



**TRINITY**  
**STATEN ISLAND**

## **Holy Eucharist**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 • 10:30 AM

## Holy Eucharist

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about this community Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

*Please silence all electronic devices before the service.*

*You are invited to participate throughout the service with the **bold** responses and in all hymns.*

## GATHERING

prelude *Selections from O Gott, du frommer Gott, BWV 767*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

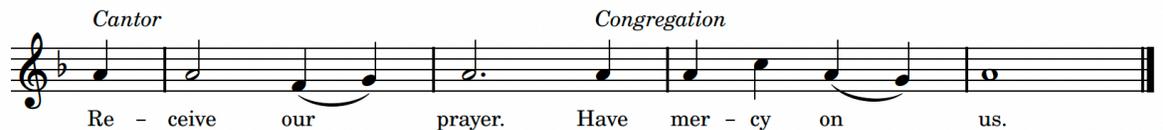
welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

great litany Litany of Penitence

Michael McCarthy  
(b. 1966)

*On the first Sunday in Lent we  
chant the extended confession,  
Litany of Penitence  
The cantors chant the text, and  
the congregation joins in the  
responses*

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.



We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
**Receive our prayer. Have mercy on us.**

We confess to you all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives. **Receive our prayer. Have mercy on us.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people:



Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves: **We confess to you.**

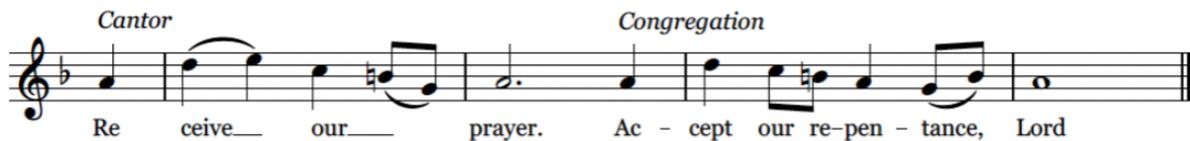
Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves:



Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, receive our prayer. **We confess to you.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, receive our prayer. **We confess to you.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.



For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, receive our prayer. **Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, receive our prayer. **Accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.



Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*Congregation*



That we may show forth your glo - ry in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*Congregation*



Bring us with your saints to the joy of res - ur - rec - tion.

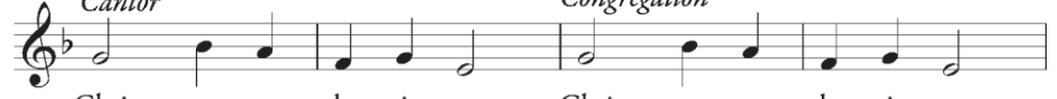
kyrie

*Cantor* *Congregation*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *Congregation*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* *Congregation*



Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Please stand for the Greeting*

greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

prayer of the day Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

children's message *Children are invited forward for a message from Pr. Stephanie*

## WORD

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

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>3:1</sup>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?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>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.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

psalm 32 *The refrain is sung by the choir once, then by all*

*Refrain:*



Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the LORD.

*Tone:*



*The verses are sung responsively, non-bold by the choir and bold by all*

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!
- <sup>3</sup> **While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.**
- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you  
forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of  
trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.
- <sup>7</sup> **You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**
- <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should  
go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**
- <sup>9</sup> 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."
- <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **Refrain**



gospel reading Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> 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.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated for the sermon*

sermon *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

*Please stand for the Hymn of the Day*

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hymn of the day "When We are Tested" (ACS 922)

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,  
fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,  
nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,  
food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
Music: Irish traditional

the apostles' creed **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

prayers *The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:*

...Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*At the end of the prayers, the pastor says*  
Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

peace The peace and joy of Jesus Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated*

announcements *See this weekend's Trinity Times for the latest happenings at Trinity*

offering *The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.*



anthem at the offertory **Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts**

Henry Purcell  
(1659-1695)

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,  
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,  
to fall from thee. Amen.*

*Please stand for the Presentation of the Offering*

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presentation of the offering

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” (ELW 188)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*The assisting minister leads us in prayer*

offering prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**MEAL**

the great thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

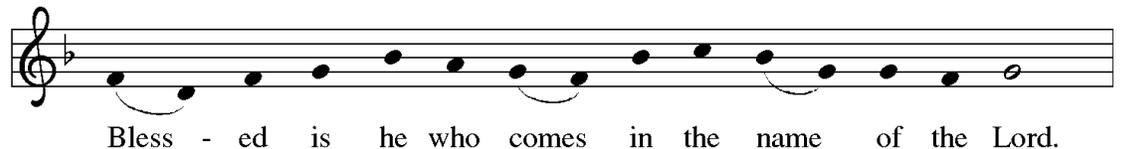
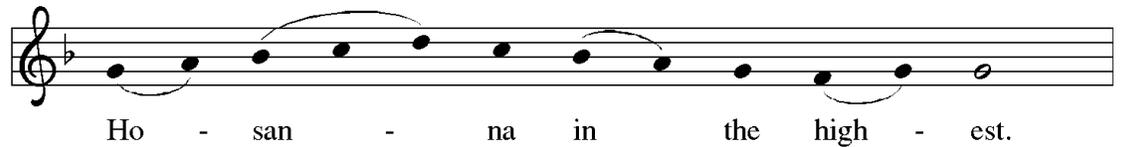
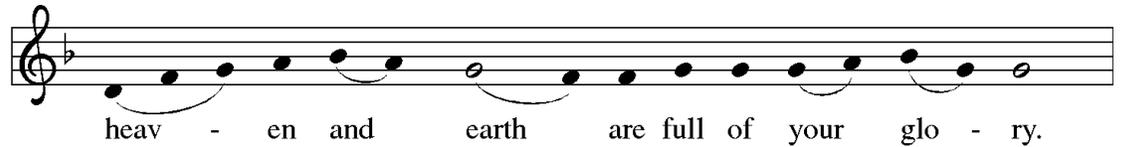
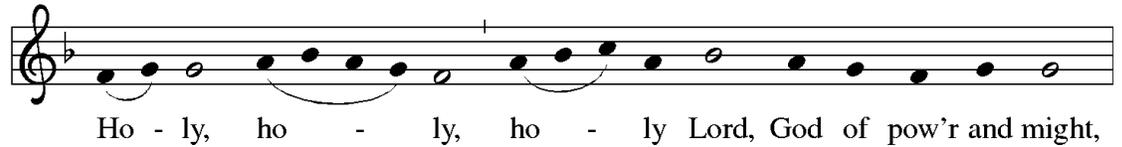
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

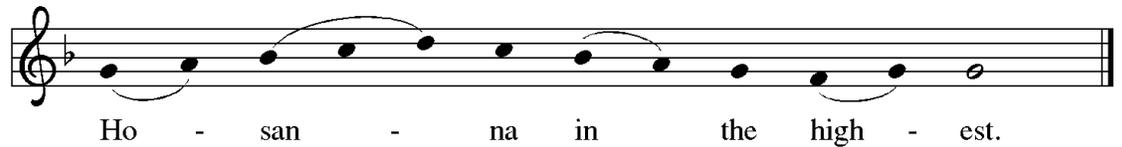
preface It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
 You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
 and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
 that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
 we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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sanctus



*the communion setting is  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Setting Five*



thanksgiving at the table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

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the lord's prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

invitation to communion Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.*

agnus dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

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communion hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (ELW 325)

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

*After communion, all stand and receive the blessing*

table blessing May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ † strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

nunc dimittis "Now Lord" (ELW 201)

*In the season of Lent, we sing a special canticle called the Nunc Dimittis or the Song of Simeon*

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
 been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
 which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
 a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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*The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer*

prayer after communion Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

blessing Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## sending hymn "Cast Out, O Christ" (ACS 1016)

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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dismissal **Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

postlude **Postlude on 'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me'**

Marianne Kim  
(b. 1972)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Denise Melious, Johanna Reyes mother of missing person Mortimer Mekhai Wortman, Julie Little, the O'Loughlin friends and family, family and friends of Pat Zulch, Justin Solomon, Cindy Roberti, James Ciccolella, Sean Reardon, Lori Homan, Dianne Bombardi, Joseph Campitiello, Barbie Parker, Amy Fittapaldi, Vincent Pizzolo, Gonca Latif-Schmitt and her family, Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Maria Alvarez Castro, Friends and Family of Phillip Herbst, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Migdalia Jimenez, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, and Christopher Jarrett

For those in our armed services, especially  
Joshua Lentini, Sgt. George E Turner, and the US Army

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