St. Luke's Episcopal Church The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 14 February 2021 № 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, Celebrant The Reverend Anne Harris, Preacher

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "Allein Gott in der Hoh"

J. P. Sweelinck

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The Opening Acclamation

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

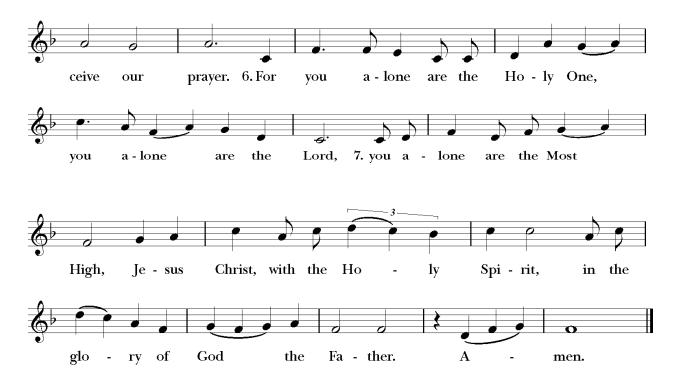
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of Purity

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The Gloria: S-280 in the Hymnal 1982





The Salutation & Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

The First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

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

Psalm 50:1-6 Plainsong

¹ The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

- ² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.
- ³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- ⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- ⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

The Second Lesson

II Corinthians 4:3-6

And even 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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The Sequence "Songs of thankfulness and praise" Hymnal, 135



Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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

Six days later, 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.

After the reading, the Celebrant says
The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy, for all clergy, and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, for the leaders of the Nations, and let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this village of Anchorage, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially: Al, Allen, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, **especially Phil Rollins**, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin Page 360

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

All

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 Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

"O nata lux, de lumine"

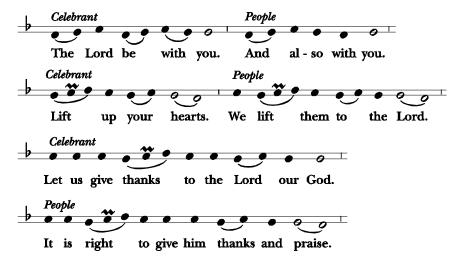
Thomas Tallis

O Light of Light, by love inclined, Jesu, redeemer of mankind, With loving-kindness deign to hear From suppliant voices praise and prayer.

Thou who to raise our souls from hell Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell, Vouchsafe us, when our race is run, In thy fair Body to be one.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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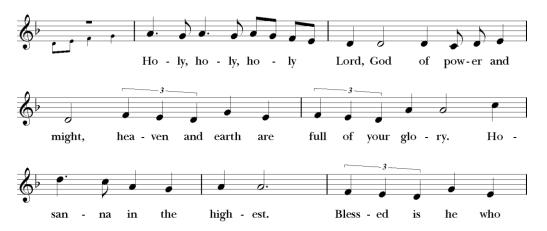


Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

Celebrant and people

Sanctus: S-129 in the Hymnal 1982





The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Mother of God, St. Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

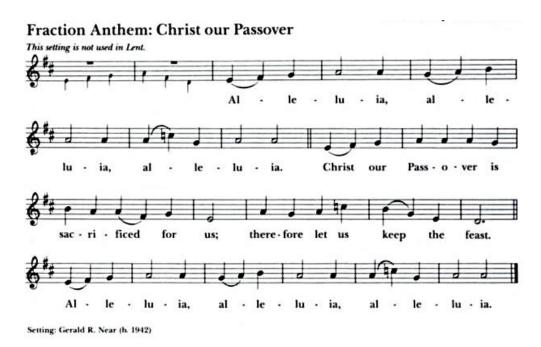
(sung) By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen*.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem: S-155 in the Hymnal 1982



A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.

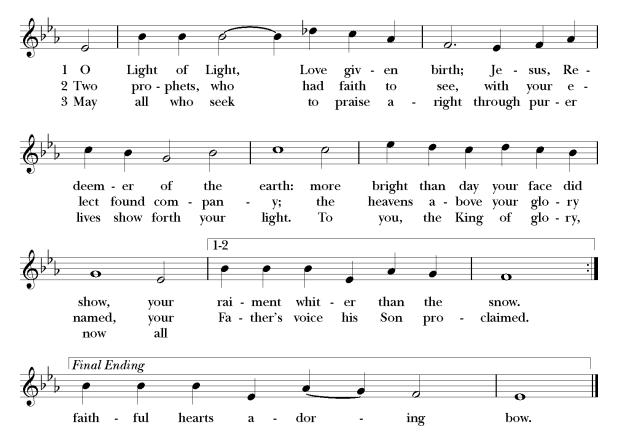
A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

As the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer

All Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

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Communion Hymn "O Light of light, love given birth" Hymnal, 133



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The Blessing

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The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Vesperae Solennes de Dominca K 321 - Laudate Dominum G. F. Handel

James Layton, trumpet

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke's Music Series offers two voice recitals

Today, at 3:30 pm, tenor Dylon Crain will present a recital of lieder and arias, with Lisa Lewis, pianist. A wonderful program with works by Robert Schumann, Hugo Wolf, Samuel Barber, Leonard Bernstein, Roger Quilter, J. S. Bach and Giocomo Puccini on Valentine's Day!!

On **Sunday March 14 at 3:30 pm** soprano Emily Albrink will present a recital with David George, pianist. Details forthcoming!

Both these events are "virtual" recitals, so you can relax and listen in the comfort of your own homes. Mark your calendars to be sure to listen in!

St. Luke's Connections

St Luke's Connections is our latest media production, that happens right before our Sunday 10:00 AM live stream. In St Luke's Connections we get to know members of our community here at St Luke's. Currently we are in need of our community of faith to volunteer about 10-15 minutes of their time to be interviewed as part of St Luke's Connections. If you are interested in being interviewed please contact either Ira Creasman or Mitch Wilson.

Ira: 205-382-4800 or ibcreasman@gmail.com / Mitch: mitchelldalewilson@hotmail.com

2021 Stewardship & Offering Envelopes

It is not too late to submit your pledge (a commitment to a specified amount of financial giving) to the ministry of St Luke's for 2021! Please be in touch with our bookkeeper, Judy, at bookkeeper@stlukesanchorage.org to make or update your pledge for 2021. You have many options for giving, including by mail, by automatic draft from your preferred bank account, and by our online giving portal.

If you would like to make your financial gifts by mail, we need to mail Offering Envelopes out to those who want them. Please let Dawn know at admin@stlukesanchorage.org, should you want a pack of envelopes for 2021.

Ash Wednesday Announcement!

We will livestream the service for Ash Wednesday on **February 17**th **at 7 pm on our Facebook page** found at <u>www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage</u>.

Find Ashes @ Home kits on the Lyman House porch, see our earlier email for more information about this optional resource!

If you choose to impose ashes on your skin, DO NOT ADD WATER TO THE ASHES. This creates a substance that can be harmful to the skin. If you would like your ashes to be dampened, use a small amount of oil.

A new Lenten program

As we continue the safe practice of virtual worship services, we want to offer a special series during the season of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross is a service we usually read on Good Friday just before the service. It offers a pilgrimage following the 14 Stations of the Cross.

This year we're going to offer 2 stations each Sunday in Lent. A choral meditation or an organ meditation will follow the short prayer service set for each station. On Palm Sunday, we'll offer the last 4 stations, ending with the last, Jesus is put in the tomb.

During Holy Week, you can watch the 14 Stations of the Cross in one viewing, if you prefer.

The inspiration for this series was the amazing set of improvisations at the Royal Conservatory of Music at Brussels by the French organist, Marcel Dupre on February 13, 1931. They were later transcribed and published and became Dupre's crowning compositional achievement. Lisa Lewis will play five of the fourteen organ pieces over the course of the 6 weeks of Lent. You may also want to explore the poetry of French poet, Paul Claudel, that served as inspiration for Dupre's improvisations. The pieces are dramatic and capture the emotion of each station.

Watch for the Stations 1 and 2 on Lent I, February 21 at 3:00 pm on St. Luke's Facebook page.

Wednesday AM Lenten Bible Study!

Our <u>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</u> returns on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 9:45 am. Please join us via Zoom every Wednesday during Lent at 9:45 am to discuss a chapter of The Path, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement and much beloved by our Thursday Night group. Because we are not able to hand out books at the church office during this time, we are asking that all those who wish to participate acquire a personal copy of the book. If you need financial assistance, please be in touch with Mother Allison at associate@stlukesanchorage.org so that she can assist you in obtaining a copy. You'll find links below to purchase a copy of the book, so that you can follow along with us in this Lenten practice of studying scripture in community!

The book can be ordered in either paper copy or Kindle format from Amazon via this link: https://www.amazon.com/Path-Journey-Through-Bible-English/dp/0880284358/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+path+forward+movement&qid=1611780422&sr=8-1

A PDF of the book from the publisher can be found here: https://www.forwardmovement.org/promotions/PDF/ThePathPDF.pdf

The Zoom link, which will be the same each week, is here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81267113936

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

<u>Contemporary Anglican Saints – Sunday 9am Class</u>

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00. We begin a new series on Anglican Saints next Sunday, February 21st.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030 / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030** If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is TWICE a month, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Join us on **February 16th from 6** – **7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

Link to Centering Prayer Group: https://zoom.us/j/85280543522

Meeting ID: 852 8054 3522

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

In our prayers ... for Al, Allen, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Danny, Dave, David, Diana, Doug, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erma, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Laura, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Marty, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Morgan, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Rob, Ronald, Rueben, Sandy, Sherrie, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

February 21: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; First Lent I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.