

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

The Holy Eucharist

10 A.M.

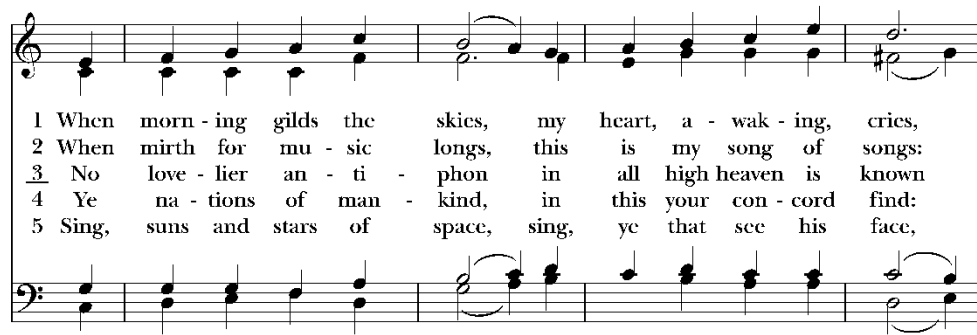
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Prelude

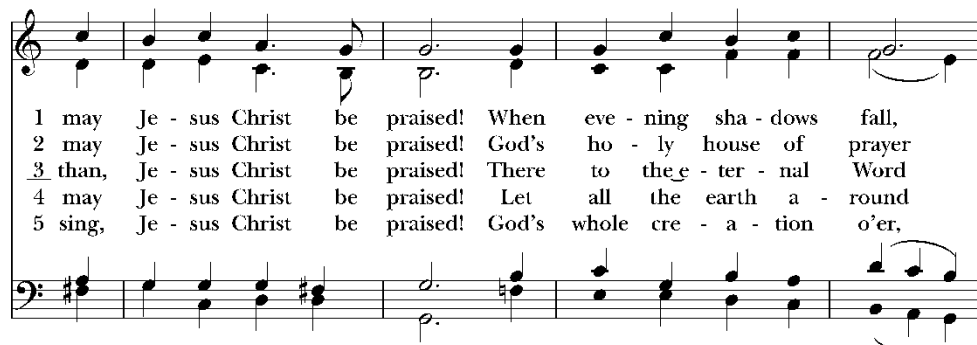
Flute Concerto in D Major, K.314: II. Andante ma non troppo

W.A. Mozart

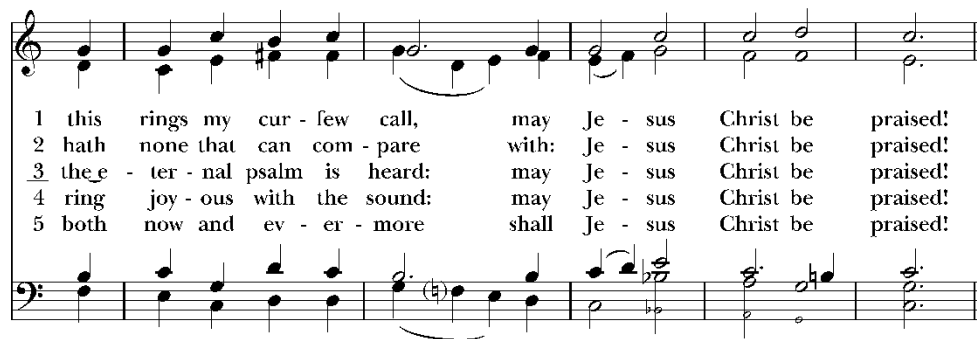
Elizabeth Wong Mark, flute



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Bamby (1838-1896).

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Collect for Purity *said by the 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.**

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
 Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
 Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 alt the God who made you.
 alt the God who made you.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life – or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love’s abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Your word is a lantern to my / feet
and a light upon my / path.

I have sworn and am de- / termined
to keep your righteous / judgments.

I am deeply / troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your / word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my / lips,
and teach me your / judgments.

My life is always in my / hand,
yet I do not forget your / law.

The wicked have set a trap for / me,
but I have not strayed from your co- / mmandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for / ever;
truly, they are the joy of my / heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your / statutes
for ever and to the / end.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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.!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need

I know not how to ask or what to say;
 help me to see your pur - pose and your will -
 to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured -

and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
 held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

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The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Patricia Templeton

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father
and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon human labor send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and just reward
in their work; free the exploited and the oppressed.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to
share the fruits of the world.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon the seas and water send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve
the seas, lakes, and rivers.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war
brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and justice, give hands to care and heal
and compel us to be generous.

Hear us, Lord.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation remembering those on our prayer list
especially our parishioners, **Penny France, Sibley Fleming, Rhea Hannah, Eileen Zimmer, Priscilla Davis,** and
John Floyd.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including our parish community, especially, **Michele & Tom
Smither; Michele St. Peter; Fair Sutherlin;** and **Beth Tanis & John Chandler.**

Silence

The Celebrant continues

Liberating God, grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

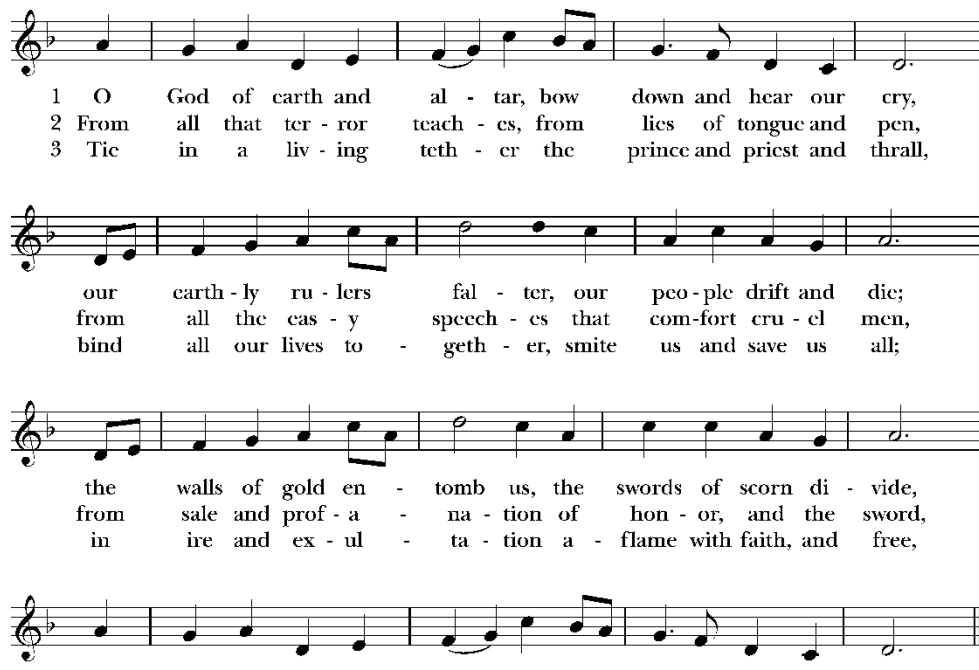
Offertory Anthem

"Glory, Love, and Praise"

Judy D. Sclater

*Glory, love and praise, and honor, for our food now bestowed,
Render we the donor. Bounteous God, we now confess Thee:
God who thus blessest us, it is to bless Thee.
Thankful for our ev'ery blessing, let us sing Christ the Spring,
Never, never ceasing.*

*Source of all our gifts and graces, Christ we own; Christ alone,
Calls for all our praises. He dispels our sin and sadness,
Life imparts, cheers our hearts, fills with food and gladness.
Who Himself for all hath given, us He feeds, us He leads,
To a place in heaven.*



1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry,
 2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
 3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall,

our earth - ly ru - lers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
 from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
 bind all our lives to - geth - er, smite us and save us all;

the walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide,
 from sale and prof - a - na - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
 in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion a - flame with faith, and free,

take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
 from sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
 lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.

Words: Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936). Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus WLP 850

Holy, holy, holy

(Dimmock) (Missa Appalachia)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you

sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem WLP 865

Christ our Passover

Mass of St. Columbia

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!
 2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?
 3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,
 4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;
 5 Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yct:

1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!
 2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?
 3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?
 4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.
 5 a - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905), alt. Music: St. Cecelia, Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883).

Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Minuet

Samuel Ould

The altar flowers are given by Claudia Gimson in memory
 and loving appreciation of her parents, Rosemary & Charles Weaver.

Ministry Schedule

	July 16th	July 23rd
Vestry on Duty	Vivian Siggers	Andrea P Weerakoon
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Nancy Dillon	Harriett Smith
Lector 1 st Lesson	Vivian Siggers	Andrea P Weerakoon
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Sandra Dobbs	Mark O'Connell
Ushers / Greeters	Nina Braziel	Mark O'Connell
Altar Guild	Claudia / Mary Jane	/ Elizabeth
Flower Guild	Claudia Gimson	Michele Smither

Happy Birthday

Nancy Dillon July 17 Whit Smith July 22

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Penny France; Sibley Fleming; Rhea Hannah; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Sergio Whyte, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; **Sue Camara**, mother of Mike Camara; **Antoinette Watts**, sister of Marshall Kress; **Paul Stein**, nephew of Harriett Smith; **Sam Gilgour**, brother of Katie Turner; **Jessica LeClaire**, sister of Sara Thornton; **Scott O'Connell**, brother of Mark; **Gray Cavender**, **Aaron Atkinson**, family of Bob Longino; **Nancy Moore**, family of Mary Jane Hannah; **Jim Montsinger**, nephew and **Claude Thompson**, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Bill Fields**, brother of Nancy Dillon; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Katy Greenawalt**, sister of Lee Morris; **Jack & Linda Mobley** and **Vincent Lafitte**, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Tiffany Lucas**, niece, **Linda Johnson**, sister of Vivian Siggers; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O'Connell; **Priscilla Williams**, sister of Bessie Holland; **Jeannette Davis**, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Mary Jane Hobbs**, sister of Sara Thomas; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold; **Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey**, **Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer (Paul Zimmer); **Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington**, (Rhea Hannah); **John Heller; Jacki Labat**; (Lee Morris); **Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig** (Lindsey Reece); **Jackie Quinn, Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas**, (Cathy Leake); **Bob Laney** (Bob Wolfson); **Randy Yates** (Bruce Lafitte); **Lisa Ridges, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry**, (Davis Family); **Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **Cindy Hind**, (Fair Sutherlin); **Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard**, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); **Steve Murray**, (Bob Longino); and **Susan Glenz-Pierce**, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

We pray for who have died.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Michele & Tom Smither; Michele St. Peter; Fair Sutherlin; and Beth Tanis & John Chandler.**