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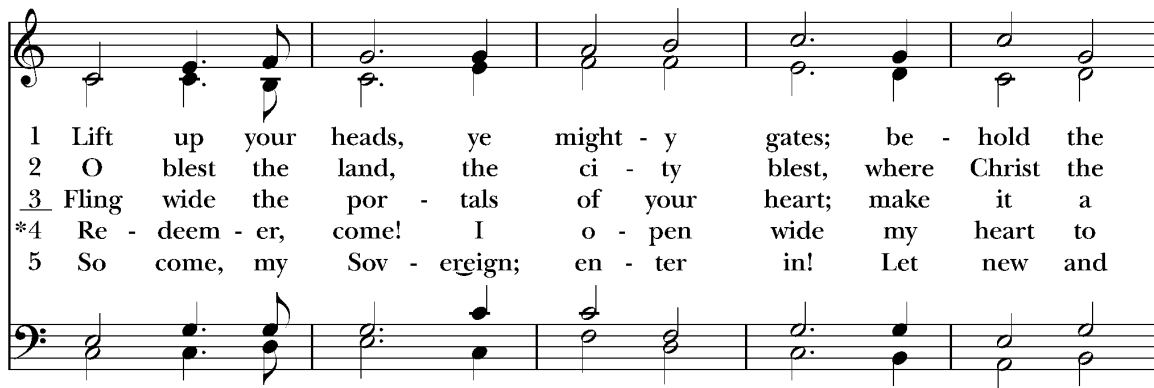


The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
February 2, 2025
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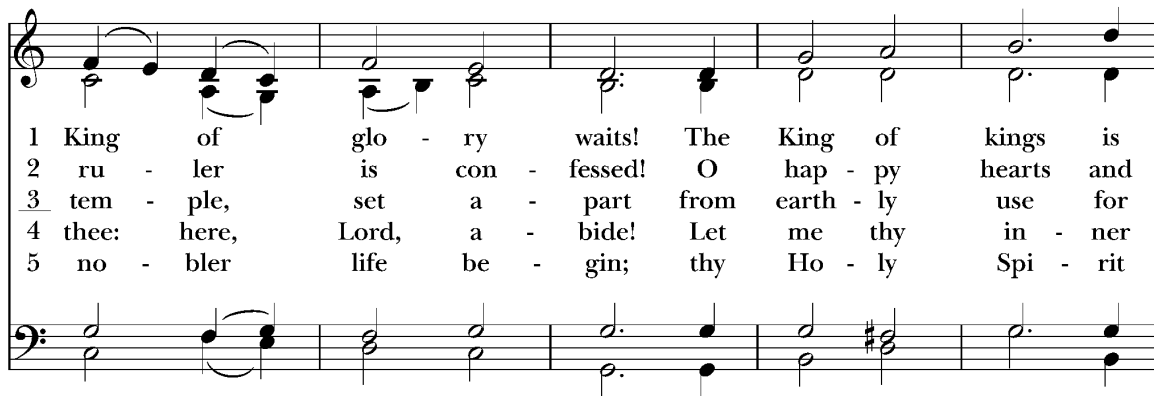
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PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (v. 1-3)* H 436



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM

All glory be to God on high

H 421

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

⁷ O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ Behold our defender, O God, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed,

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked;

¹⁰ For God is both sun and shield *
and will give grace and glory.

¹¹ No good thing will God withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

¹² O God of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹⁴Since, therefore, God's children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Christ Be Our Light* **Bernadette Farrell**

All stand.

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for

1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone

1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain/Estrillo



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

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

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GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Lisa Aguilar

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, Bob, Deb, Dick, Ben, Jean, Lorraine, William, Carl, Vicki, Kelly, and Hayden & family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Presider

Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

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: Warren Berger, Donna Sattem, Todd Berger, Greg Lake

Anniversaries:

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 ANTHEM *The Light of Glory* Joseph Martin & David Angerman

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

Musical notation for the Offertory Response Doxology. The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise". The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of quarter and eighth notes.

God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

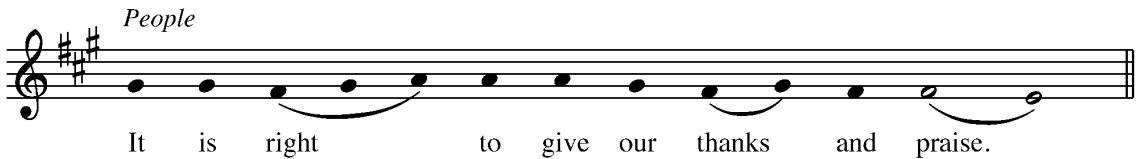
The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA *EOM 111*

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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PROPER PREFACE

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

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Celebrant and People

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

EPICLESIS

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

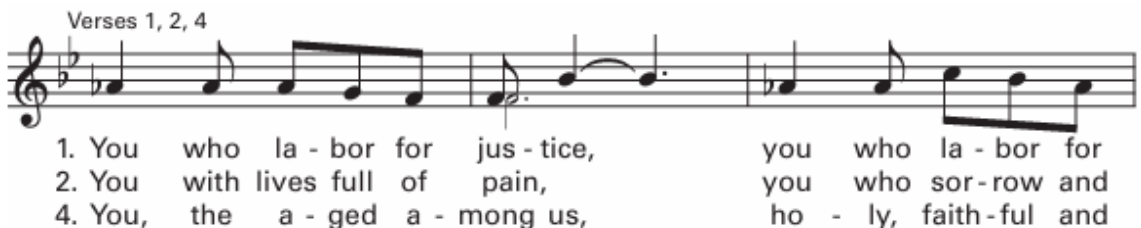
DISTRIBUTION

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 *Here At This Table* Janèt Sullivan Whitake & Max Whitaker



1. peace, you who stead - y the plow in the
 2. weep, you, be - lov - ed of Christ, come to
 4. wise, may the wis - dom you share form our

1. field of the Lord,
 2. him, come to him!
 4. lives and our world!

to Refrain

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

(source: Celtic)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* H 497

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two systems.

O right-ous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high-est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Special Outreach Collection – Clergy Funds for Relief

In February, we'll be dedicating our special collection to clergy funds used for the relief of particular needs. Throughout the month, you can donate to the Rector's Discretionary Fund here at St. Augustine's. Fr. Ben is able to use this fund to confidentially handle needs in our community; this is often done via a direct purchase – something like buying tires or a water heater when an unexpected expense hits a family – and is done in ways that help keep the records anonymized, and the payments as directly accountable as possible to the expressed need, to protect the privacy of our community. The fund is also occasionally used for DioNeb partners such as Magdalene Omaha or the Incarnation Monastery when there is a specific need. On February 16th, we will be hosting Bishop Barker's visit to St. Augustine, and will take up a particular offering on that day to support the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. That fund has a similar purpose but reflects the church's tradition that the bishop is the pastor of the clergy, or for other purposes governed by their discretion. (Neither fund is to be used for the direct benefit of the person directing it). If you would like to contribute to monthly outreach funds, you can write the fund on a giving envelope, place a donation in the baskets (not the plates) during the Sunday they are passed, send a donation to the office, or place it in the small outreach funds box on the narthex (entryway) table.

Our Special Collection in January raised \$542.00 for the Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn (COPE). A big Thank You to everyone!

Noon Bible Study: I Corinthians

In **January and February**, we will journey through the first letter to the Church in Corinth, a Christian community seated within a large, diverse, international metropolis. All are welcome to join us as we study the trials that this community encountered and their ultimate discovery that love never fails. The same class will take place on **Tuesdays at noon or Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**. Here is our schedule of the study:

Session 4: I Corinthians 9-11 (2/4 or 2/5)

Session 5: I Corinthians 13 (2/11 or 2/12)

Session 6: I Corinthians 14-16 (2/18 or 2/19)

Newcomer Brunch Sunday February 9 in-between services

Please join us for a Newcomer Brunch! We will meet in the parish hall to welcome newcomers to the church. In addition to a fabulous brunch and fellowship, we'll do a very brief presentation on ways everyone can become involved in the life of our vibrant parish community. We have opportunities that run anywhere from our Elaine Randall Book Club, to lending a hand in the garden.

Caring for a Loved One with Memory Loss

On Saturday, **February 15, 9 am-12 pm**, join us at St. Augustine or on Zoom for this EfM (Education for Ministry) event. Listen to three short presentations from our panelists, along with personal stories of family members. There will be two breakout sessions and time for questions at the end. All are welcome! Clergy or lay, affiliated with the Episcopal Church or not, this event will provide information to all those called to caregiving for a loved one. \$25 suggested donation to The Benedictine Way (thebenedictineway.org) or The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (theaftd.org). To participate, please register at: <https://bit.ly/2025EfMEvent>.

Bishop Barker's Visit

The bishop's annual visit to St. Augustine's will be Sunday, **February 16th**. This is an opportunity for us to hear from our diocesan leader, as well as participate in the renewal of our baptismal covenant, Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation.

- **Confirmation** is for those who have been baptized and will now be making an affirmation of their own commitment to Christ. Confirmation is for those who have not been previously confirmed by a bishop in another denomination.
- **Reception** is for those who have been previously confirmed in a church other than the Episcopal Church and wish to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment in the Episcopal Church.
- **Reaffirmation** is for anyone who is already baptized and confirmed and who wishes to acknowledge a renewal of their commitment to Christ.

If you would like to participate in any of these please speak with Fr. Ben or Mtr. Lisa.

California Fire Relief

Several people have asked for resources to support relief efforts for those affected by the fires in California. The Episcopal Church's organization for direct relief work for climate disasters and a number of other crises is Episcopal Relief and Development. They have a fire relief fund that they are coordinating in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and donations can be made here: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/wildfire-2025>. Please continue to pray for those displaced by these disasters and looking for a safe home and welcoming community right now.

Reconciliation Book Group:

February 2025-- **The Water Dancer**, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Join us on **February 20, 2025 from 6:30-8 PM** for an enriching discussion of *The Water Dancer*, a fictional depiction of slavery during the Underground Railroad era. Books are available to borrow from Mother Lisa's office; please sign out and return after the discussion. The Reconciliation Book Group (RBG) welcomes all who are interested in learning and sharing thoughts about how to be a Beloved Community while exploring challenging topics like race, economic class, regional identity, family histories, and other topics that shape our worldviews. The RBG is open to all in the diocese -- for those who have been through Sacred Ground, this is a great environment to continue thoughtful work and dialogue on challenging topics. For those considering Sacred Ground, or just interested in a respectful and loving place to explore challenging topics, join us.

Elaine Randall Book Club – February

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month: **A Cat's Table** by Michael Ondaatje and **A Dog Year: Twelve Months, Four Dogs, and Me** by Jon Katz. All Are Welcome! In January we have two books to choose from. A book bag is available in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 25 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

Lent Bible Study: Christ on Trial

During Lent, join us for this compelling reading of the passion narrative in each of the four Gospels. The author, former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, guides the reader through prayerful consideration of how we understand Jesus' words and actions during his trial, and subsequently, how we, too, can speak and live faithfully in a divided world. The study will be offered **Tuesdays at noon (beginning March 4)** and on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (starting March 12)**. We will conclude by April 9, the Wednesday prior to Holy Week

The book can be purchased online, or you can RSVP and have the church order one (cost roughly \$15). Scholarships for the book are available. Please contact Mother Lisa if you would like to RSVP for a copy of the book.

January Vestry Notes

The Vestry (our Parish Board) met on January 19th for its regular business meeting. In general, this meeting included a review of the updated parish budget to reflect additional pledging and giving timing, preparations for the Annual Meeting (which was held on January 26th), and formal adoption of annual resolutions relating to our clergy's tax statuses. We also spent some time reviewing planning around Fr Ben's sabbatical, which will take place over 11 weeks from Feb 17 to May 6th. The January meeting is also always an occasion to thank our departing Vestry members, which this year included Carrye Fassero, Mary Jane Smith, Ali Threlkeld, and Pat Zimmerman.

Parish Annual Meeting

Thanks to all hands who helped prepare, set up, provide, and clean up at our Annual Meeting on January 26th, and for so many of our members who attended. We presented and reviewed our financials from 2024 and our budget for 2025 (both of which look great — we ended 2024 in the black and have a balanced budget ahead!), celebrated many of our parish ministries, thanked transitioning leaders, and elected new offices. In particular, Rhonda Vest, Joe Threlkeld, Bill Smith, and Nick Early-Gerjol were elected to the Vestry, and Barb Hall was elected as one of our parish delegates to the October DioNeb Annual Council (other seats are planned to be elected this summer). The meeting reviewed some details of Fr Ben's planned sabbatical, which will take place over 11 weeks from Feb 17 to May 6th, and Senior Warden Pam Wright noted that questions over that time can come to the parish staff or to her as Senior Warden. Mother Lisa will be our primary worship leader through that time. Thank you again to all for a great annual meeting and may we look to God's calling for our church throughout the coming year!

Save The Date

Sunday, Feb. 9	Newcomer Brunch (between services)
Saturday, Feb. 15	EfM Event: Caring for Loved One w/ Memory Loss (9AM-Noon)
Sunday, Feb. 16	Bishop Barker Visit
Thursday, Feb. 20	Reconciliation Book Group
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Elaine Randall Book Club

Ministers of the Day	This Week 02/02/2025	Next Week 02/09/2025
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Carole Seitz	Dirk Lindner
Deacon:	Dave Holmquist	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cole Fogarty Luke Fassero Justice Sutter	Truman Stubbendieck Cash Stubbendieck Josie Aguilar
10:30 am Greeter:	Lynette Kautz	Lynette Kautz
8:30 am Lector:	Chris Moynihan	Kathy Lake
10:30 am Lector	Chris Fassero	Nick Early-Gerjol
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Mary Jane Smith	Kathy Lake
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Mary Amador	Kathy Pospichal
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Erin Vest Dave Wright	Rich Hill Alice Threlkeld