.m. **Bible Study** starting December 1<sup>st</sup> will meet at The Children's Center. Brooke Pauley leads the discussion and will start in the Gospel of Matthew.

## Wednesday

The **Virtual Book Group** meets every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. followed by noonday prayer. Scroll down to Events and Activities on our website home page for the current reading and contact the [office](#) to be added to the Zoom invitation.

## Thursday

6 p.m. **Virtual Evening Prayer** livestreamed via Facebook.

## Community Groups

**Al-Anon** - Mon 7 p.m., Fellowship Court

**Brothers in Sobriety** - Fri 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Court

**Sunrise Sobriety** - Daily 6:30 a.m., Fellowship Court

## Monthly

### First Tuesday of the Month

- **The Grief Support Group** will meet for support (and coffee) at 2 p. m. at The Lost Bean at 4632 Barranca Pkwy, in the Woodbridge Shopping Center just down the street from Saint Andrew's, on the first Tuesday of the month.

### Second Tuesday of the Month

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet at 3 p.m. in the fellowship court the second Tuesday of the month. Those ministry members who cannot attend the monthly meetings produce shawls and prayer cloths at home. If you are a newcomer to Prayer Shawl contact Sharon Brooks at [sharonemi99@gmail.com](mailto:sharonemi99@gmail.com). If you are in need of a prayer shawl send a message to Sharon or ask any Prayer Shawl member.

### Third Saturday of the Month

- **Men's Group** will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Strawberry Farms for breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Peter if interested.

**Korean Orchestra** - Saturday 6 – 8 p.m.

**Pneuma Chapel** - Sunday 12:30 p.m., Church. Saturday 6:00-7:00 a.m.

## Announcements

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### Sunday School News

**Day care** for infants and children 4 yrs old and younger during the 10 am service will be provided by Samira Sameni, a preschool teacher at our Saint Andrew's Children's Center. **Sunday School** is designed for children in grades K-6 and is led by Tammy Smecker-Hane during the 10 am service. Drop off for both is in the Kangaroo Room of the Children's Center, whose entrance is accessible from the courtyard to the left of the Children's Center's front door (follow the sign). We will bring the children to you in church during the Announcements.

This week in Sunday School we will start by discussing our progress on our Lenten theme "Be Kind". Each week we will try to remember to do something kind for someone, and we can write a note in our notebook when we do that. Please have your child bring their Lenten notebook along each Sunday during Lent so we can reward them with hearts in their notebook. In addition, if you did not get a notebook last week then you'll have a chance to choose one and decorate it. Afterward we'll listen to the bible story of the man who believed Jesus could heal his son. Jesus told the man that because of his faith, his son was already healed, and Jesus did not even have to visit him. If you have any questions about Sunday School please email Tammy at [tsmecker@cox.net](mailto:tsmecker@cox.net).

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### Dive deep into faith with us this Lent!

Baptism is the beginning of our journey with God. In baptism, we make promises. But what are we promising and why do we need God's help? How do we live the promises we make? Whether you are looking for a Lenten practice, are new to your journey with God, or you or your child are interested in confirmation or reception into the church later this year, join Peter and Brooke on **Mondays at 6 pm** during Lent on Zoom (**starting February 23**). To register, complete the Google Form linked in Thursday's newsletter. Speak to Brooke or Peter if you have any questions!

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## OUTREACH NEWS



### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY RESULTS:

Watching for commercials	\$35
Patriots	\$110
Seahawks	<u>\$171</u>

**Total \$316**

And a grand total of 752 cans, jars and rice!!!

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support!

***"We are truly God's outreaching hands in this world. "***

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## Save the Date to Spice It Up!

Our annual fundraiser event and silent auction will be held on **Saturday, May 23 at 5pm** at St. Andrew's. Please mark your calendars for an evening of community, tacos, homemade desserts, and a silent auction! If you would like to donate items or (*especially popular!*) experiences to the silent auction, please contact Kathy Cartelli at [kathycartelli@gmail.com](mailto:kathycartelli@gmail.com) . If you are interested in volunteering to help make the event a success, please contact JoJo Caprini at [casaCaprini@att.net](mailto:casaCaprini@att.net) . Tickets will go on sale soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Coffee Hour Composting

We are continuing our coffee hour composting. Please note the posted signs for disposing of organic waste.

We have compostable cups for coffee, tea, and cold drinks. Napkins and uncoated plates can be composted.

- Utensils and coated plates cannot be composted.
- We ask that you put all the compostable waste in cardboard boxes and/or the Waste Management organics bin.
- You are also welcome to bring your own commuter cups.

If you are bringing snacks, please use the compostable or reusable materials we have provided. Many of the items supplied by restaurants or bakeries are coated and cannot be composted.

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## Responding to Immigration Enforcement

Dear friends, these are frightening times for those in our community who are vulnerable to immigration enforcement. Please report any suspected ICE/CBP/DHS sightings to the OC Rapid Response Network by calling or texting **714-881-1558**. Document and report as much as you safely can of the following: Size/Strength of forces; Action/Activities; Location; Uniform/Clothes; Time/Date; and Equipment/Weapons. (SALUTE is a handy acronym for remembering this). If you can text a photo of suspicious vehicles and plates, that's especially helpful.

OCRRN is a trained network of volunteers that confirm ICE sightings and alert impacted communities. Upon receiving a report, they will send out trained volunteers to get eyes on the situation and provide support to impacted individuals.

**Red cards** with the OCRRN phone number, the SALUTE items to watch for, and information about your legal rights and resources in the event of an encounter with ICE will be available in a basket in the narthex. Please take these and share them with businesses, co-workers, friends, and neighbors who may be at risk.

Let us remember the words of Jesus in Luke 10:25-37 who reminds us that we are called to serve our neighbors with mercy and that we need not share religion, ethnicity, or language with those we love as ourselves.

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## A Look Ahead...

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### **MARCH (2026)**

- 3/8 – Spring Forward
- 3/29 – Palm Sunday

### **APRIL (2026)**

- 4/2 – Maundy Thursday – 6 p.m.
- 4/3 – Good Friday – Noon & 6 p.m.
- 4/4 – The Great Vigil of Easter - 7 p.m.
- 4/5 – Easter Sunday – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



## Clergy & Staff

The Very Rev. Peter Browning, Rector  
Brooke Pauley, Ministry Intern  
Steven Van Wye, Minister of Music  
Tammy Smecker-Hane, Sunday School Leader  
Samira Sameni, Nursery Coordinator  
Hank Caprini, Youth Group Leader  
Kim Jensen, Office Manager  
Office Administration Hours:  
In-office: Monday & Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Remote: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Vestry

Kathy Cartelli, Senior Warden  
Tom Pietryga, Junior Warden  
Bill Langsdorf, Treasurer  
Merrilee Gardner, Clerk  
Sue Ha  
Stirling Hunter  
Kimberley Lakes-Kay  
Erin Lockwood  
Larry Wheeler

## Today's Service

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### Noon

Celebrating: The Very Rev. Peter Browning  
Assisting: Brooke Pauley, Ministry Intern  
LEM: Madge Parker

### 6:00 P.M.

Celebrating: The Very Rev. Peter Browning  
Assisting: Brooke Pauley, Ministry Intern  
LEMS: Alissa Poston  
Lectors:

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