

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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: “Molto Adagio”

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

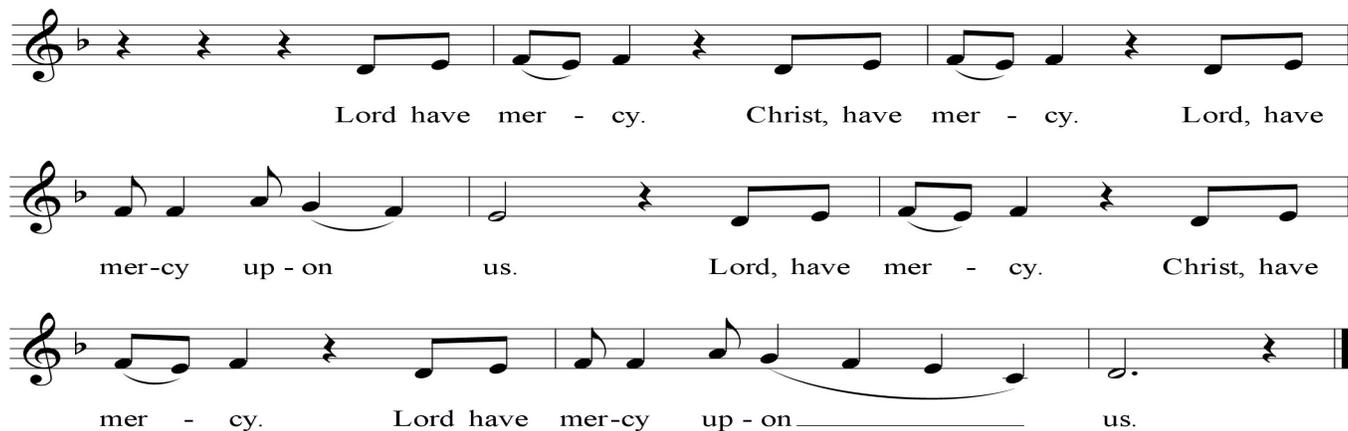
Kathleen Turner

Deacon Lord, your son Jesus came bringing reconciliation. Forgive us when we cling to our resentments.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

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

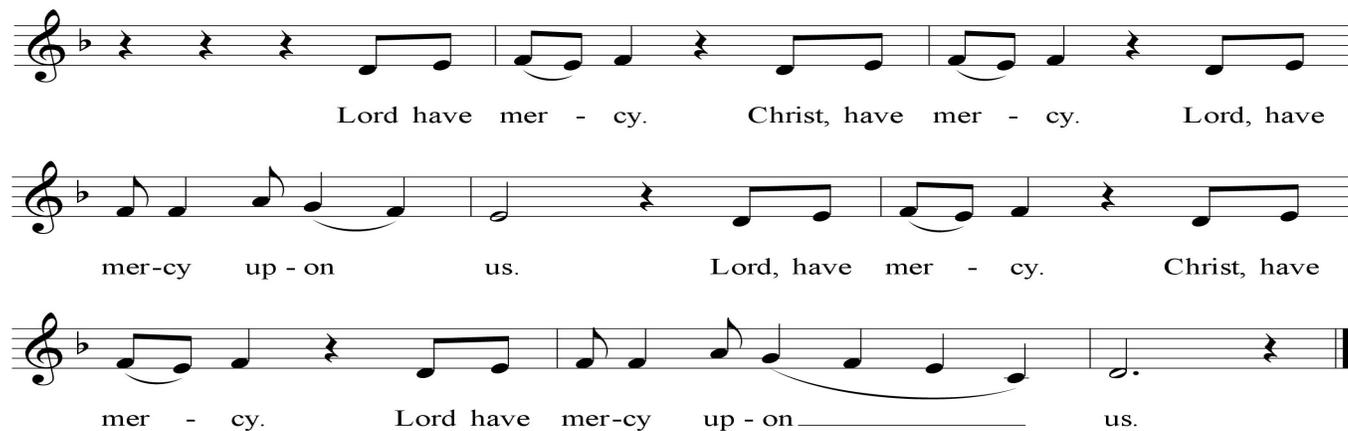
People **Lord, have mercy.**



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Deacon 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. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

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



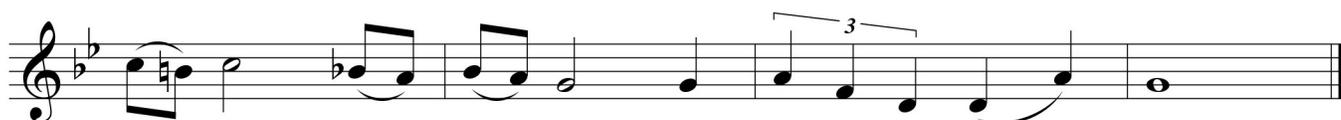
Ho-ly God Ho-ly and might - y, Ho-ly im-mor-tal One. Ho-ly



God Ho-ly and might - y, Ho-ly im-mor-tal One. Have



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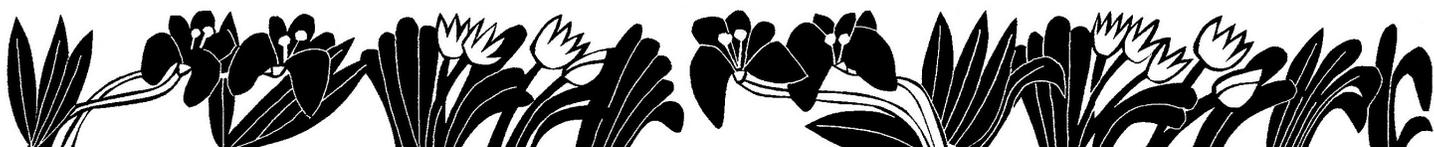
Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.



Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



You, O Christ, are res - ur - rec - tion in a world that's filled with pain.
You, O Christ, are res - ur - rec - tion when we're caught up in our sin,
You, O Christ, are res - ur - rec - tion when a loved one's mem-ories fade,
You, O Christ, are res - ur - rec - tion when an ill - ness takes its toll,



You reach out when we are hurt - ing and you lift us up a - gain.
when we grieve the road we're trav' - ling, when we see what might have been.
for you nev - er will for - get us; we're the ones you came to save.
for the pro - mise that you give us is that one day we'll be whole.



Bat - tered wom-en, hung - ry child - ren, lone - ly peo - ple, those in need
You give heal - ing and for - give - ness in the place of sin and strife.
Lord, we trust that you will guide us when each day brings grief and stress;
So we need not fear the fu - ture when the way seems hard to bear;



find in you a hope that's liv - ing as they're wel - comed, loved and freed.
Christ, we're drawn to what you give us: res - ur - rec - tion and new life.
Liv - ing Christ, you walk be - side us through this sha - dowed wil - der - ness.
You will gent - ly guide and lead us to the place that you pre - pare.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: “ You ,O Christ are Resurrection”

Text: *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*
Tune: *The Sacred Harp, B.F. White*

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon 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.



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

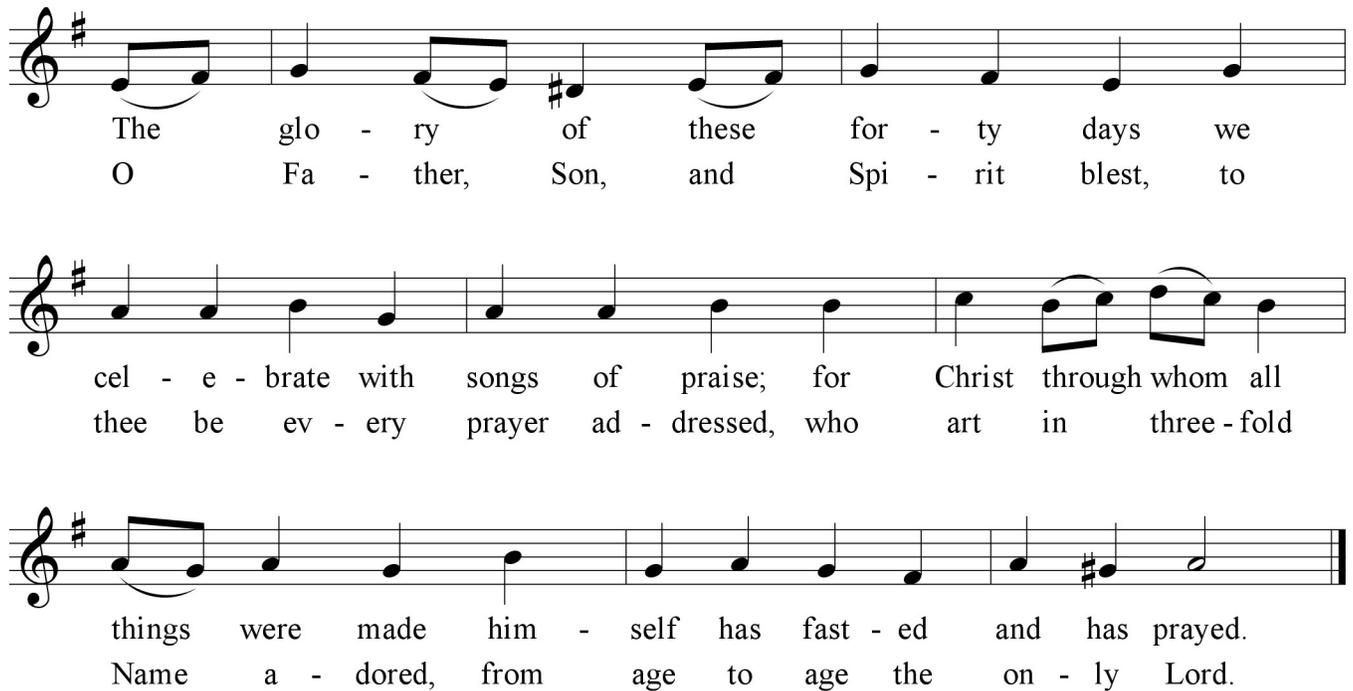


He in whom I have be - lie - ved, God Al - migh - ty, Three in One.
in - to heav - en made his en - try, migh - ty con - quer'r of his foes.
to ap - ply sal - va - tion's mer - it: God the Spi - rit, Three in One.
to e - ter - nal life in glo - ry, ev - er let his name be praised.

Please stand.

Creed: The Apostles' Creed

arr. Grace Church Hackney



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.

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: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart”

“Blessed be Your Name”

Text: *George Croly*
Tune: *Frederick C. Atkinson*
Matt Redman

Please stand.

Presentation Song: “The Glory of These Forty Days”

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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

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 *Gloria “Connie” Myers, Chuck Evans, Christian Owen, Eric Thrower, The Rt. Reverend Frank Griswold*, 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: “Lord, Have Mercy”
“Meditation on Psalm 130”

Michael W. Smith
Music: Scott Chard

Communion Hymn: “O Love, How Deep”



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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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

Deacon 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

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: “I Will Praise Thee, Oh Lord, My Strength”

Benedetto Marcello
arr. *E. Power Biggs*

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. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Montevideo, Uruguay.*

For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns: *Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, The Wilson Family, Nancy & Jim Hays and Family, Quita & Melvin Tucker and Family, The Sherwin Family, 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, Pamela, Evelyn Thrower, 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, 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 Lizeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Lizeski, Ted Lizeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, 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: *Darrian Broom, Brad Frensley, Heather Holland, Joshua Pierce, Candace Barrios, Richard Wallingford, Johanna Quigley, James Robbins, Paige Dillard, Makannah Mack, Jessica Davis, Aubrey Elizabeth Monroe, Emma Ervin, Judy Moon.*

Anniversaries this week: *Isolbel & Ted Zweifel, Gayle Ann & Philip Robetts,*

For the departed: *Gloria "Connie" Myers, Marilyn Burel, Chuck Evans, Christian Owen, Eric Thrower, The Most Reverend Frank Griswold*



+ 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.

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The word, “Maundy” means commandment, as in, “A new **commandment** I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” By this statement Jesus explained the significance of his washing of the Disciples’ feet, which we ceremoniously repeat during our Maundy Thursday service. Towards the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service, all of the accoutrements around the altar are removed, so that it will be bereft of decoration on Good Friday. This action signifies Christ’s stripping by the soldiers before his crucifixion. Our altar represents Christ, and during the Maundy Thursday service it is washed with wine and water which is the action Jews used to cleanse the dead. The Maundy Thursday liturgy initiates the triduum sacrum (“three sacred days”) which begins on Thursday evening, continues on Good Friday, and concludes with the Easter Vigil. The triduum sacrum is the only time that sanctus bells (and, in some churches, the organ) are silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. It is still appropriate to bow towards the stripped altar when one leaves the Maundy Thursday service to honor Christ as represented by the the altar (but not genuflect, since the Blessed Sacrament is no longer present).

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 26, 2023 at 10:45 a.m. – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Presider : The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Deacon: The Reverend Karen Hansen

Lenten Crucifers: The Wressel Family

Acolytes: Isabella and Olivia Krausse

Lector: Dennis Shockley

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Andrews and Noel Jacobs

Oblation Bearers: Maridale, Bob & Lola Vanek

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

Staff Organist: John S. Potter

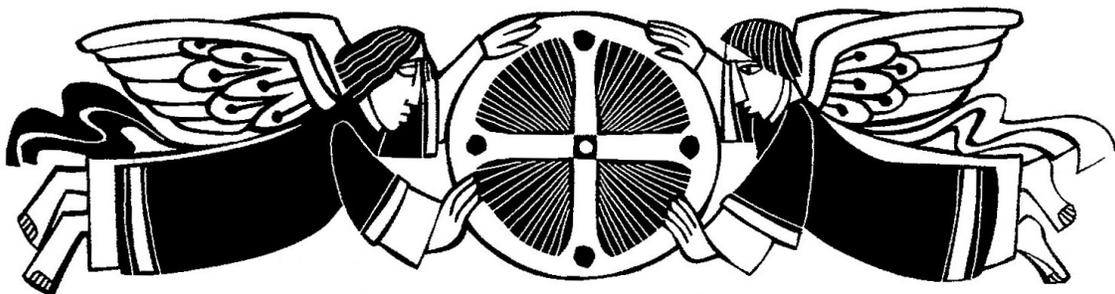
Greeters: Melanie Cannon & Lauri Reeg

Ushers: Sara & Jay Kyte

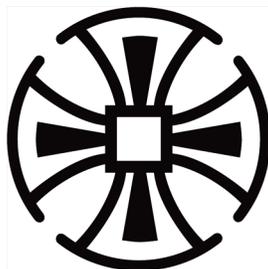
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Sound: Eric Brinley

Altar Guild: Patsy Hollingsworth and Janet Wells



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

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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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

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