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Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, March 24, 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.

The Liturgy of the Palms

OPENING ANTHEM

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following is said, the people standing

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who

followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS:

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SECOND ANTHEM

The following is said

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

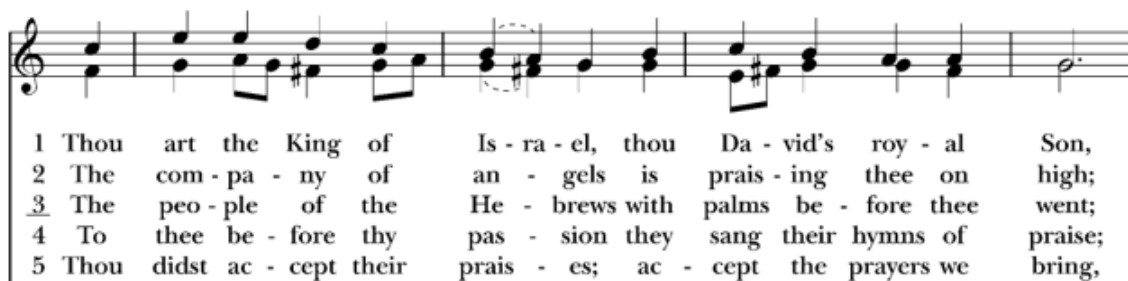
Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.

PROCESSION HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor H 154



PROCESSION COLLECT

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Remain seated.

⁹Have mercy on me, O GOD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O GOD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The people sit.

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

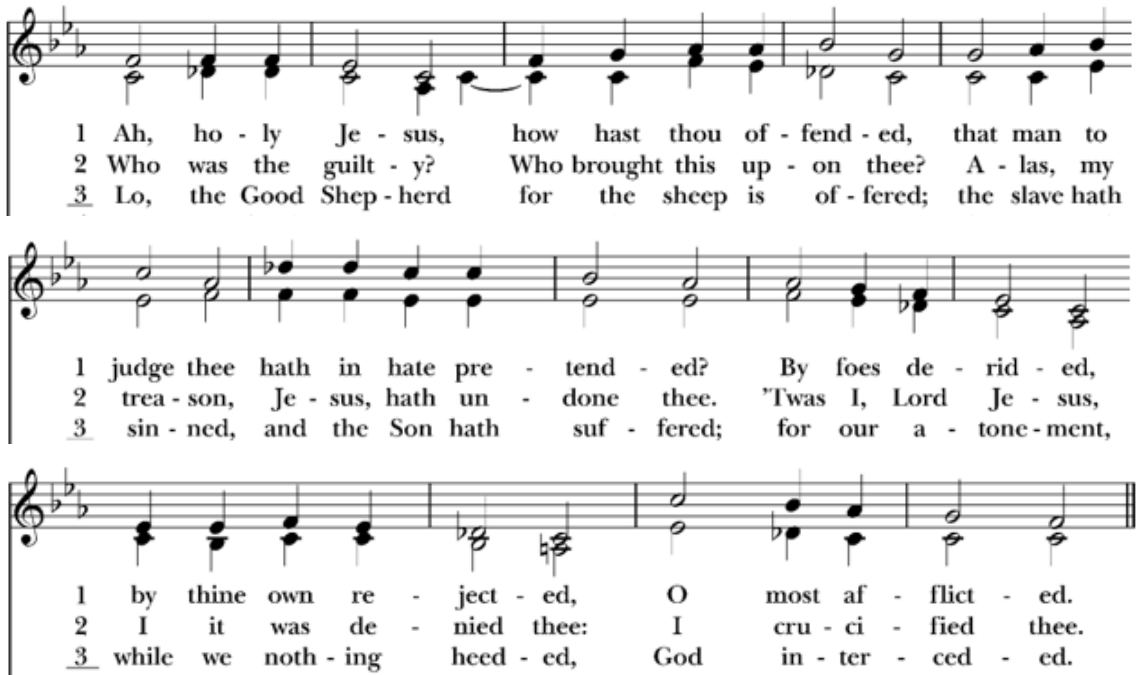
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended* **H 158**
All stand.



The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in a three-part setting. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of approximately two octaves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the three parts of the hymn clearly delineated by the three lines of music.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew

The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

DISCIPLES: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until

that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: But he said vehemently,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

CROWD: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

ACCUSERS: "Prophecy!"

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

CROWD: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he broke down and wept.

NARRATOR: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

CROWD: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

HIGH PRIEST: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CROWD: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

THE SERMON

Reverend Lisa Aguilar

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

O God, 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, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Randy, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Bruce & family, Jean, and Lorraine. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Silence

The Priest stands and says

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

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
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.

<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: Paisley Janovich, Eulalia Fritson, and Bill Saeger

Anniversaries: Carol & Jack Ott; Connie & Tom Arnold; Mary & Ricardo Amador; Jill & Matt McClure; and Kelly & Dusten Crichton

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

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15, 16

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Thy Will Be Done*
Offered by the Canterbury Choir

Craig Courtney

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely SATB. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff (soprano/tenor) and a bass staff (alto/bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are in English and are placed below the corresponding vocal lines. The first system covers the first two lines of the doxology, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line and ends with a double bar line.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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 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.

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 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 Jesus 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 God,

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 God 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.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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 *Unless a Grain of Wheat*

Words & Music by Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground
and die, it re - mains but a sin - gle grain
with no life. 1.- 6. To verses Last time 2. If

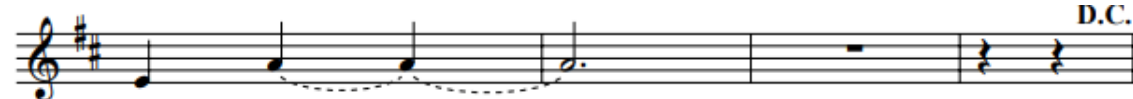
Verses



1. If we have died with him then we shall
 2. an - y - one serves me then they must
 3. Make your home in me as I make
 4. If you re - main in me and my word
 5. Those who love me are loved by my
 6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I



live with him; if we hold firm we shall
 fol - low me; where - ev - er I am my
 mine in you; those who re - main in me
 lives in you, then you will be my dis -
 Fa - ther; we shall be with them and
 give to you; peace which the world can - not



reign with him.
 ser - vants will be.
 bear much fruit.
 ci - ples.
 dwell in them.
 give is my gift.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

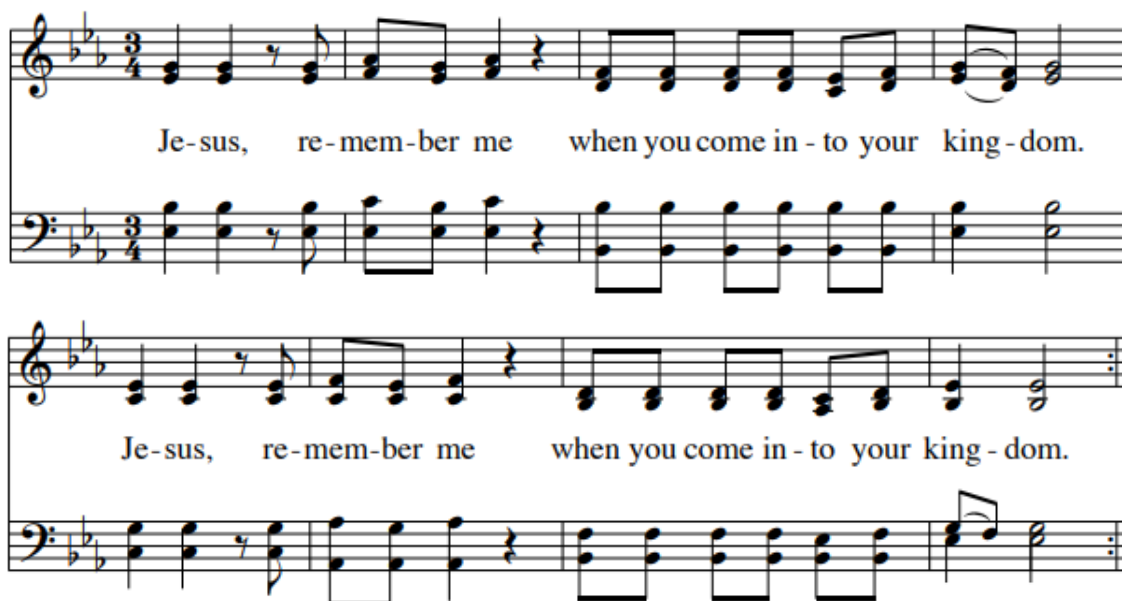
Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;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



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Day for Easter Flowers!

As we anticipate Easter, please consider remembering or celebrating loved ones through a gift of flowers. Envelopes are available on the welcome table in the narthex. Please include your name, the names of those in whom they are given and whether they are given in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving.

Special Collection for March

In March our special collection will benefit United Thank Offering (UTO). This year, you can contribute in multiple ways: weekly Lent Madness voting (support your favorite saints by dropping a coin or bill in their box every Sunday); filling up the traditional “blue boxes” (UTO Ingathering of boxes will be **Sunday, April 7**); and our monthly special collection! We invite you to develop (or deepen) a discipline of gratitude by donating to this important ministry of the Episcopal Church. Remember, 100 percent of the funds raised will be distributed through grants to ministries focusing on urgent human needs throughout the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

In February we raised \$847.00 to benefit our annual Youth run Pancake Feed on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

Looking for Lectors!

Multiple lectors are needed for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. 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

**No Tuesday Bible Study or
Wednesday Youth Group & Dinner This Week!**

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. Vote **TODAY** by dropping a coin (or bill) in the appropriate box in the parish hall! This fun opportunity to learn about the saints as we hear about saints from a variety of places, cultures, and eras. Last week Bishop Whipple sailed past Kassia by \$30 in St. A's voting Sunday race and won official outcome on Monday.

Journey to the Cross

All are invited to participate in our interactive prayer walk through the Stations of the Cross, located in the Fellowship Hall. Appreciate the beauty of the work of artist Monica Welch as you participate in various hands-on tasks throughout the experience. These tasks can help us connect our daily lives with Jesus' journey to the cross. A prayer book is available to guide you through the stations.

Lenten Devotions

All men and women are invited to Zoom or in-person in Fellowship Hall for group discussions of the readings led by three priests of our own parish on 3 Mondays 10-11 a.m.

March 25 with Rev Ruth Tomlinson

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 March we are reading *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonsen and *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro. There are book bags in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 26 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

Maundy Thursday - Washing of the Feet, The Last Supper, and the Garden

Thursday, March 28th, 6:30 pm

Each year on Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus's commandment to "Love one another," through several things. One is Jesus's institution of the Eucharist by the Last Supper with his disciples and friends. Another is the removal of much of our sanctuary dressings as we remember the arrest of Jesus in the garden late in that night.

Before those, we also have an annual remembrance and rite of **washing the feet** of those who are comfortable, re-enacting a powerful and intimate act of service and care that Jesus undertook for his disciples. This year, Mother Ruth Tomlinson will be our preacher for Maundy Thursday, and would like to issue a special invitation for the Foot Washing in particular. Like Jesus did with his disciples, we'd like you to think about asking someone you'd like to honor if you can wash their feet as part of that night. This can be a parent or other loved one, a close friend, or any person you deeply respect and care for. We recommend you ask in advance, though you're also welcome to ask someone at the service if you can wash their feet for them. Our altar party that evening will also be available for anyone who would like to have their feet washed that evening. We will invite others to take a turn if they'd like to stand prepared to wash feet for those who come forward. If you are not able to wash feet, please feel free to sit and prayerfully pray for those who are.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt between services on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. This fun activity is organized by our Youth Group who are already stuffing eggs and excited to hide them for everyone to find. This Hunt will take place rain or shine. We can't wait to see you there!

Rocket Notes to God

The Rev Ernesto Medina, who formerly served in our diocese, has received a special grant to help people of all ages practice basic rocketry builds and launches, and has invited St Augustine's to participate!

Thursday, April 11th, 6:00-7:45 pm: Rev Ernesto will bring rocket kits and lead us in some basics of preparing them for the launch day! We can write notes to God to put in our rockets to "Let our prayers rise like incense" to God (Psalm 141:2). We'll have pizza dinner on hand to fuel us as we prepare for launch! Adults, youth, and children are welcome to participate, and build a rocket together as a family, but we ask that if you have children participating, you plan to stay with them this evening. **RSVP's to Fr Ben (rector@sainta.net) are requested** to help us know how many kits to prepare, though we'll plan for a few extras.

Saturday, April 13th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Site TBD: Near Bellevue and Papillion

Come join us as we launch rockets! Rev Ernesto will be coordinating with other trained launch officers. We will gather at a sod farm near Bellevue and Papillion – specific site TBD as we get closer to the event. We will hear special rules about when and how to launch rockets, and watch our rockets and notes launch throughout the morning. Feel free to join for the fun and spectacle, whether you'd like to make one or not!

Newcomers Sunday!

On **Sunday, April 14 after worship**, we'll have a special celebration at coffee hour for visitors, newcomers, guests and new members! Our "enhanced coffee hour" will have tasty treats, and we'll have a brief program from the church staff about some of the ways to be involved (for newcomers and longtime members alike!) We'll also be announcing some of our upcoming activities for the rest of the spring and the summer so stay tuned and we hope to see you on the 14th!

Walking the Mourner's Path

Sundays, 3:00 – 4:30 PM April 14 – June 2*

Walking the Mourner's Path is a workshop to remember and honor a loved one who has died. Mother Lisa, who has an extensive background in hospital chaplaincy, and our facilitators (Mother Ruth Tomlinson, Deacon Rebecca Smith and Don Hoes) will be leading this session of the group. Walking the Mourner's Path uses a workbook (so you never need to worry about "what will I say?") and meets with the same group of people over 8 sessions (so you don't have to keep explaining the story of your loved one). It uses prayer, simple liturgies, and storytelling to celebrate the people we love, and is often a powerful experience of healing and God's love. For information about this group, please contact one of our facilitators (Mother Lisa can be reached at lisa@sainta.net). The cost of \$75 for workshop materials will be covered by St. Augustine's.

**Once the group gathers, it will confirm whether it would like to meet on Memorial Weekend or adjust the schedule for another date.*

Episcopal 101 for Children (grades 1-5)

During our Wednesday evening programming, all children grades 1-5 are invited to participate in Episcopal 101. We will gather for four weeks, beginning **April 17th from 6:20-7:00 PM** to learn about the mystery of baptism as an outward sign of our Christian faith. If your child is a in Boys Scouts of America or Girls Scouts, this class will fulfill the requirements to earn the Religious Emblem: God & Me.

Serve One Another

During COVID Daughters of the King (DoK) started a service for individuals who may need an extra hand. This service continues to be available if you need a ride, groceries, a meal or anything else. If you need something contact Barb Hall at 907-759-4692 or warnbarb18303@hotmail.com and she will locate someone to assist you.

Good Budget News!

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

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

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

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

Visit with a Veteran

Recognizing the importance of community and growing up enjoying the stories of his two veteran grandfathers, 82-year-old Donald Sattem, who served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and 99-year-old Lester Rygg who served in the Navy during WWII, Elkhorn South High School Junior Peter Rygg has launched a project to add two Veterans benches to St. Augustine's Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk as a place where veterans and non-veterans can gather to share time and stories with one another and the youth of our community.

The purchase, installation and the reception for the two benches are estimated at \$5,000.00. A local non-profit 50 Mile March, which raises funds for organizations dedicated to helping veterans, will match bench donations up to \$2,500.00. Donations can be made directly to St. Augustine or online at the Visit with a Veteran Facebook or Instagram pages. Mark check Memo Line – Visit with Veteran.

A dedication ceremony for the Veteran benches will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 after the 10:30 service.

All St. Augustine Veterans are asked to contact Jim Keepers at jlkeepers45@gmail.com so you can be invited to the bench dedication. Please list rank and branch of service.

Let's support Peter's project 100 percent.

COPE News!

Introducing our representatives to the COPE board of directors: Rhonda Vest and David Wright.

Rhonda has been involved with Cope for a number of years, and David is our new alternate to the board, you can contact them with any questions. We want you to know that you do not have to be a member of the board to be involved. Jim Keepers is helping us organize garden plots for Ukrainian refugees, and we have our dough boys who deliver bread and milk weekly. If you have organizational skills, finance skills, want to be involved with the back pack program or Christmas party/family adoption, volunteering at the golf tourney, marketing skills, donation gathering, or just general volunteering, we can find a spot for you. Stop by and get a tour of the facility and how this all works. In January we served 217 families (785 individuals) with food pantries, household goods, and clothing.

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!

Youth Group Collecting Personal Care Items

Our Youth Group is collecting Personal Care Products for COPE (Christian Outreach Program Elkhorn) At Youth Group this week, they decorated a bin and some signs and are ready to collect!

They are looking for shampoo & conditioner, soap, razors, menstrual products, adult diapers, nail files & clippers, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, brushes, etc. Please bring your products and place them in or around the bin just inside the narthex. Thank You!!!!

Men's Bible Study

Join us at St. Augustine or via our Zoom Link **every Friday at 8 am** for men's bible study. Please call or text Jack Ott (402) 469-1801 to get set up to receive the weekly Zoom link. Call or text Jack Ott, Bill Smith, Dave Holmquist, David Randall or Richard Krueger with questions or to receive additional information.

Children's Storytime at Wednesday Night Dinner

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).

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>

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.

February Vestry Notes

Our February Vestry meeting was a chance to welcome our new members, Barb DiGiovanni and Hannah Early. We re-elected Maggie Wellman as our treasurer for the year and elected Jean Lahti to serve as clerk for the February meeting. Bishop Barker greeted us and was very encouraging of our growing and active parish. The Vestry spent time reviewing our financial statements in detail and discussed our communications with the City of Omaha about a small sinkhole that has appeared in the public right of way northwest of our space. We are planning for a vestry retreat in March to discuss our major goals and projects for the year.

Save The Date

Monday, March 25	Lenten Devotions w/ Daughters of the King
Tuesday, March 26	Elaine Randall Book Club
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	<i>NO WEDNESDAY DINNER</i>
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 Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:40 AM
Tuesday, April 2	Noon Bible Study
Sunday, April 7	UTO Ingathering
Sunday, April 14	Newcomer Sunday
Thursday, April 18	Thistle Farms Documentary Screening
Sunday, April 21	Thistle Farms Documentary Screening

Ministers of the Day	This Week 03/24/2024	Next Week 03/31/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Carol Seitz Canterbury Choir	Gilbert Ward Canterbury Choir
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cole Fogarty Danica Suhr Gage Suhr	Danica Suhr Cole Fogarty Gage Suhr
10:30 am Greeter:	Richard Krueger	Richard Krueger
8:30 am Lector:	Multiple	Multiple
10:30 am Lector	Multiple	Multiple
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	OPEN
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospichal	Carol Ott
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Joe Threlkeld Erin Vest	Ali Threlkeld Joe Threlkeld