



THE SHEAF



At our 2025 Diocesan Convention, The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota was getting ready to enter into a prayerful Bishop's Election. In keeping with the theme of prayer, we asked all our Delegates and Clergy, and anyone present, to write a prayer (or two or three) on a colorful slip of paper and then add it to the started prayer chain. By the time we were done, we had 91 beautiful, vulnerable, and heart felt prayers. The Diocesan Staff have prayed each of these petitions, and we are grateful to be a part of a Diocese that continues to move forward in prayer.

"But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness." - Psalm 69:13

Prayer

The experience of corporate or individual nearness with God, through words, acts, or silence. Any act or activity offered to God in a spirit of dedication may be prayerful. This nearness may take the form of addressing God, as in prayers of petition, praise, and thanksgiving; or the form of listening, as in contemplative and meditative prayer. Both forms assume a relationship between God and the one who prays. Prayer is the opening of the direct relationship between God and humanity. The Catechism states, "Christian prayer is response to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit" (BCP, p. 856).

- An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

Deus Incrementum Dat | God Gives the Growth

1 Corinthians 3.6

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God willing and the people consenting,

The Very Reverend
Shay Craig

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the
one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and the
Twelfth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota

Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 10:00am

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

The Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe,

Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

*The Bishop Provisional and the Standing Committee
request your prayers and the honor of your presence at:*

Gethsemane Cathedral

3600 25th Street S
Fargo, ND 58104

RSVP: See the reverse for times & events

BISHOPS:
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DEACONS AND PRIESTS:
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EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

7:30am	Breakfast, Signing and Sealing of the Certificate <i>(Bishops & their spouses only)</i>
10:00am	Liturgy of Ordination & Consecration
12:30pm <i>(approx.)</i>	Reception at the Radisson Blu

LOCATIONS

Consecration	Gethsemane Cathedral 3600 25th Street S Fargo, ND 58104
Reception	Radisson Blu 201 5th Street N Fargo, ND 58102

Live-streaming information will be available on our website:
www.ndepiscopal.org

RSVP

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://forms.gle/N4jbHhUeU5WhEeXw8>



to RSVP by February 28, 2026
Please direct questions to office@ndepiscopal.org

Consecration Weekend Information

March 13-14, 2026

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/xUUK6FAd3b6L4yKA9>

***Each individual will need to fill out an RSVP form.**

Lodging: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HB78R1>
Radisson Blu, Fargo, ND



NDCIM Members: There will be a time for you to gather and meet with the Presiding Bishop on Friday, March 13 @ 11:00am.

Episcopal Diocesan Clergy: There will be time for you to gather and meet with the Presiding Bishop on Friday, March 13. Lunch will be provided.

Donations to Bishop Shay's Discretionary Fund may be made using the "Donate" option on the [website](#) or by following this link: <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalDioces35495/-/form/give/now?>. Make sure to select "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" from the drop-down menu.

Each congregation will be receiving a "**Consecration Watch Party Box.**" More information will be out on that soon, but one member of each congregation can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/RDKHqjBCwCP3P6mZ8>. **Also, for those who cannot make it in person to the Consecration on Saturday, March 14, the service will be live-streamed.**

Dear Members and Congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota,

With excitement and joy we are quickly approaching the Consecration of The Very Rev. Shay Craig as the 12th Bishop Diocesan of North Dakota. An important part of consecrating a Bishop is the presentation of the vestments and various accoutrement for the Bishop. This includes: Stoles, Chasubles, Prayerbook, Pectoral Cross, Ring, Cope, Mitre, Crozier, and the Bishop Rochet and Chimere. Many of these items have already been ordered and several are currently being created by artisans from our North Dakota Council on Indian Ministry and others connected to the Bishop-elect.



The Standing Committee and the Transition Committee are asking all congregations and members of the Diocese to donate to a fund which will pay for these items and their creation. Any remaining funds will be used to cover the cost of cleaning and general maintenance of these important items and vestments. We have already received funds from Christ Cathedral in Salina, KS, where The Very Rev. Shay Craig served as Dean of the Cathedral, and we look forward to receiving donations from across the diocese to support this project.

With your assistance, our goal is to raise \$10,000 by March 1, 2026.

Jason Thoms
Standing Committee President

Epiphany Message from our Bishop-Elect

The Very Rev. Shay Craig

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

When I was touring the diocese last fall, I met Deacon Melissa Post van der Burg in Jamestown and it was like we had known each other forever. In case you don't know her, she is an acclaimed artist. Visual images have always served as icons for me, drawing me closer to the divine through the talent and ministry of artists.

So, when I was elected, I asked her to think and pray about an image which I could use as an icon in this season of my life as part of this diocese. The image you see here is what she created and these are her words:



The little tree actually sits atop a hilly area on I-94, all by itself. No one knows how it got there or how it survives. The sunflowers are an actual crop here, and they hang on from August through October. The flowers' faces follow the trajectory of the sun all day. It is somehow Resurrection-rich to me. How can these things appear out of the dust?

- Dn. Melissa Post van der Berg

No one knows how it got there or how it survives.

This is who we are, isn't it? We all came to be where we are today through action and inaction, through hard work, intention, coercion and chance. And how do we survive here? If you are like me, there are days where you have no idea. But here we are, our roots digging deeply into the ground seeking the holy water that feeds us. Here we are, despite something, or because of something, and the forces that work with and against us. Martin Luther, who stood with his beliefs against the odds, is famously quoted as saying, "Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen." If that tree could talk to us, what would it say?



The flowers' faces follow the trajectory of the sun.

I, too, find the richness of resurrection theology in sunflowers. We learn from them never to take our eyes off the Good News of God in Christ. Let God be the center of our attention. Let our eyes never waver from Scripture. Let the light that guides us be the Light that the darkness cannot overcome. If we must turn our faces, let us turn them toward grace, kindness, compassion, justice and peace. The field of flowers at the bottom of the painting is us. Do you see yourself there?



How can these things appear out of the dust?

Very soon now, we will be marked with the ashes of penitence and enter into the season of Lent. It serves as a reminder of our humility, that all good things are the work of the Spirit in and around and through us. This image invites us to wonder, what things will God make appear in our diocese, out of our dust?



Here of all places on the Earth, there is a mighty, mysterious, miraculous tree. A statuesque statement of steadfastness rising up from a sea of movement, of the faces of the faithful following the movement of our good God across our horizons. And all the time, unseen, behind and beneath it all, runs the living water from which we all draw our strength.

The moment I saw Deacon Melissa's painting, before I read her words, the words of the psalmist came to my mind. It was as if, in asking for the image to begin my time here, the Holy One sent me to the beginning: Psalm 1.

Psalm 1

The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the LORD's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.
Whatever they do succeeds.

As we journey together in these early days, I invite you to pray. Dig deep to find the life giving roots of your faith, drink deeply of the Water of Life, recite God's instruction day and night, dream of the fruit that you might bear ... and prepare to tell me how the Water of Life has fed you, and what you think the Lord has in store for us together, The Episcopal Church in North Dakota.

You remain in my prayers,
Shay+



Farewell Message from our Bishop Provisional

The Rt. Rev. Brian Thom

Writing from Boise on this last Friday of January, out my window I can see at least five jet contrails crisscrossing in the mid-morning sky. I have noticed similar vapor displays on nearly every one of my twenty-four trips, beginning in December 2023, to the Diocese of North Dakota. The Gem State and the Peace State are both in ‘fly over’ country, with most airline passengers scurrying to busier places on our nation’s coasts.

Undoubtedly, the coining of the phrase implied that nothing of much importance was happening in the valleys, plains, and mountains below those flight paths of commerce. Happily, North Dakotans and Idahoans know this is a myth.

While among you, I have learned that there is also a myth concerning the existence and ministries of the Episcopal Church on the northern plains. It has been an honor and inspiration to have visited all of your congregations and to be convinced that your participation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is robust and meaningful to your parish members and the communities around you.

The Diocesan Profile that launched the Bishop Search was honest about finances and size of parish membership within the Diocese. However, these dynamics can do nothing to stop where the Diocese of North Dakota is headed, because what I know to be true is that each of you – each person and each parish – possesses everything necessary to do ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is because you have good hearts and willing hands and can see clearly the needs of each other and your neighbors.

Dear Ones, it has been an honor of a lifetime to walk with you through this ‘provisional’ season. I am a better man and bishop because of the tender sharing of your lives with me.

I will thank God whenever I think of you.

+Brian



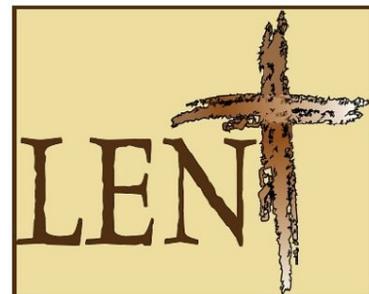
Lent: A Holy Journey Toward Easter

The Rev. Hal Weidman | St. George's, Bismarck

Each year, the Church invites us into the sacred season of Lent—a time set apart for reflection, repentance, and renewal. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting forty days (excluding Sundays), Lent mirrors Jesus' forty days in the wilderness and prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Lent is not primarily about self-denial for its own sake. Rather, it is a season of *return*: a turning back toward God with honesty, humility, and hope. In the words of the Book of Common Prayer, Lent calls us to “the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”

The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality—*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* Far from being morbid, this reminder is freeing. It places our lives in God’s hands and reorients us toward what truly matters: love of God and love of neighbor.



Traditionally, Lent is shaped by three interwoven practices:

- Prayer — Deepening our relationship with God through intentional time, silence, and worship.
- Fasting — Letting go of distractions or excess so that we may hunger more fully for God.
- Almsgiving — Turning outward in generosity, compassion, and justice for others.

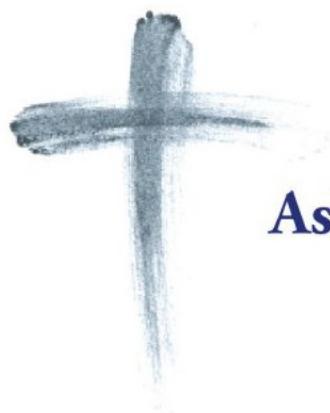
These practices are not spiritual performance metrics. They are tools—gentle disciplines that open space for God to work within us. If a Lenten practice becomes burdensome or prideful, it has missed its purpose. Lent is about grace, not guilt.

As we journey through these forty days, we do so together as the Body of Christ. Whether you take on a new spiritual discipline, return to an old one, or simply seek to be more attentive to God’s presence, know that Lent meets you where you are.

May this season be for us a time of honest self-examination, deepened faith, and renewed trust in God’s mercy—so that when we arrive at Easter morning, we are ready to proclaim with joy: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

Ash Wednesday Collect

Almighty and everlasting god, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

St. Paul's, White Shield Renovation

Tyrrell DeCoteau | St. Sylvan's, Dunseith

Tyrrell DeCoteau, chair of North Dakota Council on Indian Ministry (NDCIM) has been hard at work facilitating the renovation at St. Paul's, White Shield and the pigeon infestation at St. Thomas, Fort Totten. The project at St. Paul's, White Shield is coming to a close after quite a few long months of hard and rewarding work.

A brief synopsis of all the completed and ongoing finishing work at St. Paul's, White Shield:

- Bathrooms and hallways are completed, minus one broken mirror
- Accessibility railings need to be installed
- Electrical work is complete, minus a few random light fixtures being replaced
- The hall floor has been fixed, braced, and raised to match the other flooring heights
- Material to insulate, sheetrock, and close up the hall has been ordered and is being installed
- Front exterior doors were replaced, as well as a new deck with accessible railing
- Hall siding, soffit, and fascia was completed and installed

Once the project is officially finished (until Spring when a few water issues will be address), Tyrrell will be focusing his work crew to St. Thomas, Fort Totten. The ceiling in the new building will be cleaned up, insulated, and closed up. The siding will also need to be reworked, as it appears to not be finished properly.

Below are some pictures of St. Paul's, White Shield.



Calendar

*All noted times are Central Time

Bishop Thom's Schedule

February 2026

- 12th-17th: Bishop Thom in North Dakota
- 13th-14th: Diocesan Council at Grace, Jamestown
- 15th: Bishop's Visitation at St. John the Divine, Moorhead

March 2026

- 12th-15th: Bishop Thom in North Dakota
- 14th: Consecration of Bishop-elect Shay Craig

Bishop-elect Shay's Schedule

February 2026

- 13th-14th: Diocesan Council at Grace, Jamestown
- 15th: Bishop's Visitation at St. John the Divine, Moorhead
- 22nd: Sunday Supply at St. John's, Dickinson
- 27th-2nd: WinterTalk (Albuquerque, NM)

March 2026

- 8th: Sunday Supply at St. Michael and All Angels, Cartwright
- 14th: Consecration & Reception
- 15th: Sunday Supply at St. Stephen's, Fargo
- 17th-24th: House of Bishops (Navasota, TX)
- 29th: Sunday Supply at Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo

April 2026

- 2nd-4th: Holy Week at Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo
- 5th: Sunday Supply at Advent, Devils Lake
- 12th: Bishop's Visitation at Advent, Devils Lake
- 18th: ND Clergy Retreat (more information to follow)
- 29th-4th: Vacation

Diocesan Events and Dates to Note

February 2026

- 13th-14th: Diocesan Council Meeting (In-person); Grace, Jamestown
- 15th: Bishop's Visitation: St. John the Divine, Moorhead
- 16th: Diocesan Ministry Support Team Meeting (Fargo); 10am
- 17th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 19th: *Canoeing the Mountains* Leadership Book Study (Zoom); 12:30pm & 6:30pm
- 19th: Consecration Hospitality Meeting (Zoom); 7:15pm
- 24th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm

March 2026

- 3rd: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 3rd: Clergy/Congregational Leaders Meeting (Zoom); 6:30pm
- 3rd: Province VI Small Church Gathering (Zoom); 7:30pm
- 10th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 13th-14th: Consecration Weekend
- 17th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 19th: *Canoeing the Mountains* Leadership Book Study (Zoom); 12:30pm & 6:30pm
- 24th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 31st: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm

April 2026

- 6th: Diocesan Office Closed (Easter Monday)
- 7th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 7th: Clergy/Congregation Leaders Meeting (Zoom); 6:30pm
- 7th: Province VI Small Church Gathering (Zoom); 7:30pm
- 13th-14th: Diocesan Ministry Support Team Retreat & Meeting
- 14th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 16th: *Canoeing the Mountains* Leadership Book Study (Zoom); 12:30pm & 6:30pm
- 21st: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm
- 24th-25th: Diocesan Council (Location pending)
- 28th: Lectionary Lectio (Zoom); 12pm

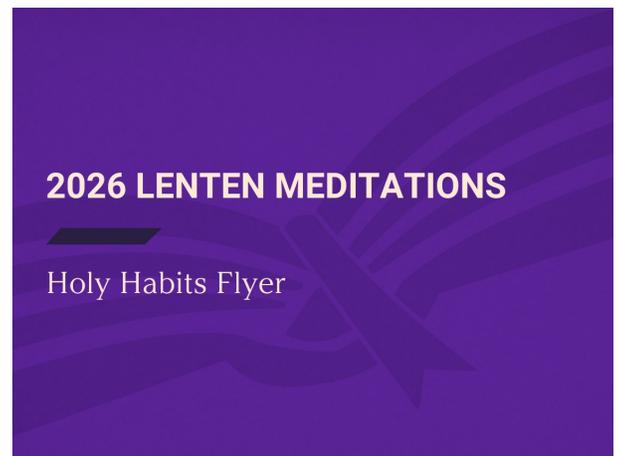
Lenten Resources from The Episcopal Church

During Lent, we are invited to take on something that will deepen our faith, which is what United Thank Offering and Episcopal Relief & Development aims to help you accomplish.

2026 Lenten Meditations Episcopal Relief & Development

Written by Sister Monica Clare, an Episcopal nun, author and unlikely TikTok star, our 2026 meditations offer an invitation to rediscover—or deepen—holy habits of prayer, worship and engagement with Scripture. These "holy habits" provide a path to a life that is given shape, meaning and direction by being rooted in a deeper relationship with God.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>



The Serviceberry: A Lenten Book Group with UTO

Looking for a way to connect with others as a part of your Lenten Discipline this year? Look no further! UTO is offering a 5-session book club on *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*. This is a perfect book to explore during Lent because it can encourage us to think more deeply about gift, reciprocity, and gratitude. We'll explore this book together and see what we can learn about gratitude as a way to give thanks by word and deed for the gifts given by the

world around us. While reading the text prior to the meeting will enhance your experience, it is not required. You're also welcome to attend all 5 sessions or just the ones when you're available or where a topic interests you.



LENT 2026

A Season of Gratitude and Reciprocity

Join us for a Panel Discussion featuring
Indigenous Episcopal Leaders
discussing gratitude and reciprocity.

Shaneequa
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Interim Indigenous
Missioner

Mary
Crist



Coordinator of
Indigenous
Theological Education

Forrest
Cuch



Author, Speaker,
and Activist

Rachel
Taber-Hamilton



Author, Speaker,
and Priest

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 AT NOON EASTERN

To register visit www.unitedthankoffering.com/lent
(or by using the QR code to the right). Once there, you can also learn more
about UTO's Lenten materials for 2026 which focus on gratitude and reciprocity
as described in the book: *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall-Kimmerer.



You — and the kids in Haiti

Andrea Stomberg | St. George's, Bismarck

St. George's, Bismarck, and the North Dakota Episcopal Foundation (NDEF) have been generous supporters of some of this hemisphere's most challenged children - school children in rural Haiti, and children in Haiti who are physically disabled, blind or deaf. Through NDEF, we have been privileged to provide nursing outreach to the very old and very young, a latrine for kindergartners and their teachers who had been using buckets (contents of which went over the wall....), a latrine for high school girls and hand-washing stations for school children.

Recently, we have partnered with St. Vincents Center, which schools disabled children. We have enabled the center to develop physical therapy rooms in shipping containers, supplied funds for replacement of equipment for the brace shop which was destroyed by gangs, and most recently, an oven-used to form custom equipment for children needing braces to walk.



The Center was founded in 1945 by the Sisters of St. Margaret, and currently has 200 students attending school at a new campus outside the center of Port au Prince. The students have access to appropriate support, and get a hot meal every day. It is an important center of Episcopal outreach in this country, with an American board and vigorous Haitian management of the campus.

While this troubled country seems hopeless, we reach into vetted areas where God's work continues, and every dollar we send touches young lives. We have no idea of God's plans for these children, but I am certain we in North Dakota are part of God's plan. If you want more information, or just want to talk about Haiti, please reach out to Andrea Stomberg: Andrea.stomberg@yahoo.com



Raising Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
NGO CSW70 Virtual Parallel Event

Save the Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 11:30am Central

The National Episcopal Church Women (ECW) calls it members to take action in response to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), a tragedy impacting Indigenous communities across the United States and beyond. As women of faith, prayer, compassion, and advocacy, the ECW recognizes the urgent need to raise awareness, support healing, and collaborate with Indigenous leaders to seek justice and ensure the safety of Native women and their families.

Join us for a panel discussion lead by Indigenous women of the Episcopal Church, who will examine this ongoing crisis—one rooted in historical injustices, systemic violence, and complex jurisdictional challenges.

The virtual meeting link will be forthcoming, keep an eye on <https://ecwnational.org/>



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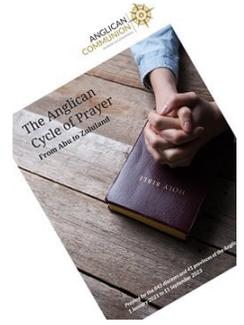
Morning Prayer

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ND Cycle of Prayer



Sunday, February 22, 2026

The Church of Ireland

St. Peter's, Williston; George Abdilnour, Senior Warden; and for the North Dakota Council on Indian Ministries: Tyrrell DeCoteau, chair.

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The Japanese Holy Catholic Church

St. Gabriel's Camp, Solen: John Floberg, Priest; and for the Worship Leaders and Lay Readers of the Diocese.

Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

The diocesan Ministry Support Team: Bishop Provisional Brian Thom, The Very Rev. Shay Craig, Bishop-elect, Ashley Hubbard, and Jessica Krzewina; and for the Diocesan Chancellor: Leo Wilking.

Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Anglican Church of Kenya

Widowed Clergy Spouses: Alice Hauan, Patricia Sauer, Gary Towne, Del Peterson, Ron Walters, Sandy Bukhardt, Joann Keehn; and for the Catechists and Church School Teachers of the Diocese.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

The Anglican Church of Korea

Retired Clergy: Alan Broadhead, Charles Cherry, Bonniejean Christensen, Wes Fox, George Schulenberg, George Slinger, Cherian Mathew, Mike Horn, Bart Davis, Mary Johnson, Zanne Ness; and for the Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors of the Diocese.

Sunday, March 29, 2026

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Clergy Serving Elsewhere or on Leave: Matthew Coomber, Mary Gokey, Alex Lodu-Kenyi, Gadi Edward, Sally Smythe, Erin Richards, Brandon Mauai, Crystal Towers; and for Episcopal Relief and Development.

Sunday, April 5, 2026

The Anglican Church of Mexico

St. George's, Bismarck: Hal Weidman, Rector; Beth Lipp, Ed Wos, Deacons; Zanne Ness, Canon; Jane White, Senior Warden; and the Diocesan Safe Church Team.

Sunday, April 12, 2026

The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola

St. James, Cannon Ball: John Floberg, Rector; Sloane Floberg, Deacon; Elaine McLaughlin, Senior Warden; and for the Diocesan Finance Committee: John Floberg, Diocesan Treasurer.

Sunday, April 19, 2026

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

St. Michaels and All Angels, Cartwright: Doug Gullikson, Senior Warden; and for the work and ministry of the Mothers' Union and the Daughters of the King.

The quarterly Cycle of Prayer can be found on our website at: www.ndepiscopal.org/cycle-of-prayer

Sunday Collects

February 15, 2026

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, who before the passion of your onlybegotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

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.

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

March 29, 2026

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

O God, who for our redemption gave your onlybegotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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