

Leader: The strength of God is revealed in the humble weakness of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and in the shameful weakness of his death on the cross.

**People: God's strength is at work in us through humble things, through water, bread and wine.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, as you moved toward the cross in strength and love, strengthen us for a life of service in your name

**People: Fill us with your Spirit and make your strength perfect in our weakness.**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

#### OFFERTORY

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**PRESENTATION HYMN** 184, LEVAS II  
"Blessed Assurance"

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**SANCTUS** S113, THE HYMNAL 1982

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** S119, THE HYMNAL 1982

**ANGUS DEI** S157. THE HYMNAL 1982

#### 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 ever-

more dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

"Sweet hour of prayer", 178, LEVAS II  
"It Is Well with My Soul", 188, LEVAS II

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP Page 339

**PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**  
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#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE BLESSING

**CLOSING HYMN** 142, *THE HYMNAL 1982*,  
"Lord, who throughout these forty days"

#### DISMISSAL

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#### TODAY'S LECTORS

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Esther Stevenson	Florel Gill
Joe Reed	Roger Johnson
Sylvia McElroy	Katherine Briggs
Freddie & Esther Stevenson	Brenda Person

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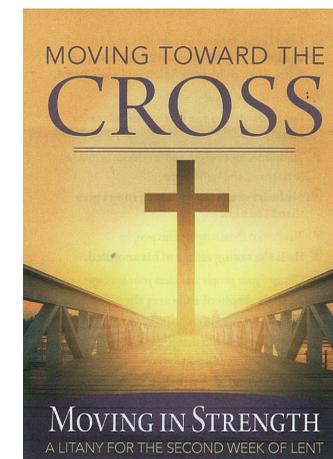
#### DAILY READINGS

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Sunday .....	Luke 9:51-56
Monday .....	Psalm 28
Tuesday.....	Matthew 4: 1-11
Wednesday.....	Matthew 16:21-23
Thursday.....	2 Corinthians 12: 1-10
Friday.....	Hebrews 12: 1-2
Saturday.....	Hebrews 12: 7-14

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The Rev. Canon Nelson W. Pinder, Rector Emeritus  
The Rev. Dr. Jon Davis, Celebrant  
The Rev. Patricia Kant Roberts, Deacon  
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## ORGAN PRELUDE

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TRISAGION                                      S102, THE HYMNAL 1982

## COLLECT

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Genesis 12:1-4a

PSALM 121    *Levavi oculos*                      BCP Page 779  
*Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. 279, LEVAS II*

THE EPISTLE                                      Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

SEQUENCE HYMN                                      691, THE HYMNAL 1982  
"My faith looks up to thee"

THE GOSPEL                                      John 3:1-17

## SERMON

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## PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

*Let us come before God in this Lententide, praising and blessing and adoring our everliving God, saying: In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.*

O God, who spoke through the prophets and who lives in the only begotten one, show to your church all things. Make us hear your purpose and receive your grace; confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially bishops and clergy, theologians and teachers, mystics and martyrs.

In your glorious mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lord of promise and deliverance, we thank you for your birthing us in the waters of baptism and for drowning our death in your unending life. We beg that your love well up within us, that our whole lives may worship you. In your glorious mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God of the people of Israel, Sovereign of every nation, grant your vision of mercy and justice to all who rule in the earth especially our President and Congress. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace. Assist all who work for reconciliation in the streets and for reformation in prisons. In your glorious mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

O Holy One with the pierced limbs and side, bind us to all whose suffer. Keep us mindful of all innocent victims, all the oppressed, all the dying. Reveal to us those who are despised, the outcast, the alien, the forlorn. Look upon the sick especially Adamae, Carrie, Pat, Dorothy, Nathaniel, Cleve, Joe and Ann. Summon us to restlessness until all who suffer find rest from their sorrow. In your glorious mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We ask your blessing, O God, on all Bishops and clergy, especially our President Bishop Michael, our Bishop Gregory, our priest Nelson and Jon and our deacon Patricia that they be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. In your glorious mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*[Here other intercessions may be offered]*

*ALL: God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Transfigure us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

## THE PEACE

## MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS

### *Moving in Strength*

**He set his face to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51**

Leader: Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem to take up his cross. Satan tempted Jesus, the disciple Peter rebuked the Lord, but nothing could turn the Savior from his purpose.

**People: In strength and with confidence in his heavenly Father, Jesus would take up his cross for our salvation.**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Leader: Jesus moved in strength toward his cross, but we often wander in sin, lost in weakness and fear. Our words and actions do not witness to Jesus' love.

**People: Lord Jesus, forgive our doubts and fearful weakness. Comfort us with your love and strengthen us by your Spirit and your Word.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord!

**People: For he has heard the voice of my plea for mercy.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in my heart trusts, and I am helped.

**People: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

Leader: The Lord is the strength of his people;

**People: He is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

Leader: Oh, save the people and bless your heritage!

**People: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**