

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE &  
INSTALLATION OF VESTRY &  
PART-TIME ASSISTING PRIEST FOR  
CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND FAMILIES  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024**

**10:45 A.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,  
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.  
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome  
Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back  
of the sanctuary.*

*As you enter please pick up a “Confession Stone” located in the Narthex.*

## Blessed Lent and Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We pray that as you worship here during this Lenten season you will join us in praising God.

The word Lent comes from the old English word “lencten” which means lengthening or “Springtime.” Lent is not only a forty-day season that focuses on the story of Jesus’ passion and death, but rather, Lent is a *journey of conversion*, a passage of a people who have been forever marked by the story’s end—Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. Originally, the forty days of Lent were understood as the final stage of preparation for those called to baptism and also as a time for reconversion for those already baptized. Thus, we undertake the Lenten journey, as did ancient pilgrims before us, in the company of others. We mark the steps of our journey by gathering each week to evangelize and be evangelized, that is, to hear the story of Jesus set next to our life stories.

One will notice the restrained atmosphere during the Lenten season at St. Augustine’s as seen in the liturgy and vestments, and even heard in the music. By “scaling back” our normal celebrative Sunday experience we seek to focus our attention during this penitential season of the year on what is essential to our faith and salvation. Indeed, to emphasize prayer during this season we hearken to an ancient tradition observed by our Jewish brothers and sisters, by creating a sackcloth “Wailing Wall” behind the altar where each week we will place our “Prayer Ropes” which are a visible and tangible expression of the prayers and intercessions of the congregation.

I invite you to participate in worship today as you feel comfortable. You will find St. Augustine’s to be that place where you will receive a radical WELCOME, experience thought-provoking and inspiring WORSHIP, and meet other disciples of Jesus ready and willing to WITNESS to all that God is doing!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, a Holy Lent to you and your family.

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +*

Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: "The Lord Is My Light"

Frances Allitsen

Welcome and Announcements

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

Sacred Silence

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity.*

*At the sounding of the shofar, please stand and face the entrance.*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People His mercy endures forever.

Invitation to Confession

*The Sh'ma is chanted in Hebrew, then the Summary of the Law is given.*

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12: 29-31*

*Please kneel.*

Kyrie Confession

Merkel

Presider Lord, your son Jesus emptied himself for us. Forgive us when we are full of ourselves.  
People Lord, have mercy.



Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on me.



Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on me.

*Presider* Lord, your son Jesus proclaimed liberty to captives. Forgive our fear and failure in sharing our faith.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**  
*All Sing* **REFRAIN**  
*Presider* Lord, your son Jesus came bringing reconciliation. Forgive us when we cling to our resentments.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**  
*All Sing* **REFRAIN**

**Absolution**

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

*Please stand.*

*During the singing of the Gathering Song the congregation is invited to follow the Ministers of the Liturgy to the front of the Nave and cast their "Confession Stones" into the dried baptismal font.*

**Gathering Song: "Trisagion"**

*S. Chard*

Ho-ly God Ho-ly and might - y, Ho-ly im-mor-tal One. Ho-ly  
 God Ho-ly and might - y, Ho-ly im-mor-tal One. Have  
 mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer-cy up - on us. Have  
 mer - cy have mer - cy, have mer-cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

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.**

## + THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

*Please be seated.*

### **Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Moment, the children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the "Lenten cross" and attend Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace.*

### **Children's Sending Prayer**

**O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

**The Lesson:** Numbers 21:4-9

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Numbers

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation:** "We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight "

Music: *St. Botolph, Gordon Slater*

Words: *Henry Alford*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are printed below the staff in four lines.

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and  
that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - jice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Please remain standing.*

**Holy Gospel:** John 3:14-21

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

## **Moment of Silence**

*After the sermon we will observe a moment of “sacred silence” for meditation.*

### **Commissioning & Installation of Vestry Members**

*Presider* Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

*Sponsor* I believe they are.

*Presider* You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

*Candidates* I will.

*Presider* Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

*Candidates* I will.

*Sponsor* I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Wardens and Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

*Presider* The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

*Presider* I am your servant; grant me understanding:

*All* **That I may know your decrees.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen**

*Presider* In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Senior Warden and Members of the Vestry in this Parish.

### **Installation of Part-Time Assisting Priest for Christian Formation and Families**

*Sponsor* I present to you The Reverend Dr. James Detrich to be installed as Part-Time Assisting Priest for Christian Formation and Families in this congregation.

*Presider* God will not overlook your work and the love which you show for his sake.

*Presider* Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God.

*People* Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

*Presider* Let us pray

Regard, O Lord, our supplications, and conform with your heavenly benediction your servant whom we install today to the ministry of Part-Time Assisting Priest for Christian Formation and Families;

That with sincere devotion of mind and body he may offer you a service acceptable to your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and this congregation, I install you, The Reverend Dr. James Detrich, to the ministry of Part-Time Assisting Priest for Christian Formation and Families.

*Please stand.*

**Creed:** The Apostles' Creed



I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, ma-ker of all heav'n and earth  
Suf - fered un - der Pon - tious Pi - late, cru - ci - fied for me He died.  
At God's right hand He is seat - ed 'til his com - ing as He said.  
I be - lieve the church of Je - sus u - ni - ver - sal e'er re - mains.



and in Je - sus Christ our Sa - vior, God's own Son of match - less worth.  
Laid with - in the grave so si - lent, gates of hell He o - pened wide.  
Fin - al judge - ment will be me - ted to the liv - ing and the dead.  
We are one through all the a - ges in com - mu - nion of the saints.



By the Spi - rit was con - ceiv - ed, of the Vir - gin Ma - ry born,  
For the stone - sealed tomb was emp - ty, on the third day He a - rose,  
I con - fess the Ho - ly Spi - rit, who was sent through Christ the Son  
I be - lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bo - dies will be raised



He in whom I have be - liev - ed, God Al - migh - ty, Three in One.  
in - to heav - en made his en - try, migh - ty con - quer'r of his foes.  
to ap - ply sal - va - tion's mer - it: God the Spi - rit, Three in One.  
to e - ter - nal life in glo - ry, ev - er let his name be praised.



## Prayers of the People

*During the season of Lent, we invite you to offer your prayers and petitions by tying knots in the ropes provided at the end of each row. After you have tied your knots, please pass the rope down the row to your neighbor.*

*During communion, we ask that one person in each row place the rope on the altar.*

## Peace

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

## + THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

*Please be seated.*

### Offertory Prayer for Lent

**God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way, lead us to your glory and accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

*During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.*

*To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions.  
Thank You.*

**Offering in Song:** "By Grace We Have Been Saved Through Faith"      Text: *Rusty Edwards & Scott Chard*  
Tune: *Scott Chard*

*Please stand.*

**Presentation Song:** "The Glory of These Forty Days"

*Erhalt uns*

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are as follows:

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to  
cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ through whom all  
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold  
things were made him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
Name a - dored, from age to age the on - ly Lord.

*Please remain standing.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop, and all bishops; Joseph and James our priests, Mary Ann our deacon, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those on our church prayer lists in their need, supplication, or thanksgivings.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Augustine of Canterbury and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**

**Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.**

**No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Distribution

*All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.*

*For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.*

*If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.*

*The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.*

*After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.*

*If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.*

*Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.*

*Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.*

*Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.*

*If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

**Communion Meditation:** "Meditation on Psalm 107"  
"Lord Have Mercy"

*Scott Chard*

*Dinah Reindorf*

## + THE SENDING RITE +

*Please stand or kneel.*

### Post-Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Solemn Prayer over the People

*Presider* Bow down before the Lord.

*Presider* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

*Jessie Brown Pounds*

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know you.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or who have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service.*

### Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

*DOK* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## +PRAYER LIST+

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of the Resurrection, Oklahoma City and St. Augustine of Canterbury, Montevideo, Uruguay*

**For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns:** *Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Bill Landis, Reggie Eging, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Lynn England, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Jaime Mizael Fuentes, Rachel, Sean Acol, Damian Wiles, Melvin Jones, Luz Estrada, Sebastian Weaver, Priscilla, Jack Stephens, Patty, Patrick Hays, Jonathon and Alyse, Faith, Evelyn Wehr, Sharon and Don Bole, Neil Ray, Ricky and Eta Womack, Whitney Mayfield, Dobi, Rusty, Cathy, Lee, Pamela, Steve Gilman, Deyanira Gudino, Melissa Nelson, Lazaro Gudino, Antonia Dueñaz, Susan, John, Edward, William, Matt, London Golson, Nelson Family, Pamela Riley, Jenny Westerhoff, Antonia Dueñaz, Cason Montgomery, Sherry Ziska, Lizardo Gudino, Randy Birchall, Sara Cedillo Guerrero, Nancy Van Horn, Isabel Mora, Daniel & Charlene Spears, Lula Hernandez, Sergio Lopez, Naomi Gudino, James Quinn, Dawn W. Cash, AimeeAnn Vanek, Josh Eliot, Turner Cash, Jason Eliot, Traci Eliot, Karen West, Iranice Tavares, Anil B., MaryAnn Rule, Courtney McNatty, Mark Ackerman, WB, Lois Muran, The Goforth Family, Fred Winters*

**For those in the military:** *Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

**For those who have died:** *Autumn Goforth*

**Birthdays this week:** *David Holt, Shawn Pendley, Margaret Deal-Saul, Jared Glenn, Roberta Heath, Reggie Christian, Emily Walker Mise*



## + THE LENTEN CROSS +

The Processional Cross used during the Lenten season was created by Bruce Scambler and took some 100 hours to make. The cross has a great deal of symbolism in its design. It is over seven feet tall and incorporates 12 different woods to represent the twelve disciples and the “various ethnicities represented at St. Augustine’s.”

The woods used in the vertical upright include: 110 year old Redwood from the family barn, Ebony, American Oak, Crepe Myrtle, Pine, Beech, Horse-chestnut, Walnut, Pecan, Cedar and Hickory. On one side of the upright are five carved hearts which represent the wounds of Christ. These “hearts” also represent our commitment to be an inclusive faith organization to those of the LGBTQ communities.

The horizontal crossbeam was made from 25-year-old driftwood excavated from the mud at Lake Texhoma. If one looks closely at the crossbeam, you will notice the abstract design of the “Hands of Christ” in agony. Finally, at the top of the cross is a “secret compartment” where the names of congregation members are placed during the season of Lent.

## + THIS IS OUR STORY +

Among liturgical churches, such as the Episcopal Church, the Easter Vigil is the most important worship of the liturgical year. It is marked by the first use of the exclamatory “Alleluia”, which at Lent’s beginning had been symbolically “buried”. The elements of Eucharist, baptism, and light highlighted early vigils. But there was a fourth element - the celebration of God’s saving deeds in the world through the reading of Old Testament scriptures (our Book of Common Prayer lists nine lessons from which to choose interspersed with songs, canticles, and prayers) that subsequently became an integral part of the service. By the conclusion of the 4th century, all of the elements of the modern vigil had been assembled - light from the new fire and the Paschal candle, historical scripture readings, the water of baptism, and Eucharist. Beginning in the 7th century, the hour of the vigil began to be anticipated, until by the late Middle Ages it was celebrated early Saturday morning. These day-light services, (which no longer could be called a true evening “vigil”) retained all of the ancient rites, and the congregants still sang of the “holy night” when Christ liberated man from sin. The timing of the vigil became an anomaly that was increasingly obvious, and Pope Pius XII in 1951 restored the hour of the vigil to Holy Saturday’s eve.

*If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: [gghaas@aol.com](mailto:gghaas@aol.com). Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Presider and Preacher :** The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Assisting Priest:** The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

**Deacon:** The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

**Lenten Crucifers:** Members of The Vestry

**Acolytes:** Brandon Narvaiz and Mason Narvaiz

**Lector:** Dennis Shockley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jay Kyte, Jeannie Haas, and Sara Kyte

**Oblation Bearers:** Aurora Bocanegra and Jose Hinojosa

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard, and Sarah Hunsucker

**Organist and Pianist:** Patrick Hayes

**Greeters:** Susan Shebester and Dennis Shockley

**Ushers:** Rick Inselman and Valerie Lewis

**Altar Guild:** Jan Pope and Gil Haas

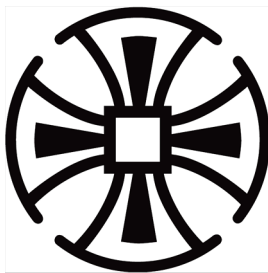
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## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday** – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

**Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

## **STAFF**

**Rector:** The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Part-Time Assisting Priest for Christian Formation & Families:** The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

**Deacon:** The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

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**Contribution Registrar:** Kenny Koch

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## **VESTRY**

**Sr. Warden:** Michael Johnston

**Jr. Warden:** William “Bill” Kenney

**Treasurer:** Marian Moon

**Other Members:** John Fink, Jay Kyte, Valerie Hall, Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, Jason Seabolt, Jim Ferguson, Reggie Christian, Chris Poole, John Potter

**Clerk:** Renee Lewis

## **OFFICE HOURS**

*To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.*

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Father James Detrich, Part-Time Assisting Priest

Wednesday 9:00 AM. - 1:00 PM

Coleen Christian, Admin Assistant

Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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