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**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, February 11, 2024  
8:30 AM

# PRELUDE *Instrumental*

## ENTRANCE HYMN *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Words & Music by Michael O'Shields

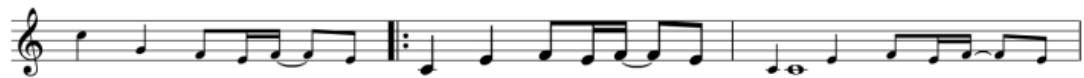
$\text{♩} = 108$  **INTRO**

C F/C Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C F/C



**VERSE 1a**

4 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C F/C Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C



I will call up-on\_\_ the Lord,  
(I will call up-on\_\_ the

7 C F/C Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C F/C



who is wor- thy to\_\_ be praised. So shall I be  
Lord) (who is wor- thy to\_\_ be praised.)

10 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C F/C <sup>1.</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C



saved from my en - e-mies. I will call up-on\_\_ the  
(So shall I be saved from my en - e-mies.)\_

13 C F/G 2. CHORUS 1a  
 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C F/G C

Lord. I will call up-on\_ the Lord. The Lord liv-eth and

17 F C F C G G<sup>7</sup>

bless-ed be\_\_ my Rock. Let the God\_\_ of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The

20 C F C F C

Lord liv - eth and bless-ed be\_\_ my Rock. Let the God\_\_ of my sal - va - tion be ex -

23 G<sup>7</sup> C

-alt - ed.

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## 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

*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.

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.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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.”

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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.” <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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**

<sup>1</sup> The God of gods has spoken; \*  
God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God is revealed in glory.

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

<sup>4</sup> You call the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of your people.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup>If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Words & Music by Helen H. Lemmel

## CHORUS

17 F C Am/C C#°7 Dm F7/C B♭ Gm/B♭ Bm7(♯5)

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in His won - der - ful

23 C2sus C C2sus C F F2sus F C7/G F/A F C7 Dm F7/C

face; And the things of earth will grow strange - ly

28 B♭ B♭/D B♭m6/D♭ F/C C F/C C9 Am/C C7 F

dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace.

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## **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.

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

<sup>9</sup>As 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

*The Celebrant says*

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*

Refrain



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home.



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Verses



1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see
2. If you get there be - fore I do,
3. The bright - est day that ev - er I saw
4. I'm some - times up and some - times down,

Com-ing for to car-ry me home. A band of an - gels  
 Com-ing for to car-ry me home. Tell all my friends I'm  
 Com-ing for to car-ry me home. When Je - sus washed my  
 Com-ing for to car-ry me home. But still my soul feels

com-ing af-ter me, Com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 com - ing too, Com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 sins a - way, Com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 heav'n - ly bound, Com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,

D.C.

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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 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. The Celebrant continues*

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**

### *The Celebrant continues*

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

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

H 711

1 D F#m G D

1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

G D Asus4 A D F#m

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

G D G D Asus4 A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*

2  
D F#m G D

Al - le - lu - ia,

G D Asus4 A D F#m

al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

G D G D Asus4 A7 D

lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 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

Words & Music by Max Dyer

### *I Will Sing I will Sing*

♩ = 108

[VERSE]

D                      A/C#                      Bm                      D/A

- |         |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |       |        |       |       |      |
|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| 1. I    | will | sing, | I     | will  | sing  | a     | song | _____ | un - | to    | the    | Lord. | I     | will |
| 2. We   | will | come, | we    | will  | come  | as    | one  | _____ | be - | fore  | the    | Lord. | We    | will |
| 3. If   | the  | Son,  | if    | the   | Son   | shall | make | _____ | you  | _____ | free,  | if    | the   |      |
| 4. In   | His  | name, | in    | His   | name  | we    | have | _____ | the  | vic - | to -   | ry.   | In    | His  |
| 5. They | that | sow   | _____ | in    | tears | shall | reap | _____ | in   | _____ | joy.   | They  | that  |      |
| 6. Ev - | 'ry  | knee  | _____ | shall | bow   | and   | ev - | _____ | -    | 'ry   | tongue | con - | fess. | Ev - |
|         |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |       |        |       |       | 'ry  |

3      Em                      A<sup>7</sup>                      D                      G/A                      D                      A/C#

sing, I will sing a song \_\_\_ un - to the Lord. I will sing, I will sing a song -  
 come, we will come as one \_\_\_ be - fore the Lord. We will come, we will come as one -  
 Son, if the Son shall make \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_ free, if the Son, if the Son shall make -  
 name, in His name we have \_\_\_ the vic - to - ry. In His name, in His name we have -  
 sow \_\_\_ in tears shall reap \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_ joy. They that sow \_\_\_ in tears shall reap -  
 knee \_\_\_ shall bow and ev - - 'ry tongue con - fess. Ev - 'ry knee \_\_\_ shall bow and ev -

6      Bm                      D/A                      Em                      A<sup>7</sup>                      D      G/D      D

\_\_\_ un - to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le -  
 \_\_\_ be - fore the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le -  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_ free, you \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_ be free in - deed.  
 \_\_\_ the vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_ joy. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.  
 - 'ry tongue con - fess that \_\_\_ Je - sus Christ is Lord.

**CHORUS**

9      D                      A/C#                      Bm                      D/A                      Em                      A<sup>7</sup>

-lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - - ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo -

12      D                      G/A                      D                      A/C#

- ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo -

14      Bm                      D/A                      Em                      A<sup>7</sup>                      D      G/D      D

- ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

## **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 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](mailto:Ministries@sainta.com)

### **Tuesday Bible Study - Psalms Survey**

Join us for a three-week brown bag lunch survey on the Psalms, **February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Ash Wednesday Services, 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 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)).

## **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](mailto: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/](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/5FL9EBwEeLb1mzAOZsKl56?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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

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

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 02/11/2024</b>	<b>Next Week 02/18/2024</b>
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