

# The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023



*Jesus Heals the Blind Man Icon, Cretan circa 1548*

## Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

*“All Baptized Christians, regardless of age or church affiliation, are welcome to take communion”*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Prelude (*Please keep in mind this is a prayerful time for those who are in the church*)

### The Word of God

Silent Processional	
Opening Acclamation	BCP 319
The Confession	BCP 320
Holy God: <i>Trisagion</i>	Hymnal S102
The Collect of the Day	BCP 167
The First Lesson	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23	BCP 612
The Second Lesson	Ephesians 5:8-14
Sequence: <i>Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old</i>	Hymnal 567
The Gospel	John 9:1-41
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	Intercessor
The Peace ( <i>All greet one another in the name of the Lord</i> )	BCP 332

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: <i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Hymnal 490
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer I	BCP 333
Sanctus: <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	Hymnal S117
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Lamb of God: <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S161
Communion: <i>God of mercy, God of grace</i>	Hymnal 538
Communion: <i>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	Hymnal 339
Post Communion Prayer & Blessing	BCP 339
Recessional: <i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	Hymnal 690
Dismissal	BCP 340
Postlude	

### Welcome to Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

*If this is your first time with us, we hope you will join us for coffee hour after the 8:30 or 10:30AM services for fellowship & refreshments. Please sign the guest book or fill out a guest card so we can answer any questions you may have about ECA. Thank you for joining us today.*

## Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## Prayer List

Elizabeth, Irene & Tom, Bruce & Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Chris & Rae, Lucas, Heather, Ken, Laurie, Linda, Betty, Lillian, Christina, Gladys, Susan, Pam, Robin, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, & Betty, Don, Kathy, Mike, Jessica, Paul, Frankie, Margaret, Lynda, Mike, Barb, Gloria, and Damian; for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, & Josh; and for any unspoken prayers.

## Birthdays

3/19 Doug Sweet  
3/20 Sharon Beck  
3/24 Janie Guardado

## Easter Services: Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil, & Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Come join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8:20pm with a baptism and Easter Services Sunday at 8am, 9am and 10:45am, with an Easter Egg hunt at 10:15am.

## Rite I Liturgy Used for Worship Services During the Season of Lent

It's that time of year again in our worship season where we change from Rite II services in the prayer book to Rite I. Rite I has a penitential tone that moves us to a season of self-reflection and repentance as we prepare for the Easter resurrection. This change helps draw us into a period of self-examination of our faith as we worship together.

## The Sunday Commissioning

In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of Church of the Annunciation, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body.

*People: Because we all share one bread and one cup*

**Open Hearts Project Meeting Tuesday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Activities Bldg**  
Anyone interested in helping with the Open Hearts Project Day Camp at ECA is invited to attend this meeting. Let's serve our community together! All are welcome!

**Join us for the final night of the Lenten Series: "Easter Code" Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**  
This year, we are participating in Unlocking "*The Easter Code*", A 40-day Lenten Journey. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to provide dinner items for this week.

**Reach to Serve Dinner for the Homeless at Shady Grove Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm**  
All are invited to join the ECA Reach ministry in preparing and delivering a meal to the homeless population every 4th Wednesday of the month at Shady Grove Baptist Church. We meet at ECA at 4:30 and carpool. Contact Cindy Lippert for details.

**ECW 'Food For Thought' ladies gathering: Dinner Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm**  
The ECW 'Food for Thought' ladies gathering fosters opportunities to get to know your fellow female parishioners. Please join us for Dinner at 5pm on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at New Lucky China in Marietta (3645 Gordy Pkwy). All are Welcome!

**Palm Crosses Workshop Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am**  
All are welcome to attend the Palm Cross workshop on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am in the Swift Bldg. Please bring clippers. For more information, please see Brenda Pinkston or Bliss Peterson. Note: Palm Sunday is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Easter Lily Flower Dedications Available, Sign-up Sheets in the Narthex**  
Sign up for Easter Lilies and help support this ministry! The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Be sure to fill out a form to have your dedication printed in the bulletin. Suggested donation is \$30. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

**Now Collecting Easter Candy for Easter Egg Hunt on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am**  
ECA is asking for donations of candy for the Easter Day Egg Hunt: Help support our Annual Easter Egg Hunt by donating small individually wrapped peanut -free candies or other small items (stickers, erasers, etc.) There will be a bin in the narthex to collect donations. Thank You!

**Save the Date to join us for a Half Day Retreat, *Reflecting on the Resurrection*.**  
On Saturday April 22, 2023, from 9am-1pm we will be hosting an onsite retreat. The theme will be "*Reflecting on the Resurrection*". We will gather in opening prayer, then read, reflect and discuss a series of excerpts on the resurrection by various Christian authors. This is a great opportunity to reflect on what we will have just celebrated on Easter, and the foundation of our beliefs as Christians. Finger breakfast foods and lunch will be provided. More details to follow. Questions? Contact Robin Keith

**Each Month we make our Monthly Financials Available**

(YTD) Through Feb. 2023	Actual	Budget	+/-
Revenues	(\$41,624)	\$47,838	(\$6,214)
Expenses	(\$38,492)	\$55,120	\$16,628
Net Year to	(\$3,133)	(\$7,281)	\$10,414

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