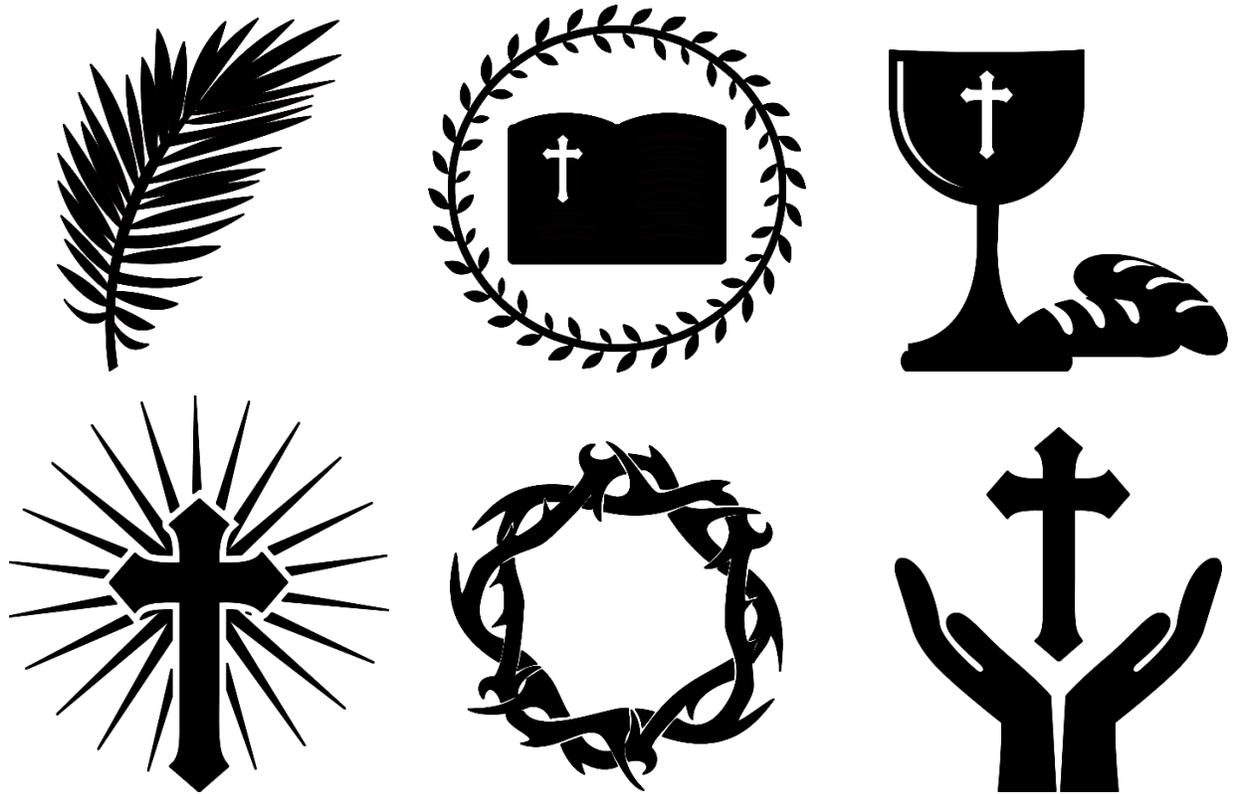


The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Bell Tone Call to Worship

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to the people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am

Song of Praise S91

Lord Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader In our first reading, the Lord calls upon Ezekiel to prophecy that the people who have experienced exile and many hardships will live again. The prophet has a vision of the bones of a dead and hopeless people being restored to new life in their homeland.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

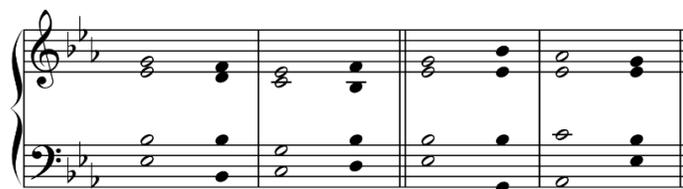
So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

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

Spoken at 8:00 am & Chanted at 10:00 am

Psalm 130



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my **voice**; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
 - 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done **amiss**, *
O Lord, who could **stand**?
 - 3 For there is forgiveness with **you**; *
therefore you shall be **feared**.
 - 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for **him**; *
in his word is my **hope**.
 - 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the **morning**, *
more than watchmen for the **morning**.
 - 6 O Israel, wait for the **Lord**, *
for with the Lord there is **mercy**;
- (second half)*
- 7 With him there is plenteous **redemption**, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Reader In our second reading, Paul draws a contrast between minds dominated by things of the flesh—worldly things—and those whose minds are set on Christ and filled the Spirit of God.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:00 a.m.

Gospel Hymn 508

Breath on Me, Breath of God

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Nicene Creed

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, for our nation, and for the world; especially Donald, our president, Maura, our governor, and Michael, our mayor.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for The Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew, Greenfield; Cathedral in the Night, Northampton; the Board of Examining Chaplains; the Episcopal Church Foundation; the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church; and the Anglican Church of Korea.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Miguelina, our Bishop-elect; Sandi, our priest; and for all other bishops and ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially in loving memory of Al and remembering The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz, and Cele Hahn, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp burns, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence is kept.*)
The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The priest offers a collect.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of "our life and labor," which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or scan the QR code located in the pew.

Offertory Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
by Harold W. Friedell, arr. John Hooker

1. Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
For when humbly in Thy name
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Amen, amen
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.
2. As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Amen, amen
So knit Thou our friendship up.
3. All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Amen, amen
We will serve Thee faithfully.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Presentation Hymn LEVAS 119

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Anna Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund

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 all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Spoken at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

Sanctus S164

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.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup. You may now intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

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.

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn 347

Go Forth For God

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PERMISSIONS

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Counters	Karen Newman, Kathy DeJean
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Closer	Mike Ehresman

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Guild		Alice Ehresman
Greeter(s)	Samantha Hemmingsen	Sharon Rommelman
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Kara Noble	Jan Parks
Lector(s)	Sandra Chamberlain	Holly Rodriguez Donna Tatlock-Calkins
Usher(s)	Samantha Hemmingsen	Jody Brown
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Al, The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz; and Cele Hahn.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Anglican Church of Korea.

Diocesan Prayer for The Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew, Greenfield; Cathedral in the Night, Northampton; the Board of Examining Chaplains; the Episcopal Church Foundation; and the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

- Sunday March 22** The Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person
10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
- Monday, March 23**
4:30 *TOPS (SMGR)*
5:30 *Girl Scouts*
8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
- Tuesday, March 24**
2:00 pm Online Grief Support Group
5:15 pm Liberator Stations of the Cross (Park Square)
6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
6:30 pm *Music Together*
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, March 25**
12:15 pm Healing Service
1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study
7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*
- Thursday, March 26**
5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)*
6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
- Friday, March 27**
4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*
- Saturday, March 28**
9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
- Sunday, March 29**
Palm Sunday
8:00 am Holy Eucharist (*in person*)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (*in person | live streamed*)
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, *Bishop Elect*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

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ECOTA Happenings

March 22, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Tuesdays: Bridge Fellowship, 7:00 pm | Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm

Lent Grief Support Group – Tuesdays, March 24 & 31 @ 2:00pm

Grief expresses itself in many ways, and during the season of Lent, uncomfortable feelings may arise. As a Certified Grief Educator, Lyn Casey will be facilitating an online support group to provide a safe place to share and witness each other's experiences. These sessions will offer a judgment-free space for sharing, as well as an opportunity to learn new ways to navigate loss. The group will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm for the six weeks of Lent running through March 31. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyn at GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com.

Liberator Stations of the Cross – Tuesday, March 24 @ 5:15 pm

Please join us on Tuesday, March 24 at 5:15 pm at Park Square, when community members of all beliefs will gather to journey the Liberator Stations of the Cross, written by parishioner, Steve Harvester. These fifteen readings draw on our ancient Stations tradition to reflect on Jesus as the one who walks in solidarity with the oppressed, echoing the witness of Christian leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., our Episcopal bishops, and all who are reclaiming this liberating vision of the Gospel as God's message of peace with justice (shalom). Please let Steve or Rev. Sandi know if you would like to be one of the fifteen readers.

Stations of the Cross with Josh Vélez – Friday, March 27 @ 4:30pm

During Lent, you are invited to walk the path of Christ's final journey through the ancient devotion known as The Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross. Josh Vélez will lead a final prayerful service this Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This year offers a special opportunity to experience the devotion, suffering, courage, and love revealed in Jesus' journey to the cross.

No Coffeehouse in March

Because the end of the month is so close to Holy Week (and there is so much going on!), we will take a month off on the coffeehouse and resume in April.

Laundry Love Needs Help on Wednesday, March 25 @ 4:30pm

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. Laundry Love could use non-perishable, salty snacks, individually wrapped desserts, bottles of water, detergent pods, and dryer sheets for its next session on March 25. They are also looking for volunteers to help that day (a shift is from 4:10-6:45 pm). Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or talk to Holly Rodriguez for more information.

Egg Hunt Candy Donors Needed

We are seeking donations of wrapped candy to stuff into the eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt this year. Candy donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex until March 30. **PLEASE: No Candy Including Nuts Or Peanut Butter.** Join us if you can help stuff the eggs on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny ~ Saturday, April 4, 11:00am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church's front lawn on Saturday, April 4. Registration will be between 10:30-10:45 am; *the egg hunt begins at 11:00 am, rain or shine*. And the Bunny will be on hand for photos with the kids!

Spring Rummage & Bake Sale ~ Helpers and Bakers Wanted!

Rummage Sale Dates: Friday, April 17 @ 4:00 - 7:00 pm & Saturday, April 18 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We're getting ready for our Spring Rummage Sale! If you have items to donate, please bring them to the Great Hall and place them on the table in front of the stage. **All donations must be clean and usable, in good working order. Please note that we cannot accept furniture (or other large, heavy items), luggage, golf clubs/bags, baby/children's car seats, or items containing oil or other flammable liquids.** We also need people to bake delicious treats for the bake sale, as well as people to help with set up, to run the rummage and bake sales, and clean up after the event is done. If you can help with this major church fundraiser, please sign up on the sheet the Narthex.

Spring Clean-up Day – Date TBD (likely early May)

It's time for ECOTA's annual Spring Clean-up. Can you help? We will be looking for people who can lend a hand removing leaves, trimming and pruning, weeding, mulching, fertilizing, cleaning windows, waking up gardens and otherwise maintaining outdoor spaces to keep the church looking good and standing strong for years to come. Bring your favorite yard tools and join us! We'll put up a sign-up in sheet the Narthex as soon as we finalize the day.

Ordination of Bishop-Elect Miguelina Howell **Saturday, April 25 ~ 10:00 am**

Excitement is mounting as the Diocese prepares to welcome its next leader. **Bishop-elect Howell** will be ordained and consecrated in a festive Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral on **Saturday, April 25, at 10:00 am**. Pre-service music begins at 9:30 am; the service should conclude around 12:00 noon. A reception will follow on the museum quadrangle behind the cathedral.

Seating in the Cathedral is limited, so to ensure that every parish has the opportunity to participate, organizers have secured use of the auditorium in the d'Amour Museum immediately adjacent to the cathedral where a high-quality livestream of the service will be broadcast.

Each parish will be given two seats in the cathedral and four seats in the auditorium. Our congregation's seats must be claimed by **April 2**. Parishes are also encouraged to organize local or regional "watch parties" to watch the live-stream broadcast closer to home. For more information, visit the diocesan ordination page (<https://www.diocesewma.org/the-ordination-of-bishop-elect-miguelina-howell>).
