

SAINT JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 28
Choral Evensong, Rite I
November 15, 2026 | 5:30 pm

The Ministers of the Service

Fr. Thom Crowe, *Officiant*
Dr. Zachary Malavolti, *Choirmaster*
Hank Carrillo, *Organist*
Daniel Frerichs, *Cantor*

Welcome to Saint John's

We're glad you're worshipping with us.
Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been part of our church family for years, welcome. If you're new or looking to connect, we'd love to meet you. Stop by before or after the service and say hello to a member of the clergy or one of our ushers. *You're also invited to fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better.*

Info For Families

Kids are welcome to join us in Church! There are coloring materials and other activities in the narthex to help keep children focused on worship. We also have kids' ministry on Sundays.

NURSERY (Ages 0-4): The nursery opens at 9:00 am on Sundays downstairs for the 10:00 am service. After the announcements, some families choose to bring their children to Communion; others prefer to pick them up after the service. Feel free to do what works best for you and your family.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (Ages PreK-5th grade): During the 10:00 am service on Sunday mornings, children gather downstairs for Children's Chapel to pray, sing, and learn. They return to the main service in time for Communion.

A note on the cover art: Fresco of St. Peter, 16th century, artist unknown.

A Prayer before Worship

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music Note

Tonight we offer a motet by the early Baroque composer Heinrich Schütz. Although born in Germany, Schütz studied in Venice with the esteemed composer Giovanni Gabrieli. Schütz brought the the Italian choral techniques of both the Renaissance and early Baroque back to Germany where he settled in Dresden. At the court, he composed the first German opera and wrote the first German vernacular Requiem. He was especially gifted at text setting and his musical style demonstrates incredible skill at text painting (using the music to depict the words of a composition). Tonight's piece showcases this prominently with each line receiving a corresponding musical figuration to interpret the text.

The Order of Service

The Organ Voluntary *Elegy* Hank Carrillo (b. 1997)

The congregation stands as the Procession begins.

The Opening Sentence

The Officiant says

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Preces John Sanders (1933-2003)

All stand

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The Invitatory hymn (Hymnal 24)

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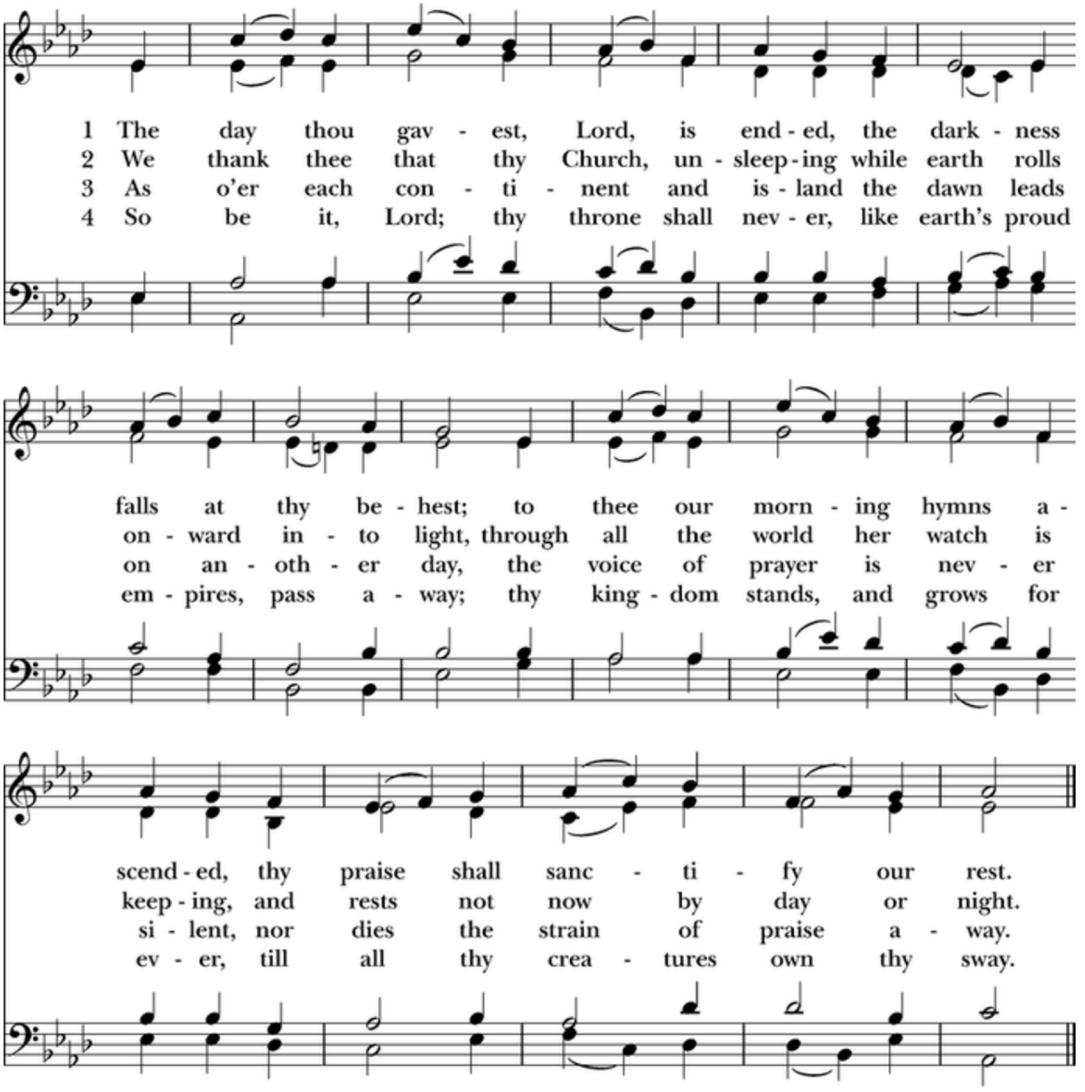

The Psalms

The People sit.

Psalm 19. Caeli enarrant.
Chant in E by Z. Malavolti

1 THE heavens declare the glory of God; *
and the firmament showeth his handy-work.
2 One day telleth another; *
and one night certifieth another.
3 There is neither speech nor language; *
but their voices are heard among them.
4 Their sound is gone out into all lands; *
and their words into the ends of the world.
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; *
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; *
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; *
sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; *
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? *
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; *
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 46. Deus noster refugium.
Chant in E by H. Carrillo

1 GOD is our hope and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; *
God shall help her, and that right early.
6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; *
but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, *
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; *
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10 Be still then, and know that I am God: *
I will be exalted among the nations1, and I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Lector A Lesson from the letter of Saint Paul to the Phillipians. Phillipians 3:13--4:1

Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.
Silence may follow.

The Magnificat *Fauxbourdons Tones VIII and III* Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Lector A Lesson from the Gospel according to Matthew. MATTHEW 23:13-24

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? So he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it; and he who swears by the temple, swears by it and by him who dwells in it; and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

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Lector Here endeth the Lesson.

Silence may follow.

The Nunc Dimmitis *Fauxbourdons Tones VIII and III* Healey Willan
Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed
Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Salutation

John Sanders

The people remain standing.

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

John Sanders

Sung by the Choir

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. Amen.

The Responses

John Sanders

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid Against All Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem Unser Wandel is im Himmel Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

The People sit.

Unser Wandel ist im Himmel,
von dannen wir auch warten des Heilands,
Jesu Christi, des Herren,
welcher unsern nichtigen Leib verklären wird,
daß er ähnlich werde seinem verklärten Leibe
nach der Wirkung,
damit er kann auch alle Ding
ihm untertänig machen.

Our citizenship is in Heaven
from there we await the saviour
Jesus Christ, the Lord
He will transform our lowly life
transforming us into His glorified life
through His working power
which makes all things
subject to Him.

Text: Phillipians 3:13--4:1

The Great Thanksgiving

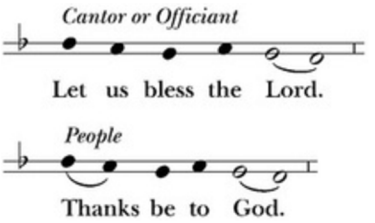
Officiant and People, kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

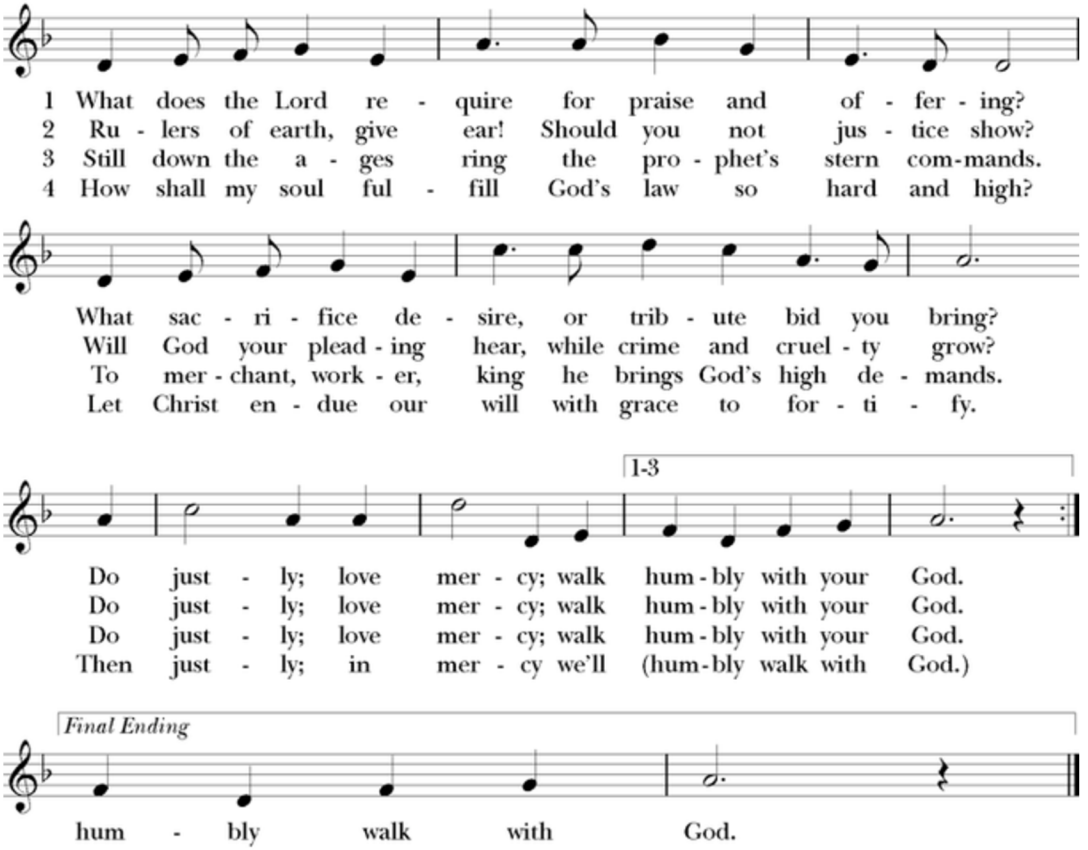


The Concluding Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Office Hymn (Hymnal 605) *SHARPTHORNE*

The People stand.



The people remain standing for the remainder of the Procession and depart reverently at the conclusion.

Coming Up At Saint John's

CHORAL EVENSONG | Next Sunday at 5:30 pm, our chamber choir will sing canticles by Roland Martin, composed for St. Paul's, Buffalo, a sweeping, energetic, and heartwarming setting of the famous songs of Mary and Simeon. The anthem will be a mystical setting of George Herbert's King of Glory, King of Peace, written by prolific American composer Carson Cooman.

RECTOR'S FORUM | Join us on Sundays at 9:00 am in Powell Hall. This week we continue our Fall Study Series with the Book of Isaiah. We will spend the entire fall reading and discussing the prophet with Dr. Lyons in preparation for Christmas at Saint John's and for our Choir's presentation of Handel's Messiah on December 4th and 5th. This book is quoted more times in the New Testament than any other prophet, and it is well worth the time we will invest in study. Don't miss this.

YOUTH NIGHT WEDNESDAYS | We'll have dinner at 6 pm, followed by Bible study and games. **On November 18th**, for our next youth service project, our children will make Blessing Bags for the homeless in our community.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY | Join us next **Thursday evening at McNellie's South at 6:30 pm.** We're studying St. Cyril of Jerusalem's Mystagogy. No theology degree needed; come to read and discuss the ancient wisdom of the Church and how it applies to our lives today. **Our next meeting November 19th.**

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP | Join us for our **Thanksgiving Day Worship at 10 am** on Thursday, November 26, as we give thanks for God's abundant blessings. After the service, we'll gather for a traditional Thanksgiving meal filled with good food and even better company. We'll provide Thanksgiving staples, **but please consider bringing any of the following: hors d'oeuvres, veggies, yams, desserts, or your favorite Thanksgiving side. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH | The music department of Saint John's Episcopal Church will offer two complete performances of Handel's Messiah on period instruments on Friday, December 4th at 7 pm and Saturday, December 5th at 3 pm. The entire oratorio will be presented by the Saint John's Baroque Choir and soloists, the Oklahoma Baroque Orchestra, and conducted by Dr. Zachary Malavolti. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at www.sjtulsa.org/messiah/ or by scanning the QR Code.

Remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Dee Dee Bernard
Christopher Beleele
Toni Brown
Jose Dario
Terri Dunbar
Will Dunbar
Liz Eby
Beverly & Dwayne Edwards
Lane Edwards
Natalie Fischer
Clay Fowlkes
Carla Gilbert
Austin Gold
Dwight Hardy
Don Hawkins
Lynn Johnson
Shelton Mason
Pat Neal
Christy Poole
Casey Pugh
Marcia Ruotsinoja
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Kacy Selby

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Drake Wallace
Allison Warning
Barry West
Nanci Williams
Judy Wright
Adam
Allison
Andrea
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Caleb
Camille
Clark
Charles
Cheryl
Chris
Dianne
Frank
Jerry
Judy

Larry
Lauren
Leslie
Matthew
Mike
Morgan
Phil
Robert
Thomas
Sharon
Sheila
Thomas
Vince

For Deployed Military:
Ashley and Chase
Alexander
Trace Personette

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A name will be kept on the Prayer List for up to two months.

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