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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, March 17, 2024  
10:30 AM

Please know that this service is being live-streamed through Facebook Live, and those attending in person may be visible during the service.

## PRELUDE *Instrumental*

## ENTRANCE HYMN *We sing the praise of him who died*

H 471



1 We sing the praise of him who died, of  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in  
3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and



1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let  
2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love: he bears our sins up -  
3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the



1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.  
2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's mercy endures for ever.

## DECALOGUE

*The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
    in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
    the evil we have done,  
    and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the  
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of  
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*



## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 119: 9 - 16

<sup>9</sup> How shall young ones cleanse their ways? \*  
By keeping to your words.

<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.

<sup>11</sup> I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup> Blest are you, O God; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

<sup>13</sup> With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup> I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.

<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.

<sup>16</sup> My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect,

he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,<sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.


*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.


**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Glory be to Jesus*

**H 479**



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream



1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!  
2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!  
3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!

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**GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said

to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**Reverend Lisa Aguilar**

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Hayden, Amy, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Christian, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Randy, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Bruce & family, Jean, and Lorraine. Are there any others who need our prayers?

*Silence*

*The Priest stands and says*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** Josie Aguilar, Ferris Early, Teo Gallegos, Laura Poppe, Stephanie Fritson, Terry Homer, and Richard Krueger

### **Anniversaries:**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*And All the World was Silent*

Douglas Wagner

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

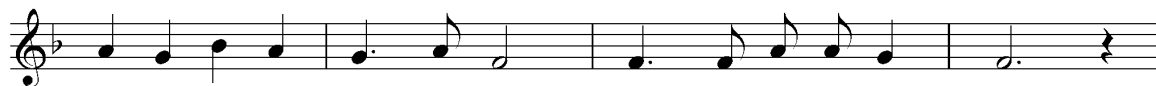
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In

him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

### *Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

## **EPICLESIS**

### *The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### *People and Celebrant*

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*therefore let us keep the feast.*

## **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
[Amen.]

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *Unless a Grain of Wheat*  
**Words & Music by Bernadette Farrell**

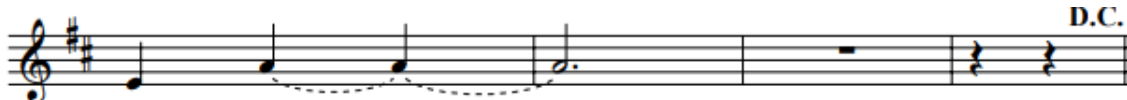
Refrain

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground  
 and die, it re - mains but a sin - gle grain  
 with no life.      2. If

Verses

1. If we have died with him then we shall  
 2. an - y - one serves me then they must  
 3. Make your home in me as I make  
 4. If you re - main in me and my word  
 5. Those who love me are loved by my  
 6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I

live with him; if we hold firm we shall  
 fol - low me; where - ev - er I am my  
mine in you; those who re - main in me  
 lives in you, then you will be my dis -  
 Fa - ther; we shall be with them and  
 give to you; peace which the world can - not



reign with him.  
ser - vants will be.  
bear much fruit.  
ci - ples.  
dwell in them.  
give is my gift.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*


Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord's face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace. *Amen.*


## POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended* H 158



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath



1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,



1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

## **DISMISSAL**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE** *Instrumental*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Special Collection for March**

In March our special collection will benefit United Thank Offering (UTO). This year, you can contribute in multiple ways: weekly LentMadness voting (support you favorite saints by dropping a coin or bill in their box every Sunday); filling up the traditional “blue boxes” (UTO Ingathering of boxes will be **Sunday, April 7**); and our monthly special collection! We invite you to develop (or deepen) a discipline of gratitude by donating to this important ministry of the Episcopal Church. Remember, 100 percent of the funds raised will be distributed through grants to ministries focusing on urgent human needs throughout the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

In February we raised \$847.00 to benefit our annual Youth run Pancake Feed on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

### **Learn to Make Palm Crosses**

Have you always hoped to learn how to fold a palm cross? We will show you how and you can join our Youth Group **between the services on Sunday, March 17** in making palm crosses to hand out on Palm Sunday!

### **Looking for Lectors!**

Multiple lectors are needed for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. If you had it on your heart to read at church, we would be happy to train you, and get you going. There is an immediate need for 10:30 AM lectors, but we would love to add to the schedule for either service. If this is something you're interested in, please contact Kate at [Ministries@sainta.com](mailto:Ministries@sainta.com)

## **Lent Madness**

During Lent, we will celebrate saints of the Episcopal Church through the 2024 Lent Madness, as we wait to discover who will win the Golden Halo this year. Vote **TODAY** for *Clare of Assisi* or *Henry Whipple* by dropping a coin (or bill) in the appropriate box in the parish hall! This fun opportunity to learn about the saints as we hear about saints from a variety of places, cultures, and eras. Last week Kassia barely edged out Joseph of Arimathea in both our internal Sunday race and the official outcome on Monday.

## **Journey to the Cross**

All are invited to participate in our interactive prayer walk through the Stations of the Cross, located in the Fellowship Hall. Appreciate the beauty of the work of artist Monica Welch as you participate in various hands-on tasks throughout the experience. These tasks can help us connect our daily lives with Jesus' journey to the cross. A prayer book is available to guide you through the stations.

## **Easter Flowers**

As we anticipate Easter, please consider remembering or celebrating loved ones through a gift of flowers. Envelopes are available on the welcome table in the narthex. Please include your name, the names of those in whom they are given and whether they are given in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving. Return envelopes no later than Palm Sunday, March 24, so that names may be included in our Easter bulletins.

## **Tuesday Bible Study: The Passion of Jesus**

Tuesdays, Noon: **March 5th, March 12th, March 19th**

The Tuesday Bible Study will be spending Lent reading about the Passion of Jesus, with a special focus on how the ways we have told this story as Christians have had a history of tension with our Jewish neighbors. By learning about this history, we can be better neighbors today. We'll spend

time talking about how we read the Passion during Holy Week, the preparations Jesus and others make for his arrival in Jerusalem in scripture, the differences in the Gospels, and prophecies from the Hebrew Bible. For the session on Tuesday, March 5th, you're invited to read the article: <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/interviews/what-should-churches-do-about-treatment-jews-john>

## **Maundy Thursday - Washing of the Feet, The Last Supper, and the Garden**

**Thursday, March 21st, 6:30 pm**

Each year on Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus's commandment to "Love one another," through several things. One is Jesus's institution of the Eucharist by the Last Supper with his disciples and friends. Another is the removal of much of our sanctuary dressings as we remember the arrest of Jesus in the garden late in that night.

Before those, we also have an annual remembrance and rite of **washing the feet** of those who are comfortable, re-enacting a powerful and intimate act of service and care that Jesus undertook for his disciples. This year, Mother Ruth Tomlinson will be our preacher for Maundy Thursday, and would like to issue a special invitation for the Foot Washing in particular. Like Jesus did with his disciples, we'd like you to think about asking someone you'd like to honor if you can wash their feet as part of that night. This can be a parent or other loved one, a close friend, or any person you deeply respect and care for. We recommend you ask in advance, though you're also welcome to ask someone at the service if you can wash their feet for them. Our altar party that evening will also be available for anyone who would like to have their feet washed that evening. We will invite others to take a turn if they'd like to stand prepared to wash feet for those who come forward. If you are not able to wash feet, please feel free to sit and prayerfully pray for those who are.

## **Lenten Devotions**

All men and women are invited to Zoom or in-person in Fellowship Hall for group discussions of the readings led by three priests of our own parish on 3 Mondays 10-11 a.m.

Feb 26 with Rev Lisa Aguilar

March 11 with Rev Lorraine Coufal

**March 25 with Rev Ruth Tomlinson**

## **Elaine Randall Book Club**

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All Are Welcome! In March we are reading *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonsen and *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 26 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt between services on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. This fun activity is organized by our Youth Group who are already stuffing eggs and excited to hide them for everyone to find. This Hunt will take place rain or shine. We can't wait to see you there!

## **Rocket Notes to God**

The Rev Ernesto Medina, who formerly served in our diocese, has received a special grant to help people of all ages practice basic rocketry builds and launches, and has invited St Augustine's to participate!

**Thursday, April 11th, 6:00-7:45 pm:** Rev Ernesto will bring rocket kits and lead us in some basics of preparing them for the launch day! We can write notes to God to put in our rockets to "Let our prayers rise like incense" to God (Psalm 141:2). We'll have pizza dinner on hand to fuel us as we prepare for launch! Adults, youth, and children are welcome to participate, and build a rocket together as a family, but we ask that if you have children participating, you plan to stay with them this evening. **RSVP's to Fr Ben (rector@sainta.net) are requested** to help us know how many kits to prepare, though we'll plan for a few extras.

**Saturday, April 13th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Site TBD: Near Bellevue and Papillion**

Come join us as we launch rockets! Rev Ernesto will be coordinating with other trained launch officers. We will gather at a sod farm near Bellevue and Papillion – specific site TBD as we get closer to the event. We will hear special rules about when and how to launch rockets, and watch our rockets and notes launch throughout the morning. Feel free to join for the fun and spectacle, whether you'd like to make one or not!

## **Newcomers Sunday!**

On **Sunday, April 14 after worship**, we'll have a special celebration at coffee hour for visitors, newcomers, guests and new members! Our "enhanced coffee hour" will have tasty treats, and we'll have a brief program from the church staff about some of the ways to be involved (for newcomers and longtime members alike!) We'll also be announcing some of our upcoming activities for the rest of the spring and the summer so stay tuned and we hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

## **Walking the Mourner's Path**

**Sundays, 3:00 – 4:30 PM April 14 – June 2\***

Walking the Mourner's Path is a workshop to remember and honor a loved one who has died. Mother Lisa, who has an extensive background in hospital chaplaincy, and our facilitators (Mother Ruth Tomlinson, Deacon Rebecca Smith and Don Hoes) will be leading this session of the group. Walking the Mourner's Path uses a workbook (so you never need to worry about "what will I say?") and meets with the same group of people over 8 sessions (so you don't have to keep explaining the story of your loved one). It uses prayer, simple liturgies, and storytelling to celebrate the people we love, and is often a powerful experience of healing and God's love. For information about this group, please contact one of our facilitators (Mother Lisa can be reached at [lisa@sainta.net](mailto:lisa@sainta.net)). The cost of \$75 for workshop materials will be covered by St. Augustine's.

*\*Once the group gathers, it will confirm whether it would like to meet on Memorial Weekend or adjust the schedule for another date.*

## **Episcopal 101 for Children (grades 1-5)**

During our Wednesday evening programming, all children grades 1-5 are invited to participate in Episcopal 101. We will gather for four weeks, beginning **April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:20-7:00 PM** to learn about the mystery of baptism as an outward sign of our Christian faith. If your child is a in Boys Scouts of America or Girls Scouts, this class will fulfill the requirements to earn the Religious Emblem: God & Me.

## **Serve One Another**

During COVID Daughters of the King (DoK) started a service for individuals who may need an extra hand. This service continues to be available if you need a ride, groceries, a meal or anything else. If you need something contact Barb Hall at 907-759-4692 or [warnbarb18303@hotmail.com](mailto:warnbarb18303@hotmail.com) and she will locate someone to assist you.

## **COPE News!**

Introducing our representatives to the COPE board of directors: Rhonda Vest and David Wright.

Rhonda has been involved with Cope for a number of years, and David is our new alternate to the board, you can contact them with any questions. We want you to know that you do not have to be a member of the board to be involved. Jim Keepers is helping us organize garden plots for Ukrainian refugees, and we have our dough boys who deliver bread and milk weekly. If you have organizational skills, finance skills, want to be involved with the back pack program or Christmas party/family adoption, volunteering at the golf tourney, marketing skills, donation gathering, or just general volunteering, we can find a spot for you. Stop by and get a tour of the facility and how this all works. In January we served 217 families (785 individuals) with food pantries, household goods, and clothing.

## **Visit with a Veteran**

Recognizing the importance of community and growing up enjoying the stories of his two veteran grandfathers, 82-year-old Donald Sattem, who served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and 99-year-old Lester Rygg who served in the Navy during WWII, Elkhorn South High School Junior Peter Rygg has launched a project to add two Veterans benches to St. Augustine's Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk as a place where veterans and non-veterans can gather to share time and stories with one another and the youth of our community.

The purchase, installation and the reception for the two benches are estimated at \$5,000.00. A local non-profit 50 Mile March, which raises funds for organizations dedicated to helping veterans, will match bench donations up to \$2,500.00. Donations can be made directly to St. Augustine or online at the Visit with a Veteran Facebook or Instagram pages. Mark check Memo Line – Visit with Veteran.

A dedication ceremony for the Veteran benches will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 after the 10:30 service.

All St. Augustine Veterans are asked to contact Jim Keepers at [jlkeepers45@gmail.com](mailto:jlkeepers45@gmail.com) so you can be invited to the bench dedication. Please list rank and branch of service.

Peter Rygg will be speaking at both church service **Today, March 17**. He will also be present for both Sunday coffee hours if you have any questions about his veteran's bench project.

Let's support Peter's project 100 percent.

## **Culture Club – Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendar for *Hello Dolly!* Which will be by **June 9**, also a Sunday afternoon. Group rate for these tickets will be \$32, collected in early May. This play will also be at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

## **Volunteer with Downtown Episcopal Outreach!**

Downtown Episcopal Outreach (DEO) has an opportunity for you to volunteer to help with the Wednesday Lunch Program. Every Wednesday we prepare and deliver 350 to 400 lunches. The preparation is done at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral located at 113 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St. in Omaha. It is our way of offering good food and fellowship to our neighbors, especially those who are food insecure.

We need additional help. You can join us at the cathedral at 7:00 AM for preparation and packaging. So arrival at the cathedral between 7 and 9 AM is what we really need. Please contact Richard Krueger ([richardkruger1943@gmail.com](mailto:richardkruger1943@gmail.com) or 713-705-0564) for more information and to make arrangements to join us!

## **Youth Group Collecting Personal Care Items**

Our Youth Group is collecting Personal Care Products for COPE (Christian Outreach Program Elkhorn) At Youth Group this week, they decorated a bin and some signs and are ready to collect!

They are looking for shampoo & conditioner, soap, razors, menstrual products, adult diapers, nail files & clippers, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, brushes, etc. Please bring your products and place them in or around the bin just inside the narthex. Thank You!!!!

## **Men's Bible Study**

Join us at St. Augustine or via our Zoom Link **every Friday at 8 am** for men's bible study. Please call or text Jack Ott (402) 469-1801 to get set up to receive the weekly Zoom link. Call or text Jack Ott, Bill Smith, Dave Holmquist, David Randall or Richard Krueger with questions or to receive additional information.

## **Children's Storytime at Wednesday Night Dinner**

Beginning in Lent, children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to participate in songs, stories and God's love! We will meet from about 6:20-6:40 PM after the Wednesday Night Dinner in one of the Sunday School rooms. If you enjoy songs and stories and are interested in working with our children during this time, please email Mtr. Lisa ([lisa@sainta.net](mailto:lisa@sainta.net)).

## **Our Monuments and Roads Podcast Launched!**

Fr Ben has been working with our DioNeb group who attended the Monuments and Roads Pilgrimage this past June. One dream of this group was to create a podcast as a space to share stories from the trip and other insights from the DioNeb Racial Reconciliation Ministry as one more way to help us learn and talk about God's healing love and a vision of a reunited humanity. That podcast has been launched, with Fr Ben hosting the interviews! We had about a half-dozen St A's members attend the Pilgrimage, and about three dozen who have participated in the Sacred Ground curriculum that has been the foundation of this work in DioNeb, so expect to hear some familiar voices down the road! The episodes are brief, interview-style episodes, and the podcast is currently up on Spotify, with plans to expand to other major platforms such as Apple Podcasts. For now, you can start listening here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/5FL9EBwEeLb1mzAOZsKl56?si=8c88136414594bd0>

## **The Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Church Women Honors Dn. Rebecca Smith**

In conjunction with The General Convention of the Episcopal Church held every three years, Episcopal Church Women from around the world meet to share ideas, attend informative workshops, worship, sing, laugh, listen to wonderful speakers, and become filled with hope and ideas for their own parishes and dioceses. Women's Ministries sends 4 delegates from the Diocese of Nebraska.

At each Triennial Meeting, each diocese honors one woman for the Distinguished Woman Award. The diocese is encouraged to select one woman whose Christian principles are lived out in both her secular and sacred communities. This year, that woman is our very own Deacon Rebecca Smith! She will be traveling this summer to Louisville, Kentucky to accept her award. Please pray for her safe travels, as well as for her continued ministries of Read Me a Story & her book **Pushing the Jesus Button, Prayers from a Deacon's Heart**. When you see her, be sure to offer your congratulations.

## **February Vestry Notes**

Our February Vestry meeting was a chance to welcome our new members, Barb DiGiovanni and Hannah Early. We re-elected Maggie Wellman as our treasurer for the year and elected Jean Lahti to serve as clerk for the February meeting. Bishop Barker greeted us and was very encouraging of our growing and active parish. The Vestry spent time reviewing our financial statements in detail and discussed our communications with the City of Omaha about a small sinkhole that has appeared in the public right of way northwest of our space. We are planning for a vestry retreat in March to discuss our major goals and projects for the year.

## Save The Date

<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>Lenten Devotions w/ Daughters of the King</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	<b>Elaine Randall Book Club</b>
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	<i>NO WEDNESDAY DINNER</i>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday Service @ 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross @ Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	<b>Holy Saturday Service @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:40 AM</b>

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 03/17/2024</b>	<b>Next Week 03/24/2024</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Gilbert Ward Canterbury Choir	Carol Seitz Canterbury Choir
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Truman Stubbendieck Cash Stubbendieck Nathan Pasko	Cole Fogarty Danica Suhr Gage Suhr
10:30 am Greeter:	Richard Krueger	Richard Krueger
8:30 am Lector:	Kathy Lake	Multiple
10:30 am Lector	Jean Lahti	Multiple
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Mary Jane Smith	Kathy Lake
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Barb Hall	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Jay Hammond Sophia Messineo	Joe Threlkeld Erin Vest