

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Gayle Beason, **Jean** Holloway, **Sladen** Bradley, **Jim** Hipps, **Pat** Rapp, **Craig** Thompson.

Friends and Loved Ones:

Becky Duff, Duff girl's mom, leg surgery

Brian M. Carrie's friend, cancer treatment

Charlene Comer, Carrie's friend

Christopher Eckert, Donna's brother in law

Josalyn Tigelman at the loss of her baby, Heather's friend

Kim K., Annie's friend, stage four brain cancer

Wanda Chavers, The Cotham's friend

Eddie and **Taywee**, the Cotham's son and daughter in law

Fred and **Pat** Bowman, Cheryl C's daughter in law's family

Mandy, Cheryl C's friend with cancer

Ed, on the loss of his wife, Don C's brother

Ken Bird, Don C's friend, lung cancer.

Janice Robertson, Ashli Jordan's grandmother (James' daughter in law)

Margaret Long, Mark's mom

Kathy Schalekamp, heart, Kathy M's friend

Tony Talens, Kathy M's friend

Val Morein, Kathy M's friend

Mary Patterson, Amelia's friend, cancer

Pam Jackson, Amelia's friend, terminal cancer

Sara Main, Carol Dalglish's sister

Earl Krampe, Nichole Pruneda's uncle

Alicen and **Hailey**, Rapps' Granddaughters

Sister **Tina** Francesca, Long and Duff families

Wilene Penley, Keith's mom

Kathy Lowry, former parishioner

And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially, **Julianne** Moore,

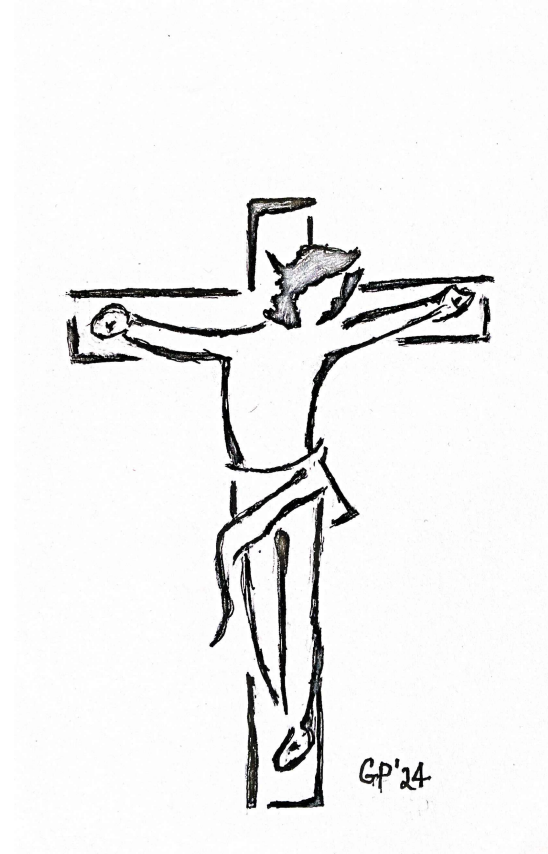
Anthony Sarago, **Trevor** Sanders, **Malerie** Bell, **Sean** Vogel, **Dalton** Ogdon.

For those having birthdays this month: **Rodney** Beason 3/9, **Amelia** Hipps 3/9, **Ashli** Jordan 3/17,

Katie Rea 3/18, **Lynn** Danielson 3/19, **Evan** Johnston 3/27, **Matt** Nicks 3/29

For those having anniversaries: **Bill and Joan** Bryson 3/20.

We pray for our outreach partners Byars Dowdy Elementary, Joseph's Storehouse and Compassionate Hands and the people they serve. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Grace Church, Spring Hill.



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025 + 8:30AM + 10:30AM

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Lebanon, Tennessee

Welcome!

“...For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people...”

Guests and friends, we are delighted to welcome you today. We hope you will enjoy the service and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in praise and prayer. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this order of service bulletin. Episcopalians generally stand to sing, kneel (or sit) to pray, and sit to listen.

Baptized Christians of any denomination are invited to take communion with us! At the altar rail, if you'd rather receive a prayer of blessing instead of the bread or wine, indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. **Gluten free wafers are available.**

Please sign our guest book, receive a visitor's bag and join us downstairs for “coffee hour” and treats after the service.

Announcements:

Epiphany 101 | a class for newcomers and long-timers begins next week, Sundays 9:40-10:10 through April. Each session is a “stand alone” class so that you can attend one, or all or something in between.

Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers | 5:30-7pm, sign up to bring soup or bread; program: “The Seven Last Word of Jesus” on the cross, with Compline.

We have **cancelled Thursday Lenten Lunches** because of scheduling conflicts.

Lenten Copy Paper Drive | to benefit the teachers of Byars Dowdy Elementary School.

Youth Event | March 23rd after the 10:30AM service.

Ongoing events:

- *First Sunday, Opportunity for **Healing Prayer** in the Eucharist
- *First Sunday, **Daughters of the King**, 12:15PM See Pat Rapp
- *Second Saturday, **Men's Breakfast, 8:30AM** Parish Hall, See Jim Hipps
- *Second and Fourth Sunday, **Choir Practice**, 9:30AM
- *Wednesdays, **Choir Practice**, 4:30PM
- *Third Monday, **Vestry Meeting**, 6PM
- *Third Thursday, **Lunch Bunch Social 11:30AM (Olive Garden, Mt Juliet, 3/20)**
- *Fourth Sunday, **Food Pantry** Collection for Joseph's Storehouse
- * **Youth Group Sunday School** 9:45AM

	8:30AM	10:30AM
Ushers	Ann & Wayne Hill	Mark Long & Jean Newbell
Lector/Reader	Susan Johnston	Jeff Brown
Prayers of the People	Carol Dalglish	Cheryl Cotham
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Johnston	Carrie Johnson
Acolytes	Richie Watson	Lori Cameron
Livestream on Ipad	NA	Del Rapp
Altar Guild	Jean Newbell & Mary Lou McBrien	
Opener/Closer		Tracy Mitchell
Organist	James Jordan	James Jordan
Deacon and Preacher	The Rev. Cindy Long	The Rev. Cindy Long
Celebrant	The Rev. Cynthia Seifert	The Rev. Cynthia Seifert

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Hymn 401 *The God of Abraham praise*

- 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.
- 2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend,
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.
- 4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father. great I AM, we worship thee."
- 5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

The Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Penitential Order II & Holy Eucharist: Rite II | 8:30am and 10:30AM Service

The Second Sunday in Lent

The Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

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People **His mercy endures forever. Amen**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

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

**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

S 91

The Holy Eucharist I

Lord, have mercy upon us *Kyrie*

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

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

2 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness

The Prayer of Humble Access *(From Rite I, BCP page 337)*

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.

Baptized believers from all traditions are invited to participate in communion. The ushers will direct when to come forward. Present your hands to receive a blessed wafer; leave it for the chalice bearer to dip and give back to you, unless you'd like to receive from the cup. If so, help by guiding the cup to your lips. Cross your arms to indicate you'd like the wine to pass you by or receive a prayer of blessing instead of communion.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

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,

(To be sung) Our Father (echo...), Who art in heaven, Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth, As in heaven
Give us today, All that we need, Forgive us, All our wrongs
As we forgive, Those who harm us, And lead us not, Away from you
For the kingdom, And the power, Are yours Lord, Forever

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be your name (echo)
Hallowed be your name (echo) Hallowed be your **name** (no echo) 5 times total

The Fraction: Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-164 *Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us,
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace

descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 27 (*Let us read it responsively by half-verse*)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

A Reading from Philippians(3:17-4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 488 *Be thou my vision*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (12:31-35)

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Hymn 488 *Be thou my vision*

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sermon *The Children's Sermon and Dismissal to Children's Church (10:30AM)*

The Nicene Creed *(Standing)*

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The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People

And also with you

The Offertory Sentence and Music

The Presentation, Oblations of Bread and Wine

Celebrant

All things come of Thee O Lord

People

And of thine own have we given Thee.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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. *(The priest adds the Proper Preface, pg BCP 379)*

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:

The Sanctus *(Hymnal Service Music S-125)*

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

(The people kneel (or sit) or stand.)

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.