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Serving Today:
Celebrant: The Rev. Fr. Copeland D. Johnston
Organist: Sylvia Sutter
Acolytes: Robert Tankard (8), Fritz Morrison (10)
Eucharistic Minister: LaRue Chuman (8), Michael Weaver (10)
Lector: Judi Miller (8), Susan Simpson (10)
Altar Guild: Susan Tankard
Ushers: Mack & Susan Simpson
Flower Guild: Allison Smith, Linda Baldree
Coffee Hour: Mickey & Jan Cochran

This week in your prayers, please remember:

Healing & Guidance: Ivan McRoy, Lou Batton (Mark Batton's mother, Sylvia Sutter's sister), Alethia Anderson, Donald Michaud, Bob Cruse, Bishop David O’ Connell, Olivia Hill, Jayne Spangler, Alan Daughtry, The Wester family, David Smith (Tim Smith’s brother), Joe Buziak, John Denton, Jack & Kathryn Brake, Hubert Yeatman, Allison Smith, Robert Medlin, Tom Buckley, Chip Ritter, Carol Sawyer, The McKenna family, Ruth Petersen, Charles Warrington, Curt Warrington, John & Terry Everett, Gwen & Harry Slade, Natalie Napierala, Bill Myatt, David Wheeler, Rob McClement, Kyle Chin, Virginia Young, Karen, Doug, Leslie, Dennis.
Caregivers: Tim Smith
Military: Bradley Craig Ward, Chris Raducha, Adam Raducha, Hayden Tankard, Nathaniel Bowen, Frank Yenney (Jack & Kathryn Brake’s grandson), McCauley Griffin (Annie Griffin’s grandson), Walker Brown (Pat & Sue Brown’s grandson), Lonnie Carraway (Stephanie & Ken Reynold’s son-in-law), Alex Paschall
Birthdays: Barbara Craig (19th), Noonie Crabtree, John Glover, Becky McRoy (20th), Jane Ellen Baker, David Moretz (22nd)

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PRELUDE: Psalm Gordon Young

278 Sing we of the blessed Mother

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Collect for Purity 355

S278 The Gloria

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect For The Day

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm 34:1-9

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

277 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

The Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."