

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 15, 2020  
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.*

*This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please email them into the church.*

*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 través de Cristo.*

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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

# ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, Nov. 15** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
- 10:45am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

### **Friday, Nov. 20**

- 7:00pm: Bingo Night on Zoom

### **Sunday, Nov. 22** **Last Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
- 10:45am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

*If you are not signed up for our weekly emails and would like to be, message the office administrator to get signed up! [office@sac-okc.org](mailto:office@sac-okc.org). It is a great way to keep up with everything we are doing during this time. We have a lot of digital activities that will help bring you and/or your family into the Christmas Season!*

## INGATHERING OF 2021 PLEDGES CONTINUES

All are invited to submit your 2021 pledge cards for St. Augustine's continued ministry in the world. If you did not receive a 2021 pledge card, extras are available at the church. Email or call the church or Father Joseph to arrange for a card to be picked up, mailed or dropped off. *Contact info found on back of bulletin.*

## THANKSGIVING NOTES OF THANKS

Thanksgiving provides us with a time to reflect on what we're truly grateful for. Please share with us at least one thing you are thankful for this Thanksgiving season. Email your note of thanks by November 23rd to [office@sac-okc.org](mailto:office@sac-okc.org) and these notes of thanks will be printed out and poured across the altar on Thanksgiving Eve.

## BINGO NIGHT SOCIAL

Join the friends and family of the SAC community on the evening of Friday, November 20 at 7pm for virtual online bingo via zoom. This fun filled night will feature prizes and fun for the entire family, and is for all ages. Reserve your spot today by emailing [memberengagement@sac-okc.org](mailto:memberengagement@sac-okc.org)

## ADVENT KITS

Reserve your Advent kit! We will provide you with your very own kit to enjoy and celebrate Advent at home. Your kit will include everything you need to make your very own Advent Wreath and Advent to your house this season! Kits will be ready for pick up on Sunday, November 29 during in person services and after service. Reserve your kit today by emailing [memberengagement@sac-okc.org](mailto:memberengagement@sac-okc.org). *Link to digital sign-up is found in Friday's Email.*

## LAS POSADAS 2020

Would you welcome the Holy Family into your home for one night during Advent as they journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of safe refuge? We invite you to participate in our annual tradition of Las Posadas, starting Sunday, November 29th. This year, for safety, we will not share the Mary and Joseph statue between homes as we've done in the past. Each participant will be provided with their own Mary and Joseph to keep. Images and journal entries of Mary and Joseph's journey will be shared digitally. Please email [memberengagement@sac-okc.org](mailto:memberengagement@sac-okc.org) to reserve your spot. *Link to digital sign-up is found in Friday's Email.*

## **ROSARY PRAYER OPPORTUNITY**

Join us on the SAC Facebook or Instagram at 12:00pm Noon each Monday throughout Advent as we pray the Rosary. The discipline and practice of praying the Rosary offers a chance to quiet yourself during the often hectic holiday season by meditating on the life of Jesus, and asking for the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We'll also pray for our own intentions and the needs of the world. Contact [fatherlance@sac-okc.org](mailto:fatherlance@sac-okc.org) for any details.

## **STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY - YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Many of us are familiar with the Lenten practice of Stations of the Cross. You may not realize, there is also a Stations of the Nativity, which includes a series of scriptural passages which lead up to the birth of Jesus. During the Season of Advent, we'll be recording and sharing Stations of the Nativity on Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> during Youth Group. If you can assist us with this effort, please contact Fr. Lance at [fatherlance@sac-okc.org](mailto:fatherlance@sac-okc.org) by November 21.

## **INFANCY NARRATIVES: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly."**

Advent has traditionally been seen as a four-week season preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. During the Wednesdays of this Advent season, the virtual Adult Bible class will take a comparative and critical look at the main characters and themes which make up the "Infancy Narratives" or birth stories, as recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

You are invited to join the class from 11:00 to 12 noon every Wednesday beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing through the 23<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom. A Zoom link and information on how to get online will be sent to participants each Wednesday. For more information or to sign up for the class, please contact Ryan Garrett at [office@sac-okc.org](mailto:office@sac-okc.org), or 405-751-7874.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH GROUP**

Kids need to have adults in their lives that are supportive, kind, and loving mentors so they can see the love of Jesus and grow in the Christian faith. Each week when we have youth group one of the most important things we need is adults to be there. Are you a safe, responsible, kind, and committed person? Then sign up!

## + THE GATHERING RITE +

**Prelude:** “Allegro Moderato”

*Fr. Walczynski*

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**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 for ever. Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** “You Are God Alone”

*Billy J. Foote and Cindy Foote*

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**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 Moment**

*All children are invited to remain with their families*

**The Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “A Charge to Keep I Have”

words: Charles Wesley, 1762

music: Lowell Mason, 1832

**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.**

*Please remain standing.*

**Gospel Response:** “Heleluyan”

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

**Sacred Silence**

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

*Please stand at the sound of the meditation bowl.*

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People - Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; we pray for the ministries of those churches in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Lawton, Church of the Holy Trinity, Fray Bentos, Uruguay and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop, and for all bishops; for Father Joseph, Father Tony Father Lance; Deacon Robby, Deacon-Intern Todd, and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Those with medical issues: *Ashley Mise Pheiffer, Darin Herndon, Kathy Herndon, Owen Herndon, Tessa Yeakley, Mary Davidson, Marsha, Linda Cowley, the Davis Family, the Bauer Family, Bob Coleman, Cindy Geist, Anna Naukam, Joan Miranda, Molly York, David York, Peyton York, Rob Stalcup, Allen Krausse, Frankie Krausse, John Krausse, Cyd Anglin, Pauline Cras, Bryan Axtell, Jessica, Ayla Yeakley, Emily Fields, Kyle Lawson, Dawn Toney, Elveta Culton, Elizabeth Myers, Manny Hardy, Sammie Kenyon, John Myers, Judy Reeder, Jack Austerman, Austin Estes, Gayla Schwenke, Maria & Lary Candido, Julio Bega Morua, Pat Current, Nancy Howard, Sharon Feland, Dick Hackley, Drue Eliot, Donny Trammell, Dicheal Talley, Anita Poole, Myrna Gray, Camilla Nicole Manning, Tom Current, Rick & Randy Pair, Ann Chambers, Nicole Pair, Franz Lauffer, Evelyn Thrower, Don Moon, Bill Kerr, Janice Wilson, Joice Thompson*

Those with other needs or concerns: *Chelsea Williams, John Vanek, Pete Shipman, Kelly Smith, Family of Austin Estes, Mark Mintor, Chelsea Hurt, Domenica Lovera & Family, Willa Mae Rowley, Andrew Sterling, Debbie Sterling, Russell Paine, Brandon Riggs, Valerie Lewis, Cornerstone Counseling, Jada Miles Smiley, Travis, Kristen, Lee, Evin Cole, Matthew Trammell, Tony Harris, Dennis, Jason & Traci Eliot, Aimeeann Vanek.*

We lift up those in need of *the Guild of St. George, St. Francis Community Services, the Infant Crisis Services, the Lionwood Senior Living Center, the Harbor and Gatewood Homes, and the Jesus House. We pray for the residents and staff of these correctional facilities: Jess Dunn, Joseph Harp, Davis, Dr. Eddie Warrior, Kate Barnard, Mable Basset, Enid Community and Oklahoma City Correctional Centers; and for all people of the world in these times of worry and illness.*

We pray for those in the military (*Parker Singleton, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Derek Gabelsberg, Cody Branson, 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, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, 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.

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, rejoicing with those celebrating birthdays this week, including: *John Tipsword, Alex Chard, Evelyn McDaniel, Nathaniel Womack, Chad Yarbrough, Calbie Jones, Chuck Evans* and with those celebrating anniversaries this week: *Art and Lyla Rousseau.*

We offer thanksgiving and joyfully welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time today, and hope that all feel welcomed, loved and blessed by our worship together.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering *the Reverend Michael Jasper.*



Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*Please remain standing.*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

**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.**

**Peace**

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

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

*The congregation is invited to follow the ancient tradition of honoring one another with a solemn bow.*

**+ 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*

**Offering in Song:** “Love is War”

by Joel Houston

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*Please stand.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord is here.

*People* **His Spirit is with us.**

*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 thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

### **Sanctus**

*Arr. Lees/ Chard*

#### ***Sung by Cantor***

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Common Worship, Church of England*

#### ***Words in italics sung by Cantor.***

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

*This is our song: Hosanna in the highest!*

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

*This is our song: Hosanna in the highest!*

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

*This is our song: Hosanna in the highest!*

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

*This is our song: Hosanna in the highest!*

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours!*

*For ever and ever and 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.**

**Fraction Anthem: "God's Paschal Lamb"**

*Sine Nomine*

#### ***Sung by Cantor***

*God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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**

*For Communion, please remain at your seat and the Presider will come and commune you.*

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

*To receive bread, hold your palms upward, remove your mask, consume the bread, then replace the mask around your nose and mouth.*

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

**Communion Meditation: "I Surrender"**

*Matt Crocker*

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**+ THE SENDING RITE +**

*Please stand.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Common Worship, Church of England Presider*

Let us pray.

**Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*Presider*      The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People*      **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** “Agincourt Hymn”

*John Dunstable*

*The congregation will be directed by the ushers to exit the Nave, via the side chapel door.*

*We ask that you please keep your masks on, until you are outside.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday, November 15, 2020, 10:45A.M. – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Presider:** The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

**Preacher:** The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

**Assisting Priest:** The Reverend Lance Schmitz

**Crucifer:** Zipporah Alsay

**Lector:** Todd Branson

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

**Organist:** John Potter

**Greeter:** Janet Mills

**Ushers:** Rick Inselman & Mark Williams

**Cameras:** Chris O’Leary & Josh Eliot

**+ THIS IS OUR STORY +**

Samuel Seabury was the first bishop of the American Episcopal Church, but his ardor as a British loyalist is less publicized. Under the pen name “A. W. Farmer”, he published three scathing rebuttals to his countrymen’s cries for independence. These “*Farmer’s Letters*” were so widely read that Alexander Hamilton penned three anonymous pamphlets refuting Seabury’s points of argument. In 1775, as the independence fervor escalated, Seabury was arrested and imprisoned by a band of patriots. Despite his earlier loyalist views, he was supportive to the new American government at the war’s conclusion. In 1783, Seabury was elected as America’s first Episcopal bishop. Having no Anglican bishops in America to consecrate him, he sailed to London hoping for consecration there. However, English bishops refused since he would not take an oath of allegiance to the King. Not deterred, Seabury traveled to Scotland where he was consecrated bishop in Aberdeen on November 14, 1784. This date (yesterday) was later named a feast day on the Episcopal calendar. Because of Seabury’s tenacity, the British parliament subsequently allowed ordination of foreign bishops cementing a relationship between the American and English churches.

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





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