

**Welcome!** As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Hymn #686

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

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

### The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: From *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan (1880-1968)

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated*

## First Lesson

(Exodus 17:1-7)

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 95**

*The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.*



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

*The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before Gods presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth;

the heights of the hills are also yours.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.      *Antiphon*

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of Gods pasture and the sheep of Gods hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear Gods voice!

<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
They shall never come to my rest.      *Antiphon*

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## The Second Lesson

*(Romans 5:1-11)*

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled,

will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Sequence Hymn            “Jesus, Lover of my soul”            Hymn #699

The Gospel  
(John 4:5-22)

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here,

when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

Let us pray to the Lord

**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says the following*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,**

**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,**

**by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**

**provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,**

**and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,**

**the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

**have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**

**forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may ever hereafter**

**serve and please thee in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of thy Name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon



*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan (1880-1968)

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*Celebrant*

*People*

A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*Celebrant and People:*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

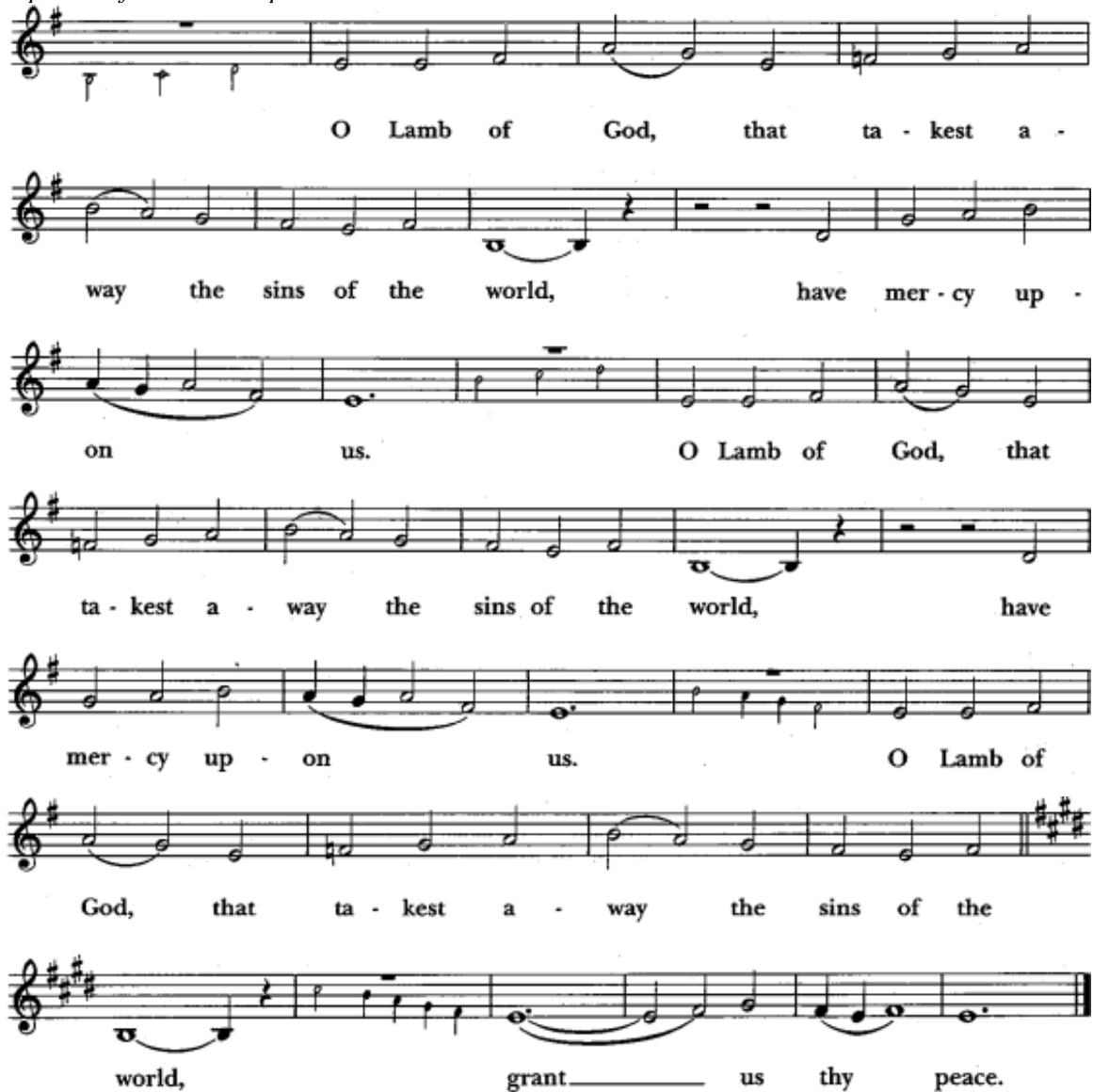
The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and melismatic, with many notes beamed together. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

# Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: From *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan (1880-1968)

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.*

Communion Hymn

“As longs the deer for cooling streams”

Hymn #658

Post-communion Prayer

*Please kneel or stand*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

*People* **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Celebrant* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

## Prayer over the People

*The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Priest says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Priest says the prayer*

Look mercifully upon this thy family, Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved forevermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Rock of ages, cleft for me"

Hymn #685

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

## **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE/S:** Zar Telfeyan

**ALTAR GUILD:** Marshall Cushman, Chris Schatzman

**FIRST READER:** Geoff Greeley

**SECOND READER:** Hazel Dickfoss

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Cindy Ganzel

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Chris Schatzman

**USHER/S:** Jessica MacPhail, Becky Turk

**CANTOR:** Victoria Vollman

**ORGANIST:** Jim Winfield

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER:** Naoki Nakamura

**COFFEE HOUR:** St. Monica's Guild

**NEXT WEEK'S COFFEE HOUR:** Men of the Church

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

For our Parish

### **For the Church: In the World**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East  
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti  
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

### **For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine**

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin  
Hospitality Center  
Racine Vocational Ministry  
The DeKoven Center  
Brown Bag Ministry

### **Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah,  
George, Gregory, Andrea, DaMary, Elaine, John, Marcos, Esther, Irene, Lois, David, Bill  
**Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

**For those who have Departed**

Kathy MacCarthy

**Thanksgiving for Birthday**

Marshall

**Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Haiti Project**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**Brown Bag Lunches**

Our next lunch hosted by St. Luke's will be Saturday March 21. Volunteers should meet promptly at 10:30 am in Simpson Hall. Please call the office or Tricia Frost directly to sign up. Thank you!

**L**ent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. — Pope Benedict XVI

**Note from church office:**

Sixteen years ago, I was presented with an opportunity to work at St. Luke's Church as secretary; over the years it was an honor to become Parish Administrator. I believed then, and still believe today, that God led me to St. Luke's for a reason and it's to serve God together with you. With much appreciation to **ALL** for the opportunity to be part of you and St. Luke's. I hope that I have been able to give back to you a fraction of what you have given me and look forward to serving together in the future. I always thank God for all of you in my prayers. May the peace of God be with us in all that we do. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, God's anointed, be with you all. – Martha

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