

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion with the Reserve Sacrament

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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

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

Barbara Learmonth~ Officiant

Musicians ~ Stephanie Hall, piano & Elena Levi, violin

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Liturgy of the Word

Please Stand as able and join in singing the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn

BEYOND THE DAYS

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Refrain

Be - yond the days of hope and mys - t'ry we
see a light of faith re - newed, and in our long - ing
we thirst for guid - ance to walk with you day by day.

1-4
to Verses

Final

Verses

day, to walk with you day by day.

1. For - ty days and
2. Not on bread a -
3. In your hands, O
4. On our Lent - en



1. nights, you guide the steps of our jour - ney. May your
 2. lone are we to walk on this jour - ney. Speak the
 3. God, we feel the touch of your guid - ance. Keep us
 4. path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our



1. pres - ence be felt in the whis - per of your voice.
 2. words that give life to the yearn - ings of our hearts.
 3. safe in your care: may your gen - tle - ness be there.
 4. vi - sion of hope; be the prom - ise of our lives.

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All standing as able, the Officiant says

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
 His mercy endures for ever.**

People

Confession of Sin

All stand, as able.

The Officiant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

**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.**

The Officiant says

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 Officiant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

Lord Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy. *(three times)*
Christ, have mercy. *(three times)*
Lord, have mercy. *(three times)*

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by

many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7

Brita Rice

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Jo Schoeppe

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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

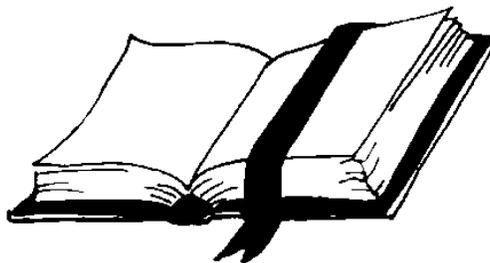
Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

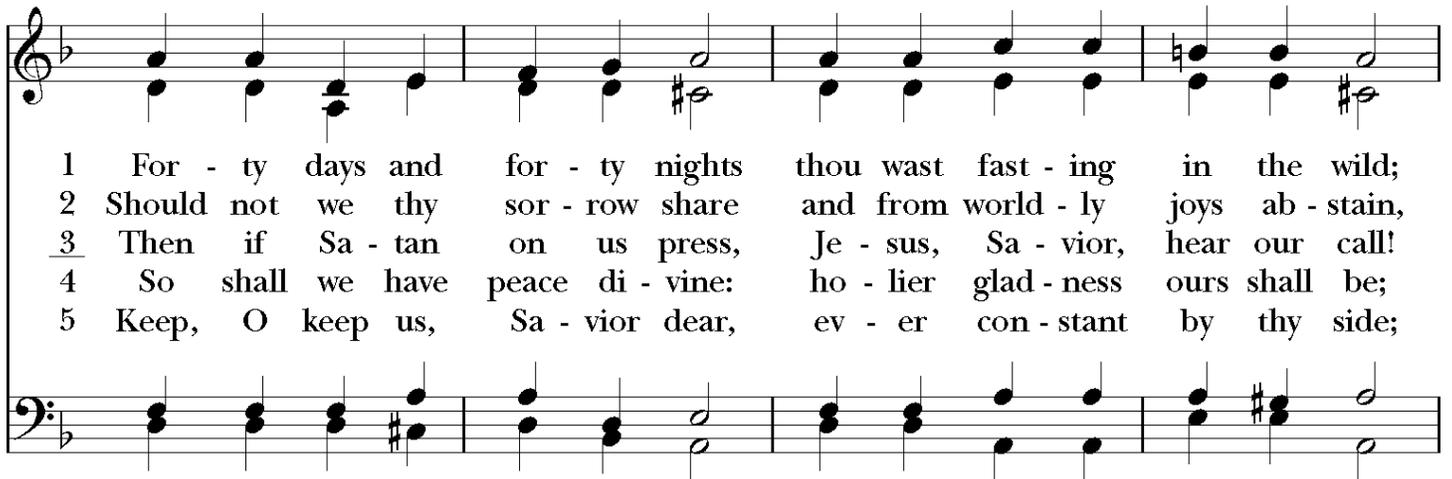


Sequence Hymn

All stand as able.

Forty days and forty nights

Hymnal 150



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Barbara Learmonth

Congregation may remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

Officiant

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

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word

that comes from the mouth of God.” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Barbara Learmonth

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.**

Prayers of the People: Form VI

Brita Rice

All remain standing as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

We pray for: . We pray for: ***Leif, Matthew, Sue, the Thomas family, Jim, Catie, Jo, Lisa, Jennie & family, Stephanie, Jessie, Tracy, Ann, Johnny, Seena, Mary & Stan, Marilyn, Jeannie, Caroline, Laurie, Tamira, Heather, Fred, Henry, Sharon & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, Sam & Joyce, John, Judi, Linda, Heaven,***

John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Linda, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Jim, Cyndy, Anne, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center, SEARHC'S: Ravens Way, and Lemon Creek Correctional Center; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mark our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Today's loose offering will go into the Vestry 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) See last page for music.

***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.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion

Officiant: God of all love we draw near with awe and reverence to the mystery of our Savior's Body and Blood.

People: Lord have mercy

May we commemorate his passion and recall his resurrection with pure hearts and unclouded faith.

People: Lord have mercy

For our sake he was born into the human family, mortal, tried and tempted as we are; and by his preaching of the kingdom he called us to the knowledge of your truth.

People: Lord have mercy

When he had fulfilled all things he was lifted up upon the cross, and rose from the dead, and was taken up into heaven to be the first-fruits of our human nature, the author and perfecter of faith.

People: Lord have mercy

Now he calls us to his table to become partakers of his grace.

People: Lord have mercy

With a humble will and with overflowing love may we receive your gift of everlasting life.

People: Lord have mercy

With pure prayer and abundant hope may we leave with you those things that are past and devote ourselves afresh to your service.

People: Lord have mercy

Grant us to receive the Holy One and to be hallowed by the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grant us to share in the peace of Christ through the sacrament of peace.

Amen.

May this Holy Communion bring us to new life in your kingdom and unite us with all your Saints. **Amen.**

The Officiant continues

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for 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 Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon*

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.**

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.

Parish Potluck!!!

March 1, 2026 following the service.

At the 39th Annual Parish Meeting it was decided that the comments gathered during the presentation led by Michael Rowcroft would be turned over to the Vestry to

use as a guide for setting goals for St. Brendan's in 2026.

The potluck and report will happen simultaneously!!!



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

Lenten Season Community Soup and Worship



Everyone is invited to gather on Wednesday evenings during the Season of Lent. The location changes weekly. Each event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a brief worship followed by a time of fellowship and soup supper.

February 25th

Location: **Kuneix Hidi Northern Light Church**

Address: **400 West 11th Street**

Soup and bread: **Church of the Nazarine**



Sisters and Brothers Prayer Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 13, 2026

All are welcome!!!

Closing Hymn

The glory of these forty days

Hymnal 143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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

The First Sunday in Lent—Year A

Welcome to our worship service today. On this first Lenten Sunday, the Old Testament reading is the account of the creation of the human race and its fall, through disobedience, from communion with God. Our choices determine who we are and our relationship to God and to others. As the first humans chose to be independent from God, Jesus in his temptations chose faithfulness. The story of the Temptation is the story of Jesus beginning to turn humanity around from disobedience to faithfulness. Each of the temptations was one that the Israelites failed during their Exodus journey.

In the passage from Romans, Paul expands on this. Jesus is the new humanity. Through his death and resurrection, he has opened the way for us, in baptism, to be made part of that new humanity rather than remaining in the state of the old.

In some congregations, those who have been called by God to baptism at Easter will be enrolled as baptismal candidates today. In those congregations, the candidates will be the center of parish life during Lent. However, even in parishes with no baptismal candidates, our focus on each of these Lenten Sundays is still baptism and our preparation to renew our own baptism at Easter. Please keep all candidates for baptism in your prayers daily.

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"Lenten Fast"

*By the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, VIIIth Bishop of Alaska
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"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?". Isaiah 58: 6-7

Lent is a season of fasting and penitence. But, as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, fasting and penitence is less about what we are willing to "give-up" as an expression of our personal piety, and more about realigning ourselves and our lives with God's purpose, mercy, justice and love as reflected in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is about growing more deeply and practicing more sincerely the gospel life of Baptism.

On Ash Wednesday, ICE agents in Soldotna arrested and deported a woman and her three children, the youngest of her children is 5 years old and attends Kindergarten.

While these cases are often complex, those of us who seek to practice and witness to the life and way of Jesus, and who would look for our society to reflect the higher moral principles of mercy, love of neighbor, and gospel justice, must be prepared and willing to hold ourselves and our leaders accountable to our Lenten fast taken in justice, mercy, and Godly love.

I also encourage all of us to be renewed in hope and faith. Remember that God has poured into our lives an abundance of strength and love in our communities--"our own flesh and blood." Nourish your relationships and strengthen the bonds of your community. Together we are stronger, and in our shared faith, prayers, service and love for one another in Christ, we can do all things and have nothing to fear.