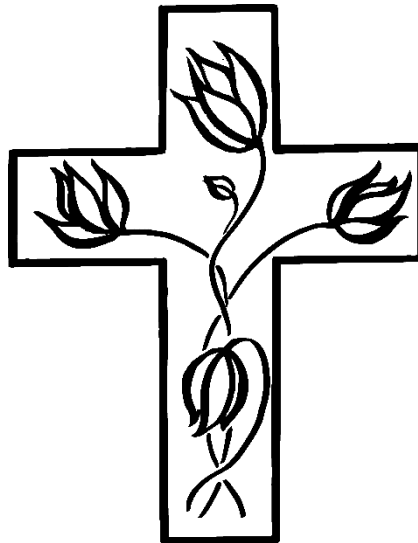




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Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, March 31, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Open the Eyes of my Heart*

Words & Music by Paul Baloche

$\text{♩} = 120$

D A⁶ A⁷ A⁶ A⁷

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made;

5 G⁶/D D G⁶/D D

We will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

9 G D G D/A A^{7sus} A⁷

This is the day that the Lord hath made; We will re-joyce and be glad in it.

13 D D/A A⁷ D

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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

GLORIA

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Remain seated.

¹ Give thanks to God who is good; *
God's mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim *
"God's mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴ God is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶ "The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of God.

¹⁸ God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to God.

²⁰ “This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.
⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Because He Lives*

Words by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither; Music by William J. Gaither

VERSE

G/D D⁷ G G⁷/B C

1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; He came to
 2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by, and feel the
 3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er; I'll fight life's

5 G D⁷/A G/B C G/D D⁷ Am⁷/E D⁷ Bm/D D⁷ G

love, heal and for - give. He bled and died
 pride and joy he gives; But great - er still
 fi - nal war with pain. And then, as death

10 G/B D/A G⁷ C Cm⁶ G/D

— to buy my par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to
 — the calm as - sur - ance; This child can face un - cer - tain
 — gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry

CHORUS

14 D⁷ G G/D G/B D/A G G⁷/B

prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives I can face to -
 days be-cause Christ lives.
 and I'll know He reigns.

19 C G D⁷/A G/B Em⁷ Am⁷

-mor - row; Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone.

24 D D/C G/B D G D⁷/A G/B G G^{7sus} G⁷ C

— Be - cause I know _____ He holds the fu - ture, _____

28 Cm⁶ G/D G/F E⁷ A⁷ D⁷ G

— and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. _____

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GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said

nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reverend Benedict Varnum

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. 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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Gage Suhr, David Werner, Matt Aguilar, June Edwards, Harrison Morgan, and Pat Zimmerman

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Samuel Arnold

$\text{♩} = 90$ VERSE

(Optional chords in parentheses) B♭ F/A B♭ (E♭/G) (E♭) E♭/B♭ B♭ B♭ (B♭/D) Cm⁷ B(♯)

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day. Al le -
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King. Al - le -
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - le -
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Al - le -

4 B♭/F F⁷ B♭ E♭ Cm⁷ B♭/F F B♭ Cm⁷

-lu - ia! Sons of men and an - gels say: Al le -
 -lu - ia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le -
 -lu - ia! Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - le -
 -lu - ia! Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - le -

8 B♭/F F⁷ B♭ F B♭/D F⁷/C B♭ F C⁷/G F

-lu - ia! Raise your joys and tri - umphs high. Al - le -
 -lu - ia! Once He died our souls to save. Al - le -
 -lu - ia! Death in vain for - bids Him rise. Al - le -
 -lu - ia! Made like Him, like Him we rise. Al - le -

12 F/C C⁷ F F B♭/D E♭ F E♭/B♭ B♭

-lu - ia! Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply:
 -lu - ia! Where's thy vic - t'ry, boast - ing grave?
 -lu - ia! Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise.
 -lu - ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

15



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

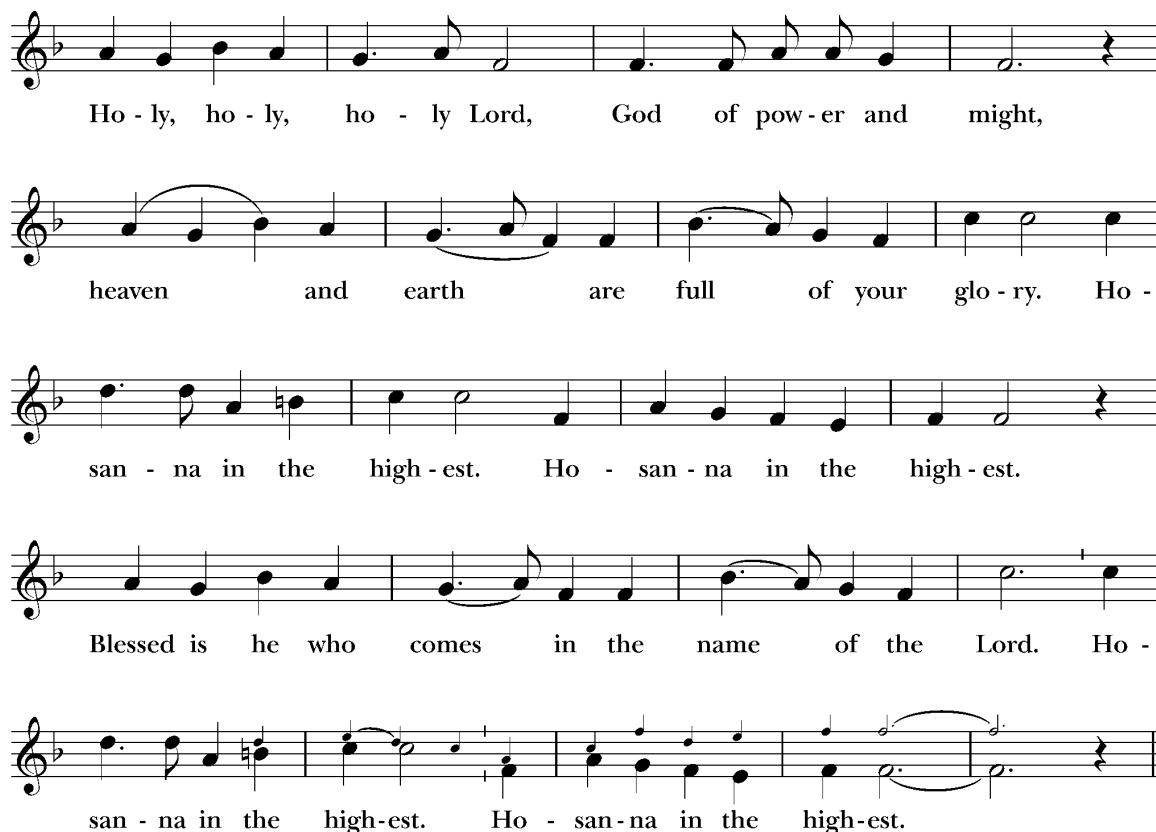
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

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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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole

world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering

to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Augustine and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 *Rise Again*

Words & Music by Dallas Holm

♩=60


VERSE 1

G A⁷ Am⁷ D⁷



1. Go a - head, drive the nails in My hands, laugh at Me where you


4 G A⁷ Am⁷



stand. Go a - head, and say it is-n't Me, the day _ will come _ when


§ **CHORUS 1**

8 G G F/G C



you _ will see. _ 'Cause I'll rise _ a - gain,

11 Am⁷ D⁷ G G F/G C



there's no pow'r on earth can tie _ Me down, yes, I'll rise _ a - gain,

2nd time to Coda ⊕

VERSE 2

15 Am⁷ D⁷ G G A⁷



death can't keep me in the ground! 2. Go a - head and mock My_name; My

19 Am⁷ G
 love _ for you _ is still _ the same, _ go a - head and

♠ Coda

VERSE 3

25 G G A⁷
 ground! 3. Go a - head and say I'm dead and gone, but

28 Am⁷ G
 you _ will see _ that you _ were wrong. _ Go a - head, try to

31 A⁷ Am⁷ G
 hide _ the Son, but all _ will see _ that I'm _ the One! _ 'Cause I'll

CHORUS 2

34 G F/G C Am⁷ D⁷ G
 come _ _ _ a - gain, there's no pow'r on earth can keep _ Me back, yes, I'll

38 G F/G C Am⁷ D⁷ G
 come _ _ _ a - gain, come to take My peo - ple back.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

G **Dmaj7** **G**

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a - bide in His shad - dow for

Dmaj7 **F** **Dm** **F** **Gm** **A**

life, Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus:

A7 **D**

And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em **A7** **D** **D7**

Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine — like the

Em **A7** **D** **D**

palm — of His hand. —

G **Dmaj7**

2. The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And

G **Dmaj7** **F**

fam - ine will bring you no fear: — Un - der His wings your

Dm **F** **Gm** **A**

ref - uge, — His faith - ful - ness — your shield.

D G Dmaj7 *(Chorus)*

3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the

G Dmaj7 F

ar - row that flies by day: _____ Though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm A

bout you, _____ Near you it shall not come.

D G Dmaj7 *(Chorus)*

4. For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand to

G Dmaj7 F

guard you in all of your ways; _____ Up - on their hands they will

Gm Am Bb A

bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. *(Chorus)*

D Bm F#m Em7 A D

hand. _____ And hold you hold you in the palm _____ of His hand. _____

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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In celebration of Easter by the Freiberg family

In memory of Norman Jessop by Ann Jessop

In memory of Les Neiseimier and Rev. James Barnett by Mike Ehinger

In celebration of our family by Kathy & Bill Lake

In memory of our siblings, Connie, & Tom by Carol & Jack Ott

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In memory Charlene Helgoth by Pam & Dave Wright
In memory of Jon Wellman, Richard & Elaine Randall by Maggie Wellman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt!

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt between services **TODAY**. 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!

Special Collection for March

In March our special collection will benefit United Thank Offering (UTO). This year we will be collecting the traditional "blue boxes" at an Ingathering on **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!

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 14th!

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). 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 17th 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.

Thistle Farms Documentary Screenings

Elaine Randall Book Club

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All Are Welcome! In April we are reading *A Lantern in Her Hand* by Nebraska author Bess Streeter Aldrich and *A Fine Dark Line* by Joe R. Lansdale. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 23 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

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 and she will locate someone to assist you.

Good Budget News!

We are delighted to announce that St Augustine's received several Legacy Society gifts over the past several months, totaling nearly \$300,000. Gifts to our Legacy Society can be made as part of estate planning, or can be given directly through whatever means are best available to the donors. In general, this giving supports the Legacy Fund here; however, our Legacy Society policies allow for the Legacy Society Directors and the members of our Vestry to direct legacy giving to our capital improvements as well. On the recommendation of our treasurer and Finance Committee, our Legacy Society and Vestry have voted to distribute the gifts as follows:

- a \$235,000 payment will be made to reduce our principal with the Diocese of Nebraska; this is a major contribution against our initial total loan of \$400,000, and will reduce our annual giving burden substantially.

- the balance of \$62,123.63 will be deposited into our Legacy Fund, bringing our total over \$100,000 for the first time since the establishment of this fund several years ago. This is a fund invested with many other Episcopal Church entities, which earns us interest and dividends, and will continue growing to support our parish ministries in perpetuity.

Although gifts are kept anonymous, we give thanks to those who have made these commitments and contributions to help maintain a firm financial foundation!

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 so you can be invited to the bench dedication. Please list rank and branch of service.

Let's support Peter's project 100 percent.

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.

Sustainable Progress RRSJ Conference Special Rate June 5th and 6th

The Tri-Faith Initiative has launched the registration for its third annual Race, Religion, and Social Justice Conference, which will be held June 5th and 6th this coming summer on the Tri-Faith campus. Their keynote speaker and panelists will include the Rev Travi D. Blackmon, Robert P Jones, Azza Karam, and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, and workshops throughout the two days will feature people involved in many kinds of projects, including two from our Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska's Racial Reconciliation ministries! This is a really concentrated group of experts and leaders, and it's a great chance to dream big about what God's world can look like.

Members of our parish have attended and appreciated this conference over the past two years, and our Outreach Committee recommends it as one of the ways we can live out our mission to "be a growing, faithful, inclusive, and caring community committed to the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ."

The conference has **early bird registration discounts until April 12th** for a rate of \$102 (with fees), down from the standard rate (which will be \$150).

Please note that the registration page also has instructions for **receiving a scholarship** from Tri-Faith for the event if cost is an issue, and you will still be able to attend. (St Augustine's will be able to coordinate a partial contribution based on our utilization of the scholarship). Please let Fr Ben know if you do register for the Conference, as we will try to coordinate with our St A's group to have lunch together during the day and share our insights!

Registration is at: <https://www.trifaith.org/rrsj-24/>

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

Children 5th 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).

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/5FL9EB-wEeLb1mzAOZsKl56?si=8c88136414594bd0>

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

Tuesday, April 2	Noon Bible Study Resumes
Sunday, April 7	UTO Ingathering
Thursday, April 11 & Saturday, April 13	Rockets for God
Sunday, April 14	Newcomer Sunday Mourners' Path Begins
Wednesday, April 17	Episcopal 101 for Children Begins
Thursday, April 18	Thistle Farms Documentary Screening
Sunday, April 21	Thistle Farms Documentary Screening
Tuesday, April 23	Elaine Randall Book Club
Sunday, April 28	Youth Sunday
Saturday, May 4	Blood Drive
Thursday, May 9	COPE Golf Tournament
Sunday, May 19	Celebrate Pentecost with a Combined Service at 10:30 AM & Picnic

Ministers of the Day	This Week 03/31/2024	Next Week 04/07/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Gilbert Ward Canterbury Choir	Sally Hodges Canterbury Choir
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Erin Vest
Acolytes 10:30am:	Danica Suhr Cole Fogarty Gage Suhr	Claire Phillips Dawson Phillips Luke Fassero
10:30 am Greeter:	Richard Krueger	Leslie Lewis
8:30 am Lector:	Jim Lewis	Mary Jane Smith
10:30 am Lector	Recia Lord	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	OPEN	Kathy Lake
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Carol Ott	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Alice Threlkeld Joe Threlkeld	Rich Hill Jay Hammond