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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, February 11, 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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

Glory to God

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The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father,

father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹ The God of gods has spoken; *
God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God is revealed in glory.

³ O God, you will come and will not keep silence; *
before you there is a consuming flame,
and round about you a raging storm.

⁴ You call the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of your people.

⁵ “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause, *
for you alone are judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

³If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *O wondrous type! O vision fair* **WLP 137**



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to



1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be



1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

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;

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

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in your Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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: Judy Tomanek, Pam Eby, Tom Luther, Lisa Aguilar, Leslie Stubbendieck, Mark Chavez, Kristin Morgan, and David Holmquist

Anniversaries: Robin & Pat Heller

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song of Transfiguration

Sylvia Dunstan; Arr. Tony Alonso

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed 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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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

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

INVITATION

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 of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



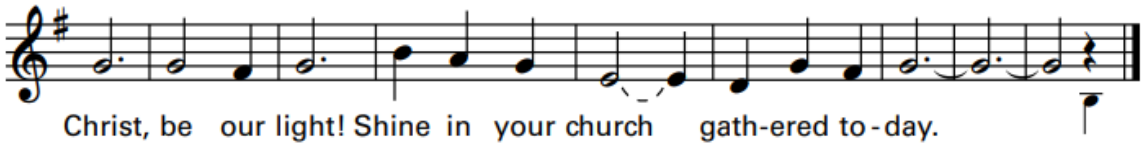
1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a
light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus* H 460



1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry



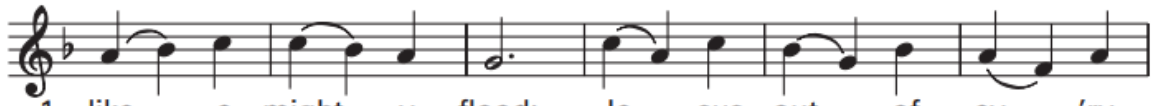
1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. be to God on high; Al - le - lu - ia



1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 2. he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 3. here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:
 4. born of Ma - ry, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:
 5. to the Sav - ior Who has won the vic - to - ry;



1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 2. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the
 3. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 4. You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in
 5. Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Font of



1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 2. for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 3. deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 4. flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and
 5. love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.
 2. prom - ise? "I am with you ev - er - more!"
 3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4. vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5. lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection for February – Youth Pancake Supper

Our February special collection benefits our many youth programs and opportunities, especially the upcoming Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday!

In January we raised \$312.00 to benefit our Seminarian Fund. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

2024 Blood Drive

Our January Blood Drive was a rousing success! Together we donated 31 units of blood for those needing transfusions.

Breast Cancer Support Group

The breast cancer support group will meet on the second Sunday each month at **9:45 AM** in the care room. Our next meeting is TODAY, February 11, 2024. If you have any questions contact Barb Hall or Lynette Kautz.

Looking for Lectors!

We will be working on a new Lector schedule soon. 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

Tuesday Bible Study - Psalms Survey

Join us for a three-week brown bag lunch survey on the Psalms, **February 13th, 12-1 PM**. We will discover types of Psalms, including Hymns, Psalms of Complaint, Royal Psalms, Wisdom Psalms, the Human Condition, the Character of God and the Psalms of Poetry. You are welcome to join for any of the three sessions or all three.

Shrove Tuesday – February 13, 5:00-7:00PM

Youth Group will be running their Annual Pancake Feed on Shrove **Tuesday, February 13**. Last year, we had a great turnout on Tuesday, so we thought we'd try that again! Take that day off from cooking dinner and head here instead. Youth will be taking goodwill donations that go toward youth reserve funds. There will be **NO Church Family Dinner or Youth Group on Ash Wednesday, February 14**. Thanks for your support!

Ash Wednesday Services

Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 14** this year. We will have two Eucharistic services with the imposition of ashes -- the first at **Noon** and then another at **6:30 PM**. The Noon Service will also be streamed to Facebook.

Children's Storytime at Wednesday Night Dinner

Beginning in Lent, 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).

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. All are invited to fill out your own bracket, watch for updates on our Lent Madness poster, and vote! It will be a fun opportunity to learn about the saints as we hear about saints from a variety of places, cultures, and eras. The Madness begins on **Ash Wednesday (February 14)!**

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers can be given to the glory of God, in remembrance of someone, or to celebrate a special event. We are happy to do the ordering for you and getting them onto the altar, or you may do the ordering yourself. If we order for you, suggested donation is \$100 earmarked for altar flowers on the memo line. If you are donating in someone's name, for a special celebration or for a specific date, please let Jay know what you would like printed in the bulletin, also contact her at parish@sainta.net with any questions.

Lenten Devotions

Living-Compass Lenten 2024 Devotionals are now available in several formats for those of you seeking a deeper experience of Lent. *Living Well Through Lent: Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind* is written by 9 Episcopalians. Their six weeks of daily reflections on scripture, prayers, and contemplative practices are available for your *free* personal use as: 1) a printed booklet in our narthex (available in February); 2) a daily email for 40 days; 3) a down-loadable 94 page pdf file from livingcompass.org/ or on Kindle for 99 cents.

In addition, all are invited to Zoom group discussions of the readings led by members of St A's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King on **3 Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. February 26, March 11, and March 25.** (call or text Carol Ott 402-469-9264 for the Zoom link, questions, and/or if trouble in accessing the pdf file.”

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 February we are reading *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann and *Always Looking Up* by Michael J. Fox. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30 AM.** Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

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.

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/5FL9EBwEeLb1mzAOZsKl156?si=8c88136414594bd0>

COPE Immediate Need!

Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn has an immediate need for:

- Beans with protein (pinto, kidney, black, garbanzo, great northern, refried, chili, etc.)
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit

If you are able to bring any of these items, we will be collecting them on the table to your left (north) as you walk in the red doors. Thank You!

Join the Altar Guild!

Early this year we are recruiting helpers for our Altar Guild. These guilds are a traditional part of Episcopal churches, and the members are men and women who take care of the worship preparations in our sanctuary—a tradition that goes back to Biblical instructions, where particular people were given the care of the Temple and the duty to care it. Our Altar Guild sets up for weekly worship, and leads the parish in some of our special preparations for putting up our holiday greenery each year at Advent. Altar Guild volunteers can be individuals or families, and the duties involve setting up either midweek or on Sunday mornings, depending on the service. If you'd like to know more, please call or email Fr. Ben at rector@sainta.net

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.

January Vestry Notes

Our Vestry met on January 21st for its usual board meeting for our church. We reviewed the end of year financial documents and heard from our treasurer, Maggie Wellman, about some added pledging over the end of the year and some potential financial tools we might use in the coming year after orienting new vestry members and Legacy Society Directors. The Vestry also passed a set of formal resolutions designating portions of payments to Fr Ben and Mtr Ruth Tomlinson as "Housing Allowance," which is an IRS option for their personal taxes to offset the self-employed tax status of clergy who do not live in parish-provided housing (there is no risk or financial impact to the parish for this designation). The Vestry heard some initial comments about a potential sabbatical leave for Fr Ben. Sabbatical leaves for clergy are a part of their official employment, and this planned leave would likely take place in 2025; we are particularly mindful of the unique opportunity for Mother Lisa to provide coverage for us. The Vestry reviewed the agenda and nominations for our Annual Meeting. Finally, the Vestry thanked our departing members for their faithful contributions over several years.

Save The Date

Tuesday, February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday Services @ Noon & 6:30 PM
Sunday, February 18	Bishop Barker's Visit
Monday, February 26	Lenten Devotions w/Daughters of the King
Tuesday, February 27	Elaine Randall Book Club
Tuesday, March 5	Lunch Bible Study
Sunday, March 10	Breast Cancer Support Group
Monday, March 11	Lenten Devotions w/Daughters of the King
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday
Monday, March 25	Lenten Devotions w/ Daughters of the King

Ministers of the Day	This Week 02/11/2024	Next Week 02/18/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Gilbert Ward Canterbury Choir	Dirk Lindner Canterbury Choir
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Claire Phillips Dawson Phillips Luke Fassero	Cole Fogarty Danica Suhr Gage Suhr
10:30 am Greeter:	Mike Ehinger	Mike Ehinger
8:30 am Lector:	Kathy Lake	Jim Lewis
10:30 am Lector	Gabe Early	Nick Early
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Judy Tomanek
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospichal	Barb DiGiovanni
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Barb Hall
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Sophia Messineo Tom Scott	Alice Threlkeld Erin Vest