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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
with Holy Communion  
March 17, 2024 † 10:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS** who sends us the Holy Spirit that we might continue to live in faith and love. St. Andrew's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability or socio-economic circumstance. Those with us for the first time are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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**\*GATHERING SONG # 321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church**



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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# KYRIE (p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



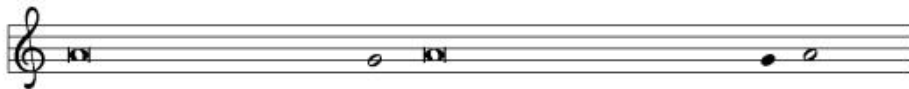
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM (CHOIR)

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



### PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

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## **GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY # 330 Seed That in Earth is Dying**

1 Seed that in earth is dying  
grows into ears of grain.  
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel  
turn into golden wine.  
God, through this mystery grant us  
faith in our deepest darkness,  
life in our night and death.

2 We were baptized in Jesus,  
into his death and grave,  
to resurrection's promise:  
praise and eternal life.  
Heaven's own praises begin here  
where you yourself are near us,  
deep in our night and death.

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3 Seed that in earth is dying  
rises to bear much fruit.  
Christ, as we meet at your table,  
give us the bread of life.  
Lord, we do thank and adore you!  
Unceasing praise of the ages  
rises from night and death.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation especially Elizabeth, Judy, Jennifer, Rachel, and Mary Ellen; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, for the victims of the ongoing violence in Ukraine and the Middle East, and those we name before you now (pause). Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*(Pastor)* Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

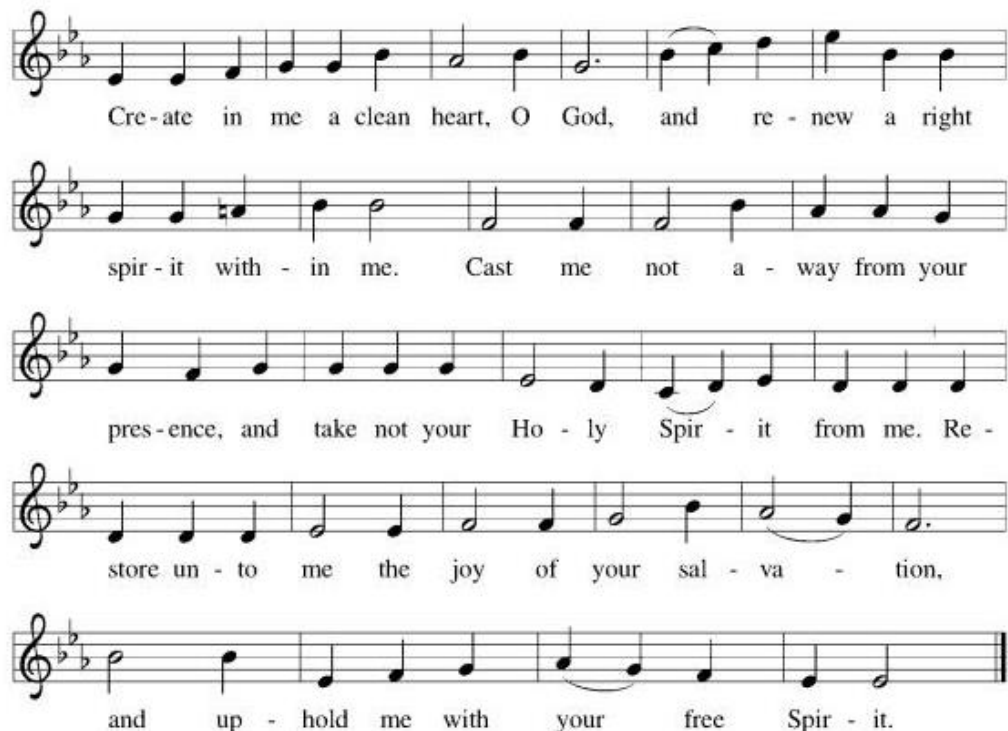
## **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: [standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate](http://standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate)*

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## OFFERTORY HYMN # 188 Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory. **Amen.**

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## LORD'S PRAYER

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

## 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, grant us peace.

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## COMMUNION HYMN #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude

3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?

4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:

5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.

that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.

Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?

whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.

to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING HYMN #340 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,  
 3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



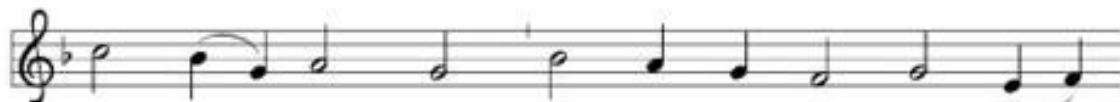
He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors,  
 whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
 You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -  
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren  
 Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals  
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,  
 from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes  
 can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,  
 ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,  
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all  
 who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to  
 close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.  
 can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."  
 the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.  
 ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**This morning we welcome** Pastor Nancy Rakoczy

**Flowers for Easter** may be ordered until Palm Sunday. Order forms are available online and in the narthex.

**Stewardship 2024** If you have not mailed in your pledge card that was included in our recent stewardship letter, please mail it to the church office or bring it to church. A pledge box and pledge cards are available in the church narthex. Thank you.

**The Mother's Day Flower fundraiser** is underway! Please consider buying your spring and summertime plants this way. All proceeds will go toward property improvements. Order forms are available before or after the service, at the church office or at St. Andrew's Nursery School.

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday**, March 24 at 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28 at 7:30P.M.

**Good Friday**, March 29 at 12:00 Noon

**Good Friday Tenebrae**, March 29 at 7:30 P.M.

**Saturday Easter Vigil**, March 30

5:00 P.M. **St. Mary's Episcopal Church** (invitation from St Thomas)

315 Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma

or

7:30 P.M. **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

309 Patchogue Rd, Port Jefferson Station

or

7:30 P.M. **Abiding Presence Lutheran Church**

4 Trescott Path, Northport

**Easter Sunday**, March 31 at 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

**Contemplative Night Prayer** Fr. John Jeffrey of St. Thomas of Canterbury would like to invite our congregation to Wednesday evening *Contemplative Night Prayer* at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is a liturgy of prayer, meditation, and sacred silence.

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## **Food Pantry April is St. Andrews month to provide volunteers at the food pantry!**

Please see the signup sheet in the back of the Narthex. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30am - 12:30pm. COVID vaccinations are required in order to volunteer. Please contact Julie Francis at 303-898-2511 with any questions.

Donations of the following are still welcome and needed: Any non-perishable foods, including canned ravioli/chili with protein, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruits and veggies, and soup. Toiletry items, laundry detergent and toilet paper are also needed. These donations can be placed in the marked basket in the Narthex of the church. Thank you so much for all of your continued support of the food pantry!

**Community Outreach and Ministry** St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues. Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex.

Thank you for your donations!

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

#### **THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Rose Mary [requested by Cole]

Elizabeth Flaherty [requested by Amanda Flaherty]

Cathy English, Laurie Saraco, Jeanne McCurdy, Stephanie Byrne, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Family and friends of Viola "Vi" M. Giovinco, who has been called home to Christ [requested by Liz DeLuca and family]

Melissa Zimmerman and her family [requested by Janice Raineri]

J. Aquiare, Mary Ellen, Tiffany, John Grube, Richard Klouda [requested by the Klouda Family]

Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa]

Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton]

Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]

Mary Fjellstad, Karen McDonough, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn, Richard Lewis, Richard Angelo,

Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Sam Scheer [requested by the Francis family]

Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Gabrielle Sconzo]

Susan Zanni, Pam Provetto [requested by Joe & Margie Costello]

Judy Zimmerman, Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]

Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]

Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Laura Hicks, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

Alex Hegarty, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

#### **THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Sgt Eric Hodosky

Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]

Corporal August Detting

Major William Fortin

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