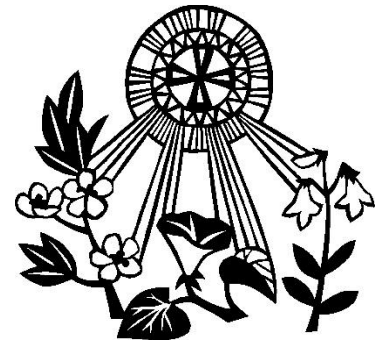


Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN *Each little flower that opens (Royal Oak) (H 405)*

Descant

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

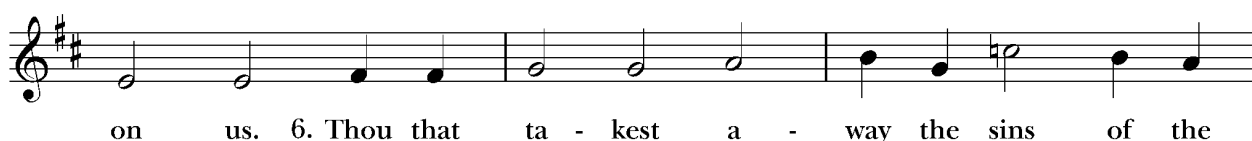
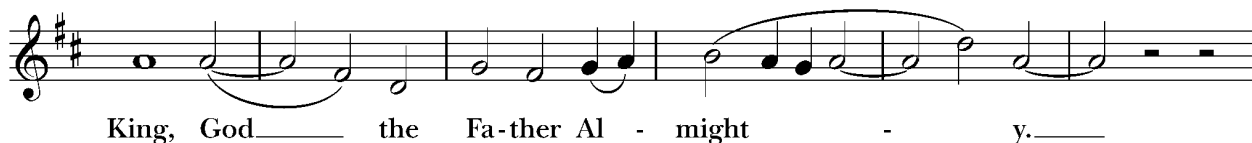
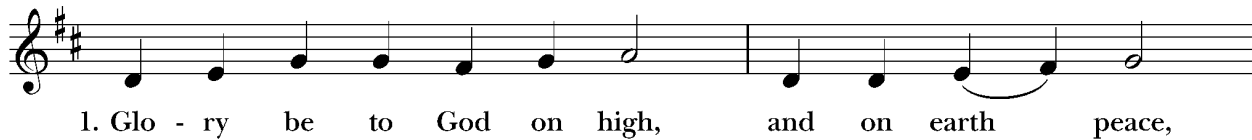
he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE S 202 *Glory be to God (Canticle 6) (Willan) (S 202)*



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they

would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM TONE *EASTER SIMPLIFIED ANGLICAN CHANT BY MOONYEEN ALBRECHT*

Moonyeen Albrecht

Arr. E. Vinciguerra

Easter Simplified Anglican Chant



PSALM: PSALM 66: 7-18

⁷ Bless our God, you **peoples**; *

let the sound of praise be **heard**;

⁸ God holds our souls in **life** *

and will not allow our feet to **slip**.

⁹ For you, O God, have **proved** us; *

you have tried us just as silver is **tried**.

¹⁰ You brought us into the **snare** *

and laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and **water**, *

but you brought us out into a place of **refreshment**.

¹² I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my **vows**, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in **trouble**.

¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of **rams**; *

I will give you oxen and **goats**.

¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, *

and I will tell you what God has done for **me**.

¹⁵ I called out to God with my **mouth**, *

and high praise was on my **tongue**.

¹⁶ If I had found evil in my **heart**, *

God would not have **heard** me,

¹⁷ But in truth God has **heard** me *

and has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.

¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, *

nor withheld steadfast love from **me**.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll/Walker) (MHSO 20)*

All stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! _____

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GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

All stand.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with glad hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to God.

ANTHEM *If ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever,
even the spirit of truth.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness (Geneva)*



1 Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness; pierce the clouds of
2 Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, come with unc - tion



na - ture's night; come, thou source of joy and glad - ness,
and with power. Make our hearts thy ha - bi - ta - tion;



breathe thy life, and spread thy light. From the height which
with thy grace our spi - rits shower. Hear, oh, hear our



knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious shower de - scend,
sup - pli - ca - tion, bless - ed Spi - rit, God of peace!



bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure we can wish, or God can send.
Rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion, with the full - ness of thy grace.

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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting 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 S 114 Holy, holy, holy (Willan) (S 114)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

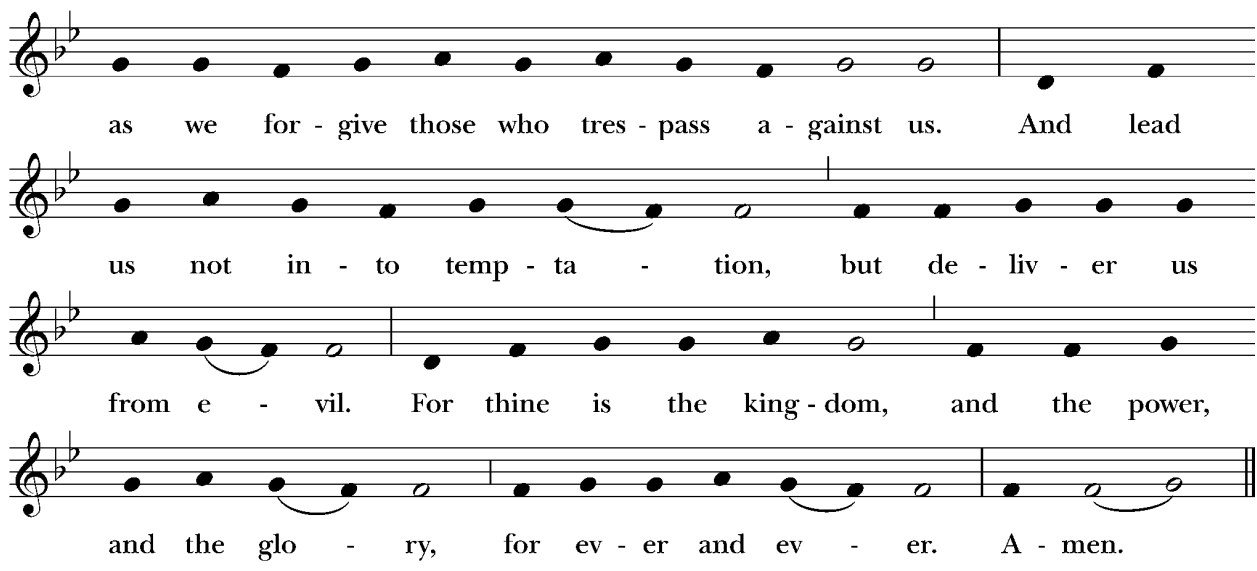
Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**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 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*

THE LORD’S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord’s Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,




as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM S 167 *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus (Plainsong/Martens)*

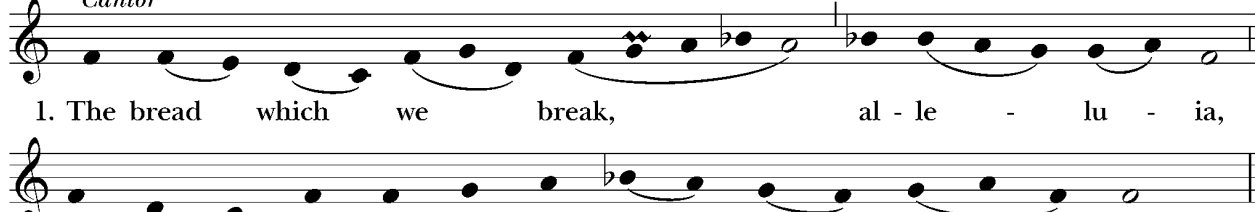
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*Antiphon
 Cantor; then All*



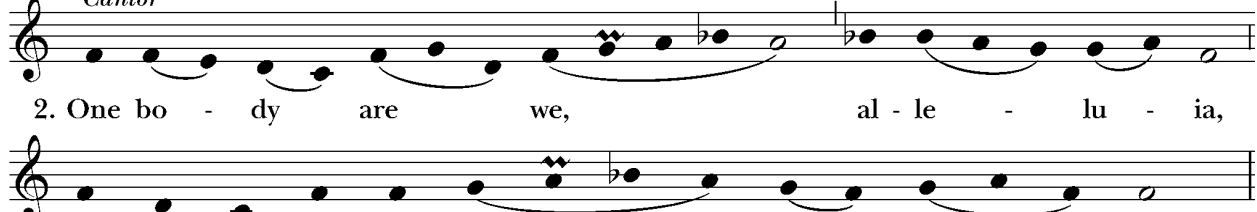
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
 is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
 for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees (H 325)*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

SENDING FORTH

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

PRAYER FOR OUR SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT BISHOP

Almighty God, giver of every good gift and source of all wisdom, look with favor upon your Church in the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes as we seek the bishop you are calling to shepherd and to lead us: Grant to your people faith to discern, courage to choose, and unity to follow in the way of your Son; that guided by your Holy Spirit, all of our prayers may rise up to you, and we may continue to proclaim the Gospel and serve the world in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BLESSING

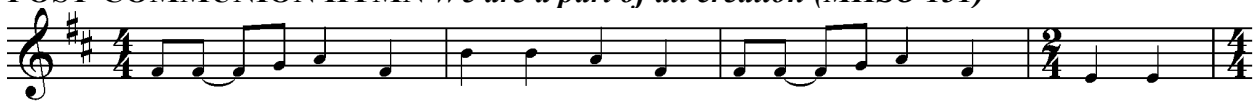
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies us, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *We are a part of all creation (MHSO 131)*



1 We are___ a part of all cre - a - tion,
 2 We are___ a part of ev - 'ry per - son,
 3 We are___ a part of God's cre - a - tion,
 4 We are___ a part of all cre - a - tion



all of___ cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and
 all of___ the peo - ples sing in us, one our jour - ney,
 God is___ the voice that sings in us, be our jour - ney,
 giv - en___ the breath of life to share all the glo - ry



sky and crea - tures, join in___ the dance of life and love.
 one our path - way, one in___ the dance of life and love.
 be our path - way, come be___ our dance of life and love.
 of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry-where.



All of___ cre-a - tion, one o - ha-na,* All of___ cre-a - tion sings in you;



Ma-ny___ the voic-es, one great mu-sic, part of me___ and part of



you.____ you; part of me___and part of you.____

*ohana = great family

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We pray this week...

For Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop, our diocese and its Standing Committee; for Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan; and for Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican communion

For Yehiel, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Donald, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all national leaders

For Diane, our Rector; Jess, our Assistant Priest; Eric, our Choirmaster; Ethan, our Organist

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For all the staff in our parishes

For St. Paul's, Harsens Island – Kathy Harrison, Senior Warden

For St. John's, Grand Haven – Jared Cramer, Rector

For The Order of Naucratus

For the members of St. John's, especially: Carol, Rod, Zachary, and Miranda

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially: Candi T, Diana E, Alex, and Joan

For all who have died.

Collect for mothers:

(Borrowed from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, NC)

**Let us pray for all the mothers among us today;
for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away;
for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully;
for all who hope to be mothers some day
and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated;
for all mothers who have lost children;
for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have
been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need;
for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance.**

We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

– from *Women's Common Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured, Celebrated*
(Morehouse Publishing, 2000)