At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; their glory is waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and from, and I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Rector
Luke 15:1-10

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Rector

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Nicene Creed

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, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. 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 man. 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, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father and the Son. The Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Common Worship (Church of England)
Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Alice, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Anne, Annie, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Barbara, Beth, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Campbell, Carmen, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Dalia, Dan, Desarie, Diane, Dj, Donna, Dorothy, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Ellen, Enid, Emmy, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Geoff, Gerry, Greg, Guy, Holly, Hunter, Jack, Janene, Janet, Jerry, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Jonathan, Joseph, Judy, Kathleen, Kay, Kelley, Kelly, Ken, Kendall, Kenlyn, Lucy, Lynn, Magdalena, Malcolm, Marcia, Mariela, Marge, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Mary Lou, Matthew, Michael, Miriam, Myram, Nancy, Nolan family, Pat, Peggy, Phyllis, Reyes, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rudy, Sally, Shane, Sharon, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Vincent, Viola, Ward, and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, and Tommy.

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