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Serving Today:
Celebrant: The Rev. Fr. Copeland D. Johnston
Organist: Sylvia Sutter
Acolytes: Robert Tankard (8), Michael Weaver (10)
Eucharistic Minister: Susan Tankard (8), Jimmy Latham (10)
Lector: Judy Kiricoples (8), Betty Wheeler (10)
Altar Guild: Jen Fletcher
Ushers: Mickey & Jan Cochran
Flower Guild: Maree Benson
Coffee Hour: Kay Leager

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, 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, 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, Alisha Thobe, Leslie, Dennis, Joseph Cortesi, Karen Britton

Caregivers: Tim Smith, Tina, Charles

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: Ginger Morrison (7th), Barbara Willis (9th), Linda Thornton (11th)

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PRELUDE: *Hymn and Variation* Walker Baylor

610 *Lord, whose love through humble service*

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

11 *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”