The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 4th Sunday in Lent ***March 27, 2022***

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

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Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Worship as we move forward in COVID-19: We are carefully gathering for **worship in-person at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:30pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required, and we continue to remain masked through the services and practice respectful distances and safety protocols. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable or unable to mask we would encourage you to join via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthdivine.bc.ca for link) or through the livestream on the Website: https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/

For those wishing to attend midweek gatherings, proof of vaccination is required, please contact the office for details.

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum
Greeters: Judith Reid, Ann McLaren
Crucifer: Susanna Peterson
Readers: Erin Kelly, Margaret Walker (both via Zoom)
Gospel: Karen Coverett
Sermon: The Reverend Stephanie Wood
Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

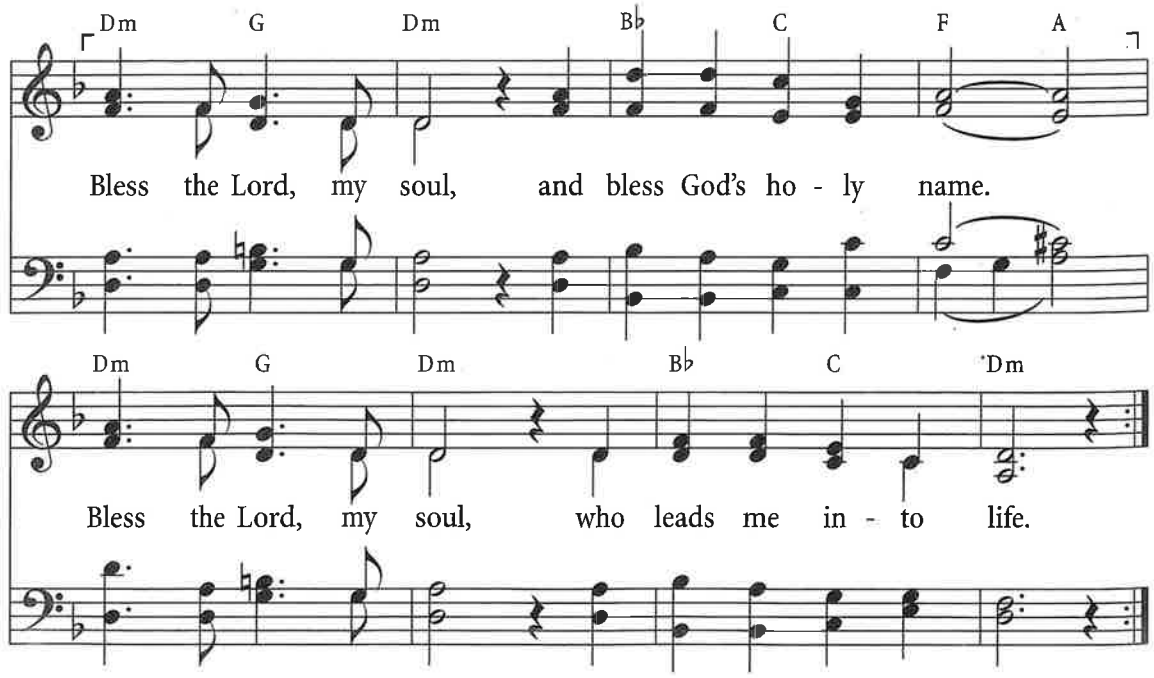
Verger: Chuck Neilson
Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett
Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,
The MacRae Choral Scholars
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music
Setting: Missa Brevis, Walton.
Greek, Latin, English translation.

The Gathering of the Community

As we seek to care for one another in pandemic, we remember that masks must be worn over nose and mouth in our services at all times, especially when singing.

Please stand as you are able as the procession moves up the centre aisle.

During the procession we sing: (CP 360)



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Land Acknowledgement and Welcome to all who are gathering in the church building and online.

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

All: **you have called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray now, for all members of our family as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online. Through your spirit keep us united in love. Bless each of us with your beloved friendship. Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times. Help us to know that we are your people, that we are your Family, always. Amen.**

The family candle will remain lit in the church, for those at home please blow out your candles during the Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Christ the great reconciler calls us to be reconciled
to God, one another, and within ourselves.
Let us open ourselves to God's calling to healing and wholeness
and acknowledge our brokenness and longing.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Eleison

During Lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,
evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Book of Alternative Services

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading — Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in God.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms.
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use).
Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman, the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

The Epistle — 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Gradual Hymn (CP 352) — NEW BRITAIN

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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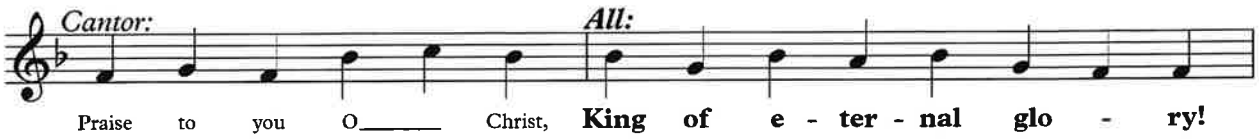
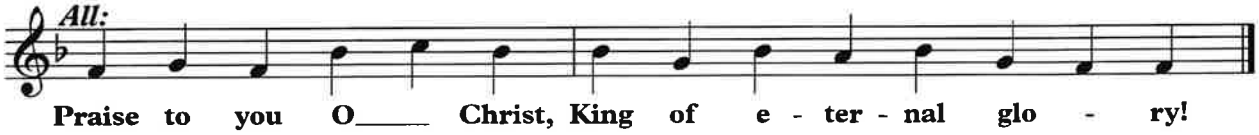
The Gospel
Before the Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Deacon or cantor: I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him:
Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.



God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."'

The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe and trust in God the Creator.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, incarnate Word.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.

(from *Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles, alt.)*

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 508)

KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

The Prayer over the Gifts

In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God.

Let us pray:

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

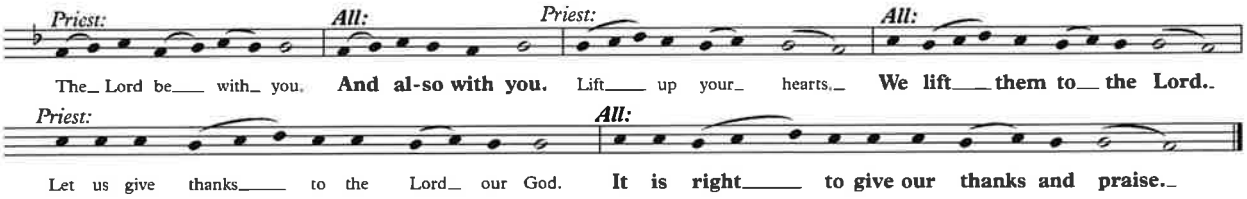
As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Thanks be to you,

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Prayer One
Church of England



All: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
Suffering on the cross;
Dying to save us from sin;
rising in glory from the dead.

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

You sent your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by the choir)*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	*Holy, holy, holy*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	*Lord God of power and might.*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit	*Blessed is he who comes*
in nomine Domini.	*in the name of the Lord.*
Osanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with friends.
Taking bread, Jesus thanked you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine, thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

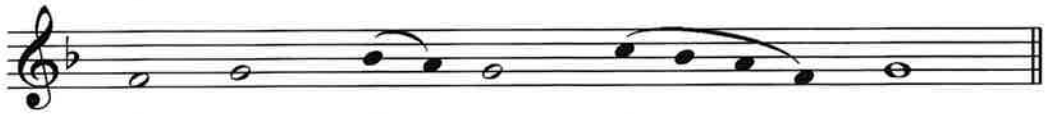
Creator, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember Jesus' death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

All: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

All: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

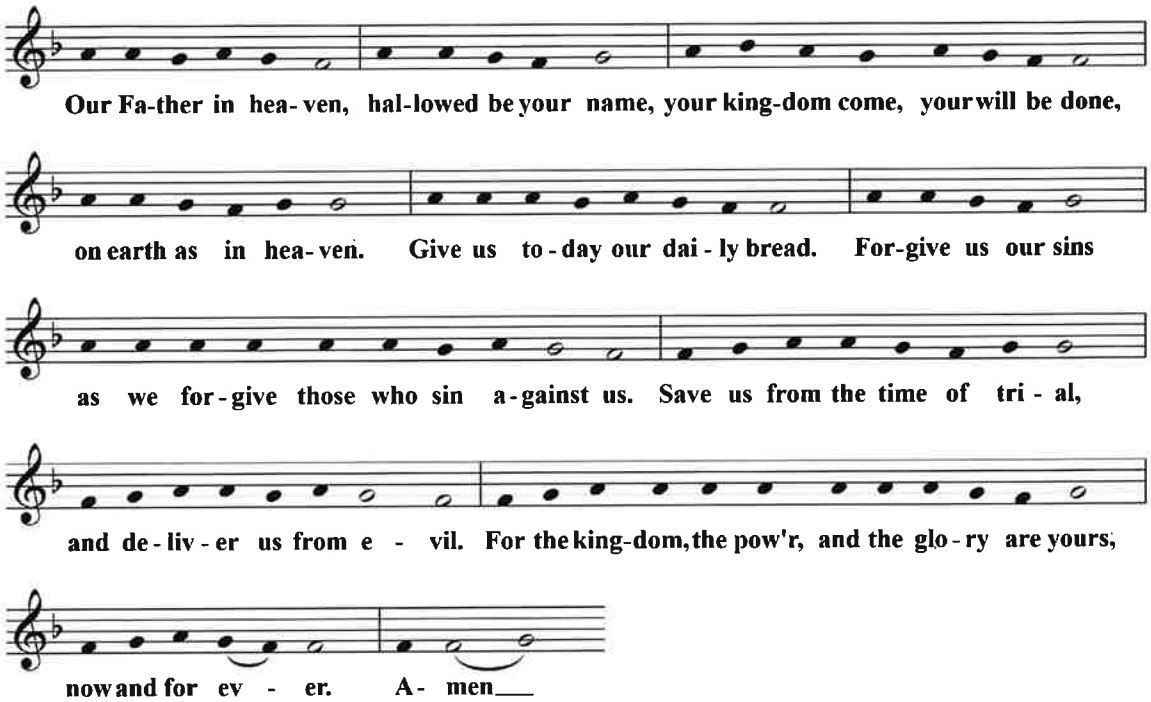
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.



All: **A men A - men A - men.**

The Disciple's Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,**
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The deacon will have gluten-free wafers available to those who wish them.

After receiving communion, please move to your right to go back to your seat.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis.	*have mercy on us.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem.	*grant us peace.*

Anthem during Communion

Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
so longeth my soul after thee,
O God
My soul is athirst for the living God
yes, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me
Where, where is now thy God?
My tears have been my meat day and night.
My meat day and night.
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
So longeth my soul after thee,
O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
Yea, for the living God.
When shall I come to appear
before the presence...
the presence of God?

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

One body are we.

All: **For, though we are in many places,**
we spiritually share one bread.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn (CP 345)

GWALCHMAI

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
even eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633).

Please join us in church or on Zoom for refreshments and fellowship.

Readings for March 27 – The 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 The prophet sounds a recurring theme of the Bible: God is doing something new--why can't we see it?

Psalm 126 God's intervention in changing the community's bad fortune into good, failure into success, tragedy into triumph is celebrated.

Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul speaks of his life in Christ as a process of forgetting what is past and pressing on toward what is to come.

John 12:1-8 A woman cares deeply for Jesus, and he is blessed by her lavish sacrifice and generosity.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Mark	David	John
Daryl	Anne	Nancy
Eric	Charlotte	Kat
Liz	Jenn & family	Joe & family
Frank	Esrael	Chris

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