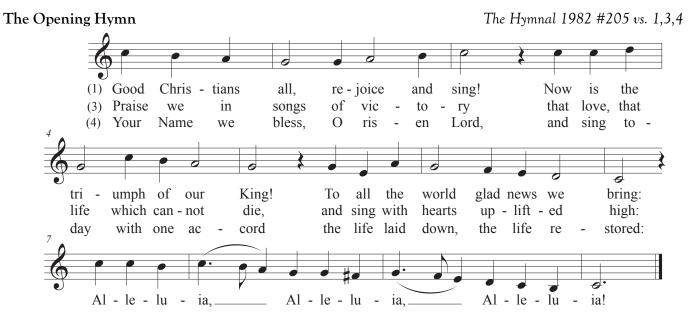


Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m. The Congregation Gathers

Prelude Piano Meditation on Resignation (My Shepherd will supply my need)

The Tolling of the Bell

Please stand as you are able.

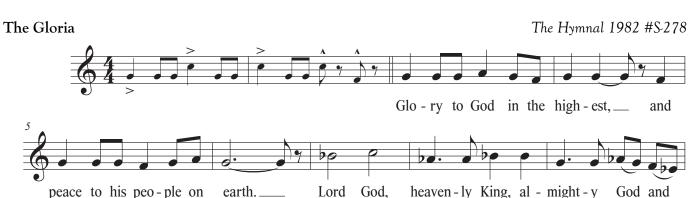


The Opening Acclamation

All who have bells are invited to ring them joyously each time "Alleluia" is sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 God is my **shepherd;***
 - I shall not be in want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green **pastures*** and lead me beside still **waters.**
- 3 You revive my **soul***
 - and guide me along right pathways for your Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no **evil;*** for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they **comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trouble me**;* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running **over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**,* and I will dwell in the house of the Most High for-ever.

The Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

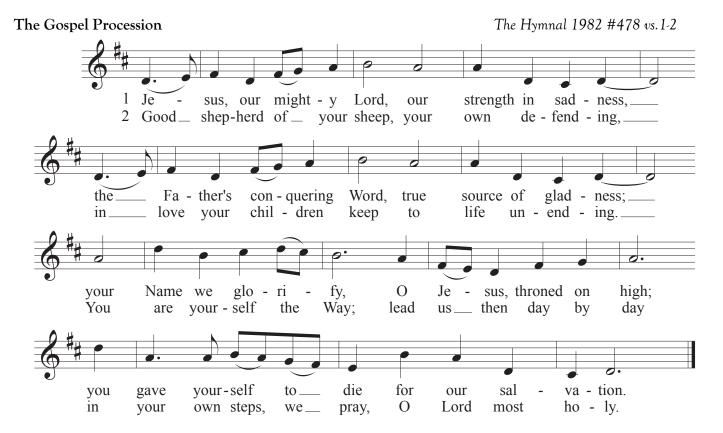
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God

is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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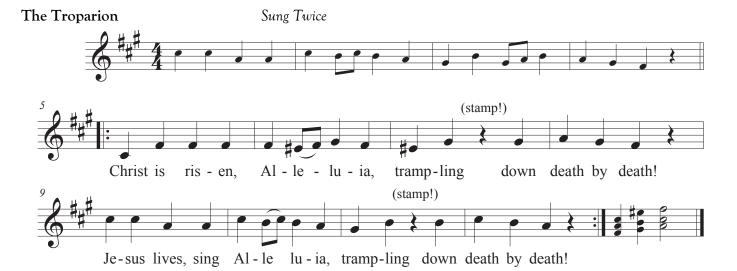
The Gospel John 10:11-18

Deacon / Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. *Glory to you, O Christ.*

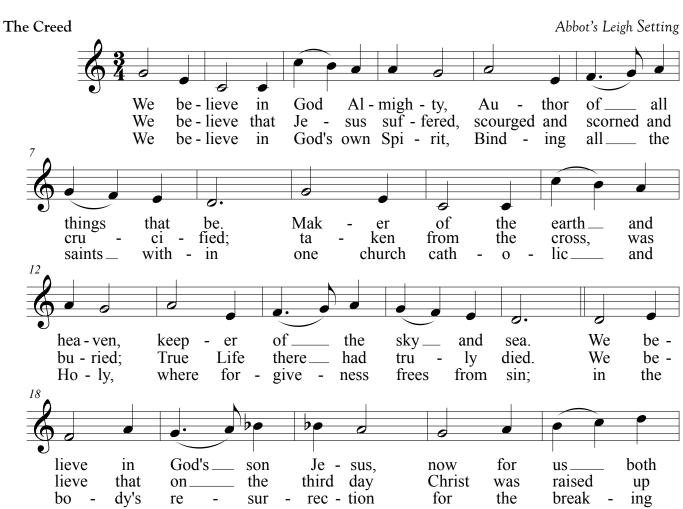
Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

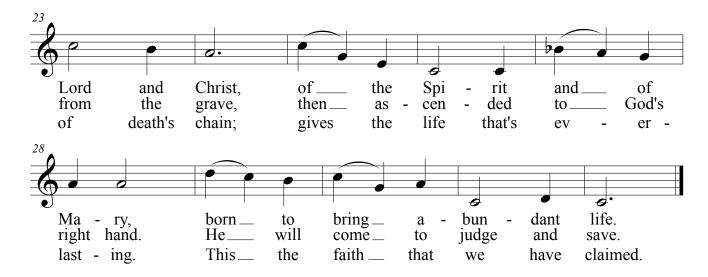
Deacon / Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.

The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon The Rev. Robert J. Kossler





The Prayers of the People

Deacon / Celebrant

Rejoicing in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of God to give newness of life, and the recreating presence of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church and the world.

Please add your intercessions followed by "God of Resurrection Life". All then respond "Hear our prayer.'

Leader For the world-wide church.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the nation and all in authority.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the welfare of the world.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the concerns of our community.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For those who suffer.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For the departed.

God of Resurrection life,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

We offer these thanksgivings and intercessions through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, and to you, O Blessed Trinity, be all glory and praise, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

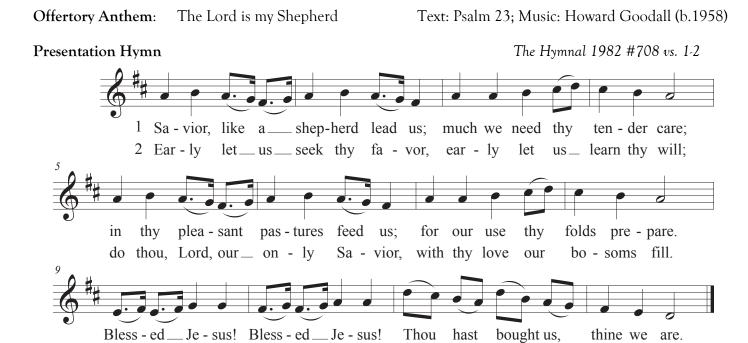
Celebrant May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table



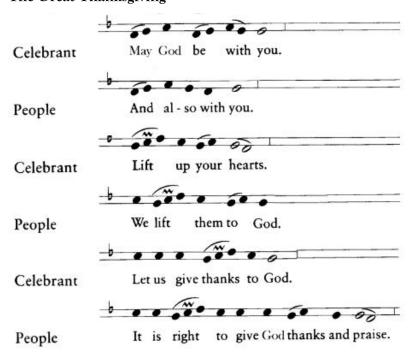
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The Great Thanksgiving



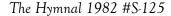
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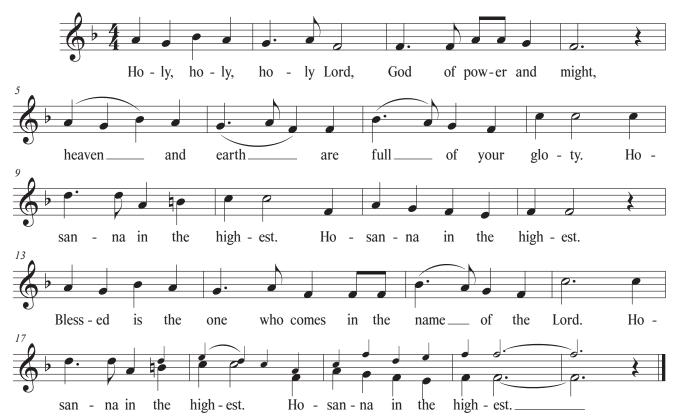
Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:





We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy Creator, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, O God.

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

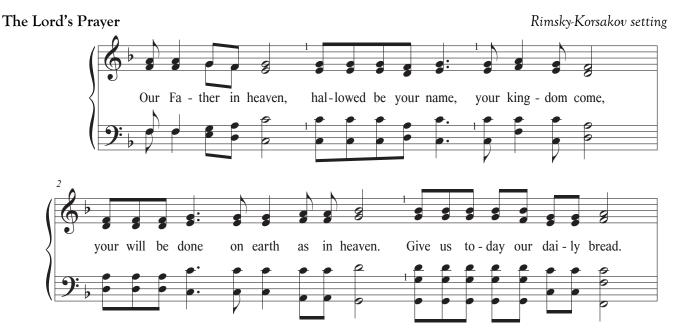
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with blessed Mary the God-bearer, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Creator, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. *AMEN*

Deacon / Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





Invitation to the Table

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The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table of abundance.

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We who are many are one body because we share the one bread, the one cup.

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During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

Healing Prayer

The presider sends the healing minister to the Mary Chapel with oil for anointing. You are welcome to receive prayers and/or anointing in the Mary Chapel, during the distribution of Holy Communion.

You may request prayers for yourself or for someone else.

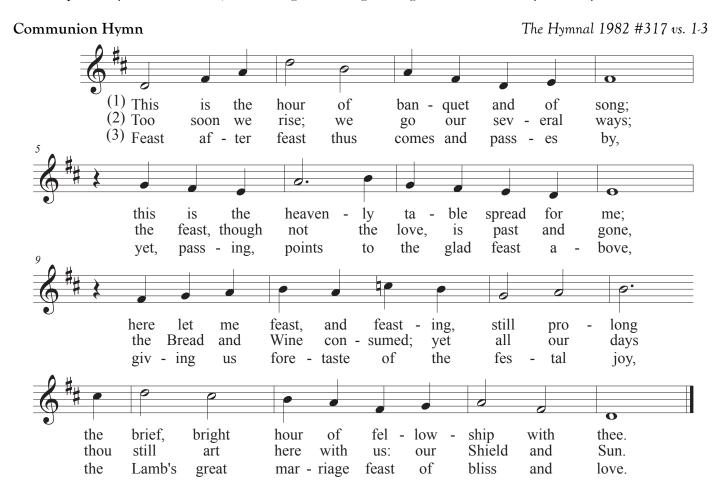
Celebrant

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up. (*James 5:15*)

Take this oil and anoint, offer prayers for healing and a reminder that our strength is in our Savior.

During Communion, those present through our livestream are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, O God, with your people at every altar of your Church, we offer you praise, giving thanks for your presence in the holy gifts of bread and wine. In our spatial distance we invite you to come spiritually into our hearts, nourishing and strengthening us as members of your body. Amen.



Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes

and touched with our hands;

the word of life in whom our joy is complete:

send us out to declare your truth,

your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen

Community Blessings

For a birthday: (Celebrant & People)

Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Travelers: (Celebrant & People)

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Easter Blessing

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

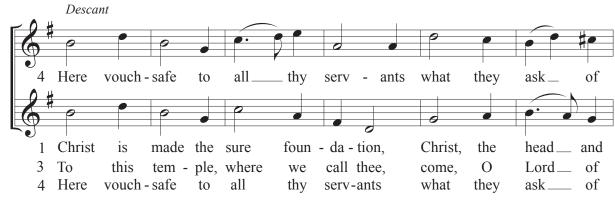
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

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 Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #518 vs. 1,3-4





The Dismissal

Deacon / Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Bourrée by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Vicar's Schedule and Office Hours

Monday: Sabbath

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.

Please get in touch with Bob+ to make other arrangements.

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VITAL AND THRIVING EVENT FOR HOLY INNOCENTS

Holy Innocents is now part of the Vital and Thriving (V + T) congregational development program in the Diocese of California. This is a three-year program which helps congregations move forward into the future with greater self-knowledge, faith, confidence, and renewed energy as we devise and test fresh missional approaches. We are in Year One, the phase of Discovery. We will be collecting stories of our congregation to become more familiar with where our congregation has been in the past, where we are today, and discern where God might be calling us next.

As the first step in this process of storytelling, the Holy Innocents V + T Steering Committee is inviting you to A CONGREGATIONAL TIMELINE EVENT on April 28 after our 10 am service. This 90-minute facilitated conversation will be about our history as Holy Innocents and help us develop a shared timeline of important milestones and events in our collective church history. We will ask you to briefly note reflections on sticky notes and place them on a large church timeline on the wall. This event specifically needs to include longtime members and newcomers and everyone in between in order to get a variety of perspectives on who we have been in order to work toward who we as a congregation are being called to be. Please mark your calendars and ask any of us if you have questions in the meantime.

The V + T Steering Committee: Melinda Carr (chair), Alison Amonette, Seth Brenzel, Ron Fisher, Pamela Clare Magers.

Can you contribute cookies for our joyful reception after the May 4 Bishop Ordination service?

The good news is that over 1000 people have registered to attend the service and reception; the challenge is having sufficient refreshments. The Bishop Search and Transition team would truly appreciate help in with donations of cookies. Here is the link to

donate: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ABAB23ABF9C70-48437310-ordination#/

Please feel free to contact Margaret (<u>mdyerc@stanford.edu</u>) with any questions.

Paschal Candle 2024

From Natasha Merritt: As a congregation, we have been through quite a bit of change and turmoil in the last year (maybe the last few years). Given that, I felt that embracing the Hawaiian theme of "Ohana" was appropriate for the 2024 paschal candle. Ohana is the idea of family and that is, after all, what we are at Holy Innocents. The pink flowers are plumeria which represent a new beginning, Spring, new life, birth...both creation and recreation. The leaves on the lei are "maile". A maile lei is a symbol of respect, peace, friendship & love. Historically they were used in wedding ceremonies to tie the bride and groom's hands together as a symbol of their unity.

I felt that this theme represents what Holy Innocents means to me...and I think all of us here. Please think about this as we burn this candle and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to, once again, add to our community in this way.

Hospitality: We have a small coffee hour after the service. You can sign up to contribute on the rota sign up link or on the Hospitality Chart in the church narthex.

Wednesday potluck at 6:30 pm (6:00 pm on the third Wednesday for Open Cathedral sandwich making). Bring something to share if you can, but not required! All are welcome. Contact Stephen Walker with questions: stlwwalker@gmail.com; 415-385-8120.

Parish Retreat Save The Date For 2024! Our 2024 parish retreat is going to be held June 7th - June 9th. Start turning in your deposits!

Some folks have reported that they are not receiving emails from Holy Innocents. If you are not receiving emails, like the weekly notice that contains the link to the live-stream, send a message to support@holyinsf.org.

To add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin, please send your text (ready to paste) no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@holyinsf.org.

Staying Connected!

You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF.

HOLY INNOCENTS PRAYER LIST

* to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please contact the church office at office@holyinsf.org

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Adele (Judith's friend), Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bill D.; Bill (Cynthia's brother); ; Blaire's parents (Beth & Lisa); Cary; Christopher (Beth's friend); Sandy (family of Susan and Bill); Darlene (Judith's friend); Devin R., Diana (Anne's niece); Diane B. (Sarah B's friend); EJ (Judith's friend); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Geoff K. (Alison's friend); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Jim and Angel (Bill D's family); Joel & Sam; John M. (Sam's friend); Josh C. and family (Maureen's friends); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Kristin (friend of Beth & Lisa); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Seth and his family; Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Theresa & Darwin (Maureen's friends); Thomas F.; Virginia Gassner; Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Otto Steiner (Joyce's friend); Janet (Sr. Jean's sister); Yvonne (Cynthia's sister-in-law); Adrienne Bess; Joshua Coffy (Maureen's friend); Connie (Susan's aunt); Mary Kelley (Susan's mother); Carlin Holden (Judith's friend); Blaire (friend of Beth & Lisa); Kit Everts (Alison's friend); JW Kwankam (Judith's friend); The Rev. Ann Coburn; Ann Bogatinoff (congregation member); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Helen Brenzel (Seth's mom) Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

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