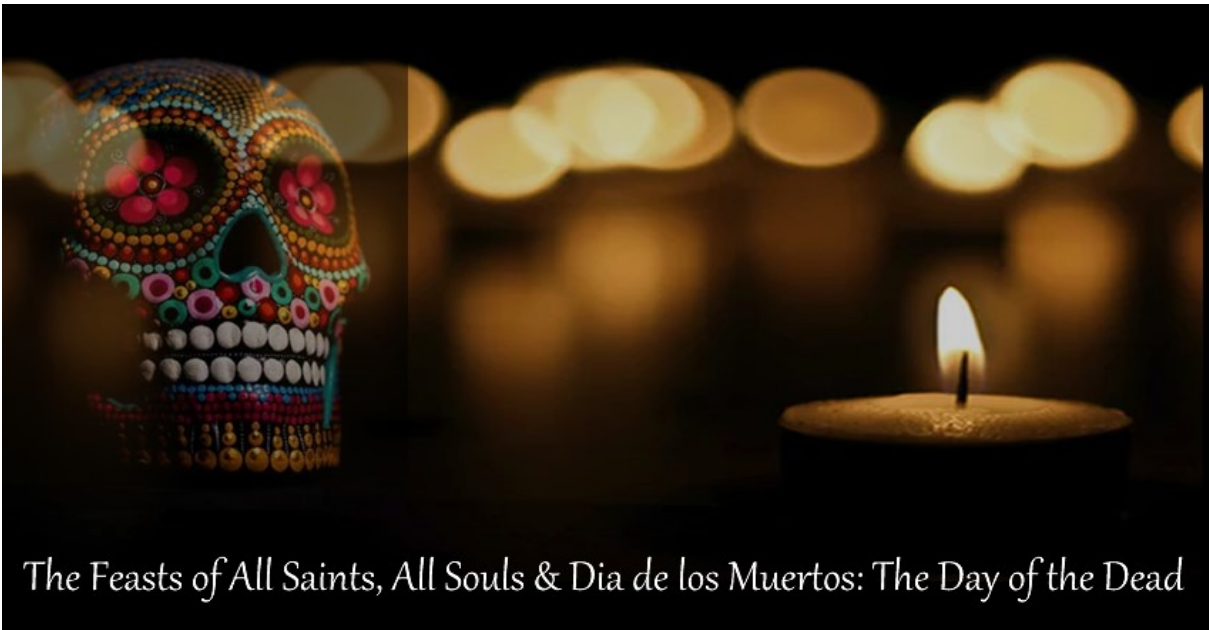


# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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***November 3, 2024***



*The Feasts of All Saints, All Souls & Dia de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead*

## **Mission Statement**

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

## **Welcoming Statement**

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

*Today's service seeks to blend together elements of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls along with Día de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead. This is a special time of both remembering and celebrating our loved ones who have died. We are celebrating this as a High and Holy Day, with somewhat more ceremony than our usual liturgies, to help highlight the significance of the day. The side chapel in the Church has been set aside as a Chapel of Remembrance with an ofrenda (offering altar) set up where you are welcome to display photographs of loved ones. Note that in keeping with the traditions of Dia de los Mueros this is not an altar for worship but rather an altar of welcoming their spirits back among us, the living, for this special time.*

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

**Opening Hymn #287 For all the saints**

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though they die.

And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

# Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

<sup>4</sup>  
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers:

Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

*The first lesson is from Wisdom 3:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

<sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

<sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

<sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

<sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

<sup>6</sup> like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

<sup>7</sup> In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

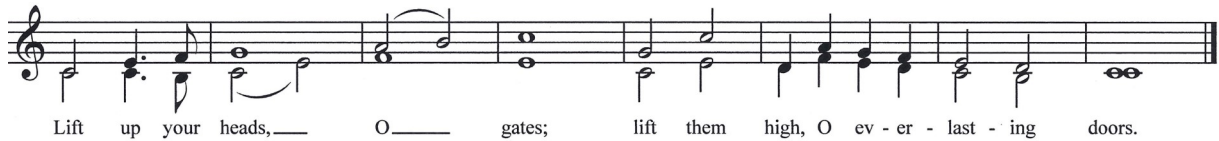
<sup>8</sup> They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

<sup>9</sup> Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 24



- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? And who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

*The second reading is from I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn- Sing With All The Saints (see insert)**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 5:24-27*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

<sup>25</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; <sup>27</sup>and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson**

**The Apostles Creed**

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

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

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

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

**The Prayers of the People**

**A Litany for the Dead**

*While the following is prayed any who wish are welcome to join the procession to the side chapel where our ofrenda is censed and blessed.*

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;  
draw near to those who mourn, and dry the tears of those who weep.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;  
comfort us in our sorrow.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life;  
give to our brothers and sisters eternal life.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;  
bring our brothers and sisters to the joys of heaven.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows;  
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.  
**Hear us Lord.**

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer.  
Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer at the Ofrenda**

Dios de amor y misericordia, ponemos en tus dulces manos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que has llamado de esta vida de pecado a tu presencia.  
En la Tierra, les demostraste tu gran amor, y ahora que ya están libres de toda preocupación concédeles pasar con seguridad las puertas de la muerte



y gozar de la luz y la paz eterna en el cielo, contigo.

Habiendo terminado su vida terrenal, te pedimos que los recibas en el paraíso, en donde ya no habrá tristeza ni dolor, sino solo alegría y felicidad con Jesús, tu Hijo, y con el Espíritu Santo, por siempre y para siempre.

**Amén**

*God of love and mercy, we place in your gentle hands our brothers and sisters whom you have called from this life of sin into your presence.*

*On Earth, you showed them your great love, and now that they are free from all worries, grant them to pass safely through the gates of death and enjoy the light and eternal peace in heaven, with you.*

*Having finished their earthly life, we ask you to receive them in paradise, where there will no longer be sadness or pain, but only joy and happiness with Jesus, your Son, and with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.*

*Amen*

### **Confession of Sin**

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.**

### **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Lord make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **Blessings and Celebrations**

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Wedding Anniversary Prayer**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism**

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Sick**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn #436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**

**Doxology**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

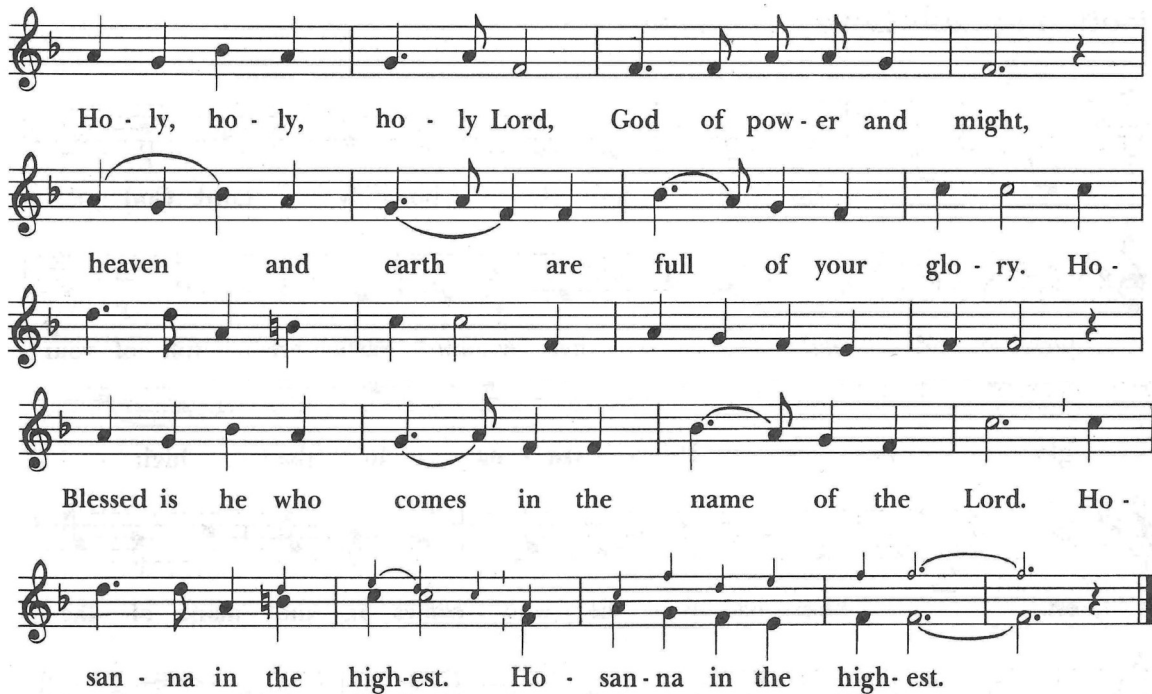
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus



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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made

the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

O God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom  
 come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our  
 dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,  
 as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from  
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the  
 glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have  
7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the  
12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.*

**Communion Hymn—We Are Many, We Are One (see insert)**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.**

**Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of grace.

**Amen.**

May Christ give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.

**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn #618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones**

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia. Grace be with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer



## **Join Election Night Virtual Prayers**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5, 8 to 10 p.m. ET**

Everyone is invited to join **Election Night Virtual Prayers** hosted by [The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations](#) from 8 to 10 p.m. EY (5-8pm PST). Nov. 5. [Bishop Sean Rowe](#), who will become presiding bishop on Nov. 1, will offer an opening reflection and prayer. Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers together for peace, the nation, and all people and countries. Join via Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/TheEPPN/>

### ***Installation of Fr. Brian Dawson***

Celebrate the installation of Fr. Brian as our new Rector, Sunday, November 10th. There will be special presentations, a homily by the Rev. Karen Matthews, Fr. Brian's wife, and encouragement from Bishop David Rice. The service will begin at 10 am and be followed by a special lunch reception.

Lunch will be a variety of soups and salads, rolls, and a celebratory cake. *Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby to contribute a soup or salad.*

Call the church office for more details, 209-522-3267.

### **Parish Visit by Four Ukranian Doctors**

As a parish we have helped 4 doctors to come from Ukraine to attend an important psychiatric congress in Colorado and to visit some psychiatric hospitals in California. *These doctors will be at St. Paul's on November 11 at 5:30 PM. Come to hear an update on their work and enjoy a pot-luck supper in the Parish Hall.* You will have an opportunity to meet them personally and ask questions. All are welcome. For questions call Rex Adamson at 209-595-4935.



**For Health, Peace and Comfort:**

Cherie Sheaffer; Claudine Romegialli; Pam & Mike Cox; Suzy Cano; Elaine Paradis; Deacon George; Ryan Anderson; Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Mary Kinnaman; Michael Thorington; Ishmael Huggins; Kristina & Rozy Frias; Ken & Trish Hart; Mary Griffin; Joshua Trautmann; Christine Judd; Joel; Ellen; Christine Jayne; Danielle; Craig & Marti Persons; Howard Grieshaber Keith & Ginny Munroe; Brett; Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Rev. Karen; Nell; Dennis H.; Rosanna & Niniv; Alfred Spina; Clare C.; Susan Sell; John K.; Polly; Colleen; Louise; Kelly; Dennis F.; Priscilla.

**Praise God:**

Our loved ones who have entered into His joy.

**Please Pray For:**

Kristina Frias, for success in her job search.

Gabe Trautmann for success in his job search.

Ally Young for success in her job search.

Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere: Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will in their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.

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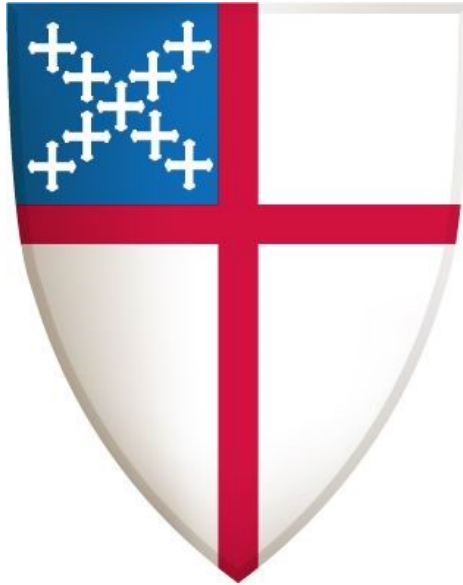
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