ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 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.

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.

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, "ordinary" meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ's eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God's creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God's love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

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 to not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/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: "Prelude to Thanks Be to God"

J. S. Bach/G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

See Bulletin

Moment of Silence

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

At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

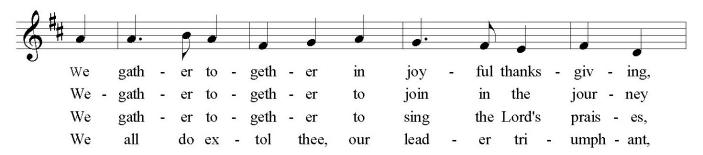
Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

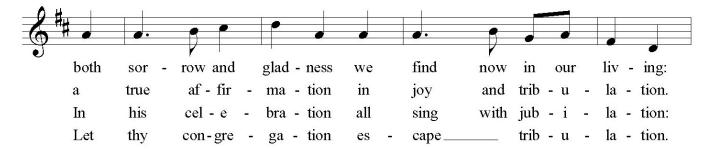
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

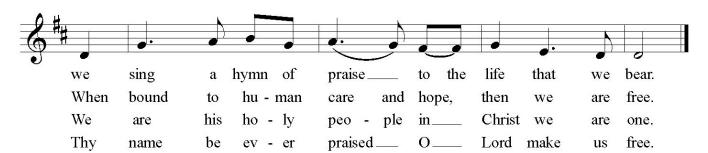
Gathering Hymn: "We Gather Together"

Netherlands Folk Song; Tune: Kremser









Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Song: "Children of God"

Mac Powell





Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace for Communion.

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: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Lector A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the LORD God!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end

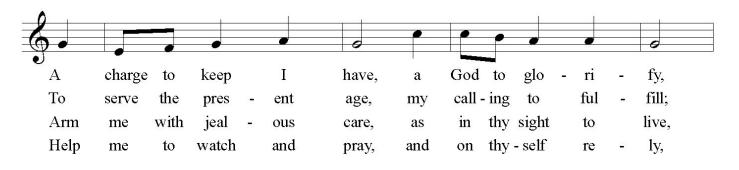
Priest The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

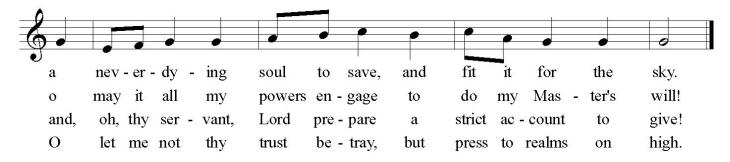
Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "A Charge to Keep I Have"

he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Text: Charles Wesley
Tune: Boylston





The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Gospel Response: "Heleluyan"

Muscogee (Creek) Indian, trans. C. H. Webb



Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Sacred Silence.

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

+THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM +

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Sponsor We present Santiago Javier Zubillaga to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought

up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Sponsor I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full

stature of Christ?

Parents & Sponsor I will, with God's help.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against

God?

Parents & Sponsor I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Parents & Sponsor I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Sponsor I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents & Sponsor I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Sponsor I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Sponsor I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in

their life in Christ?

People We will.

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Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal

covenant.

Please stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the

Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will

come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and

in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every

human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Presider Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the

power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now

and for ever. Amen.

Please remain standing.

Baptismal Song: "Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit" Text: Michael Saward

Tune: Bunessan

The Parents and Sponsors add rocks from the Jordan River to the Baptismal Font.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Water from the Jordan River is poured into the font.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Baptism

The candidate is immersed or has water poured on them, three times as the following is said:

Presider Santiago Javier Zubillaga, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Presider Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him up to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and

wonder in all your works.

People Amen.

Chrismation

Presider Santiago Javier Zubillaga you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's

own forever.

People Amen.

Welcome

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim

his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 attendance sheet in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the offering plate.

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: "Breathing the Breath"

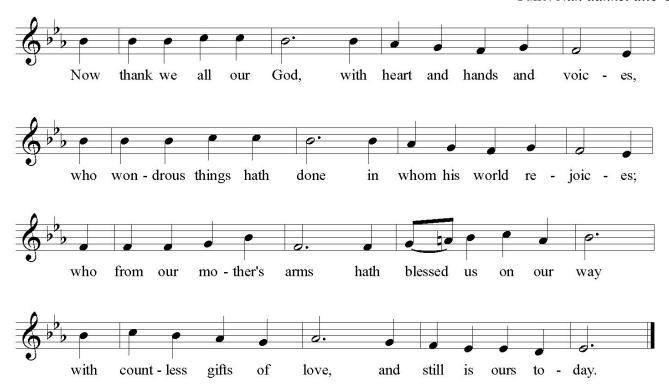
Matt Redman



The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

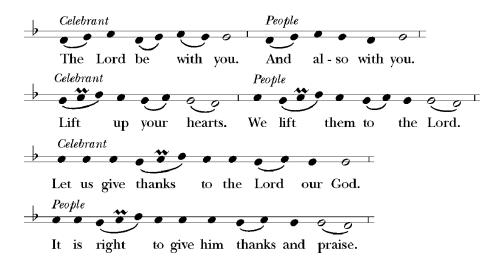
Presentation Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Text: Martin Rinckart
Tune: Nun danket alle Gott



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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Franz Schubert,



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,

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in the version or language of your choice.

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.

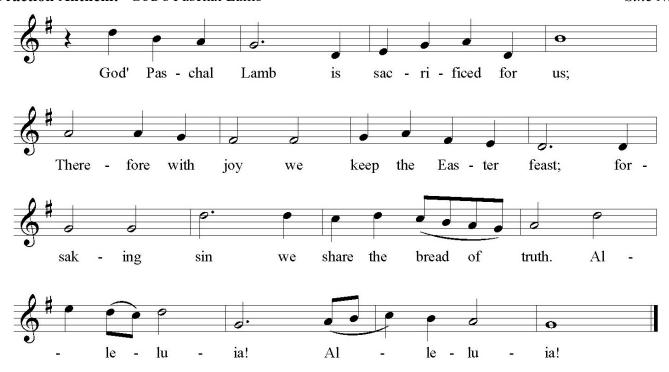
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

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.





Communion Distribution

All are welcome to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release each pew and receive the bread at the head of the center aisle.

To receive bread, hold your palms upward. It is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish the receive the bread dipped in wine, leave the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip it for you.

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

Then turn and walk to the left or right to receive the wine from one of the four chalice bearers, then continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

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

If you do not want to partake of the bread and wine, you are still welcome to come forward; simply cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a blessing.

Altar Prayer

After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Candle Lighting

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other need you may have; light a candle and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.

Communion Meditation: "Meditation on Psalm 90"

arr. Scott Chard

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider Let us pray.

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

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

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: "Variation on Nun Dunket Alle Gott"

Martin Rinkart

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

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

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 +

For those with medical issues or other concerns: Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Bill Landis, Reggie Egins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Ray Friedl, Jaime Mizael Fuentes, Rachel, Eric, Sean Acol, Damian Wiles, Melvin Jones, Luz Estrada, Sebastian Weaver, John Muran, Sr., Lois Muran, Priscilla, Jack Stephens, Patty, Patrick Hays, Jonathon and Alyse, Faith, MP, Breanna Troutman.

For those in the military: Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach 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, Jefferson C, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: Calbie Jones, Tim Shanahan, Zoe Tipsworth, Tom Norton, Abby Eliot, Randal Lewis, Alondra Caldera, Breanna Troutman.

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: Coleen & Reggie Christian, Bob & Maridale Vanek.

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom including *William Lawrence Hoover*, *Ralph McCalmont*, *Linda Stiffler*, *and Baby Jack*.

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday November 19

- 8:30AM Traditional Service
- 9:35AM Celebration Brunch
- 12:30PM Rainbow Connections
- Last Chance for Bake Sale Pickup

Monday November 20

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday November 21

• 6:30PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday November 22

· 12:00PM Eucharist

Sunday November 26

- 8:30AM Traditional Service
- 9:35AM Adult Forum
- 10:45AM Native American Heritage Month Celebration Service

Monday November 27

· Church Offices Closed

Tuesday November 28

· 6:30PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday November 29

12PM Eucharist



HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUNGER

The upcoming holiday season will find neighbors making choices between food, shelter, medicines, and family. Your generosity can remove one of those concerns. Help fight food insecurity this holiday season. Join Meals of Hope, the OU Food Pantry, and OU Fit+Rec to provide healthy meals to our neighbors in need. On December 2nd over 100,000 meals will be packed during this Holidays Without Hunger event. If you are interested in donating or volunteering for this event, please email CFC@MEALSOFHOPE.ORG to sign up.



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

On Sunday, November 26th, St. Augustine's will continue our year of celebrating our rich ethnic tapestry, by honoring our

members of Native American heritage. An Adult Forum from 9:35 - 10:30, will offer an opportunity to learn about Native American culture and participate in a dance demonstration by Kevin Connywerdy. The 10:45 service will feature Native American music and another dance performance by Connywerdy.

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

During the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the greatest event in human history----the coming of God into this world as a baby. Yet, in our over- Christmased culture we have trivialized the true Nativity Story in favor of images of Santa and gushings about the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. During the Wednesdays in Advent (December 6 th -20 th) at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, we will engage in a study that is designed to help us reconnect with the real meaning of Christmas by considering the main characters of the Christmas story: Mary & Joseph, The Shepherds & Sages, and The Angels & Animals. This is an old story -- one you've heard in countless times. We invite you to reexamine it through the thoughtful detail from Scripture, so that you might re-experience its power and truth.



ST. NICHOLAS / ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Join us on Sunday December 3rd! This is the morning we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and the Feast Day of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. Between the 8:30 & 10:45 services we will gather in the Parish Hall to celebrate the season. You will be invited to build Advent Wreaths, learn to make "magic reindeer food" and the legendary Snowman Soup. To assist you with these projects the Legendary figures of Christmas will be present. You are invited to learn about these characters first hand.

RAINBOW CONNECTIONS NEWS

St. Augustine's Rainbow Connection LGBTQIA+ and Allies group will have our monthly meeting TODAY, Sunday November 19th right after the 10:45am worship service in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and invited to join us as we finalize our plans for ministry, worship, and fun for the coming months.

ADVENT DONATION DRIVE

St. Augustine will sponsor a donation drive for the Homeless Alliance of OKC during Advent. We will be gathering hand warmers, blankets, thermal underwear (men and women), and dog harnesses and leashes. Invite your family, friends, and work buddies to also participate. Watch for flyers to pass out and spread the word. Our "not your ordinary church" is at it again! Questions- contact Valerie Hall, Edith Kenney or Renee Lewis.

RIBBON TREE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

If you enjoy the "ribbon trees" that appear periodically in the Nave, then this job is for you. Claren Denning and Renee Lewis have done this job for several years. It is time to have more trained individuals. The GOOD news is the process is well organized and refined. Great job for men, women, couples, buddies, senior teens. You can do this job on your own schedule so long as the "trees" are up for the service. Think about taking on this commitment. Contact Claren (carld@cox.net) or Renee (lrlewis20@gmail.com) for more details.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Are you enjoying the treats? Then be a Coffee Sponsor! As our membership has grown, so has the need for more volunteers for Coffee Hour. After you help yourself to refreshments today, sign up to help out and be a Coffee Sponsor in the future.

BLESSING BOX NEWS

Peanut butter, Jelly, Vienna Sausages, canned ravioli, Spaghetti-o's, canned vegetables, and can openers are the most needed items for our Blessing Box. Donations can be placed in the large wicker basket in the Commons. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!

ECW BAKED WITH LOVE

Last chance pick-up is **TODAY**, November 19, between services from 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Please have your receipts in hand at pick up. Thank you so much for your support of ECW and our fundraiser to help support women's & children's ministries.

ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP

Are you wanting to share Altar Flowers with your church family, or celebrate a loved one through florals? We have available dates to sponsor Altar Flowers for the rest of the year. Each date is starting at \$75.00. Sign-ups are available in the binder in the office.

COLUMBARIUM NOTICE

Due to price increases on the urns, name/date plaques and general facility maintenance, the Columbarium Committee has determined that a price increase is necessary at this time. The increase will be effective January 1, 2024. The new pricing will be \$3,000 for a niche with a single urn, and \$3,500 for a niche containing 2 urns or a companion urn. Please contact Jan Hunter (405-481-1183) or any member of the Columbarium Committee if you should have any questions.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:45 A.M. The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Eucharistic Minister: David Krausse, Jay Welch, and Cal Jones

Acolytes: Alex Womack, Olivia Krausse, Isabella Krausse

Lector: Valerie Lewis

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard

Organist: Patrick Hays

Oblation Bearers: Judy Moon and Susan Shebester

Greeters: Jim Snelling and Janet Mills

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

As a priest dons his/her stole, the cross on the stole's neckpiece is kissed acknowledging the yoke of Christ - the yoke of service. A bishop's stole hangs straight down allowing space for a pectoral cross (often worn by bishops) to be symbolically close to the bishop's heart. From the seventh century until the reforms of Vatican II, a priest's stole crossed the chest (right arm of the stole over the left), and the position of the stole visually separated priests from bishops. In this paradigm, when a deacon was ordained to the priesthood, the ordaining bishop would swing the stole which was crossed on the former deacon's right side to where the stole's arms crossed over the newly ordained priest's heart. The reforms of Vatican II stated, "The stole is worn by the priest around his neck and hanging down in front." Some theologians have argued that this canon does not prohibit a priest from crossing the stole, and a crossed stole may be an attractive "fill-in" in lieu of a pectoral cross. Anglican theologians argue that whether the stole is crossed or hanging down in front is a matter of personal preference.

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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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 Coleen Christian, Admin Assistant Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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