



# Grace Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

*Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly after worship. If you are tuning in online, please email or call us and tell us a bit about yourself. You may reach us through the church office at 828-254-1086 or at [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com). Also feel free to email our Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at [Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com) or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.*

*We begin our service on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer; you can find that in your pew rack. Please feel free to ask your neighbor if you have any questions about how to follow along in our common worship. Welcome to Grace!*

## 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**PRELUDE**    *O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin*

J.S. Bach

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.*

**Celebrant:**    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:**        **God's mercy endures for ever.**

**OPENING HYMN:** *Now Let us All with One Accord*

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# KYRIE

Cassarino

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

7 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have

13 mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

18 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

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, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.**

## **PSALM 130** (*Chanted*)

Out of the depths I call to / **you O Lord!**  
Lord, / **hear my voice!**  
Let your ears / **be attentive;**  
Lord / **hear my plea.**

Should you O Lord, remember / **all our sins,**  
Lord, / **who could stand?**  
But with you we / **are forgiven;**  
For this we / **worship you.**

My soul waits for / **you O Lord;**  
In your / **word I hope.**  
My soul waits for / **you O Lord,**  
More than those who watch / **for the morning.**

May Israel wait for / **you O Lord,**  
For with you / **there is mercy.**  
With you there / **is salvation;**  
You will redeem Israel from / **all its sins.**

**THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 8:6-11**

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.**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN:** *Holy Spirit, Ever Living*

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*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45**

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.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE HOMILY**

Rev. Mike

**THE NICENE CREED**

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Pat Davis, Rusty Herman, Daniel and Hannah Johnston, Shari Lane, Joan Mahon, Laura and Tsx-yan (GN) Snyder, Ketty and Shydnor Thompson, Barbara Wilcox, Tim Wrinn....are there others? let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially the families of Yogi Ayer and George Davis, and for those on the anniversary of their death; Fr. Paul Chaplin, June Ferguson, Richard Bell, Bob Peckham, Marge Lyons, The Rev. Leigh Urban, Betty Whorton, Edith Peacock Ann Hargrove.... let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our lives, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

**THE CONFESSION**

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**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Kyrie*

W.A. Mozart

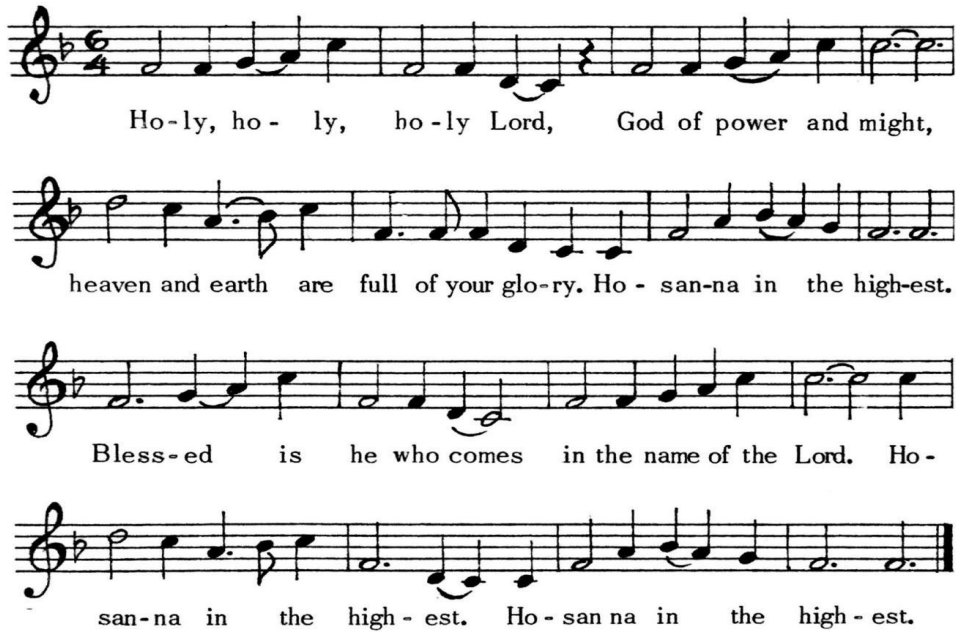
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer **A** (*standing*)

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**SANCTUS**

David Hurd





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.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san-na in the high - est. Ho - san na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Traditional Version)*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

David Hurd

[organ] O Lamb of God, — that  
 ta - kest a - way — the sins of the world,  
 have mer - cy up - on — us.  
 O Lamb of God, — that  
 ta - kest a - way — the sins of the world,  
 have mer - cy up - on — us.  
 O Lamb of God, — that  
 ta - kest a - way — the sins of the world,  
 Grant — us thy — peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*(Gluten free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail)*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM: *O Food to Pilgrims Given*

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### Post Communion Prayer *(standing)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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

## THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Oh Very God of Very God*

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## THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Out of the Depths*

Johann Kuhnau



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Tricia and Keith Hargrove in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends.

The greenery is given to the Glory of God by Dodie & John King in memory of her mother Virginia Sparacino.

## LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers Chalicer: Lectors: OT John Woodson NT Kristen Dusenbury

Intercessor: Kokayi Cobb

Ushers: William and Nate Potter Greeters: Chris Shaw and Jocelyn Medina

Vestry Member of the Day: Andrew Beasley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE! Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary with masks optional, and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Service links are at the top of our website [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). Click on "[YouTube Services](#)" for the service, on "**Sunday Service Bulletin**" for the bulletin, and on "**Sunday Hymns**" to sing along with the choir.

## EASTER FLOWER DONORS INVITED!

Memorialize loved ones and give thanks by making an Easter Flower donation. Envelopes are in the pews. Please state who this donation is “in memory of” or “in thanksgiving for” and note Easter Flowers with your note on your check or online donation.

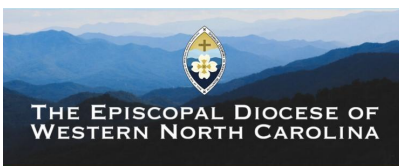
## FLOWER DONOR NEEDED

A flower donor is needed for April 30. Please contact Jennifer Witt for more information.

## MEDICAL ADVOCACY MINISTRY

The Medical Advocacy Ministry (MAM) will hold a 30 minute important meeting after church on March 26 in the Parish Hall. All ushers, acolytes, vestry and any other interested parties are invited to attend. This will be to demonstrate the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Blood Pressure Monitor (BP) donated by the MAM to those who may be involved with the use of both items when needed. Information will be available on a follow up inservice clinic for AED and BP monitor use along with CPR that Red Cross provides.

## [AED CERTIFICATION IN ASHEVILLE, NC - RED CROSS](#)



## EPISCOPAL AND DIOCESE PROGRAMS:

SIGN UP FOR THE WNC DIOCESE NEWSLETTER [HERE](#).

The [EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK \(EPPN\)](#) is a grassroots effort of [The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations](#) to educate, equip and engage individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy, guided by the resolutions of the General Convention and the Executive Council. To sign up for EPPN Action alerts that come to your personal email AND to receive a unique code to listen in on

the fast-paced, 30-minute Zoom call every Thursday at 1 pm (“Congress Weekly”), [register here](#) as an [EPPN](#) network member.

Here is the latest resource prepared by EPPN for your information and use:



- Support Statehood for D.C. The U.S. government taxes D.C. residents without providing them with voting representation in Congress. Statehood is one way this injustice can be remedied. Click [here](#) to learn more details about how the legislation would work and to send a personalized email to your elected officials to let them know that you support statehood for D.C.
- Join Refugee Council USA for National Advocacy Days May 2nd - May 3rd, 2023, in Washington, DC. Click [here](#) to register for this “in-person” event. Registration ends April 10th, 2023. Participants will also be able to attend a number of special training sessions to help build and expand their advocacy toolbelt for advocating for refugees. The event is free to attend, but participants traveling from out of the area will be expected to cover the cost of their travel and accommodation.

## **PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES EVENT**

An evening for Kids Deserve Justice, Wednesday, May 31, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvage Station. Join Pisgah Legal Services for an evening of community and celebration at the Salvage Station! Come together for local food, drinks, music, and family fun at this mainly outdoor event for all ages. There will also be a silent auction full of fun packages and experiences. All proceeds from the auction will support Pisgah Legal’s Children’s Law Program. For details and to purchase tickets, visit

<https://www.pisgahlegal.org/kidsjusticeevent>

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Have you considered joining the Altar Guild?

Members of the Altar Guild carry out the meaningful ministry of preparing our church for worship, especially setting the altar each Sunday, as well as preparing for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and making sure the linens, silver, and brass are in tip-top shape. We need to add two more people to each of our four groups that serve one Sunday a month. Would you serve with us? Please connect with Shannon Townsend or just walk into the sacristy and speak to the member serving.

## **GRACE BACKPACKERS**

Thank you for your support! The Grace Backpackers program gathered enough food to supplement the pantries of fifty families from Jones Elementary School just in time for Spring Break. Your donations plus your assistance with packing helped make this project a success! Also, a special thanks to Mosaic Realty for providing delivery services.

Please don't forget our on-going projects to collect emergency clothing and after-school snacks. Collection boxes and details are in the church foyer. These two projects will continue until the end of the school year.

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

The ECW will hold its Spring Potluck Luncheon on *Saturday, April 22nd, at noon* in the parish hall. We will have a business meeting to discuss our goals for the upcoming year. We encourage newcomers to join us!

### ***Lake Logan Retreat***

ECW in WNC celebrates 151 years this spring. We hope you will come and join us and share your stories with the women of our churches. Please plan to be with us for this historic event as we raise up the women who came before us in the early years, 1872 to the present women of today and with the women of tomorrow. The event will be held at Lake Logan Conference Center. For registration and further information, click [here](#).



**PRAYING TOGETHER** Rev. Milly holds open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly by appointment Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. *Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time with her.*

[Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com).

**WEEKLY TAIZÉ** What if . . . as part of a Lenten practice this year we set aside one hour of time just to listen for God — just be available to listen?

Why not take a short break on the way home from the pressures of the office or a few moments away from the hustle and bustle of the demands of home? The weekly Taizé service offers just such a respite. Please consider the Tuesday evenings of Lent at 6pm as an opportunity to experience a brief slice of peace . . .

And as Milly has reminded us — to Slow Down. For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: [www.graceavl.com/taize-grace](http://www.graceavl.com/taize-grace)

**THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE** Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at [pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com). You can also email, text or call Fr. Mike at 860-771-1656 or Rev. Milly at 828-772-1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.



**WOMEN WALKING THE WAY** Thursday at 8:00 a.m. meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Women of Grace, please consider joining Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake. This time together is devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus, in the world and in our community of Grace. No need to register or even email her,

just show up!



**ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY** Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [www.graceavl.com](http://www.graceavl.com). There is a "Give to Grace"



button on the top blue banner of our home page. To give to our "virtual collection plate" you can also use the Simple Church app or the Venmo app.



## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday Mar 26 9a	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sunday Mar 26 9:15	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Mondays, 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
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### OUR PRAYER LIST

*For Parishioners:* **Pat Davis; Rusty Herman; Daniel and Hannah Johnston; Shari Lane; Joan Mahon; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson; Barbara Wilcox; Tim Wrinn....**

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Cys (Sis) Hayes; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner....**

*For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)* **Linda Adams** (neighbor of Cliff and Anne); **Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Gene Bowen** (brother of Larry Bowen); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Porter Claxton** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Jimmy Cole** (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); **Ann Derwort** (sister of Jeanne Sims); **Cody Ervin** (friend of Hannah Pennell); **Woody Geizentanner** (friend of Pat & George Davis); **Patricia Grace** (friend of Gael Paschal); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Angela High** (friend of Vicki Vest); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); **Laury Keen** (friend of James Cannon's sister); **Candy Kelly** (friend of Dodie King); **Gene Mahon** (brother of Pat Mahon); **David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat** (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Molly Breslin** (friend of Gary Coffey and family); **Bob Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Pam** (neighbor of Mike Reardon); **Sharon Prater** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Michele and Kevin Randall** (niece and



nephew in-law of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Sarah and Bo** (friends of Amy & Phillip Trees....

*We Grieve and Pray with the families of* **Robert Giles** (brother of Nancy Walters); and **Yogi Ayer** (friend of Jeanne and Ron Sims).

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

*For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.*

*Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at [pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com) or contact the church.*

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*  
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