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The Second Sunday In Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, March 1st, 2026
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.

A Prelude is played on the organ before the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN*Christ Before Us (vv 1-3)*

Janét Sullivan Whitaker



1. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - side us, Christ to guide us
2. May we be for one an - oth - er all that you would
3. God be - fore us through the a - ges; Christ be - side us
4. O Re - deem - er, fill your ser - vants with your words of



1. all our days. He to car - ry all our sor - rows, he to
2. have us be. May we live your law of kind - ness, love, com -
3. here to - day. Spir - it, lead us forth for - ev - er; guide and
4. last - ing life. Give to those with hands of heal - ing love trans -



1. bear us per - fect grace. Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend and Broth - er,
2. pas - sion, char - i - ty. May we climb your ho - ly moun - tain;
3. help us all our days. Christ the Sav - ior, God the Liv - ing,
4. cend - ing pain and strife. Make us lov - ing sons and daugh - ters;



1. In - ter - ces - sor, Son of God, save your peo - ple
2. may we see your ho - ly face! Vis - it now this
3. Great Cre - a - tor, Spir - it blest! Ho - ly Three - in -
4. make us ho - ly, kind and true, sent to la - bor



1. in your dy - ing, and in ris - ing, con - quer death.
2. hum - ble dwell - ing; dwell with - in this ho - ly place.
3. One Im - mor - tal, come and be our wel - come guest.
4. for your King - dom— rest - less till we rest in you.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God, who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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

Kyrie Eleison

WLP 837

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8–16

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

The people sit.

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that

she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111:2-10

2 Great are your deeds, O God; *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 Your work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and your righteousness endures for ever.

4 You make your marvelous works to be remembered; *

you are gracious and full of compassion.

5 You give food to those who fear you; *

you are ever mindful of your covenant.

6 You have shown your people the power of your works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all your commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 You sent redemption to your people;

you commanded your covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is your Name.

10 The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
God's praise endures for ever.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–13

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Church in Corinth

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others.

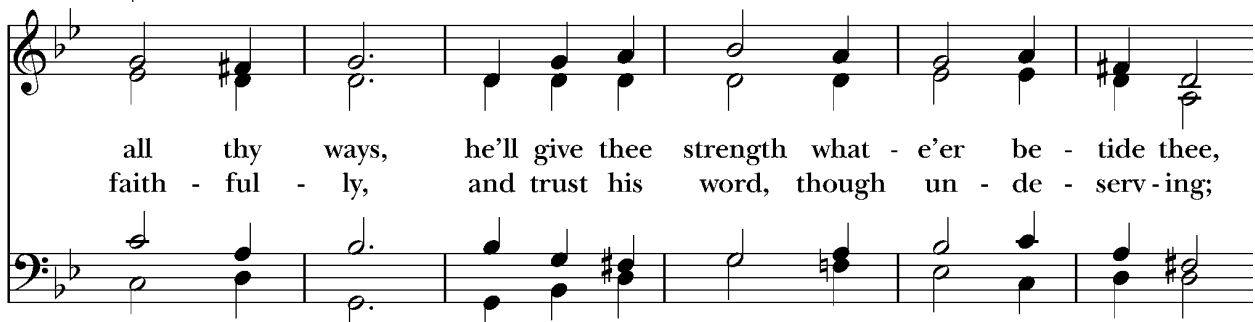
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *If thou but trust in God to guide thee (vv 1-2) H 635*



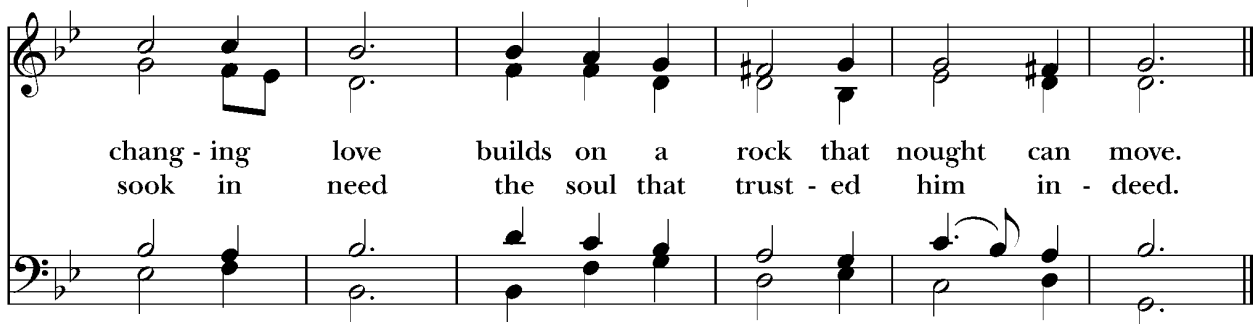
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part



all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;



and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Benedict Varnum

THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

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, Barbara, Elle, Brendan & children, Chris, Carol, Jill, Danette, Ben, Lorraine, Shirley, Zoey, Don, Sandy, John, Geno & family, Irene, Jean, Tom, Carol, Norma, Kevin, Jan, Will, Carla & family, Avery, Austin, Bruce, Debra, Easton, Jack, Mike, Marie, Vicki, 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.

The Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Paul Ahrens, Joel Armitage, Lorraine Coufal, Asher Ryan-Simkins, Scott Sladek, Danica Suhr, Steve Swanson

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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

ANTHEM

He Never Said A Mumblin Word

Hal H Hopson

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 Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy (Proulx)

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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.

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;

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 St Augustine and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all of your children; 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 and Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.*]

COMM. HYMN *Table of Plenty*

Picardy

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
 2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; 3. My bread will ev - er sus - tain you through days of
 4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
 2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
 3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
 4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
 2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
 3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
 4. har - vest, will send my rain on the soil.

to Refrain

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you, this day and always. *Amen.*

POST-COMM. HYMN *I Heard the Voice Of Jesus Say (vv 1-3)* H 692

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 *5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Outreach

In February, our special collection (collected in the wicker baskets on Sunday mornings) will go to the parish Youth program! A special event that particularly supports this will be the Shrove Tuesday pancake feast (see separate announcement) on Tuesday, Feb 17th. Our youth program is a hugely important part of the ministry of our church, providing faith formation and fellowship for children and youth from 0 to 18 as we help them grow into a firm foundation.

Outreach Committee Notes from February

Our Outreach Committee works with ministries of mercy (direct relief) and justice (awareness of how needs accumulate), and meets monthly. Our February meeting was held on Sunday, February 1st, and reviewed upcoming Blood Drive details, plans to host more cookouts with COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn), and some early dates for Pride in July. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 11:45 am, and all are welcome to join the group or attend and participate!

Vestry Notes for January

The Vestry (the parish board) met on January 18th to review our regular reports and conduct some annual business. The January meeting traditionally involves a review of the full prior-year financials and current year budget (which often has some slight adjustments as we work from a fully concluded previous year) and this year we also reviewed the status of our door project; the Finance Committee joined for these components. The Vestry prepared for Annual Meeting and thanked and heard comments from our members completing terms. The next meeting will be held Feb 15th from noon to 1:30; meetings are open to the whole parish; questions can go to Fr Ben or any Vestry member.

Mailbox Vandalism Update

We have a bit more information about the vandalism of our mailbox last week. We believe that the break-in attempt took place overnight Wednesday 2/18 into Thursday 2/19, both at our location and Lord of Life Lutheran church (down the hill from us). The locking mailbox we purchased several years ago largely held, and some mail was secure inside it; unfortunately, it isn't clear whether the vandals were able to remove any mail beyond what remained there. We have now received a police report acknowledgment from details filed online: that case number is AA20802, if people need it to discuss any check stoppage with banks. Fr Ben will be picking up mail from the post office twice a week as we replace the damaged mailbox, and the Vestry will be reviewing best options and practices for mail safety in the future. Our police report filing also requested additional overnight presence, and invited officers to stage in our parking lot during patrols, so if you see cruisers parked here at St A's, please know that they are responding to that invitation and helping us project our security.

Up For Some Trivial Fundraising?

Want to help support our youth? We're planning a Trivia Night fundraiser! Jimmy Ellsworth will be leading a small team to plan for an event after Easter this coming Spring, here in our parish hall. We'll need volunteers to help hire a host, coordinate some hospitality and prize support, publicize for community friends and family groups, and host on the day! If you'd like to help with the planning committee, please contact the parish office or staff, and we'll put you in touch with Jimmy! First meetings will be on **March 1st at 11:45am**. Jimmy can be contacted at jellsworth@bottlesandbarrels.com

Camp Canterbury – Calling Counselors and Campers! July 13-17

Mark your calendars for July 13th-17th for Camp Canterbury in Fremont, NE! Do you feel called to invest in the youth of our diocese in a meaningful and lasting way? Consider joining us as a volunteer this summer. All youth who are entering 4th through 12th grades are invited to save the date and be prepared for

another faith and fun-filled week. Our theme this year is **Feast with God**, as we look at ways that we encounter God through the metaphor of food. Please contact Mother Lisa (lisa@sainta.net) for more information.

Lent Madness

Since 2010, Lent Madness has offered a fun way to pray and learn through Lent. Each day, two saints or holy people are paired against one another, with "celebrity bloggers" from throughout The Episcopal Church writing reflections about their life and example. People from throughout the church can vote (you included!) on the website, with the popular winner of each day advancing towards the "Golden Halo" award ... don't think too hard about potential idolatry; this is for fun! We'll have a bracket up at church to track things week by week as we learn more about the saints of God! Please see the newsletter for a link with more information

Walking the Mourner's Path – April 12-June 7, 1-2:30 PM

We will be offering the small group called Walking the Mourner's Path on Sunday afternoons during Easter season (April 12th to June 7th, skipping Memorial Day Weekend). This workshop is for those who have lost a loved one and would like to honor and remember them in a faith setting. This small group will create norms together and use a workbook to guide conversations to help provide a safe setting with the same group. This is a good place for processing grief and remembering a loved one with trusted others. Deacon Rebecca Smith, Mother Lisa Aguilar and Barb Hall will be our facilitators for this session. The group is open to friends of the parish, as well, if you know someone who would benefit. For more information, please contact Mother Lisa (lisa@sainta.net) or one of the other facilitators.

Wednesday Evening/Thursday Noon Program: Lent in Jerusalem

March 4th: Teachings on Palm Sunday. What did it mean for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem? How did he and the disciples prepare beforehand? What was happening in Jerusalem that week? What did the disciples fear, understand, or hope for?

March 11th: Teachings in Jerusalem. Between his entrance on Palm Sunday and the Last Supper, Jesus spent days in Jerusalem, visiting the Temple and teaching the disciples. What were these lessons, and how did they fit into all that happened that week?

March 18th: Teachings on Maundy Thursday. "On the night before he died," as our Eucharistic prayers say, Jesus did quite a bit. He offered the "farewell discourses" to his friends. He instituted the Eucharist. He gave a New Commandment. He identified Judas as his betrayer. He withdrew with the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane, and prayed his most human prayer to God. Come, take some time with all of this, and learn about this night both fraught and hopeful.

March 25th: Teachings on Good Friday and the Tomb. As Pilate and Herod put Jesus on trial, his Passion puts everyone around him on trial in turn. What is at stake for the disciples, for Peter, for Nicodemus, for the crowds, for Mary, for Herod, and for Christ himself, as the world offers God a cross in response to an Incarnate Son? We will look ahead to the traditions of the tomb as our Lent nears the coming of Holy Week and Easter.

Worship During Lent

2/17: Shrove Tuesday, 5 - 7 pm. This "Feast before the Fast" meal of pancakes and sausage is a celebration of the good things we're setting aside as we begin Lent disciplines. Our youth lead this and take up a freewill donation to help fund their ministries through the year.

2/18: Ash Wednesday, 12 Noon or 6:30 pm. We offer two opportunities to begin Lent with worship at Ash Wednesday. This service traditionally reflects on our need of God, and includes marking our foreheads with ashes.

3/29: Palm Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30 am. Our Palm Sunday worship services include gathering in the Parish Hall and processing our way towards the sanctuary, remembering Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. We hear the story of the cross at this service, and prepare for Holy Week.

4/2: Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm. From the Latin "Mandatum" for "Commandment," this Thursday evening service begins the 3-day connected worship called the "Triduum." On Thursday, we remember the new commandment Jesus gave to be known as his followers by our love, and the creation of the Eucharist through the Last Supper. The service ends quietly, marking the time Jesus departed with his friends for the garden of Gethsemane, to pray until he was arrested.

4/3: Good Friday, Noon and 6:30 pm. On Good Friday, we will walk the Stations of the Cross at Noon; this is a brief and traditional service marking the steps of the crucifixion. At 6:30, we will hold the Good Friday service, which includes a reading of the Passion of Jesus. This continues the Triduum, and again ends in silence as we move to the third service.

4/4: Holy Saturday, 6:30 pm. The Holy Saturday service and the Great Vigil of Easter moves us through scriptures that foreshadow the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We kindle a new fire for the Paschal (Easter) Candle, chant an ancient hymn called the Exsultet, and move from darkness into light. The first proclamation of the Easter comes midway through, and we celebrate the resurrection together again.

4/5: Easter Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30 am. We celebrate the Easter mass by proclaiming that Christ is Risen! We do hold an Easter Egg Hunt In Between Services.

Practicing Gratitude in Lent with UTO

The United Thank Offering is a longtime ministry of the Episcopal Church, using "little blue boxes" made of cardboard to collect coins at home. The invitation is simple: as you feel grateful for something, put a coin in the box as an act of thanks and prayer. We will have boxes available throughout Lent, and invite people to keep them near a stash of coins at home to pray.

On Sunday, April 12th, we'll have Ingathering prayers at both Sunday services, give thanks for our collected boxes, and send them on to UTO. These funds go to support ministries throughout the world — up to one per diocese — with grants small and great. Locally, Magdalene Omaha started up with support from a UTO grant of over \$30,000 several years ago ... little offerings from our thanks add up to big projects! Our diocesan coordinator is St A's member Barb Hall, so please reach out to her with more questions or to help with the coffee hour celebration on 4/12!

Save the Date

February

Sunday, February 8 th	Bishop Barker's Visit
Tuesday, February 17 th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wednesday, February 18 th	Ash Wednesday – noon and 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 26 th	No Bible Study (Clergy on Retreat)

March

Sunday, March 1 st	Newcomer's Brunch
Sunday, March 8 th	Outreach Committee Mtg – 11:45 am
Tuesday, March 24 th	Elaine Randall Book Club -11:30 am
Sunday, March 29 th	Palm Sunday

April

Thursday, April 2 nd	6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 3 rd	Noon Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 3 rd	6:30 PM Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 4 th	6:30 PM Holy Saturday Service
Sunday, April 5 th	Easter Sunday
Wednesday, April 15 th	All Parish Grillout

Ministers of the Day	This Week 3/1/26	Next Week 3/8/26
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise	Joyful Noise
Musicians 10:30	Gilbert Ward	Dirk Lindner
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Vest	Pam Wright
Acolytes 10:30am:	Luciana, Luke, Ben	Danica, Gage, Nathan
10:30 am Greeter:	Richard Krueger	Richard Krueger
8:30 am Lector:	Alan Freiberg	Judy Tomanek
10:30 am Lector	TBD	Nick Early-Gerjol
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Kathy Pospichal	Carol Ott
A/V Tech 8:30 am	Rich Hill	Dave Wright
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Rich Hill and Joe Threlkeld	Joe and Alice Threlkeld