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First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, February 18, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *I Will Sing of Mercies*

Words & Music by John Henry Fillmore, Sr.

CHORUS

$\text{♩} = 100$ C G

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will

4 C G

sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the

VERSE

8 C *Fine* F C G

Lord. With my mouth will I make known Thy faith - ful - ness, Thy

12 C F C G/D

faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make known Thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er -

16 D7 G *D.C. al Fine*

a - - - - - tions. I will

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

DECALOGUE

The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *Kyrie eleison* WLP 837

The following is sung, all standing

Musical score for the first line of the Kyrie eleison song. The score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Musical score for the second line of the Kyrie eleison song. The score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are: Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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.

5 Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C

Change my heart, oh God. ___ May I be like You. ___

VERSE

9 E^{sus/B} E Am⁷ Dm⁷ G C

You are _ the pot - ter. I ___ am the clay.

13 E^{sus/B} E Am⁷ D^{sus} D G^{sus} G

Mold me _ and make ___ me. This is what I pray. ___

CHORUS 1b

17 Cmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C

Change my heart, oh God. ___ Make it ev - er true. ___

21 Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C

Change my heart, oh God. ___ May I be like You. _____

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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

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.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Hayden, Amy, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Christian, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, 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 Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: 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

The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *Breathe On Me*

Words by Edwin Hatch & B.B.McKinney; Music by Edwin Hatch

VERSE

C C° C F/C Fm/C Em/G G⁷ C C° C F/C C/E



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Un - til my heart is
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, My stub - born will sub -
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Fill me with pow'r di -
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Till I am all Thine

4 G C C° C G⁷/D C/E F F#°



clean; _____ Let sun - shine fill its in - most part, With
 -due; _____ Teach me in words of liv - ing flame What
 -vine; _____ Kin - dle a flame of love and zeal With -
 own, _____ Un - til my will is lost in Thine, To

7 C/G Em/G G⁷ C CHORUS C C^{2sus} C

not a cloud be - tween. Breathe on me,
 Christ would have me do.
 -in this heart of mine.
 live for Thee a - lone.

10 F Fm⁶ C F C D⁷ G G⁷

breathe on me, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me;

13 C C^{2sus} C G⁷/D C/E F

Take Thou my heart, cleanse ev - ry part,

15 F[°] C/G C Am⁶ Em/G G⁷ C

Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

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The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant and People

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

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul

Words by Horatio Gates Spafford; Music by Philip Paul Bliss

VERSE

G⁷ C C^{2sus} C C/G G/F C/E G⁷/D G G⁷ C



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

5 Am E⁷/B Am/C G/D D G G⁷ C Cmaj⁷/E F A⁷/E



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin - not in part, but the whole; Is nailed to the cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall re - sound and the

10 Dm D⁷ G G^{2sus} G/F C/E Dm⁷/F C/G G C/G C



taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my soul.

CHORUS

15 C C/E G G⁷



well _____ with my soul, _____

18 C F C/G G C/G C



_____ it is well, it is well with my soul.

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
Words & Music by Robert Lowry

Shall We Gather at the River

♩ = 100

VERSE

C

G⁷

G



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod, ___
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ___
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
 4. At the smil - ing of the riv - er, mir - ror of the Sav - ior's face, ___
 5. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er; Soon our pil - grim - age will cease; ___

5

C

G

C



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the ___ throne of ___ God?
 we will talk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py, ___ gold - en ___ day.
 Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er and pro - vide a ___ robe and ___ crown.
 saints, whom death will nev - er sev - er, lift their songs of ___ sav - ing ___ grace.
 Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of ___ peace.

CHORUS

9

F

C

G⁷

C



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful ___ riv - er;

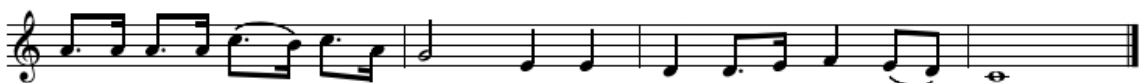
13

F

C

G

C



Gath - er with the saints ___ at the riv - er that flows by the throne of ___ God.

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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 *Instrumental*

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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, re-fried, 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

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
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