

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2024**

Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Musician: Sheila Seidemann

Videographer: George Edis

Reader: Carol Bulford

Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>.

*God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** Seafarers Mission

**Synod Parishes:** St. Paul's Lutheran in Prince Rupert - Rev. Diana Edis

Our Saviour Lutheran in Richmond - Rev. Christoph Reiners

**ACC:** Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal

**ELCIC:** The Asst to the Bishop & the staff of the Manitoba - Northwest Ontario Synod

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor is Public at Javadotcup, Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30AM.

2. We worship at 7:00 PM each Wednesday during Lent. We focus on the spiritual practice of lament.

3. Please forward the contact information of folks we may invite to St. Paul's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We would like to have a list within the month. Save the date of May 4th for a sit-down dinner with the Bishop and May 5<sup>th</sup> for celebratory worship!

4. Church Council meets Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM both in person and by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85848024707?pwd=UWZJcFRZSmJVb1JiVEJISE02MDBKQT09>  
Meeting ID: 858 4802 4707 Passcode: 271456

5. Our schedule for Holy Week and Easter is as follows:

- **Maundy Thursday Worship:** 7:00 PM PDT in person and on Facebook
- **Good Friday Worship:** March 29, 7:00 PM PDT in person and on Facebook
- **Easter Sunday Service:** 11:00 AM PDT in person and on Facebook

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## Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Restore in Us, O God

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|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Re - store in us, O God,          | the splen - dor of your love; re - |
| 2 | O Spir - it, wake in us           | the won - der of your pow'r; from  |
| 3 | Bring us, O Christ, to share      | the full - ness of your joy; bap - |
| 4 | Three-per - soned God, ful - fill | the prom - ise of your grace, that |



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933  
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Kyrie*

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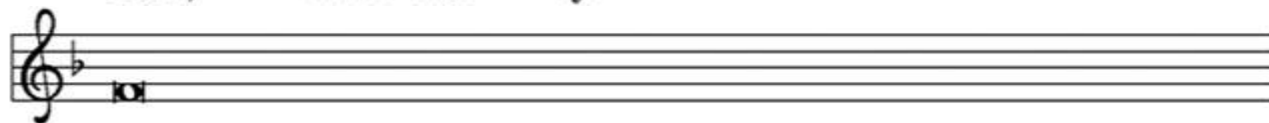
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



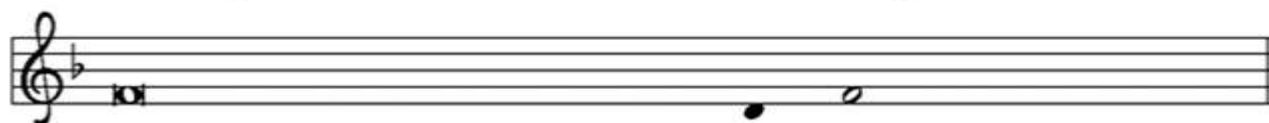
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



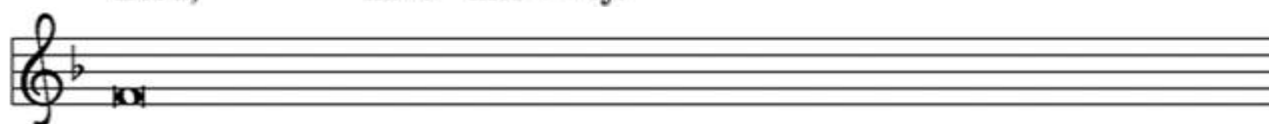
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



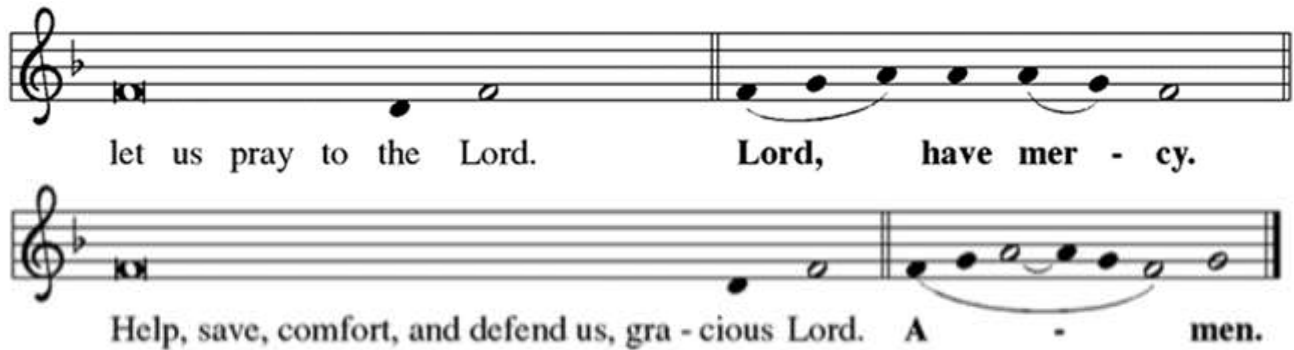
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day. We pray:

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Our First reading is from Jeremiah, beginning at the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter

31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God**

We read Psalm 51 1-12 responsively:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Our second reading is from Hebrews beginning at the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter

5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation*

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The holy gospel according to John, beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter

12:20-33

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very

truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

Rev. Diana Edis

*Hymn of the Day*

*As the Winter Days Grow Longer*

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1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,  
 as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light —  
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer —  
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.

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yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.  
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.

God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
 Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version  
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Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. We confess:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. Hearing the words "Hear us, O God" God's people may reply, "your mercy is great."

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. We pray now, either aloud or silently, for all those in our hearts and on our minds...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### *Offering*

*Offerings may be sent by e-transfer to [offering2stpauls@citywest.ca](mailto:offering2stpauls@citywest.ca), mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, or given through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

### *Offering Prayer*

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

*As we enter a time of communion all people are invited to join in God's meal. If you would like to learn more about communion you may speak with the pastor after worship. Those of you worshipping off campus may prepare bread and wine or juice in advance of communion. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." Those worshipping online in the same household are encouraged to serve one another.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**



Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

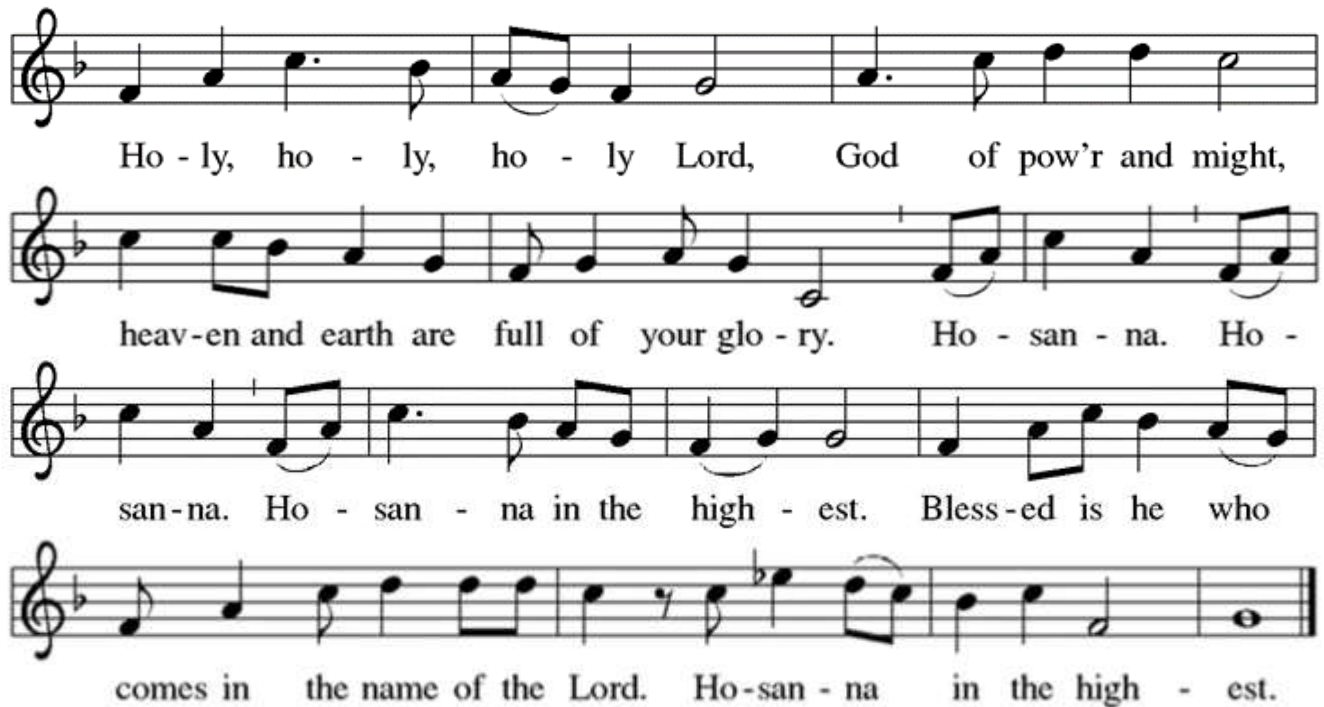
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen**

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### *Communion*

If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared. Whether you are distant or present all of us are gathered together around the table of God and we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. Come and receive bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*Hymns during communion*

*- As the Grains of Wheat*

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### *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1-As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. {*Refrain*}

2-Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. {*Refrain*}

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*Hymns during communion*

*Eat This Bread*

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"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

**Amen**

Let us pray,

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Sending Hymn*

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

No. 545

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the first two lines of the second verse. The third system contains the last line of the second verse and the first line of the third verse. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**