

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 2023**  
**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 worshiping 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.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.  
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)  
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

*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:** “Largo in A Flat Major”

*C.H. Rinck*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*See Insert*

### 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 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

*Dinah Reindorf*

*Presider* Lord, your son Jesus came bringing reconciliation. Forgive us when we cling to our resentments.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_\_ cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_\_ cy,

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_\_ cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_\_ cy.

*Presider* Lord, your son Jesus proclaimed liberty to captives. Forgive our fear and failure in sharing our faith.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy,

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy.

*Presider* Lord, your servant Jesus brought sight to the blind. Forgive our blind stubbornness and lack of trust.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy,

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ have mer \_\_\_\_ cy.

### **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.

**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:** Ephesians 5:8-14

*Lector* A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “A Man Who Could Not See”

Text: *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

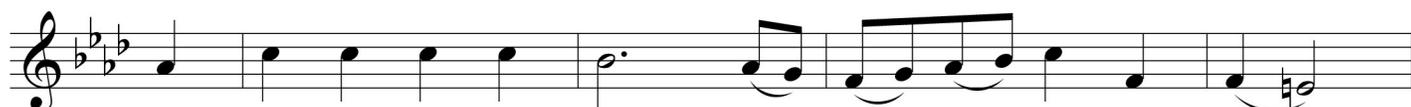
Tune: *Leoni*



A man who could not see re - ceived the gift of sight.  
Some lead - ers were dis - tressed and said it was a sin,  
O Christ, You are the light to all who fol - low you;



O Lord, You spoke and he be - lieved and saw the light.  
for it was on the day of rest that You healed him.  
You give to us the gift of sight: a new world - view.



His joy was great - er still than sight that\_\_ was re - stored;  
They could not see the grace or\_\_ know how much God cares,  
When cul - ture hems us in with val - ues\_\_ that de - stroy,\_\_



He saw, when You had made him well, that You are Lord.  
the lack of vis - ion in that place was tru - ly theirs.  
Lord, help your church to see a - gain your king - dom's joy.

*Please remain standing.*

**Holy Gospel:** John 9: 1-41

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Moment of Silence**

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

*Please stand.*

**Creed:** The Apostles' Creed

*arr. Grace Church Hackney*



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 sea - ted '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.  
Fi - nal judge - ment will be me - ted to the li - ving and the dead.  
We are one through all the a - ges in com - mu - nion of the saints.



By the Spi - rit was con - cei - ved, 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 - lie - ved, 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.*

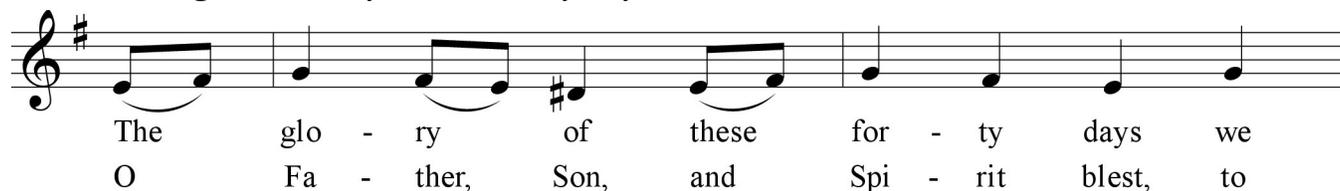
**Offering in Song:** "In The Quiet and the Stillness"  
"The Lord my God, my Shepherd Is"

*Rosalyn Kalmar*  
Text: *F. Bland Tucker*  
Music: *Scott Chard*

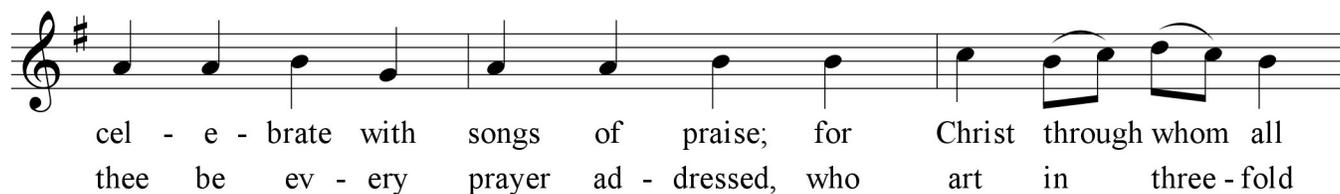
*Please stand.*

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

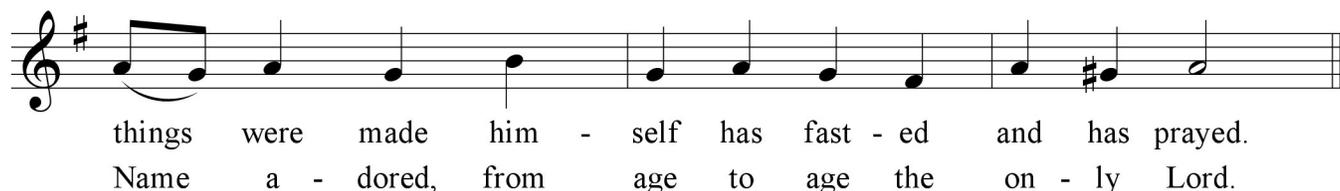
*Erhalt uns*



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; Fr. Joseph and Fr. Tony our priests, Deacon Karen, 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 *Eric Thrower, The Rt. Reverend Frank Griswold, The Reverend Dr. Mark Bangert, Karen Koch, Faye & David Nelson*, 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:** "Psalm 23"  
"Lord, Have Mercy"

*Bobby McFerrin*  
*Kathleen Turner*



Communion Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they  
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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**+ 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:** "Moderato in E Flat Major"

*C.A. Kern*

*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:** *St. David's, Oklahoma City & Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Montevideo, Uruguay.*

**For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns:** *Sharon Bowle, Amy, The Wilson Family, Nancy & Jim Hays and Family, Quita & Melvin Tucker and Family, The Sherwin Family, Marilyn Bure, Todd, Cassie, Breanna Troutman, Gramma Erlinda, Tammy Neu, Andrea King, Jim Emig, Jean Williams, Maury Swift, Janet Deal, David King, Jim F. Menzer, Jionni Frankin, Jimmy Carter, Len Steedman, Mindy Campbell, Karen Valentine, Ann Bernal, Bill Havins, Vicki Norman, Charlotte, John Townsell, Bill Moon, the Heilman Family, Alexis & Eric Barnes, Kathy Conway, Daniel Gudino, Kaitlin, Michelle, Tricia Spivey, Becca Heaney, Evan and Fabian Harjo, Connie & Harold Myers, Joe Comet, Ted Daniels and Family, Toni Nicholls, Clara Spivey, Stephanie Hansen, Jeff Winans, Lee Johnson, Cesar Gudino, Edith Kenney, Autumn Goforth, B.J., Daryl Thomasson, Allen Weaver, Paul Bullard, Mike Smith, Abby Eliot, Daniel Bellos, Tiana Martinez, Evelyn Thrower, Pamela, the Lorange Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie and Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Eging, Jada Smiley, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Khalil Franklin, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada. Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg.*

**For those in the military:** *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 Renfroe, 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, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

**Birthdays this week:** *Jan Hunter, Anthony Conroy, Tuesday Jones, Kaylon Quigley, Renee Lewis, Biel Johnson, Matthew McSpadden, Vita Lomas, Dennis Shockley, George Lauffer*

**Anniversaries this week:** *Georgia & Jerry Scribner, LeeAnn & Lester Cowden, Genie & Frank Stone, Meg Deal-Saul & Dave Saul*

**For the departed:** *Eric Thrower, The Most Reverend Frank Griswold, The Reverend Dr. Mark Bangert, Karen Koch, Faye & David Nelson*



## + 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 +

Before the ratification of our current *Book of Common Prayer* in 1979, Lent was preceded by a three Sunday preparation for Lent called the Pre-Lenten season. Septuagesima Sunday was the first Sunday of the season falling three Sundays before Lent and nine Sundays before Easter. The name implies preceding Easter by seventy days, but Easter is actually celebrated sixty-four days later. The second and third Sundays of the Pre-Lenten season were Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, respectively. Their names implied sixty and fifty days before Easter, but Sexagesima Sunday preceded Easter by only fifty-seven days. It was only Quinquagesima Sunday that accurately implied that it preceded Easter by fifty days. The dating inaccuracies may have been an approximate backward reckoning from Quinquagesima. The Pre-Lenten season dates from the fifth century in Rome. These Sundays last appeared in our 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*’s calendar, and purple was their liturgical color. The Pre-Lenten season was suppressed by the Catholic church in 1969, but these Sundays still persist on the Church of England’s calendar. Our *Book of Common Prayer* in lieu of the Pre-Lenten season emphasizes the Epiphany season’s themes until the first day of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

*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, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 10:45 a.m. – The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Presider :** The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

**Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Lenten Crucifers:** The Burkhardt—Cash Family

**Acolytes:** Zoe Alsay and Zipporah Alsay

**Lector:** Valerie Hall

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Noel Jacobs, Bill Kenney, David Krausse

**Oblation Bearers:** James Burkhardt & Brett Cash

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard, Karena Van Horn

**Staff Organist:** John S. Potter

**Greeters:** Elizabeth Covell and Jim Snelling

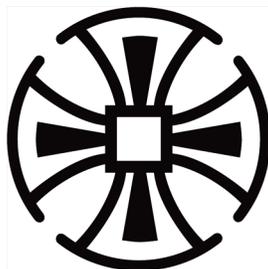
**Ushers:** Mike Hall and Rick Inselman

**Video:** Josh Eliot and Bri McGhee

**Sound:** Eric Brinley

**Altar Guild:** Patsy Hollingsworth and Janet Wells

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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

**Assisting Priest:** The Reverend Canon Tony Moon, Ph.D.

**Deacon:** The Reverend Karen Hansen

**Minister for Youth and Families:** Jesse Heath

**Administrative Assistant/Member Engagement Coordinator:** Sarah-Emily Steinhardt

**Contribution Registrar:** Kenny Koch

**Staff Organist:** John Stephen Potter

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard & Karena Van Horn

## VESTRY

**Sr. Warden:** James Reeg **Sr. Warden Elect:** Michael Johnston

**Jr. Warden:** Jon Wallingford **Jr. Warden Elect:** William “Bill” Kenney

**Treasurer:** Marian Moon

**Other Members:** Brad Davidson, John Fink, Jay Kyte, Valerie Hall, Rick Inselman, Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, & Jason Seabolt

**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 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

Sarah-Emily Steinhardt, Admin Assistant

Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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