

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2023



## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

HYMNAL 523

## OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

**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.**

## THE GLORIA

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

HYMNAL S280

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God,  
who before the passion of your only begotten Son  
revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:  
Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of  
his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross,  
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome to Grace,  
we’re glad you are here!**

*If you have any questions, our  
ushers, greeters and members are  
here to help, don’t hesitate to ask!*

**Restrooms** are located through  
the door to the left of the pulpit at  
the top and bottom of the stairs.  
There is also a handicap lift in the  
narthex (front entrance) if you  
need assistance getting to the  
lower level.

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## SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTE** Millie Cendrowski  
**ALTAR GUILD** Virginia Danner  
Stacey Cendrowski  
**CHALICIST** Deacon Kathleen  
**FELLOWSHIP** Kathy Brown  
**GREET/USHER** Mke Hasty  
Michael Younkins  
**LECTOR** Bill Daniels  
Kara DeBord  
**LIVESTREAM** Julia Byrd  
**TELLERS** Michael Younkins  
Carmen Lescure

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## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 24:12-18

*Lector*      A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### THE RESPONSE

PSALM 99

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion; \***  
**he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \***  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \***  
**they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

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- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \***  
**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## THE SECOND LESSON

**2 PETER 1:16-21**

*Lector*      A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

GOD OF OUR FATHERS, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

**HYMNAL 718**

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

*Deacon*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

## THE HOMILY

THE REV. EDIE HOLTON

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*When prompted, please stand if you are able.*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

**Amen.**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

*Deacon* Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Deacon* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Deacon* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Deacon* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Deacon* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Deacon* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Deacon* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

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## THE ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord,  
in a safety conscious manner, such as waving or peace signs.*

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

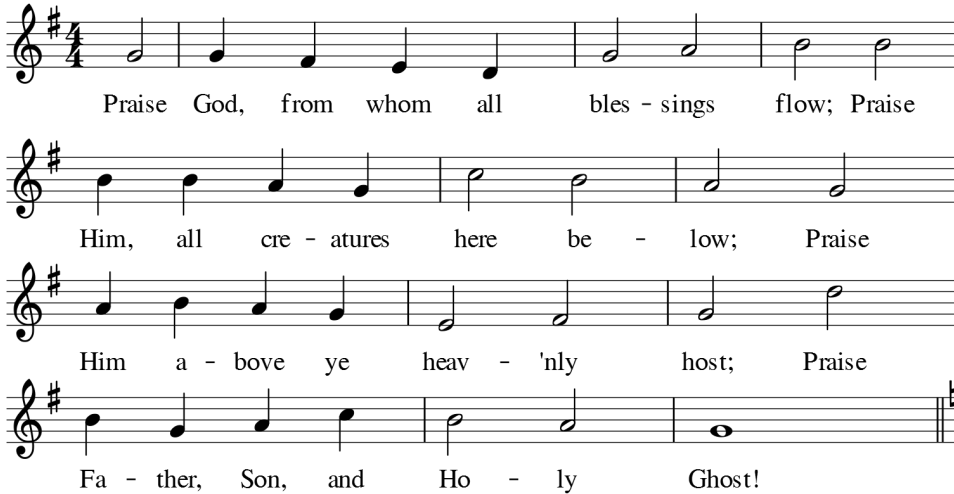
OFFERTORY HYMN  
O WONDROUS TYPE!

HYMNAL 137

## PRESENTATION HYMN

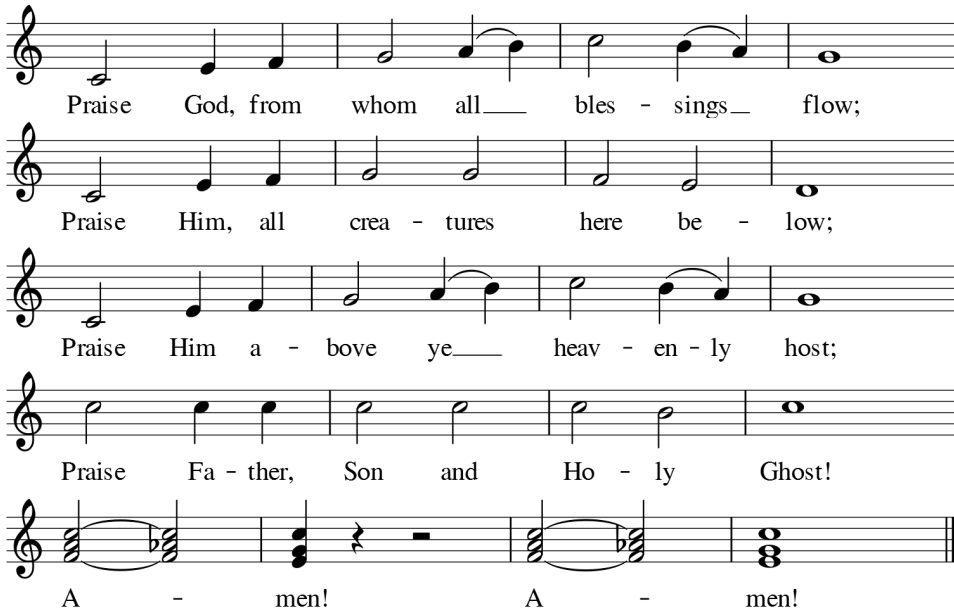
THE DOXOLOGY (*Sung to Two Tunes*)

*Please stand if you are able.*



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise  
Him, all cre - atures here be - low; Praise  
Him a - bove ye heav - 'nly host; Praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

*(Second Tune, sung after the organ interlude)*



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow;  
Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
Praise Him a - bove ye heav - en - ly host;  
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost!  
A - men! A - men!

*First tune: Old 100th, Public Domain; Second Tune: New Doxology, Public Domain. Arranged by David L.M. Gunning, Jr.*



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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

*From Celebrating Eucharist by Bosco Peters (www.liturgy.co.nz)*

*Celebrant* The Lord is here.

*People* **God's Spirit is with us.**

*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 offer thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant Jesus Christ, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of Mary, and shared our human nature. With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us, Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction. By the resurrection your will was fulfilled and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, as we sing:

### SANCTUS

DEUTSCHE MESSE

HYMNAL S130

*The people remain standing or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:*

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

May we praise you and give you glory through your First-born, Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant* Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

*People* **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

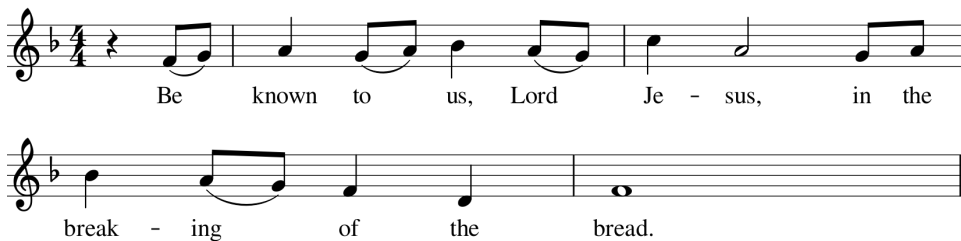
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



*The cantor or choir sing the verses*

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



*What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.*

*When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!*



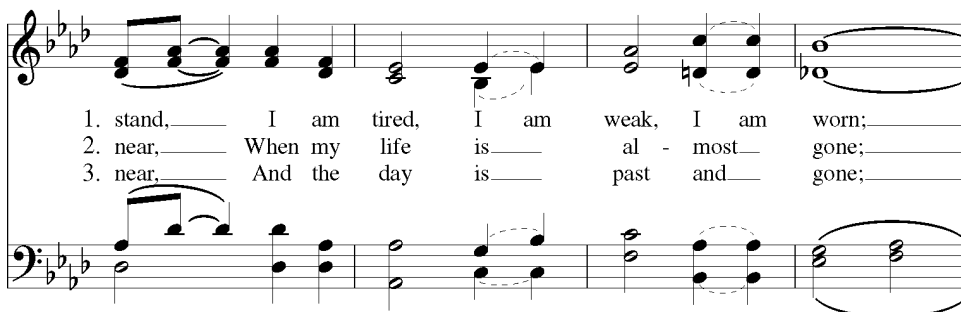
# COMMUNION HYMN

## PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

HYMNAL 671



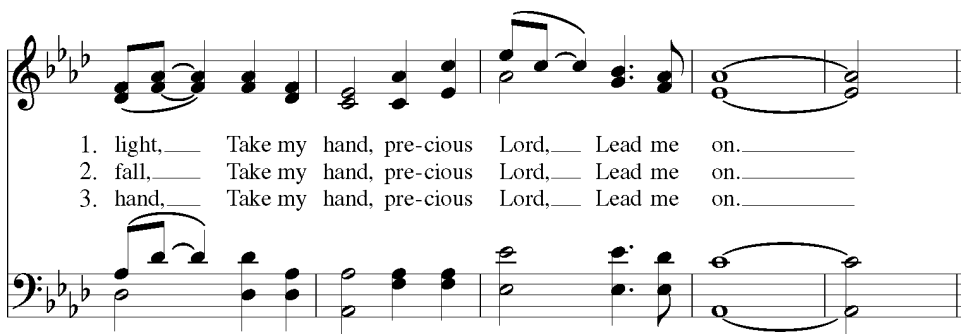
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—



1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;  
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;



1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.  
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

*People* **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.**

## THE EPIPHANYTIDE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, ✠ The Son,  
and The Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever more.

*People* **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES

HYMNAL 618

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Join us downstairs after the service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages..  
All are welcome!**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

**In the Diocesan prayer cycle**, we pray for St. John's, Kingsville; St. Mary's, Abingdon; Resurrection, Copley Parish; and for the Rev.'s John B. Wheeler, Peter C. Fulghum, William L. Smith, and William H. C. Ticknor.

**In our Parish prayer cycle**, we pray for Arthur LaRue.

**The Flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God by Pat Hallett, in honor of her son Michael Thomas Hallett II.

### OUR COMMUNITY

**The Homebound:** Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

**We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond:** Shirley Shores; Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Abby & Tom Kahn; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

### THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Wes Moore (MD) and Glenn Youngkin (VA); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEB 21 | SHROVE TUESDAY

This year we will join our sister parish, St. Luke's in Brownsville, for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Join us from 5:30pm-7:00pm on Tuesday, February 21. Supper is FREE, but donations are appreciated. St. Luke's is located just 10 minutes away from Grace at 2150 Boteler Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758 .

### FEB 22 | ASH WEDNESDAY AND A HOLY LENT

We will begin our observance of a holy Lent in just 10 days! Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held this year at St. Luke's, 7pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Holy Week services will be at Grace this year.

### MEET & GREET WITH CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP COADJUTOR

The candidates to be our Bishop Coadjutor (and the next Bishop Diocesan when Bishop Sutton retires) will be travelling throughout the Diocese to meet parishioners and answer questions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Meet & Greet:

*Wednesday, 8 March 2023 | Monocacy Hall, Claggett Center | 7:30-9:30 PM*  
Panel Style Forum with questions submitted by audience members and online.

*Thursday, 9 March 2023 | Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland | 5:30-7:30 PM*  
Candidates will meet individually with small groups for questions.

*Friday, 10 March 2023 | St. James', Lothian | 6:30-8:30 PM*  
Candidates will meet individually with small groups for questions.

*Saturday, 11 March 2023 | Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore | 1:00-3:00 PM*  
Panel Style Forum with questions submitted by the audience.

Any questions you have for the candidates to answer at the meet & greets can be directed to the Transition Committee at [transition@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:transition@episcopalmaryland.org) .

### COMING UP AT GRACE

2/21	Tue	5:30pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper	St. Luke's, Brownsville
2/22	Wed	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday	St. Luke's, Brownsville
4/6	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Nave
4/7	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Nave
4/9	Sun	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service	Nave

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