



Worship at Home

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent

Officiant: Rev. Benjamin Gillard

Preacher: Rev. Molly Finlay

Pianist & Cantor: Cara Halpin

via Zoom or Dial-In

Opening Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (CP 528)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

The Collect

Officiant Together, let us pray.

All **Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 19

Please join on the alternating bolded verses of the psalm

Officiant The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

All **Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

Officiant In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

All **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Psalm 19

Please join on the alternating bolded verses of the psalm

Officiant The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

All **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Officiant The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Psalm 19

Please join on the alternating bolded verses of the psalm

Officiant By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

All **Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Officiant Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

All **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All **as it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

Matthew 6:19-21, 24-27

(Read by Susan Evans)

Reader

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

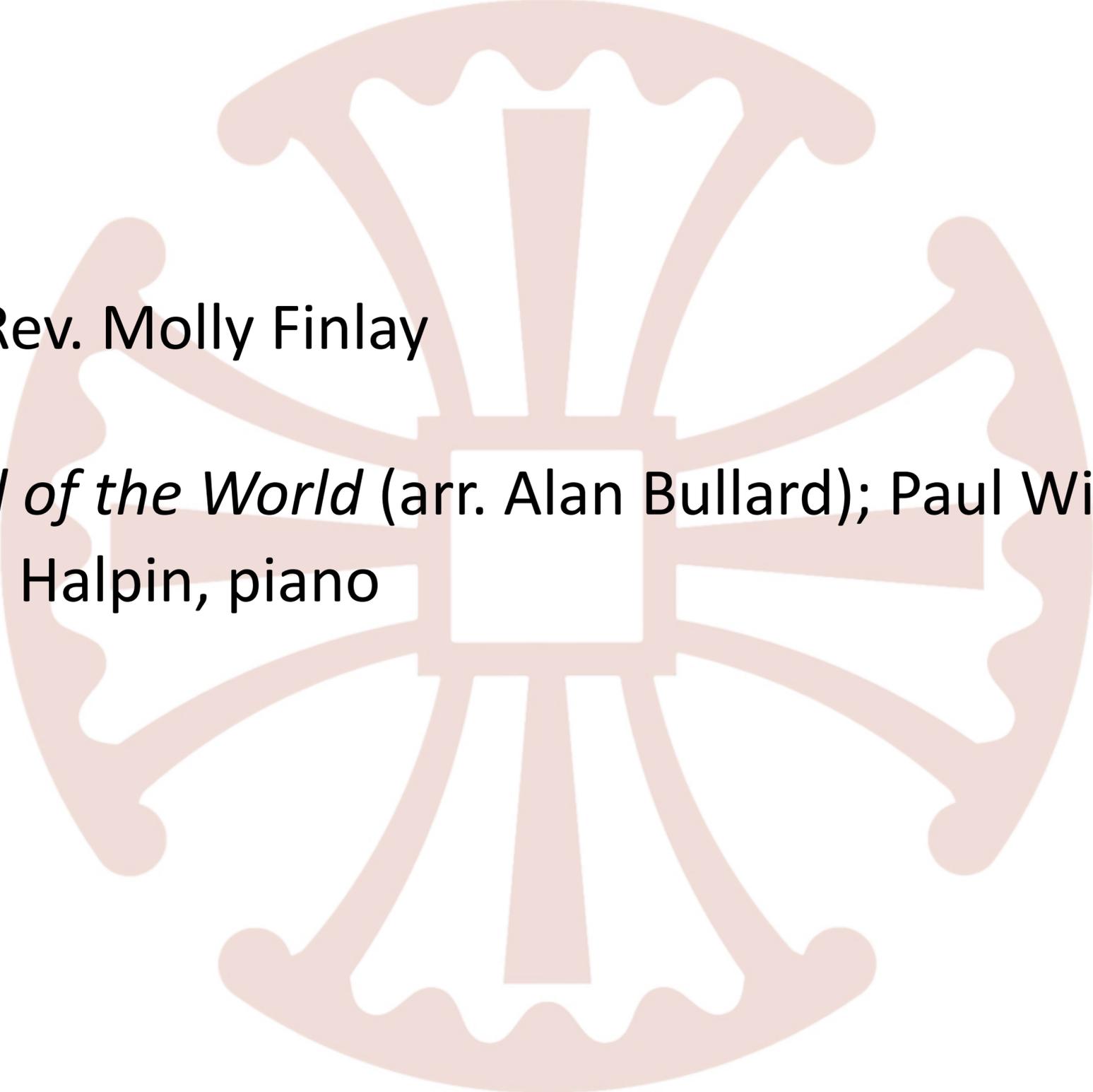
“Don’t hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being. “You can’t worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you’ll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can’t worship God and Money both. “If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

Reader

The Word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.



Homily: Rev. Molly Finlay

Solo: *Bread of the World* (arr. Alan Bullard); Paul Winkelmanns,
Baritone; Cara Halpin, piano



Moment of Gratitude, with Katya Park

The Apostles Creed

Officiant

Let us confess our faith as we say,

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.

We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our the website.

Officiant Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.



Prayers of the People, Led by Allan Stokell

The Confession

Officiant

Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.
Most merciful God,

All

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 neighbours 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.

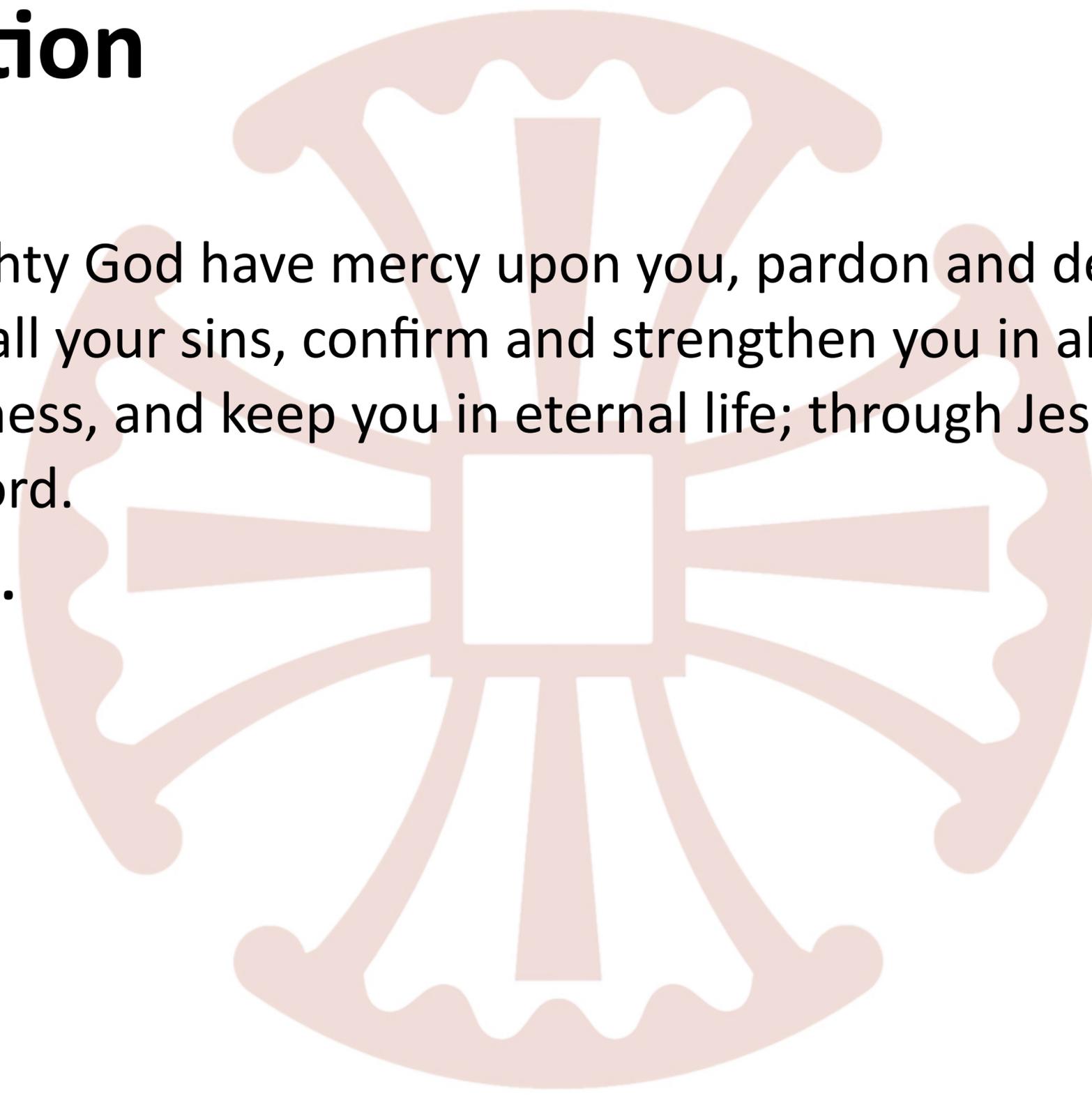
The Absolution

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

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

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**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.

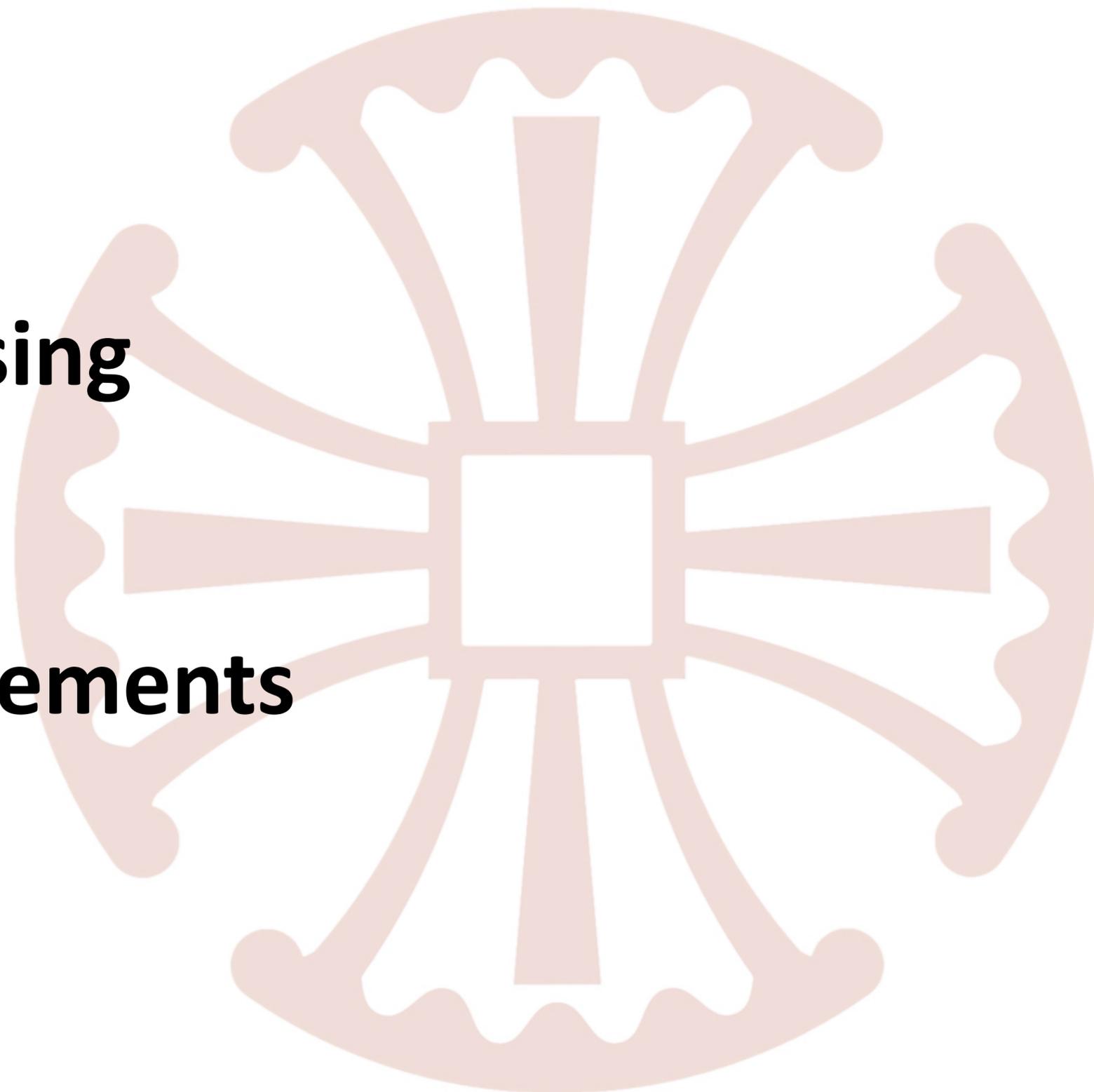
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements



Closing Hymn

Nearer, My God, to Thee (CP 538)

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song would be: "Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!"

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,
still all my song shall be "Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee!"

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

