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First Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, February 18, 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
Healey William

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ENTRANCE HYMN *Before Thy Throne O God We Kneel* H 575



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con-science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold,
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame;



the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
O God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Bishop says

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

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.*

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *Kyrie eleison* WLP 837

The following is sung, all standing

Musical score for the first system of the opening song of praise. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." are written below the treble staff.

Musical score for the second system of the opening song of praise. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." are written below the treble staff.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹ To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁵ Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

⁷ Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁸ You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

⁹ All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The people sit.


A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹⁸Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.


Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Christ, when for us you were baptized* H 121



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call



as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

PRESENTATION

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation and Reception.

EXAMINATION

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidate I do.
Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in
the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into
sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Bishop Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant Sophia with your heavenly grace, that she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until she comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Pat we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, as we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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: Tom Scott, Logan Johnson, Jim Tomanek, and Tahnee Horn

Anniversaries: Lisa & Matt Aguilar

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

Jesus Have Mercy

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

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

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

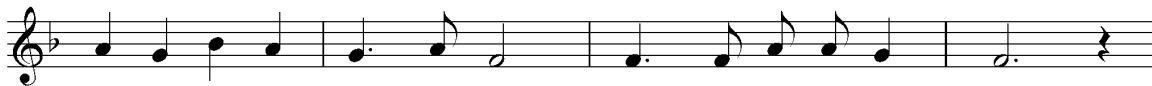
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

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



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



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



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



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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

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

EPICLESIS

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

The 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 *We Remember*

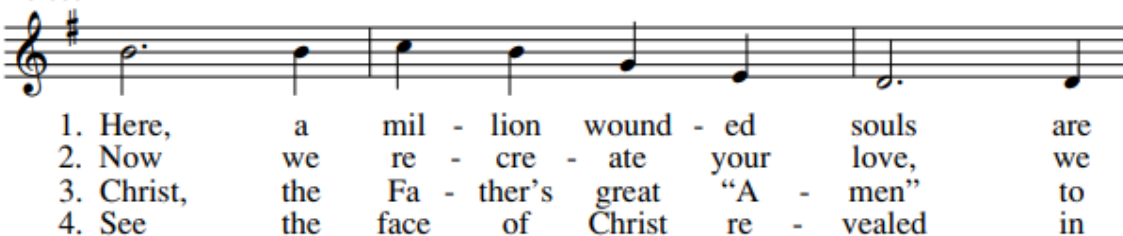
Refrain



The musical notation for the Refrain is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Staff 2: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). Staff 3: D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half). Staff 4: D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (half). Staff 5: D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (half).

We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses



The musical notation for the Verses is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is as follows: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in



yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed.
 bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
 all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,
 ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,



Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
 Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.
 Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.
 Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Baptized in Water*



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, Thank-ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Glory of These Forty Days

Johan Pachelbel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Today our special collection benefits the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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.

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. Our first match-up is between Barbara and Canaire. Vote today in person by donating to the UTO box for your favorite saint! We'll reveal who won within our parish next Sunday along with the official bracket winner and upcoming matchup.

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

Beginning, **February 20th, 12-1 PM**. Fr. Ben will be leading an exploration of the Passion of Jesus throughout the season of Lent.

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).

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.

All are invited to join us in person or by Zoom Leaders will be **Feb 26** - Rev Lisa Aguilar; **March 11** - Rev Lorraine Coufal; and **March 25** - Rev Ruth Tomlinson. (To register, 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.

Volunteer with Downtown Episcopal Outreach!

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

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

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!

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

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
Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Service @ 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross @ Noon
Saturday, March 30	Holy Saturday Service @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday

Ministers of the Day	This Week 02/18/2024	Next Week 02/25/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Dirk Lindner Canterbury Choir	Carole Seitz Canterbury Choir
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Erin Vest
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cole Fogarty Danica Suhr Gage Suhr	Cash Stubbendieck Truman Stubbendieck Nathan Pasko
10:30 am Greeter:	Mike Ehinger	Mike Ehinger
8:30 am Lector:	Jim Lewis	Mary Jane Smith
10:30 am Lector	Nick Early	Laura Calese
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Judy Tomanek	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	OPEN
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Barb Hall	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Alice Threlkeld Erin Vest	Jay Hammond Sophia Messineo