# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 10:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise! ~



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~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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Reader 1:	David Montgomery
Reader 2:	Mary Lou Pierron
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## SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday Eliza Blay (February 21)! Today's flowers are given by the Boyer family for the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald and Joann Boyer and Tom Melideo.

## IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; and for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, The Crossing, MANNA Community, The Cathedral Chapter, the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; and for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

Paul Friedman, Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, the family of Mangok Bol and Thon, Magot, Ajoe, and Majuei Mach; and the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

(To add a name to the prayer list, please contact Lise at <u>office@parishofstpaul.org</u> or Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code below.)



## **RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER!**

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## **Staff**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney -- meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 10am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment). Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – office@parishofstpaul.org. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1

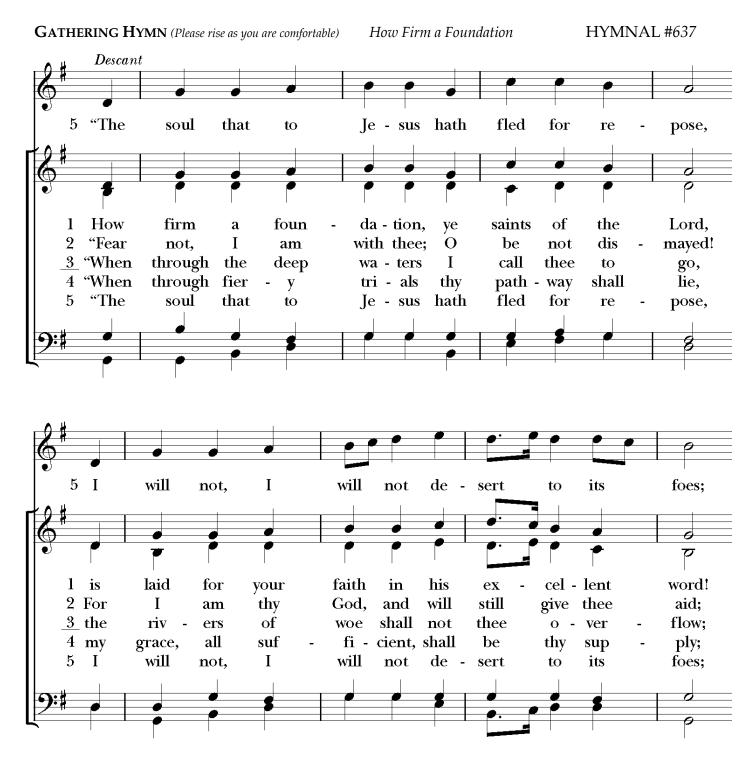
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#### Prelude

Musicians

## **ENTRANCE RITES**

**WELCOME:** From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.





Section: The Christian Life Title: How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord Meter: 11 11. 11 11 Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927) Copyright: Music: Descant copyright © 1974, The Cumberland Press. Used by permission.

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

- *All:* Glory to God for ever and ever.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### GLORIA



Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright: Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

(This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, and the other readings come from the NRSV.)

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant:God is with you.All:And also with you.Celebrant:Together, let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE FIRST READING** (*Please be seated.*)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Reader 1: A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says God:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from God.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in God, whose trust is God.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-who can understand it?

I your God test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader 1:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

## All: Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, and they meditate on that law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## THE SECOND READING

## I Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader 2: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that God raised Christ--whom God did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader 2:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: O How I Love Jesus Words: Frederick Whitfield (1829-1904) Music: American Melody



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#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

#### Luke 6:17-26

# Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.All:Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Humanity. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Celebrant:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, O Christ.

#### SERMON

Priest-in-Charge

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

*INT*: Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone. Amen.

Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, @ 2001, The Iona Community.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*INT*: In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

- *INT*: For all people in their daily life and work;
- All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
- *INT*: For this community, the nation, and the world;
- *All:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
- *INT*: For the just and proper use of your creation;
- All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
- *INT*: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
- *All:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
- *INT*: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
- *All:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
- INT: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our Diocesan Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers; and for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, The Crossing, MANNA Community, The Cathedral Chapter, the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; and for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.
- *All*: For all who serve God in God's Church.
- *INT*: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and especially for Paul Friedman, Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, the family of Mangok Bol and Thon, Magot, Ajoe, and Majuei Mach; and the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what else do we pray today? *(The People may add their own petitions.)*
- INT: Hear us, O God;

## *All*: For your mercy is great.

- INT: We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks today?
  (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*)
- *INT*: We will exalt you, O God;

## All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*INT*: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kindom. We pray especially for Donald and Joann Boyer and Tom Melideo, in whose memory today's altar flowers are given. Either silently or aloud, who else do we name and remember this day? *(The People may add their own names.)* 

- *INT*: O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
- All: Who put their trust in you.
- INT: We pray those written prayers offered by our community this morning (*the INT reads aloud any written prayers submitted before our liturgy began this morning.*)
- INT: Hear us, O God; *All:* For your mercy is great

#### PRAYER FOR THE SOCIAL ORDER (BCP P. 823)

- *INT:* Together let us pray.
- All: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

*Celebrant offers a collect.* 

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Silence

- *All:* O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive your every sin through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*All:* Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:*The peace of God be always with you.*All:*And also with you.

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**THE DOXOLOGY** (*Please rise as you are comfortable*)

Choir

HYMNAL #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

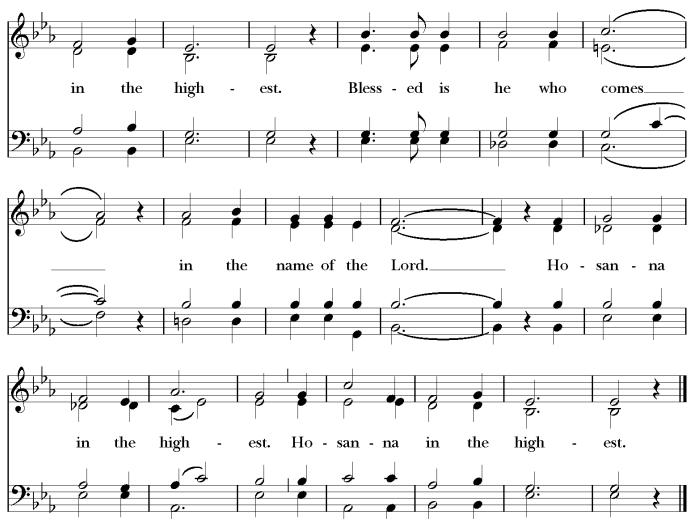
- *Celebrant*: God be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- *Celebrant*: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them up to God.
- *Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to God.
- *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- *Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

#### (The celebrant inserts a preface.)

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

SANCTUS





Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus Music: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again.

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may we all be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

*Celebrant:* As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

*All:* Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

- *Celebrant*: We who are many are one body;
- *All:* For we all share in the one bread.



Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei Music: From Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Celebrant:* These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose again for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are.

If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

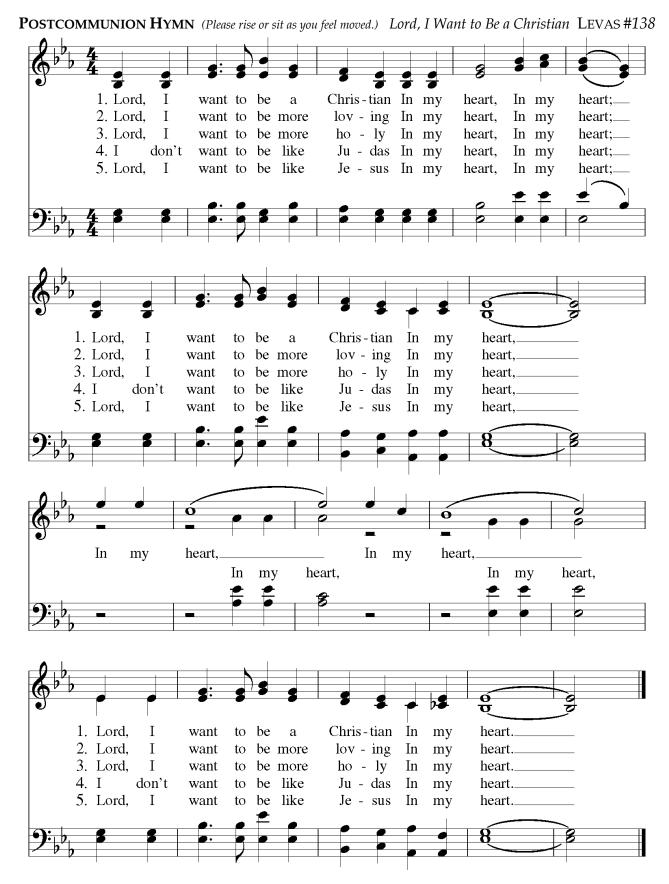
At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.* 

#### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(*This prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.*)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Section: Baptism and Conversion Title: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Edward C. Deas Copyright: © Sunday School Publishing Board

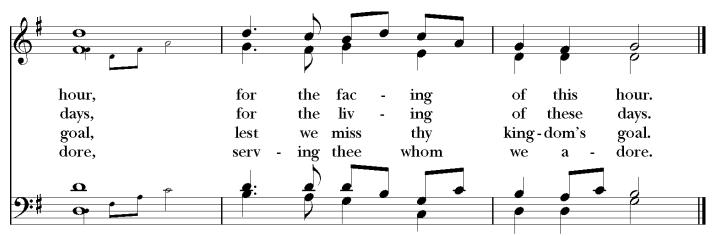
#### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** (Please rise as you are comfortable)

#### *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion. You have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING





Section: Christian Responsibility Title: God of grace and God of glory Meter: 87. 87. 877 Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932) Copyright: Words: By permission of the author.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*: Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God and God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

Musicians



#### **PARISH NOTICES**

#### Survey regarding a possible change in time of liturgy

Your priest-in-charge and wardens have been in conversation with NewCity Church about the \*possibility\* (with an emphasis on possibility; nothing is set in stone) of changing our liturgy time to either 10am or 9:30am. Please complete this survey (using QR code below) to share your thoughts so that your vestry can make an informed decision. The survey will remain open through Tuesday, February 18.



## Prayers of the People - Add an Intention Before Liturgy

Beginning today, a basket will be set on the altar before our liturgy, and slips of paper will be available next to the basket *and* on the entrance table inside the church. Please feel free to write an intention and place it into the bowl or basket by 10:25am. The intercessor for the day will include these intentions in the Prayers of the People. (Prayers submitted through the basket will be read aloud only on the day they are submitted.)

## Pizza and Compline -- Friday, February 28 at 7pm

With its origins in the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer (the liturgy of the hours), Compline is a simple evening service of readings and prayers. We will gather at 7pm for pizza, followed by Compline at 7:30pm. Please **rsvp here by February 27** so we know how much food to order.



## **Renewing the Prayer List**

Beginning last week, our parish prayer list began anew (we hope to renew it quarterly). If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office or with Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code below.



## **Pastoral Care**

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an in-person conversation about something of concern.

## **Prayer Circle**

Beginning in Lent, we will have a prayer circle that will meet monthly on Zoom in the evening. More details forthcoming.

## Monthly Vestry Meeting

The next Vestry Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30pm on Zoom.

## **Receive the Parish Newsletter!**

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#### **Can Redemption Volunteers**

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener if you can assist.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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