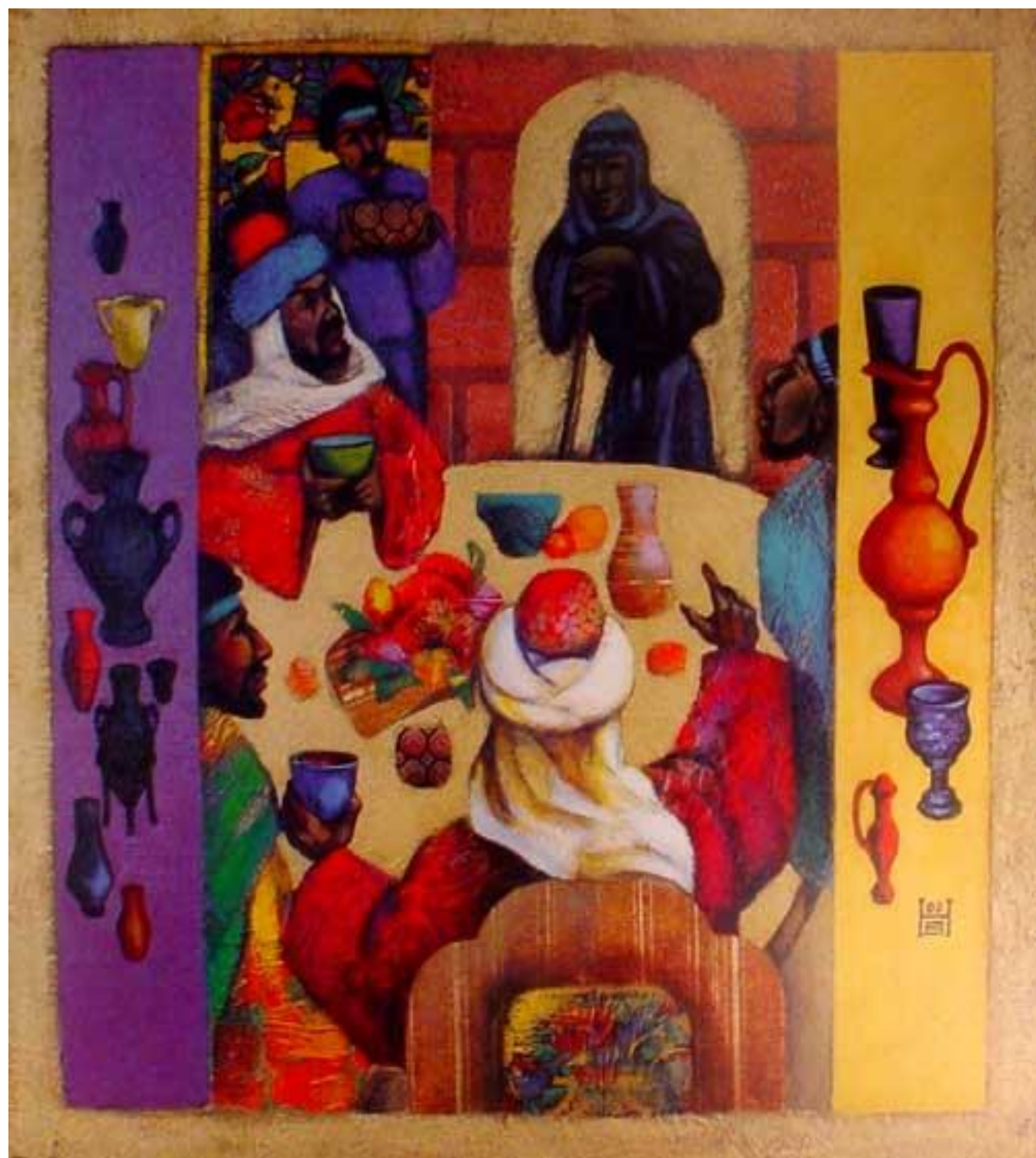




Morning Prayer October 11, 2026 Proper 23 The Wedding Feast

Opening Hymn *To be announced, from the Blue Hymnal*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Venite

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!
Glory be 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.

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:
Come let us adore him.

The Psalter

146 *Lauda, anima mea*
or [Coverdale](#)

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of Earth, *
for there is no help in them.
³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
⁵ Who made heaven and Earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
⁷ The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
⁸ The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
⁹ The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

147 *Laudate Dominum*
or [Coverdale](#)

¹ Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
² The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
³ He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
⁴ He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
⁶ The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the Earth;
⁹ He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

and green plants to serve mankind.

¹⁰ He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹¹ He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

¹² But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

¹³ Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴ For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

¹⁵ He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁶ He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁷ He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸ He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

²⁰ He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

²¹ He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:1-9

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

16 The Song of Zechariah
Benedictus Dominus Deus
Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 New Testament Lesson Matthew 22:1-14

The congregation remain seated for the New Testament Lesson from the Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reflection that may be read aloud as part of the service or read individually in the silence following the Gospel. Congregation's choice:

In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the Wedding Banquet—a story that begins with a lavish invitation and ends with a challenging question about our readiness to receive it.

The King's invitation is radical. It is extended not just to the honored guests who refused, but to everyone—the good and the bad, the marginalized and the overlooked—until the wedding hall is filled. The invitation is free, and it is universal. It reminds us that God's grace is not reserved for the perfect or the powerful; it is offered to all of us, right where we are.

However, the story takes a turn when the King notices a guest without a wedding garment. In the context of the early Church, this "garment" was often understood as the life of grace, the transformation that occurs when we truly accept God's invitation. It suggests that while the invitation to the banquet is unconditional, the participation in the banquet requires a change of heart. We cannot simply show up to the feast and remain unchanged; we must allow the love of the host to clothe us in a new way of living. As we begin this day, we are all invited to the King's banquet. The table is set. The question for us is not whether we are "good enough" to receive the invitation, but whether we are willing to put on the garment of Christ—to let our lives be transformed by the mercy we have received, and to walk out into the world as people who have truly sat at the table of the Lord.

May we accept the invitation today, and may we be clothed in the grace that allows us to reflect God's love to everyone we meet. Amen.

The Congregation stands for the Te Deum

21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

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 Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

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.

Leader

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 Offertory Hymn *To be announced, from the Blue Hymnal*

The Prayers *All may stand or kneel*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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.**

Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 23

Leader Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray with a trusting faith in God for the hungers and needs of our world and of the People of God. Let us say: R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

— For the Church, especially the Anglican Communion throughout the world; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Adam, and Geraldine, our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Charles our Priest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for the people of All Saints, Great Neck.

For a fresh and deep faith that makes us, God's People, look at all we do in the light of the message and life of Jesus, let us pray:

R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

— For a courageous faith that is not afraid of contradicting the evils of injustice and discrimination in our world, let us pray:

R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

— For a loving and merciful faith that makes us attentive to the pains and needs of those who go hungry, of those who are underprivileged, let us pray:

R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

— For an unswerving faith that helps us overcome all doubts and hesitations and keeps us seeking God's will and plans even when the cost is high, let us pray:

R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

— For a humble faith which recognizes that faith itself is a gift from God and is grateful for the good that people do to us, let us pray:

\ R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

— For a serving faith that seeks the good of the community and tries to bring people together in strong bonds of mutual help and sharing, let us pray:

R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

- For the needs and hopes of all those on our parish's prayer list, and those we now name silently or aloud...*pause*... And so we pray:

R/ Lord, give us a strong faith.

Loving God, in you we believe, in you we trust, on you we rely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

Ending prayers prayed together

The General Thanksgiving

**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 ourselves 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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the

midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

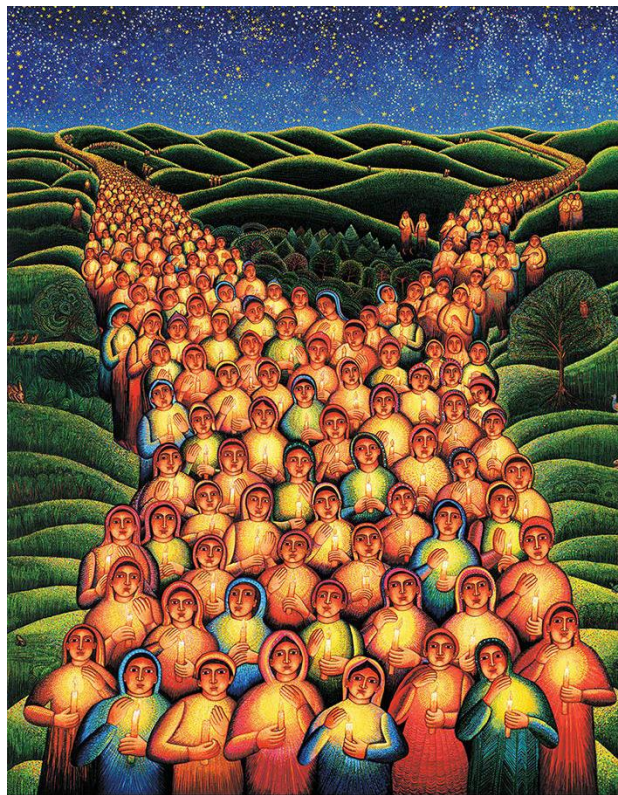
Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Closing Hymn *To be announced, from the Blue Hymnal*



Pray for the Healing & Support:

We pray this week for Daria Serkov's family. Andrew Belt-Cappellino teaches the twin sister of Daria. Daria was struck and killed in an accident Friday night in NYC. Please pray for her family.

We continue to pray for Judy Hoffman who has been diagnosed with advanced abdominal cancer.

We also pray for Bill Ferris' brother-in-law, John G. Bacon, who has been Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

For the continuing recovery of Mary Ann Blados, Andy Visconti, Margaret MacLean, Joanne Calabro, Joe Canning, John Stadenraus, Walter Brigham, Steve Giannitelli, Betianne Morritt, Mark Capellino's Parents, Cindy Belt's mother, Lois Corbett, Barbara Brigham for continued recovery , for Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Barbara Allen Lieblein, Kathryn James, Peter Gulluscio, Bob and Virginia Springsteen, Ethan Pae, Valerie Capon, Louie Cicero, Linda Armbruster, Andrew Kuhn, Sr. Joy Wright

We pray for, Ukraine, the Sudan, Syria and the countries of the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters.

We pray for peace and the end of divisions in our own country
For those grieving loved ones, especially those interred in our cemetery, for those who are ill, for all those who serve the sick, the needy and those in prison, for those who are anxious or fearful.

For all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all who live with addictions, for those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. Mary, and those who have visited our Prayer Wall.

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