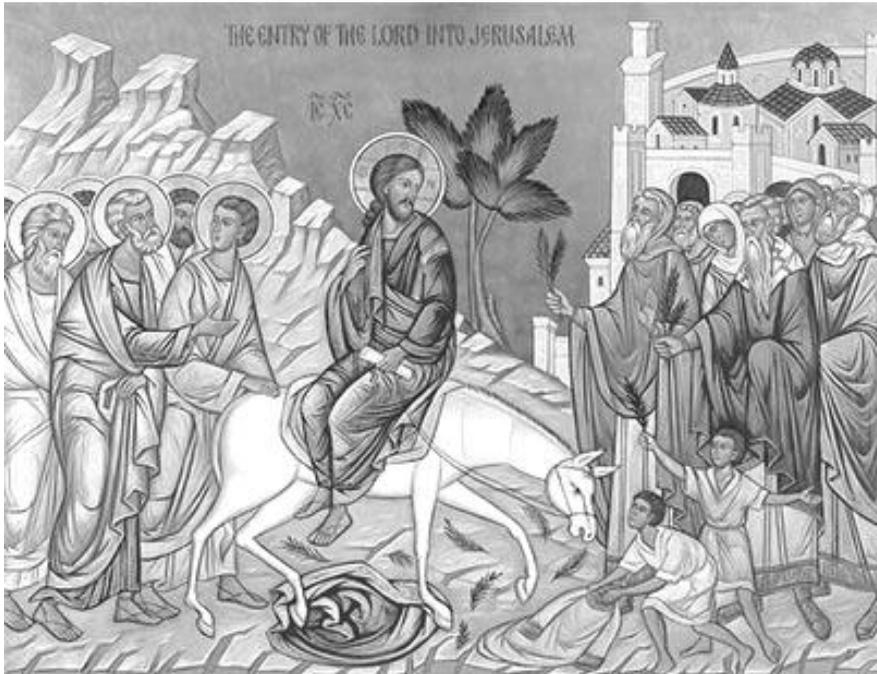


Church of the Most Holy Martyr  
**Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields**



**Palm / Passion Sunday**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**SUNG MASS AND PROCESSION AT 10:30**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The congregation gathers near the table on which the palms have been placed.*

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Incense is blessed before the reading of the Palm Gospel.*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*Response* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Response* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel of the Palms:** *John 12.12-16*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*Response* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Blessing of the Palms

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All* Amen.

*The palm branches are blessed and distributed. During the distribution, the following antiphons and psalm are sung:*

*Antiphon: THE CHILD-ren of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branch-es, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the high-est.*

**Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29: Confitemini Domino**

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; / his mercy en-dures for ev-er.**

**2 Let Israel now pro-claim, / “His mercy en-dures for ev-er.”**

19 Open for me the gates of right-eous-ness; /  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to thë Lörd.

**20 “This is the gate of the Lord; / he who is right-eous may en-ter.”**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you an-swered me /  
and have become my sal-vä-tiön.

**22 The same stone which the builders re-ject-ed /  
has become the chief cör-ner-stöne.**

23 This is the Lord’s do-ing, / and it is marvel-lous in öur eyes.

**24 On this day the Lord has act-ed; / we will rejoice and be gläd in it.**

25 Hosannah, Lord, ho-san-nah! / Lord, send us nów suc-cess.

**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; /  
we bless you from the house of thë Lörd.**

27 God is the Lord; he has shined up-on us; /  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the äl-tär.

**28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; /  
you are my God, and I will ex-ält yöu.”**

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; / his mercy en-dures for ev-er.

*Antiphon: The children of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branch-es, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the high-est.*

## PROCESSION

*Priest* Let us go forth *in* peace.

**Response** In the name of Christ. A-men.

*The congregation follows the chancel party in procession during this hymn:*

**Hymn:** *All glory, laud, and honour*

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*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and blessed one. *Refrain*

The company of angels is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

*[If weather permits, the procession will move outdoors during the hymn. The following collect will be said, and a second processional hymn sung].*

## Collect

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory,  
may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

**Hymn:** *Ride on! ride on in majesty!*

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Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

*By the end of the procession, all should be in their places to continue with the Collect of the Day and readings.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-9a

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31.9-16**

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trou-ble; /  
**my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my bel-ly.**
- 10 **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sigh-ing; /**  
**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are<sup>^</sup>con-sümed.**
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,  
a dismay to those of my ac-quain-tance; /  
when they see me in the street they a-void më.
- 12 **I am forgotten like a dead man,<sup>^</sup>out of mind; /**  
**I am as useless as a bro<sup>^</sup>ken pöt.**
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is<sup>^</sup>all a-round; /  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. / I have said, “You are my Göd.**

15 My times are in your hand; / rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who per-se-cute më.

16 **Make your face to shine up-on your ser-vant, /  
and in your loving-kind-ness save më.”**

**Epistle:** Philippians 2.5-11

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Passion Gospel**

*Three readers proclaim the Passion: N. represents the narrator; J. represents Jesus; O. represents the other characters. The congregation is invited to join in the sections marked A., for “All”. The usual Gospel announcement and response are not made.*

*Please remain standing, as you are able. If you prefer, you may sit until the verse which indicates the arrival at Golgotha.*

**Narrator:** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,  
**Other:** Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

**N:** While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,  
**O:** Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor. **N:** And they scolded her. But Jesus said, **Jesus:** Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

**N:** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

**N:** On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, **O:** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover? **N:** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **J:** Go into the city, and

a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

**N:** So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, **J:** Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me. **N:** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, **O:** Surely, not I? **N:** He said to them, **J:** It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

**N:** While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, **J:** Take; this is my body. **N:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, **J:** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. **N:** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, **J:** You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee. **N:** Peter said to him, **O:** Even though all become deserters, I will not. **N:** Jesus said to him, **J:** Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times. **N:** But he said vehemently, **O:** Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you. **N:** And all of them said the same.

**N:** They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, **J:** Sit here while I pray. **N:** He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, **J:** I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake. **N:** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, **J:** Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want. **N:** He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, **J:** Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. **N:** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, **J:** Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

**N:** Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, **O:** The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard. **N:** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, **O:** Rabbi! **N:** and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, **J:** Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

**N:** All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, **O:** We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.” **N:** But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, **O:** Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you? **N:** But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, **O:** Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One? **N:** Jesus said, **J:** I am; and “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power”, and “coming with the clouds of heaven.” **N:** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, **O:** Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision? **N:** All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, **All: Prophecy!**

**N:** The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, **O:** You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth. **N:** But he denied it, saying, **O:** I do not know or understand what you are talking about. **N:** And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, **O:** This man is one of them. **N:** But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, **O:** Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean. **N:** But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, **O:** I do not know this man you are talking about. **N:** At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, **J:** Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times. **N:** And he broke down and wept.

**N:** As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, **O:** Are you the King of the Jews? **N:** He answered him, **J:** You say so. **N:** Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, **O:** Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you. **N:** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

**N:** Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, **O:** Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews? **N:** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, **O:** Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews? **N:** They shouted back, **All: Crucify him!**

**N:** Pilate asked them, **O:** Why, what evil has he done? **N:** But they shouted all the more, **All: Crucify him!**

**N:** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, **All: Hail, King of the Jews!**

**N:** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, **All: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!**

**N:** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, **All: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.**

**N:** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

**N:** When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, **J:** Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? **N:** which means, **J:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? **N:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, **All: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.** **N:** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, **O:** Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down. **N:** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

[SILENCE]

**N:** And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, **O:** Truly this man was God's Son!

**N:** There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*At the conclusion of the Passion, no response is made. Please be seated. A period of silence is kept.*

**Homily:** Mtr Maggie Helwig

**Nicene Creed**

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**Intercessions** (*Names and prayers may be added to the list at the entrance*)

*When the departed are prayed for:*

*Intercessor* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**Response** **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Response** **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant*     *Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.*

*All*             *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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant*     *Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
† pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*All*             **Amen.**

## Laying on of hands

*(Please come forward if you desire prayer for healing or a blessing).*

## Peace

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

*All*             **And also with you**

## Announcements

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory hymn 186:** *The royal banners forward go*

VEXILLA REGIS

**Prayer over the Gifts**

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### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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*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.**

### **Proper Preface: Preface of Holy Week**

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**Sanctus** (*Hymnal S124*)

*Hurd*

**Lord's Prayer** (*BAS p. 918*)

*McNeil Robinson*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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**Agnus Dei** (*Hymnal S161*)

*Hurd*

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest when the communion ministers approach. Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.*

**Communion hymn 196:** *Ah, holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

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### **Doxology**

*Celebrant*     *Glory to God,*

**All**

**whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Closing hymn 198:** *O sacred head, surrounded*

PASSION CHORALE

### **Dismissal**

*Priest*

Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Welcome to everyone here today!*  
*Please join us after Mass for refreshments and conversation in the parish hall.*

**Intercessions List**

*A list is available each Sunday on the small table at the entrance.*  
*Please feel free to add your own petitions,*  
*and the names of those you would like prayed for during Mass.*

**Prayers have been asked today for:**

Phyllis, Vanesta, Marcelle, Becky, Mark, Kadeem, Montelle, Jermaine,  
Alex, Tejah, Chris, Damien, Tannis

*For announcements and up-coming events, please see the separate take-home leaflet.*



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