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*Opening wide our doors and hearts  
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

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**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

Coffee hour will be held after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

Mr. David Savage, *Verger*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Ms. Judy Howes and Ms. Lenita Richard, *Torch Bearers*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*

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## From the Consulting Priest

Dear Friends,

It was a Sunday filled with energy and excitement. We welcomed our new Priest In Charge, the Rev. Myrna Koonce, an opportunity for some of us to renew relationships with her and for others to meet her. The Rev. Martin Smith, who led our Quiet Day on Saturday, invited us to see in one "x-ray" - the suffering of Christ on the the cross - both the brokenness of the world and the revelation of God's true nature, one of unconditional and vulnerable love. We partook both of the feast of the Eucharist and the always delicious First Sunday of the Month Breakfast.

Along with all of this, many of our hearts were heavy as we were reminded of just how broken the world is by the news over the weekend of the US/Israel war with Iran. A pastoral letter from the Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East below reminds us of just how many will suffer as the bombs fall.

As is so often the case in our lives, this past weekend we had reason to rejoice and reason to weep. How good then, that we can continue to gather, to come before God with our praise and our petitions, and with our prayers to be guided by the Holy Spirit to make our way through this world in such a way that Christ and his Way - the way of the Cross - will continue to be made known by the witness of our lives.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom



## **The Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East Shares a Pastoral Letter In Response to the Outbreak of War**

The Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, Anglican archbishop in Jerusalem and primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, on Feb.



28 shared apastoral letter about the escalating conflict in the Middle East. You can read the whole letter [here](#) and this excerpt is below:

These developments strike at the very soul of our Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Every single nation now engaged in this combat, and those bearing the brunt of the retaliatory strikes, resides within our ecclesiastical boundaries. Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Iran are currently enduring the terror of aerial bombardment; our members in the Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf are witnessing the arrival of war at their doorsteps; and our faithful in the Diocese of Jerusalem — extending across Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria—face an unprecedented threat of military escalation.

In the face of such overwhelming force, we recall the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). Today, that calling feels heavier than ever before. When the “spirit of fear” threatens to consume our hearts, we must anchor ourselves in the “spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7)

First, I call upon the global church to join us in urgent, unceasing prayer. We implore God to protect the innocent — the mothers, the children and the elderly — who are caught in the crossfire of this “Operation Epic Fury” and the subsequent “crushing responses.” We pray specifically for a “sound mind” for the leaders of the United States, Israel and Iran, that they might recognize the futility of this bloodshed and turn back from the precipice of a global catastrophe.

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**Youth Service Corps This Sunday**

# YOUTH SERVICE CORPS EVENT

SUNDAY MARCH 8TH  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM



MEET AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
580 FOREST AVE, PORTLAND



COME PACK FOOD TO  
SUPPORT END HUNGER  
NEW ENGLAND, PART OF  
THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

ENJOY PIZZA AND GAMES AFTERWARDS

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO  
REACH THE REQUIRED 60 VOLUNTEERS!

RSVP ASAP (BY SUNDAY FEB. 22)

TO AMBER BURKS

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS COORDINATOR  
AT [AMBER@STALBANSMAINE.ORG](mailto:AMBER@STALBANSMAINE.ORG).

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## St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry Continues to Appreciate Our Donated Goods

Please keep in mind that the Essentials Pantry is always in need of the following items. They can be placed by the St. Elizabeth's poster in the undercroft or brought directly to St. Elizabeth's, at St. Luke's Cathedral, on Tuesday mornings:

- Kitchen & cookware

- Pots/pans, crockpots, plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, small appliances (toasters, microwaves)
- Bed & bath linens
  - Sheets, pillow cases, blankets, quilts, bath, hand & beach towels
- Personal care items
  - Diapers, feminine & incontinent products, toothbrushes & paste, deodorant, shampoo
- Adult winter coats & boots – clean and in good condition

Other than winter coats, remember that clothing donations cannot be accepted.

**Our St. Elizabeth Volunteer Morning this month is Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 8:15 AM at St. Luke's Cathedral.**

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**"When I was hungry you gave me something to eat..."**

### **Food For All Needs Our Help**

**Food For All Services** is a Portland based immigrant led non profit that packs and delivers food to hundreds of households in Cumberland County and beyond. They are still in need of greater community support.

The Rev. Katie Holicky, who currently serves at St. Paul's in Brunswick, brings their needs to our attention:

The reality for our neighbors is that folks are still being abducted, some folks are still sheltering in place, and others find themselves in hard financial situations since they were not able to work for a few weeks.

Our neighbors still need our support as folks who are marginalized always will. Jesus is clear about welcoming and supporting our immigrant neighbors. Let us live into this beautiful opportunity to embody our faith by way of helping to feed the vulnerable.

Peace, Rev. Katie Holicky

**[Learn more about them here.](#)**

**[Sign up to volunteer to pack food or deliver food.](#)** (The need for drivers to deliver food is dire!)

Donate [here](#).

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## Save the Dates

### Retirement Party

We will celebrate Fr. Tom's Retirement on April 12th, at 4 pm in the Undercroft. Please contact Anita Chandler, [achandler@maine.rr.com](mailto:achandler@maine.rr.com), if you would like to help in the planning.

### Open House

Fr Tom and Bishop Brown invite you to an Open House at their home on Sunday, March 15 from 3-5 pm. We are invited to gather on this Rose Sunday for some Lenten refreshment.

The address is 45 Belmont St in Portland, and parking is available on the street and next door in the parking lot of the Center for Grieving Children.

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## Stations of the Cross

Apologies to those of you who tried to join Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, as it was rescheduled for 4 pm that afternoon. And please note: the service scheduled for Tuesday March 24th will be rescheduled, as that is the day when clergy in the Diocese will be gathering in Augusta for the annual Chrism mass, in which holy oils are blessed and clergy renew their ordination vows.

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## Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, March 11th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Connect with our gathering then by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

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### **This Week at St. Peter's**

*Youth Service Corps*, Sun. March 8, 12-2 at Trinity Church

*St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry*, Tue. Mar. 10, 8:30-11

*Compline*, Wed. Mar. 11, 7pm, Zoom

*Evening Prayer*, Fri. Mar. 13, 5:30 pm, at church

## **In the Coming Weeks**

*Open House at Fr. Tom and Bishop Brown's Home,  
Sunday March 15th from 3-5 pm, 45 Belmont Street  
Vestry, Tue. Mar. 24, 6:30 pm, Zoom  
Fr. Mousin Retirement Party, Sun. April 12, 4pm, Undercroft*

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### **Sunday Minister Rota for March**

#### **March 8, 2026**

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*  
Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Judy Howes and Ms. Lenita Richard, *Torch Bearers*  
Ms. Anne Whitman & Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Lector*  
Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*  
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*  
Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*  
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*  
Altar Guild (Anne, Janene, Judy and Lenita) , *Coffee Hour Hosts*

#### **March 15, 2026**

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*  
Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Anne Whitman and Ms. Janene Gorham, *Torch Bearers*  
Ms. Emily Hickey & Mr. Jake Mahon, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Lector*  
Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*  
Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*  
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*  
Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Rich Price, *Counters*  
Mr. Wayne & Ms. Mary Franklin, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

#### **March 22, 2026**

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Vergers*  
Mr. Steve Booth, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Gwyneth Stansfield and Mr. Matthew Cheney, *Torch Bearers*  
Ms. Lenita Richard & Mr. Steve Booth, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Galen Weibley, *Lector*  
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*  
Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*  
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*  
Mr. Garrett Keniston & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

**March 29, 2026**

TBD, *Verger*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Thurifer*

Mr. Galen Weibley, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anica Hickey and Ms. Marya Hickey, *Torch Bearers*

Ms. Emily Keniston & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Jan Tracy, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Rich Price, *Counters*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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## **Weekly Prayer List**

### **Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends**

**Ann Marie Cady**

**Allison Schroth**

**Francisco Andreu**

**Diane Dalton**

**Dino Rice**

**Robert Stillings**

**Pat Fowler**

**Mary Ann Hoy**

**Barbara Vessey**

**Fred Madore**

**Alan Biagiotti**

**Jane Noone**

**Marc Lombe and family**

**Linda Foster**

**Garrett Keniston**

**Kevin Curty**

**Paul Loven**

**Anita Chandler**

**Peter Haskell**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Martha Gagliardi**, *friend of Fr. Tom*

**Tommy Valente**, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*

**Jane Reiha**, *friend of Judy Howes*

**Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche**, *friends of Dino Rice*

**Marge Devine**, *family member of Allison Schroth*

**Jimmy Devine**, *family member of Allison Schroth*

**Fuji Sprott**, friend of Dino Rice  
**David Turner**, cousin of Craig Mousin  
**Tammy**, friend of Craig Mousin  
**Beth**, friend of Lee Walters  
**Pam**, friend of Anita Chandler  
**The Kutasi Family**, friends of Allison Schroth  
**Kelly Marie Bell**, friend of Allison Schroth  
**Earle**, friend of Cindy Sherwood  
**Grace**, family member of Jessie Vega  
**Kay Gross**, friend of Jane Noone  
**Lisa Gorham**, daughter of John & Janene Gorham  
**Gerald and Anita Talbot**, friends of Anita Chandler  
**Peter Munro**, brother of Emily Hickey  
**Todd Cheney**, father of Matt Cheney  
**Jay Sprout**, friend of Tom Mousin  
**Sandy Woolley**, friend of Judy Howes  
**Amanda and Chris Conant**, friends of Jane Noone  
**Pam**, friend of Cindy Sherwood  
**Michael King**, friend of Anita Chandler  
**Amy Carter**, friend of Fred and Priscila Madore  
**Norma and Joe Kennedy**, friends of Jane Noone  
**Mary Jo Floyd**, relative of Fr. Tom Mousin  
**Frank Beal**, friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard  
**Mary Lou Toye**, aunt of the McCormicks  
**Cathryn Buckley**, sister of Judy Howes  
**John Richard**, brother of Rodney Richard  
**Jim Halstead**, friend of Craig Mousin

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, [Aschroth207@gmail.com](mailto:Aschroth207@gmail.com)

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, [emma.e.bond@gmail.com](mailto:emma.e.bond@gmail.com)

### **A Prayer for Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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**NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC**

Like the Emerald Isle itself, the origin of the lovely tune known as "Londonderry Air" is shrouded in the mists of time. It was first published in 1855 in a volume entitled *The Ancient Music of Ireland* and was most probably played on harp or violin. It was first fitted with a text for use in services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, the lyrics adapted from a poem by St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397): "O Strength and Stay upholding all creation, who ever dost Thyself unmoved abide..." Incidentally, the familiar secular text, "Danny Boy," wasn't even penned until 1910!

The text for "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" was originally written by Edward Perronet, a close friend and advisor to John and Charles Wesley. It fell to John Rippon to revise Perronet's text, producing the version that is commonly sung today. The tune most commonly heard in the US and Canada, CORONATION, is the oldest 18th century American hymn tune still in regular use. The composer, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), enjoyed a varied career as a carpenter, real estate investor, Massachusetts legislator, music teacher and publisher, and choral conductor. In the latter capacity, Holden wrote the music and trained the massed choir that greeted George Washington on his visit to Boston shortly after his inauguration in 1789. Washington was deeply moved, and entered the Old State House still wiping tears from his eyes. Following his death, Holden was buried in the Phipps Street Burying Ground in Charlestown; his tombstone includes the line, "Composer of the tune 'Coronation'" and the first stanza of the hymn text.

O WALY WALY is a traditional English-Scottish melody associated with the song "O Waly, Waly, gin love be bony," the words of which date back at least to Ramsay's collection of folk tunes entitled *Tea Table Miscellany* (1724-1732). The melody was always popular in association with several secular texts and got a huge boost when, during the American "folk song revival" of the 1960's and '70's, Pete Seeger (1919-2014) started using the tune for the text "The Water is Wide" for audience singalongs. In the classical realm, the eminent English composers Benjamin Britten and John Rutter also provided memorable settings of the tune.

*A note from Fr. Tom regarding the text of "Sabbath:"* The words were composed for a Clergy Day gathering of the Troy Annual Conference (the equivalent of a diocese), of which I was a member when serving as a United Methodist minister in Vermont. I was part of the worship planning team for the day, and was inspired to write this text given the day's theme, "Sabbath Rest." Once composed, the words seemed a natural fit with the folk tune O WALY WALY.

Born in the shadows of Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695) was named organist in 1679. Starting with a birthday ode composed for the king at the tender age of 11, Purcell's music was esteemed by the royal family throughout his illustrious career, and many of his most celebrated works were written for grand state occasions. Upon his death, the officials at Westminster ordered that he be buried adjacent to the Abbey organ where his epitaph reads, "Here lyes Henry Purcell Esq., who left this life and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be exceeded." Together with Bach and Handel, Purcell is honored with a feast day on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA).~HT

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