

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion with the Reserve Sacrament

Healing Prayers

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 ~ 10:30 am



The Mission of the Church:

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to
unity with God and each other in Christ.

Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855

We welcome visitors. Take a moment to sign our guest book in the narthex, and join us for coffee hour after the service. Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament Healing Prayers

Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska

Michael Rowcroft~ Officiant

Musicians ~ Stephanie Hall, piano & Elena Levi, violin

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Sunday, March 1, 2026

Liturgy of the Word

Great Litany (*From Enriching Our Worship.*)

All stand as able.

The People respond with the words in italics.

I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent.

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the
day of judgment,
Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the
preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death
and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your
sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it
that unity which is your will.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples
of all the nations.
Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and
understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your
word.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, O Christ.

IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

V.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word. Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

Have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the

unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Dave Muldoon

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Dan Hall

Levavi oculos

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

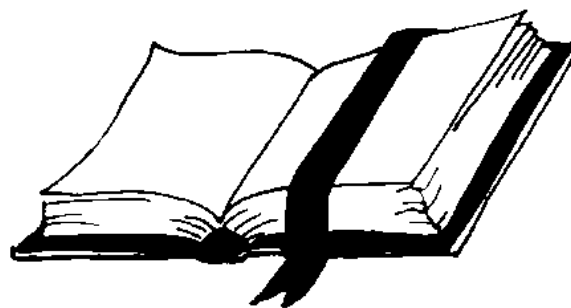
Stephanie Hall

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Sequence Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom

All stand as able.

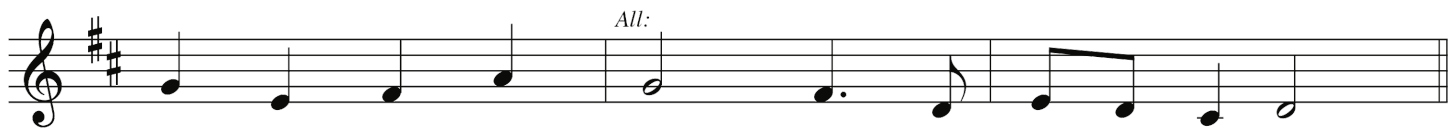
Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Congregation may remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

Officiant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Narraor: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

Nicodemus: “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus: “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus: How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus: “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus: “How can these things be?”

Jesus: “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Officiant

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Michael Rowcroft

Questions:

- I wonder what stood out for you in this passage.
- Describe the dilemma of Nicodemus.
- What does Nicodemus understand when Jesus tells him that he must be born from above?
- Where is Jesus trying to lead Nicodemus?
- Jesus uses for earthly things (like the example of the wind) which we cannot see but know to be true. What other examples could we add of things we know to be true. But we are unable to see?
- Heavenly things are harder to describe. What are some of the spiritual realities we could name?
- What might make all this easier for us to grasp than it was for Nicodemus?
- I wonder how Nicodemus' struggle with the message provides us with greater empathy for those in our lives who have been unable to accept the message of Jesus.
- I wonder how Nicodemus' struggle helps us in our times of doubt.

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

**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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Peace

All Stand as able.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Officiant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Today's loose offering will go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Hymn

ASHES

Tom Conry



1. We rise a-gain from ash-es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of-fer you our fail-ures, we ___ of-fer you at-
3. Then rise a-gain from ash-es, let ___ heal-ing come to
4. † Thanks be to the Fa-ther, who ___ made us like him-



1. do. We rise a-gain from ash-es, to cre-ate our-selves a-
2. tempts, the gifts not ful-ly giv-en, the ___ dreams not ful-ly
3. pain, though spring has turned to win-ter, and ___ sun-shine turned to
4. self. † Thanks be to his Son, ___ who ___ saved us by his



1. new. If ___ all our world is ash-es, then ___ must our lives be
2. dreamt. Give our stum-bl-ings di-rec-tion, give our vi-sions wid-er
3. rain. The ___ rain we'll use for grow-ing, and cre-ate the world a-
4. death. † Thanks be to the Spir-it who cre-ates the world a-



1. true, an — of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
2. view, an — of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
3. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology (a hymn of praise)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP pg.101

Officiant and People say

**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 our selves 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.**

The Officiant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

Officiant and People say

**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 Officiant says

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord.
Let the Chalix Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalix Bearers – Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth*

Communion Music

Stephanie Hall & Elena Levi

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

On the first Sunday of the month all are welcome to come forward for healing prayers.



Healing Prayers

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!***

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Please stand as able for any birthdays or anniversaries and together say

Prayer for Birthdays *(BCP 830, prayer 50)*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)

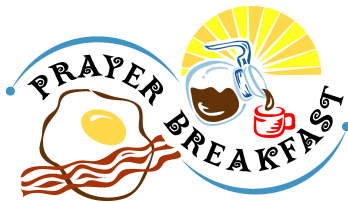
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, *N. and N.* that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Announcements...*People may be seated and announcements are now made.*

**Lenten Season Community Soup and Worship
March 4th**

Location: **Salvation Army**
Address: **439 Willoughby Ave.**
Soup and bread: **First Baptist**

**The Way of the Cross ~ Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m. ~ led by
Worship Leaders**

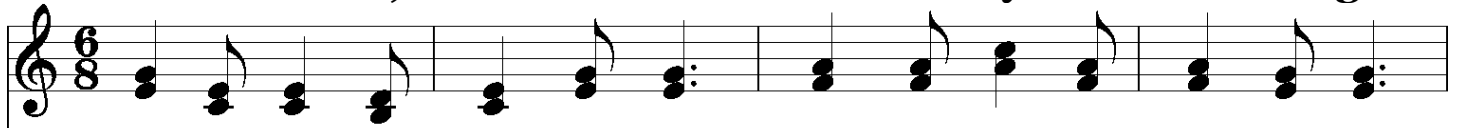


**Sisters and Brothers Prayer Breakfast
8:00 a.m.
Friday, March 13, 2026
All are welcome!!!**

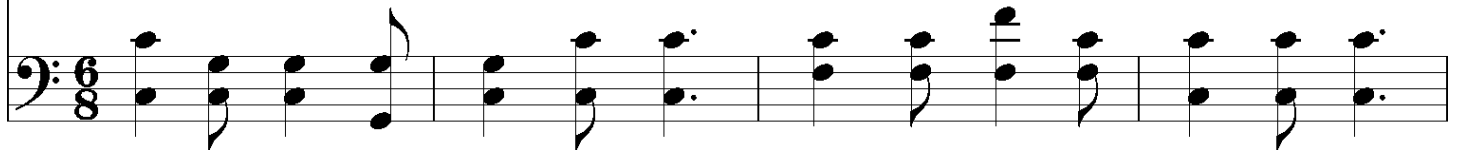
Closing Hymn

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Lift Every Voice and Sing 218



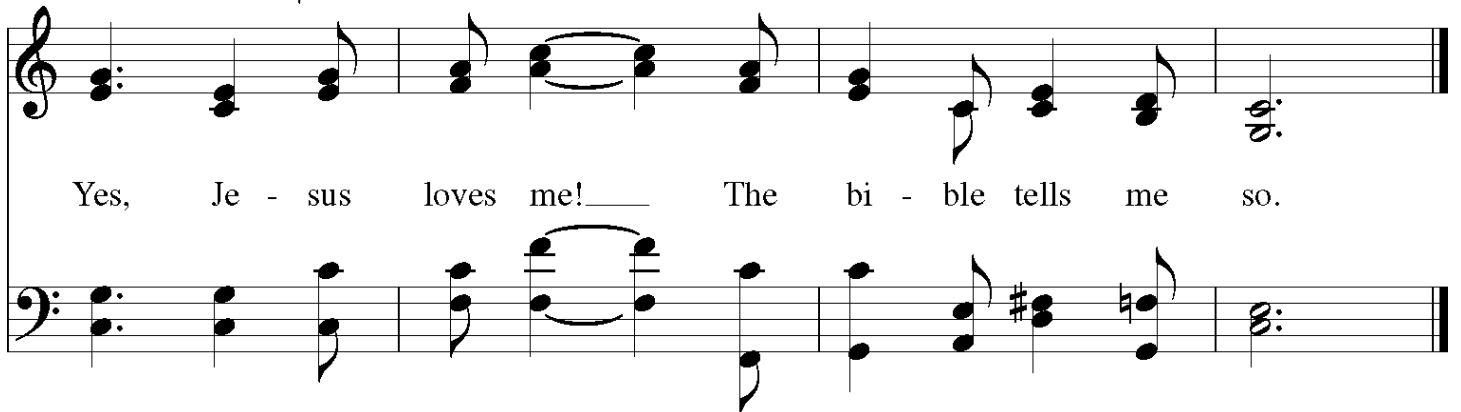
1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;
3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;



1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
2. He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The bi - ble tells me so.

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Officiant says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

A Note on Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent—Year A

Welcome to our worship service today. Today's readings focus on the theme of journey. Whenever we travel, we undergo the pain of leaving behind familiar things and the uncertainty of a new future. In Lent, Christians remember that they are life-long "pilgrims in a strange land," people on a journey into the future that God has prepared for us.

The Old Testament reading tells of the story of Abraham's calling by God, and the beginning of his journey into the Promised Land. In this new and unknown place, God opened up new rivers of grace for Abraham and Sarah. In the second reading, Paul expounds on Abraham as the father of faith and as our ancestor in the faith. The journey begun by Abraham and Sarah is a journey that continues in our lives and a journey begun this Lent by all those among us who seek baptism at Easter.

Nicodemus is also interested in a journey—the journey into God's Kingdom. Here a leading rabbi comes to discuss God's Word with Jesus, whom he recognizes as a fellow rabbi. John tells us this was Passover season and it was accounted specially blessed for rabbis to discuss God's Word through the night during that season. Jesus reveals the way into God's Kingdom to be a new birth, a birth from heaven (the original text means both) through water and the Holy Spirit.

We gather to support each other in our journey, to pray for those who will be baptized, and to be nourished by Christ in his Word and Sacraments—they are our food for the journey.

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An Open Letter to the People of Alaska and to Our Elected Leaders

February 19, 2026

To our congregations, our neighbors, and those entrusted with public authority:

We write with grief, urgency, and moral clarity in response to the detention of a mother and her three children in Soldotna on Tuesday, February 17th. Immigration enforcement agents arrived in force, swarming a family home and taking into custody Sonia Espinoza Arriaga and her children, ages 5, 16, and 18. The youngest is a kindergartener. None have a criminal record. The husband and father, an American citizen born in Seward, was handcuffed outside his home in freezing temperatures.

We do not write to inflame. We do not write to obstruct lawful governance. We write because silence in the face of suffering is itself a form of consent.

In his “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded the Church that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” He cautioned religious leaders against preferring order over justice, and against patience that asks the vulnerable to endure harm quietly for the sake of public comfort. We hear his words echoing across decades into this moment in Alaska.

The detention of minor children, especially in a state without appropriate facilities for their care, raises grave humanitarian and legal concerns.

What does it say about us if masked agents seize a mother from her car while she is still in her pajamas

What does it say about us if a five-year-old cries for his mother and is taken into custody?

What does it say about our professed commitment to family values when families are fractured in this way?

We affirm that nations have laws and that those laws must be administered. Yet law enforcement divorced from compassion becomes something less than justice. Scripture commands us, in both the Hebrew prophets and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to welcome the stranger, to defend the vulnerable, and to protect children. These are not partisan commitments; they are moral ones.

Dr. King warned of the “appalling silence of the good.” We will not be silent.

We call upon federal authorities to:

- Ensure the safety, humane treatment, and appropriate housing of detainees.
- Provide full transparency regarding the grounds and conditions of detention.
- Exercise prosecutorial discretion consistent with stated priorities that target serious criminal conduct, not families seeking asylum.
- Work toward alternatives to detention that preserve family unity while due process proceeds.

We call upon Alaska’s elected leaders, local, state, and federal, to advocate for the wellbeing of families and children and for immigration enforcement practices that reflect both justice and mercy.

And we call upon our congregations to pray, to advocate peacefully, and to accompany those who are afraid.

There is a moral crisis when children are placed behind locked doors without clear necessity and without facilities designed for their care. There is a moral crisis when fear eclipses compassion. There is a moral crisis when we grow accustomed to scenes that should trouble our conscience.

The Church must be neither the chaplain of the status quo nor the echo of political talking points. We are called to be witnesses to the dignity of every human being, created in the image of God.

Alaska is vast, beautiful, and often harsh, and we know the importance of shelter. We know what it means to look out for one another, despite differences, in dangerous conditions. Let us not lose that instinct.

We pray for Sonia Espinoza Arriaga and her children. We pray for Alexander Sanchez-Ramos. We pray for those charged with enforcing the law. And we pray that justice, rooted in truth, tempered with mercy, and guided by the protection of the most vulnerable will prevail.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kristi McGuire, Conference Superintendent, Alaska Conference of the UMC

The Rev. Tim Oslovich, Bishop, Alaska Synod (ELCA)

The Rev. Elizabeth Schultz, Executive Presbyter, The Presbytery of Yukon (PCUSA)

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

Please Remember these Ministries

AWARE

Works to prevent violence and support people who have experienced domestic and sexual violence.

AWARE is in need of travel size shampoo and conditioner, travel size or full size body wash, women's only deodorant, full size bath towels, any brand liquid only laundry soap and 13 gallon white trash bags.

BARTLETT HOUSE

Bartlett Regional Hospital serves patients from all parts of Southeast Alaska. Some patients and their families have to travel considerable distances for treatment. It's a convenient, low-cost lodging alternative for families of out-or-town patients. Bartlett House is situated on the Bartlett Regional Hospital campus, mere steps away from the emergency department and cafeteria.

Bartlett House can use individual packages of snacks, cup of soup, nuts or trail mix, single serve cheese and crackers, 2 pack cookies, snack pudding, and oatmeal packets.

Also, Remember that items for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank can be brought with you on Sundays. Look for the "FOOD BANK" basket at the back of the church.

Serving Schedule

March 1 ~ March 29 ~ 2026

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Altar	Dave Muldoon	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon	Dan Hall
1st Reading	Dave Muldoon	Jackie Schulz	Stephanie Hall	Rob Smith	Barbara Learmonth
Psalm	Dan Hall	Rob Smith	Barbara Learmonth	Dave Muldoon	Stephanie Hall
2nd Reading	Stephanie Hall	Ken Vaughan	Brita Rice	Dan Hall	Jo Schoeppe
Gospel	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft
Prayers of the People	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Jackie Schulz	Ken Vaughan	Rob Smith
Chalice Bearer	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth	Dan Hall & Jo Schoeppe	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth
Worship Leader	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft
Godly Play	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon
Coffee Hour	Potluck	Carol Fujioka	?	?	?
Ushers	Dave Muldoon	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba & Jo Schoeppe	Dave Muldoon

Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on Military Strike on Iran

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church,

Here in the United States, we awoke this morning with alarm to the news that the United States and Israel have launched a large military strike on Iran. This violent attack comes despite weeks of negotiations that many of us had hoped would prevent armed conflict in this fragile region, which is home to so many religious traditions and faithful people.

Bishop Jeffrey Mello of Connecticut and a group of pilgrims from that diocese are in the Holy Land now, and when we spoke this morning, he let me know that they are safe at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I ask you to pray fervently for them and their safe return.

Pray, too, for all the people of the Holy Land, and especially for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and its leader, Archbishop Hosam Naoum. I had planned to be with Hosam today and tomorrow when he made a long-planned visit to our church. Many Episcopalians who had hoped to see him and assure him of our support will feel his absence keenly in the coming days. I commend to you the [letter that he has sent to the people of his diocese this morning](#).

As news reports tell us of fear and panic in Iran, I ask you to pray especially for the people of the Diocese of Iran and for all of the Iranian people. In recent weeks, we have mourned as the regime in Iran has killed peaceful protesters, and watched with alarm at both its increasing repression of the Iranian people and the escalating response of the U.S. government. As Christians who follow a Prince of Peace, we mourn that today's attacks will surely mean further hardship for the most vulnerable Iranians and, as retaliation inevitably follows, suffering that will spread across the entire region.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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