

*March 24, 2024 – Palm / Passion Sunday
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy*



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+ + + **THE GATHERING** + + +

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

- P) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C) **Hosanna to the Son of David!**
- P) The Lord be with you.
- C) **And also with you.**
- P) Let us pray... Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THE THANKSGIVING

Those in the congregation raise their palms.

- P) The Lord be with you.
C) **And also with you.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
P) We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C) **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

- P) Let us go forth in peace
C) **in the name of the Lord.**


As the congregation processes towards the church, we say this acclamation:

- P) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
C) **Hosanna in the highest!**
P) Hosanna to the Son of David!
C) **Hosanna in the highest!**


The congregation processes into the church. When all have entered the church, the following hymn is sung:

Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

- P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) **And also with you.**
- P) Let us pray... Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

+++ **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** +++

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

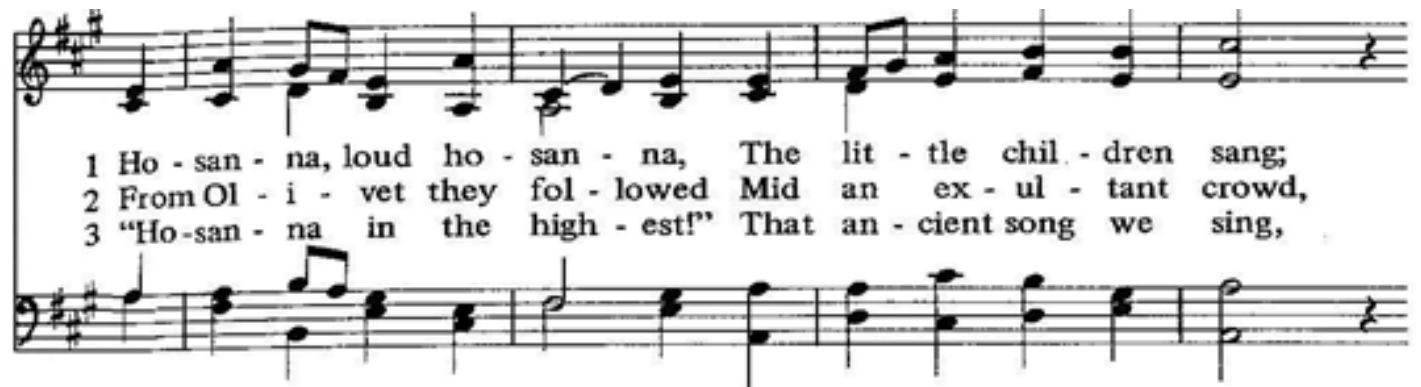
Children's Sermon

Homily

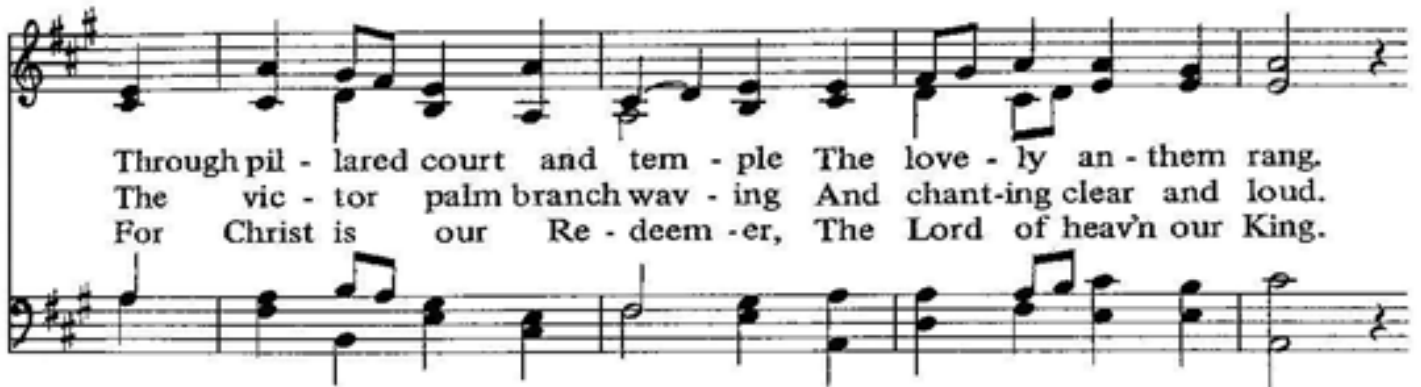
The Reading of the Passion of Our Lord According to Mark (booklet)

[Mark 14:1—15:47](#)

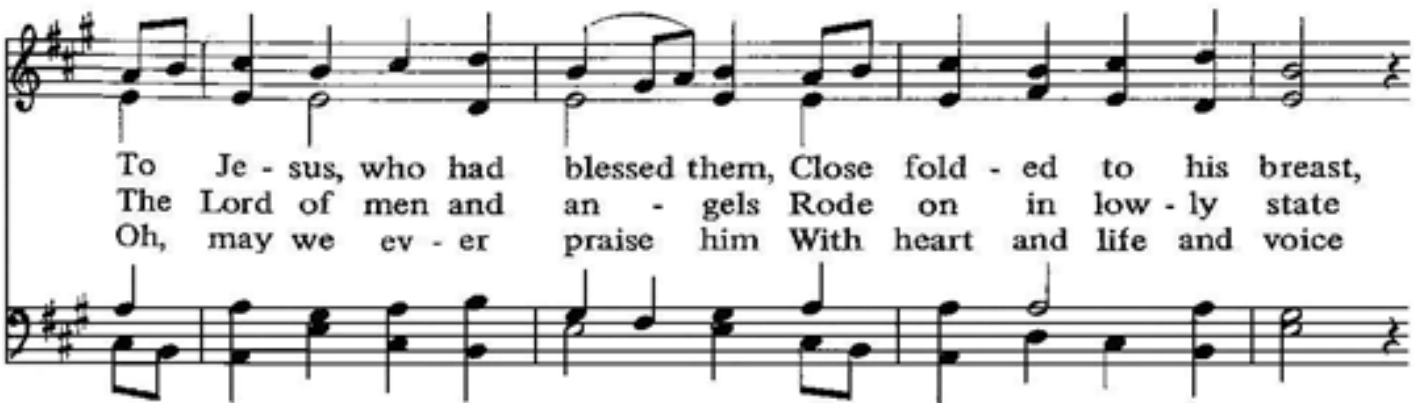
Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



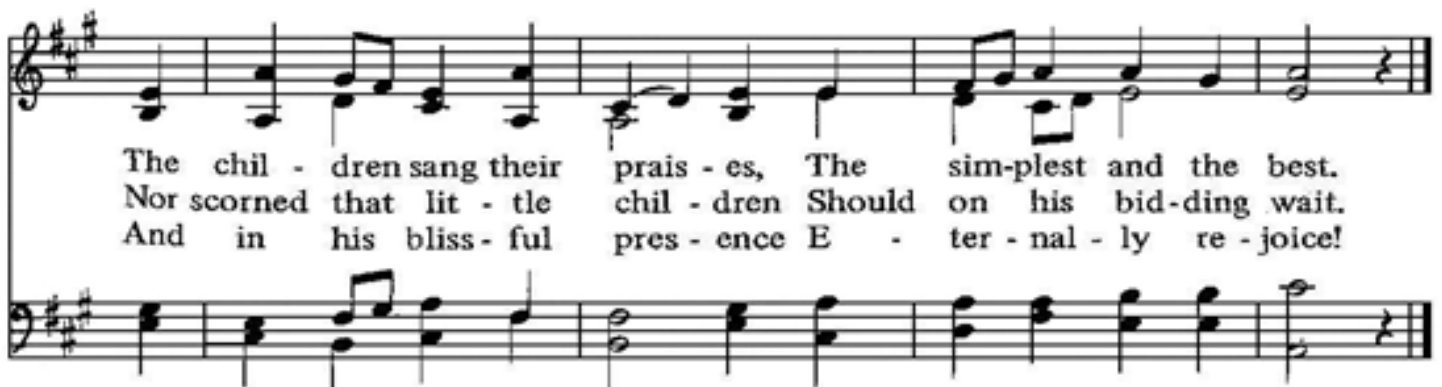
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
And in his bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Nicene Creed

C) We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

- P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition concludes:

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) **Hear our prayer.**

- P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) **And also with you.**

The Offering

We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!



The Offertory

Amazing Love - arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory Prayer

- P) Let us pray... Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
C) **And also with you.**
P) Lift up your hearts.
C) **We lift them to the Lord.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



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

The Eucharistic Prayer for Lent

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father,
throughout the ages, you act to save and guide your people,
and so together with all your people and all your creation
we bless and magnify you and give you thanks.

You led your people Israel through the desert.

You fed them with bread from heaven
and provided them with water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock, our Water, and our Bread,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the life of the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin and renew our faith,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



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.

Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music During Communion

The Old Rugged Cross - George Bennard

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

- P) Let us pray... Lord Jesus, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

The Benediction

- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Lead on, O King Eternal"



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Greetings and Announcements

Dismissal

- P) Let us go in peace, journeying towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb.
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please also join us on:

Holy Week

(In-person or [live stream on Facebook](#))

Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 7:15 pm

Good Friday, March 29 @ 7:15 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Saturday Service (Short Easter Vigil) @ 5 pm (in-person only)

Easter Sunday, March 31

(In-person or [live stream on Facebook](#))

Worship @ 10 am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11 am

If you would like to donate flowers for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form at church or [email the office](#) by today, Sunday, March 24. Lilies are \$14. Hyacinths are \$10.

Mark your calendars for a special presentation on April 7th in the POP sanctuary during the 11 o'clock Sunday School hour! Join Alex and Yasya Yanevskyy who are going to tell us about Ukraine, its history, and news from their family members who still live in the country. Enjoy Ukrainian treats, too. **[View the trailer by clicking here!](#)**

Announcing the restart of the Men's Book Club on Tuesday, April 9th at 7PM at Mike DeGeorge's house, 11332 Freas Drive, North Potomac. The book is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. Please call Mike at 301-512-0095 or email mpd1023@aol.com if interested, light refreshments will be served. Please join us, all are welcome!

Mark your Calendars now for April 20th, 6-8 pm to attend the Coffee House Silent/Live Auction to benefit Gaithersburg HELP. You will have a night full of fun and fellowship while contributing to a great cause. We are still in need of donations for the Live and Silent Auction. Please contact [Cherie DeGeorge](#) or [Joan Kowalik](#) if you would like to make a donation or if somewhere you frequent would like to make a donation. Donation forms are on the bulletin table and flyers are on the credenza in Narthex. See you at the Auction!

Volunteer to Support a new Refugee Family - Last year, POP set up an apartment for an Afghan refugee family that was sponsored by Lutheran Social Services. Now LSS is working with a local group, the [New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance](#). They are sponsoring a family of 5 with 3 little ones under 7 years old. They will need help with everything like English tutoring

for Mom, school support for 2 of the little ones, finding doctors and dentists, delivering food and diapers, and making sure they have everything they need in the apartment. Volunteer time commitments vary and volunteers work with a team of experienced NNIA volunteers. For more info, contact [Jennifer Maloney](#) or visit the website to sign up.

Honduras Mission Trip 2024! Be part of an inspiring team of missionaries for the 2024 mission trip to Honduras! Prince of Peace will partner with non-profit, Haven Universe to serve various communities in Honduras from **June 6-16, 2024**. The itinerary will include planned construction projects, medical brigades, and a local VBS camp. Those who have participated in the past have been impacted and blessed as much as those being helped! If you are interested in learning more about this year's trip, please contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle.

Haven Universe "Saturday Night Alive!" - These events are hosted for individuals with special needs and their families and friends, many of whom are adults that attend with their caregivers. **"Saturday Night Alive" event assistance is welcome on the following dates from 4:00-7:00pm at [Lakelands Park Middle School](#): April 13, May 11.** This is a chance to see God's work through our hands. (High school students can also earn SSL hours by volunteering.) Contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry](#) Kienzle for questions. We hope you can join us to be a witness of Christ to others!

Mar-Lu-Ridge is celebrating its 65th anniversary on June 7-8, 2024. Join them for hiking and swimming. Enjoy good company and meals, with Bible lessons and more. Overnight accommodations are available. Come celebrate 65 years of serving Maryland at the popular Bible-based camp. Click [here](#) to register.

Did you miss one of our recent speakers? Not to worry - you can view a recording of the Sacred Grounds [presentation by the National Wildlife Federation](#) on Prince of Peace's Facebook page Also available to view online is the [Talk Saves Lives presentation](#) by Jennifer Murphy from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). AFSP reference material on how to recognize warning signs of suicide and how to help individuals who may be struggling are available in the narthex and [online](#).

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal (barn coin box collection). The Sunday School students have chosen projects to fund with the proceeds. The preschool and elementary students chose to help fund an irrigation project and purchase water filters and a mosquito net; all items essential to good health. The high schoolers selected animals – goats, piglets, honeybees, and livestock that will provide food and income for families. Every project starts with listening; that is why these projects reflect the needs and

priorities identified by the community as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

Food for Thought: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” (*John 11:25*)

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings

[Acts 10:34-43](#); [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#); [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#); [Mark 16:1-8](#)

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