

# The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 1, 2024

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.

May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.

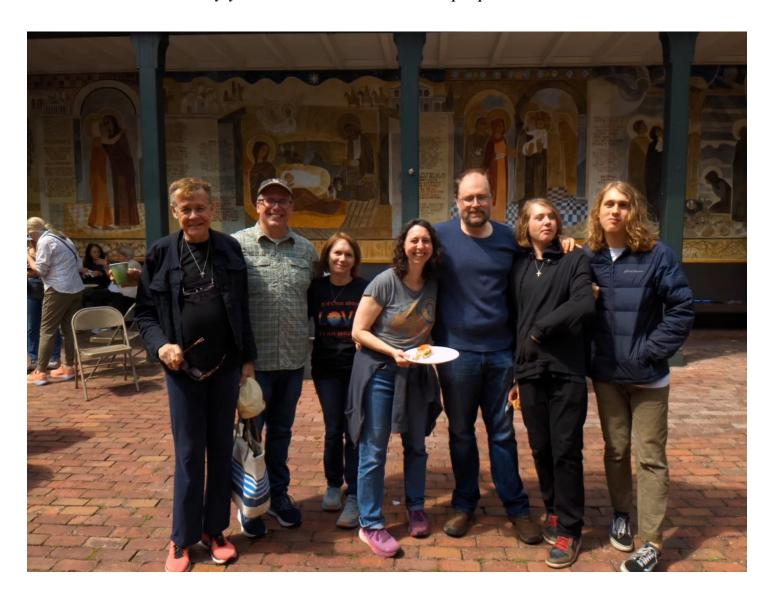


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If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.

# Our worship together begins with a musical prelude. Thank you for observing a prayerful silence as we feel God's presence among us.

#### Prelude (10:00 a.m.)

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

#### Hymn At The Procession (10:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #377

All people that on earth do dwell *The people stand*.

# **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be the God of all creation.

And blessed be God's holy name for ever and ever.

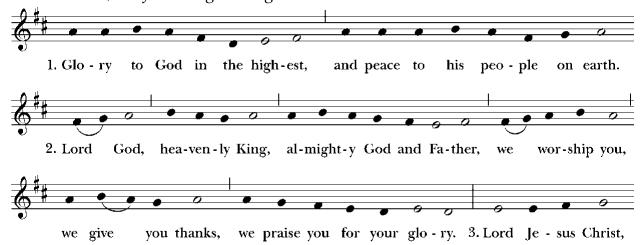
#### The Collect for Purity

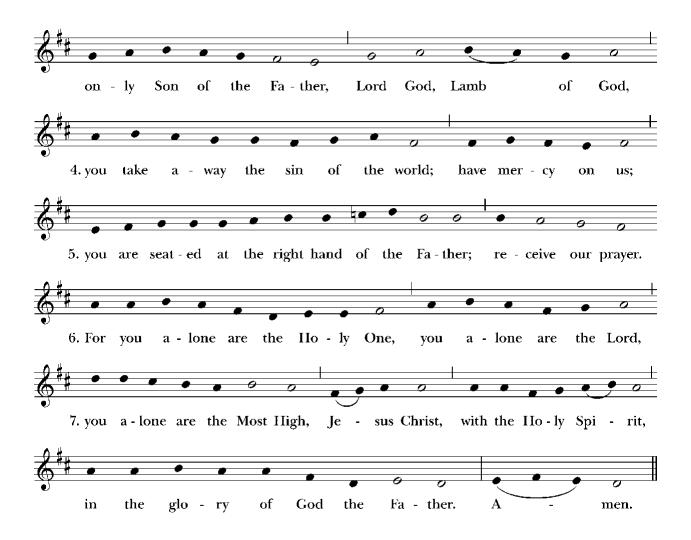
Ministers and people in unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Gloria In Excelsis

at 8:00 a.m., the following is said in unison at 10:00 a.m., the following is sung





#### The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### The Collect For Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Lessons

#### **First Lesson**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The people are seated.

A Reading from Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Gradual Psalm Psalm 15

8:00 a.m.: read responsively by half verse

10:00 a.m.: chanted by all, seated.



- <sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell / in ' your / tabernacle? \* who may abide up-/on ' your / ho'ly / hill?
- <sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does / what ' is / right, \* who / speaks ' the / truth ' from his / heart.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil / to ' his / friend; \* he does not heap con-/tempt ' up-/on ' his / neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked / is 're-/jected, \* but he honors / those 'who / fear 'the / Lord.
- <sup>5</sup>He has sworn to / do ' no / wrong \* and does / not ' take / back ' his / word.
- <sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in / hope ' of / gain, \* nor does he take a / bribe ' a-/gainst ' the / innocent.
- <sup>7</sup>Whoever / does ' these / things \* shall / never ' be / o'ver-/thrown.

Second Lesson James 1:17-27

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Sequence Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #697

My God, Accept My Heart this Day *All stand*.

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The people remain standing

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. *Glory to you, Lord Christ*.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they

do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Very Rev. Eric Metoyer

The Gospel of our Savior. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Homily

The people are seated.

#### The Nicene Creed

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

of one Being with the Father.

begotten, not made,

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Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Creator God, no galaxy bursts into existence without your attention; nothing comes into being without your love. Hear the prayers of your people.

God of all that has life, we pray for the creatures of land, sky and sea.

The heavens and earth tell of your glory.

God of wisdom, we pray for those responsible for managing our natural resources and advancing environmental justice.

Awaken our zeal to care for your creation.

God of healing, we pray for those who suffer from illness, abuse or distress. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers (N.) and for those we now name. Comfort them,

And teach us to be compassionate friends and stewards.

God of growth, help us work for a world that sustains generations to come. We pray for the end of conflict and war, the eradication of disease and restoration of our planet. Living our covenant with you,

May we cultivate care and respect for all living beings.

We remember those who have gone before us and now reside with you and for the extinct forms of life that may never be again. We remember especially (N.) and for those we may name. Be with those who mourn them.

We give thanks that you bring life out of death.

God of creation, we take wonder at the beauty of our the earth and the vast cosmos beyond as we offer our thanksgivings. Today on this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks for honorable work and the wisdom to know the importance of rest. Joining with all creation,

We raise our voices in praise.

The Celebrant closes the prayers with the following

Holy One, you know our hearts and our deepest desires more truly than we know them ourselves. Look with compassion on us, and on all who cry out to you for help, that we may see the world through your eyes and ask only what aligns with your dream for creation. *Amen*.

#### **Confession Of Sin**

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God and all creation.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant and people, saying in unison

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated one another in our lives and on this land. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. A*men*.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and the People share the peace of Christ with one another.

#### **Greetings and Announcements**

The people are seated.

# The Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Sentence**

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 

#### Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

Give Almes of Thy Goods
Sung by St. Mary's Summer Choir

Christopher Tye (c.1500-1572)

Give alms of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

- Tobit 4

## **Hymn At The Presentation**

Hymnal, #705

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand.

May God 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.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return.

Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word,

born of your servant Mary,

to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

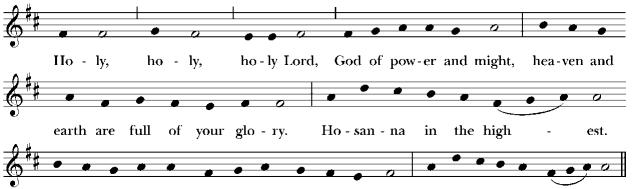
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus & Benedictus (8:00 a.m.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

#### Sanctus & Benedictus (10:00 a.m.)



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.* 

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

#### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

People and Celebrant

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who sin against us.

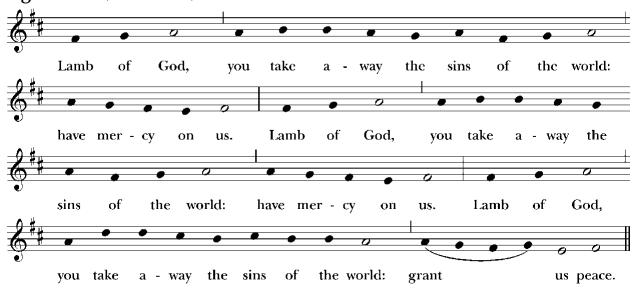
And lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

#### Agnus Dei (10:00 a.m.)



#### **Invitation To Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### The Holy Communion

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

## Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

The People stand.

Let us pray.

said in unison

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# **Blessing**

### Hymn At The Retiring Procession (10:00 a.m.)

Hymnal, #341

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

#### **Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude (10:00 a.m.)

Chorale Prelude on Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ Johann Heinrich Buttstedt (1666-1727) Praise be to you, Jesus Christ

# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

# Welcome Visitors And Guests

September 1, 2024

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

## Thank You Rev. Eric! Today, Sunday, September 1

Sunday, September 1st will be the Very Rev. Eric Metoyer's last Sunday with us at St. Mary's. Following his time here at St. Mary's, Rev. Eric will be serving full-time at Diocesan House as the Canon for Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice. Join us in thanking him for being with us during Rev. David's sabbatical.

## Office Closed for Labor Day Tomorrow, Monday, September 2

St. Mary's office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day. Have a wonderful holiday!

# Return to Three Services Sunday, September 8

On Sunday, September 8th, our summer schedule will end, and we will return to three services.

8 a.m. - spoken Eucharist

9 a.m. - Family Eucharist featuring our children & youth choirs & a children's homily

11 a.m. - Choral Eucharist featuring our Parish Choir

# Sunday School and Confirmation Class Begin Sunday, September 8

As we return to 3 services on Sunday, September 8th, Sunday School and Confirmation Class will also begin. At the reverse procession of the children and youth choir at the end of the 9 a.m. service, all children and youth are invited to go to their relevant classrooms. Pre-K through 2nd grade will meet downstairs in Fowler Hall. 3rd grade and up will meet in the vestry room on the 2nd floor of Fowler Hall. And Confirmation class for youth will meet in the library in Pixley House. Additionally, if you're interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher, it's only a once a month commitment, and all materials are provided! Any questions, contact Rev'd Kira (<u>kira@smvsf.org</u>).

## Welcome Back Rev'd David Sunday, September 8

After a 5-month long sabbatical, St. Mary's rector, Rev'd David, returns on Sunday, September 8 to preach at all 3 services. Please give Rev'd David a warm welcome back!

# Join the Chalice Bearer Ministry for the 11:00 a.m. Service!

We're seeking new members to carry the cross, torches, and serve the Chalice during Communion. Our numbers have decreased due to retirements, relocations, and travel, so we need your help to continue this vital ministry.

As a Chalice Bearer, you'll play an important role in the 11:00 a.m. service (and the 10:00 a.m. service during the summer), as well as during Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas services. This is a wonderful way to lead in worship and connect with our church community.

Scheduling is handled by Pam Bledsoe, and Natalie Hala will guide you through the training sessions. If you're interested, please reach out to Pam (pamelabledsoe077@gmail.com) or the clergy, and we'll get you started!

## Celebration of Ministries Fair Sunday, September 22

Save the date for St. Mary's Ministry Fair taking place on Sunday, September 22. The ministry fair will take place between and after all three services (8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am).

Don't miss this opportunity to talk with parishioners about the various ministries St. Mary's is involved in, both within our parish and in the community. Discover ways to participate and live out the life of grace we experience at St. Mary's!

## Youth Group Kick-Off Sunday, September 22

Our Youth Group year will kick off on Sunday, September 22 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Great Room. Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders and is a loving and safe way to connect and have fun with other youth in our church community. We typically meet 2-3 times a month for food, conversation, and a lot of fun, not to mention monthly adventures across San Francisco! Any questions can be directed to Mike Stafford (mike@smvsf.org).

# Ongoing Weekly Offerings \*Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at <a href="mailto:veatchdl@gmail.com">veatchdl@gmail.com</a> or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

# We Pray For...

# PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Roulhac Austin

Jeanne Lacy

Divine Anthony and family

Lido Cantarutti

Margaret Rafferty

Asad Korgan

Alyssa Fenton Humphries

Bill and Candy Warinner

Barbara

Frances Kalani

Kevin Fisher Paulson

Fran Hegeler

Marilyn Hala

The Very Rev. Lin Knight

George Sawyer

Ron Ameden

Marilyn Hala

Jim Gable

Bob Gable

#### IN DISCERNMENT

Michael Stafford

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Kelly Guest

Robert Manette

Ron Goldschmidt

Randy Smedal

Josephine Sawyer

Kenneth Carson

#### **CONTINUING PRAYERS**

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

Deborah

Gordon Bellis

**June** 

Kevin Teeney

The Community at the Heritage & St.

Francis

Jane

Quinn Charles Fay

Erich

Simon

Phyllis Shepherd

Shirlee Martin

Will Driscoll

The Crossley Family

David Schade

Bill

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