ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II The Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023 10:45 A.M.

We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or member, and invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, following the service, please introduce yourself to our clergy.

Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the front doors following worship.

For ease of use, this service leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy.

A book to write your prayer requests in is located on the Prayer Desk in the Narthex.

Please pick up an instrument from the Narthex as you enter the Church

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We appreciate you joining us in the worship of the risen Lord during these fifty days of Easter.

The Paschal feast is the grand baptismal celebration of our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. Easter is our living out of our baptism in mission, living as the joyful body of Christ in the world. Resurrection is not a past event. Easter is now, present tense. Christ is risen. Since Jesus is alive, he is present to the human heart. Easter's challenge is to look at renewal in our midst to look at ourselves, the baptized, all of us marked by the redeeming cross of Christ.

This joy calls us beyond our fears and confusion into the light of day. There is a growing awareness that we are called out of comfort zones to claim and proclaim the power of the resurrection. We are offered a vision of the power of God's abundant, steadfast, and irrepressible love. We see a God who is truly the beginning and the end, calling us to live in love and unity with each other in a world made radically new by the resurrection of Jesus. Death is defeated, we can live lives of new possibilities, fashion a world of peace and hope, and cherish each other as the gift we are.

During these seven weeks of celebrating the reality of the Risen One in our midst, we do so by experiencing in unbridled joy the mystery and wonder of the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

You will notice the attention given to what we do in our corporate worship during this time of the Church year. It is a time when we "pull out the stops" and "put on our best." The proclamation of the word is done in the power of the Spirit. Our music has an uplifting tone that seeks to send the soul soaring. And, the church is infused with the fragrance of flowers, vivid colors, and regal splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have <u>any</u> 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, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,
Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: "improvisation"

J. Potter

Welcome & 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.

Sacred Silence

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

At the tolling of the bell, please stand, face the entrance and play your instruments until the gong sounds.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

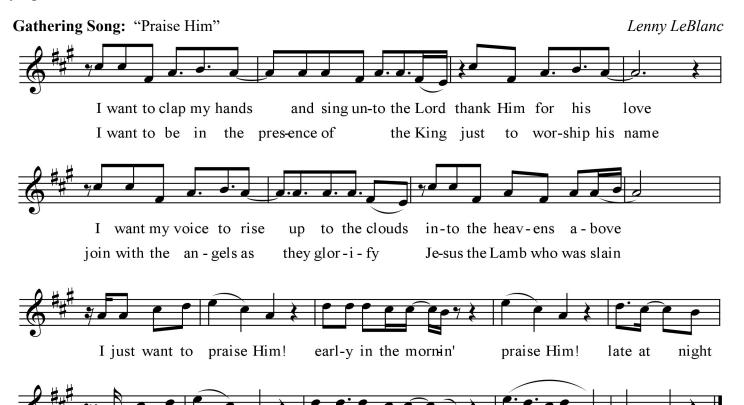
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I want to praise Him!

Collect for Purity

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

During the singing of the Gathering Song, the congregation is sprinkled with flowers as a sign and symbol of forgiveness, renewal and resurrection.



Let all of cre-a - tion

Him!

praise

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 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: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

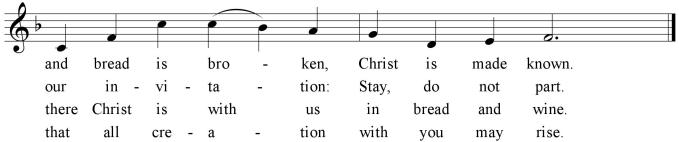
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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



Gospel Acclamation: "Day of Arising"

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: Carl F. Schalk of Day ris ing, Christ a on the road - way, When walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, we are Ι Lo, with you, Je sus has spo - ken. am Christ, com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, our known ion walks with his un com pan own. blind ed by sad slow ness of ness, heart, This is Christ's Christ's sign: ise, this is prom of bread com pas sion, 0 pen our eyes. When they in vite him, fades the first day, as Christ walks with yet ev er wait - ing us, a when the church gath ers, when bread is bro - ken, Grant vi sion, set all hearts burn - ing us your





Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing. Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

During the singing of the Gospel Acclamation, we will follow the ancient Jewish tradition. The Word will be processed throughout the congregation. Everyone is invited to honor the Word with either a kiss, touch, or a bow.

Gospel Response: "Zimbabwe Alleluia"

D. Maraire, arr. P. Matsikenyiri

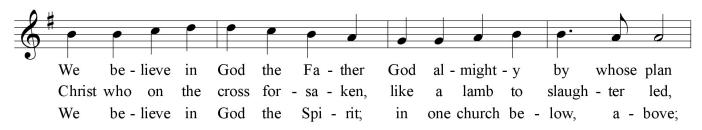


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Sermon

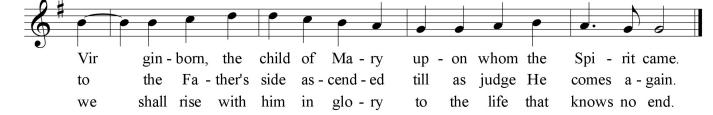
The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Creed: "The Apostles' Creed"









Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray for the people of the earth upon whom the light of Christ shines with grace and

mercy.

Intercessor Let us pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons who minister in Christ's name.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the church throughout the world.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, for those in danger and need: the

sick and the suffering, travelers and prisoners, the hungry and the oppressed. Let us prayerfully

remember those in the military, at home and abroad., and their families.

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Martha C., Cynthia Briscoe, Pat Holladay, Clarence C., Jihan El Din, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Francisco Ramos Hernandez, Clarissa Blackburn, Thomas Cowley, Dee, Kathy Close, James Henry, Maxine Grayson, Will Havins, Sandy Crockett, the protection of imprisoned J6 Citizens, Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Judy Reeder, 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 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.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks, O Lord, and rejoice with those celebrating birthdays including: Karen

Johnston, Elizabeth Covell, Robin Cooper-Jackson, Zoe Alsay, Madi Current, Edith Kenney,

Amethyst Beck and Marian Moon, and those celebrating wedding anniversaries.

Presider Intercession offered

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us remember all who have died, especially Silvia Hernandez

Presider Intercession offered

Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Presider We ask these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable.

Amen.

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 Sentence

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

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: "Our God's Alive"

Andrew Cherry

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

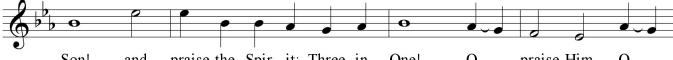
Presentation Song: "Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow!"

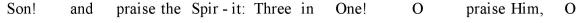
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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be -





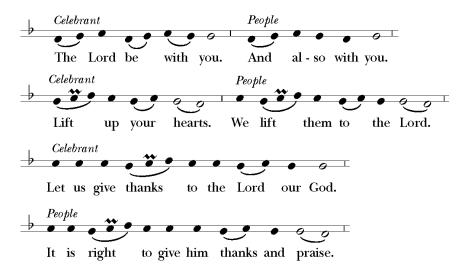






Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

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.

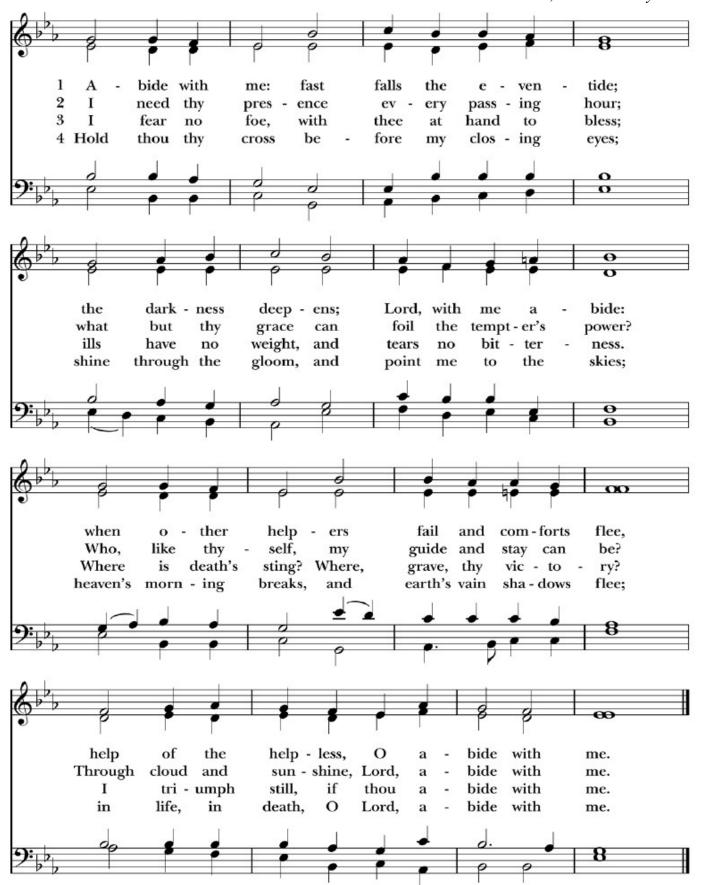
Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

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

Communion Meditation: "There is a Reason"

Alison Krauss

Words: Henry Francis Lyte Music: Evemtide, William Henry Monk



+ THE SENDING RITE +

Post-Communion Prayer

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection

of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Amen. People

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make Presider

you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Re-

deemer, bring you eternal inheritance.

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

Amen. People

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Presider

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia! People

Voluntary: "The Rejoicing"

G.F. Handel

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 have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

DOKLet us pray.

O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another People

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.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday April 23, 2023, at 10:45 AM - The Third Sunday of Easter

Presider: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon **Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Eucharistic Ministers: David Krausse, Sara & Jay Kyte

Lector and Intercessor: Jay Kyte

Acolytes: Miles Clenney, Isabella and Olivia Krausse

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

Organist: John Potter

Oblation Bearers: Judy Moon and Susan Shebester

Greeters: Janet Mills and Reiko Osumi

Altar Guild: Claudia Rios-Estrada, Angelique Chamberlain, Amy Siress

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The Paschal Vigil service on the night before Easter begins with the celebrant striking and blessing the new fire (lit with flint striking steel), the Paschal Candle is ceremoniously marked with the sign of the cross, the Greek letters alpha and omega, the year, the wounds of Christ (symbolized by the insertion of incense granules plunged into the candle's side), and the candle is ultimately lit from the new fire. The deacon carries the lit candle into the congregation's midst making three stops singing at an ever higher pitch at each stop the proclamation, "the Light of Christ". Candles held by the congregation are then lit from the Paschal Candle's flame as the Deacon then sings the Exultet, memorializing the link to the Jewish Passover. Scripture readings separated by canticles or hymns relate the story of creation, Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, the crossing of the Red Sea during the Exodus, and other prophetic, Old Testament readings. It is now customary for the Paschal candle to burn from this day through Pentecost (a change from the former practice of dousing the candle after the gospel reading on Ascension Day). It is appropriate for the Paschal Candle to also burn at the time of baptisms or burials at other times of the church year. A newly baptized person is given a small baptismal candle that is lit from the Paschal Candle (and relit every anniversary of the person's baptism).

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.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. **Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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Rector: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

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

Deacon: The Reverend Karen Hansen

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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 Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sarah-Emily Steinhardt, Admin Assistant Tuesday -Friday 9:00

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