



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 16, YEAR C

Service of Morning Prayer

August 21, 2022 10 A.M.

Whether you are new or returning, WELCOME!

To follow along with the service you need this service bulletin and *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in the pew rack.

Please remain masked and observe social distancing throughout the service and any time you are inside, regardless of vaccination status. Our expectation is that everyone who can be has been vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. Very young children and people who are immunocompromised lack vaccine protection, so your continued diligence is appreciated.

There is no mechanical air exchange in the church portions of the building. We are eager to limit occupancy of smaller spaces, so please avoid the Sacristy and Vesting Room, and please do not linger in the narthex (the area inside the main doors), restrooms, or hallways. The Lounge has high efficiency air filters but no mechanical air exchange.

Please enter the building via either the main doors facing Whitney Avenue or the side door facing Cliff Street. Please use the entry from the parking lot only if you need the wheelchair ramp.

All church spaces are accessible. Handicapped parking and a wheelchair ramp are located in back of the building; a lift for access to the second floor is located at the stairway.

Restrooms are located on the second floor. Go through the double doors near the pulpit, upstairs to the second floor, and to the far end of the hallway. A **restroom with baby changing table** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the double doors near the pulpit. All restrooms are all-gender single-use.

After the service, please stay for food and fellowship. Coffee hour is hosted either outside behind the building (exit via the side door facing Cliff Street and walk around to the back) or in the Lounge (exit via the double doors near the pulpit and go upstairs to the second floor; the Lounge is at the end of the hall). Children may unwind in the kindergarten playground behind the building.

If you are new, please consider filling out a **blue information card** (located in the pew rack). You can use it to request a nametag, and next Sunday it will be waiting on the table inside the main entrance.

Three seating areas at the front of the nave are reserved for **families with small children**: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the two areas in front of the front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and the St. Thomas's website. Bulletins are posted in the website's Bulletin Archive. To reduce printing, we encourage worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the service.

St. Thomas's Church is located on Eansketambawg (Quinnipiac) land. This acknowledgment compels us to pause: in gratitude for the Quinnipiac and other Algonquin-speaking stewards of the territory that is now Connecticut; in regret for Christianity's participation in the colonization of the Americas; and in faith that God's reconciling power will bring true healing to the Earth and all its inhabitants.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D major
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), *Das Wohltemperierte Klavier*, BWV 850

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

HYMN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound (671, *The Hymnal 1982*)

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]

Officiant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant

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

THE INVITATORY

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

VENITE

Officiant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

All are seated.

PSALM 71:1-6

Officiant and People

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *

let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *

incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *

you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *

my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;

from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *

my praise shall be always of you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

HYMN

Rock of ages, cleft for me (685, *The Hymnal 1982*)

All are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has

promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 21

Te Deum laudamus

Officiant and People

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

**Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

THE THIRD LESSON

LUKE 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant

because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing (493, *The Hymnal 1982*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your Name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Officiant

(The Collect of the Day) Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(A Collect for Peace) O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(A Prayer for Mission) Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

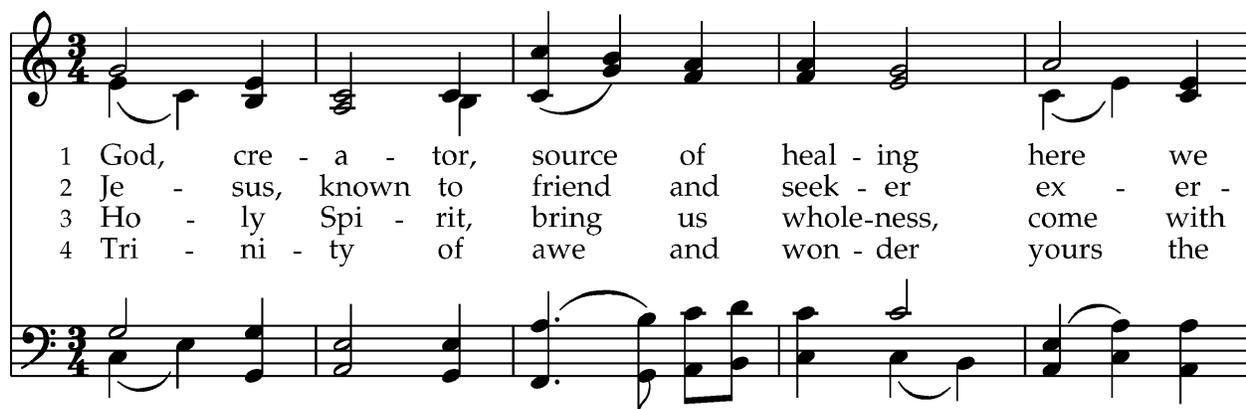
People: **And also with you.**

Please remain in place while greeting your neighbors with a sign of peace. You may then be seated for brief announcements.

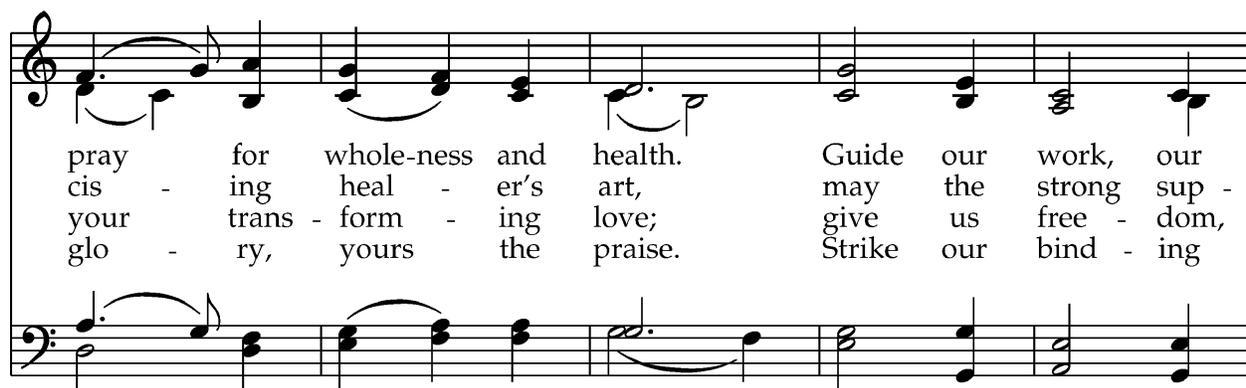
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ongoing financial support of St. Thomas's Church is sincerely appreciated. We will not be passing a collection plate today; collection plates are located at the doors. To give online with a debit or credit card, go to the Home page of the Church website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), and click GIVE NOW. If you are viewing this document electronically, you may simply [CLICK HERE](#). Thank you!

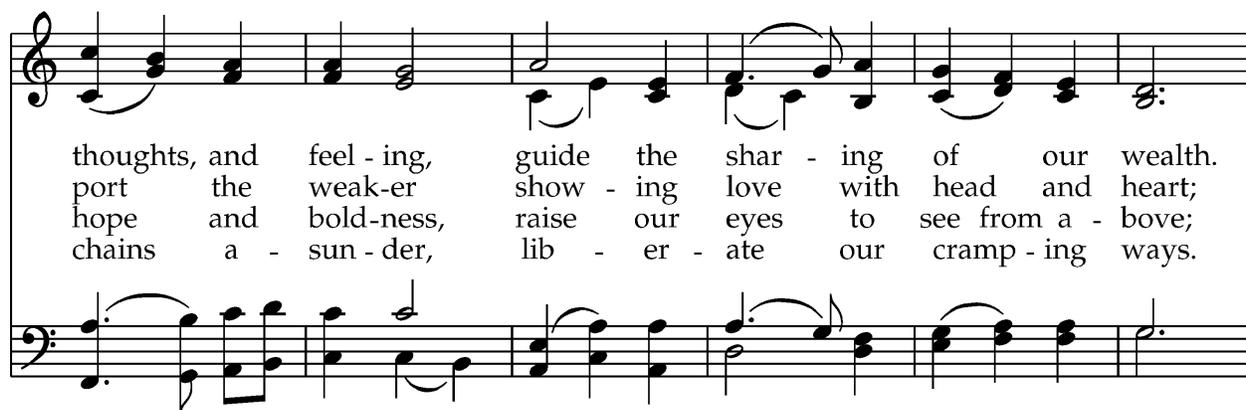
All stand.



1 God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we
 2 Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er -
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with
 4 Tri - ni - ty of awe and won - der yours the



pray for whole-ness and health. Guide our work, our
 cis - ing heal - er's art, may the strong sup -
 your trans - form - ing love; give us free - dom,
 glo - ry, yours the praise. Strike our bind - ing



thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.
 port the weak-er show - ing love with head and heart;
 hope and bold-ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;
 chains a - sun - der, lib - er - ate our cramp - ing ways.



Give dis - cern - ment in our de - ci - sions give com -
 give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un -
 shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i -
 May our lives re - flect your splend-our, in a -

pas - sion in our care; rec - on - cile our
 rea - son - ing blocks your grace, spare us harm, in
 fy our blind - ed sight, as we seek God -
 bun - dance Lord we ask. God, our guide and

strife and di - vi - sions as we search for means to share.
 dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.
 giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.
 our be - friend - er, give new mean - ing to our task.

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DISMISSAL AND CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

You may be seated for the voluntary.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C# major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), *Das Wohltemperierte Klavier*, BWV 848

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Announcements

Stay in touch! Subscribe to the Weekly Parish Enews and “like” St. Thomas’s on Facebook.

To keep up with the latest parish events and information, please see the most recent edition of the Weekly Parish Enews. From the Home page of the Parish website (www.stthomasnewhaven.org), you can go to the Enews archive or subscribe to have future editions delivered to your email inbox.

Serving on Sundays. We are in need of Sunday servers. Our hope is that everyone contributes to our common life by serving in some way on Sunday mornings. If you aren’t already serving in some capacity, please ponder whether you might be called to the ministry of usher, sacristan, Eucharistic minister, lector or choir member. To volunteer, contact Keri.

ST. THOMAS’S 175TH ANNIVERSARY STARTS NOW!

For an energized SEPTEMBER, we need all of you!

Take a look at what we are planning, and sign up online or at the church on Sundays.

THE CHOIR:

- September 11: The choir will sing! All are welcome to join. Our choir is a combination of paid “section leaders” and volunteer singers. Contact Noah if you are interested in learning more.
- September 25 at 4pm: A 175th anniversary CONCERT, followed by a reception. Please come to the concert and bring guests!
 - o We need volunteers at the concert:
 - To set up and clean up the reception
 - To contribute wine and sparkling water/juice for the reception
 - To contribute finger food, savory and sweet
 - o Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th>

THE ALTAR:

- Weekly: Individuals work with Keri on Sundays as sacristans, lectors, and ushers. Contact Keri if you are interested in learning more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- September 11 at 9am: Sunday School classes begin, infants to teens! First activity will be a “Season of Creation” pageant to be performed on Sunday, September 18, in place of the sermon. We need adults and children, and a lot of creativity!
- Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th>

COMMUNITY COFFEE HOURS:

- On Sundays September 11 and 18, St. Thomas’s will offer food and activities in our parking lot. The dates correspond with events at Edgerton Park: on Sept. 11, the Connecticut Folk Festival, and on Sept. 18, “Sunday in the Park.”
 - We need volunteers for the following activities:
 - o Coffee hour (preparing coffee, tea, and water)
 - o Bringing baked goods for a bake sale
 - o Overseeing activities and games (face-painting, chalk drawing, cornhole)
 - o Overseeing sale of baked goods, notecards and choir CDs).
 - o Lemonade stand run by Sunday School children (proceeds to go to a local charity)
 - o Open playground
 - Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba9af22abfdc52-175th>

- The theme will tie in with New Haven PRIDE WEEK (Sept 11 – 18) with decorations, flags, stickers
- We will have information about our parish, and we will make connections with our neighbors.

POTLUCK DINNERS:

- In October, we will have a community dinner – stay tuned!

Coffee Hour - New Link for Summer Sundays. You are invited to consider hosting coffee hour at St. Thomas’s following Sunday worship. You may host it outside behind the church or inside in the Lounge. Prepare coffee, tea, cocoa, lemonade, iced tea, etc. in the church kitchen or bring it from a local retailer. Treats optional! Visit this link to sign up through Labor Day weekend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AACAD2CABFE3-coffee>. Contact Julie Kelly at j.kelly@stthomasnewhaven.org with questions. Thank you for contributing to our fellowship!

Directory Updates?

Please email [Julie](mailto:julie@stthomasnewhaven.org) with your address and contact updates for the fall Parish Directory.

Loaves & Fishes Seeks Donations of Clothing

Don Edwards, longtime Loaves & Fishes volunteer, recently began serving as President of its Board. Thank you, Don! He brings us this message:

Joan’s Clothing Closet, part of Loaves and Fishes, offers clothing to our guests each Saturday morning. We are now experiencing a dearth of clothing. We are in great need of women’s and men’s summer casual clothes: short sleeved tops, Tshirts, shorts, new underwear, jeans. We also give out bed linens, towels and toiletries. Delivery can be before 9 AM each weekday morning and from 7-10AM Monday through Saturday. This is an important mission for those who come to us – often after sleeping outside or in insecure locations. Delivery is best in the undercroft –down the driveway to the kitchen door. Thank you!

Don is willing to deliver your donations to St. PJ’s – just bring them to St. Thomas’s on Sunday, and leave them in the tub at the back of the church.



Serving Today

Officiant: Ricardo Chavira
Music Director: Dr. Noah Horn
Lector: Jenny Chavira
Usher: Gary Robison

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; Church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for those on our Parish prayer list:
 Cynthia (Sally Edwards’ sister-in-law), Katie (Coleman), Leon (Denise Terry’s brother-in-law), Lily (Madeleine Anderson’s mother), Sally (Edwards)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for:

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, pray for:

Liberia, Sierra Leone

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially:
 the people of Ukraine

Pray for those who have died.

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