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The Fourth Sunday In Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, March 15th, 2026
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Instrumental

ENTRANCE

How Majestic Is Your Name

Michael Smith

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh

Lord, we praise Your name; Oh Lord, we

mag-ni-fy Your name; Prince of Peace, Might-y God, oh Lord God Al-might

Oh

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 31:25–27, 43–50

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The people sit.

²⁵ Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country of Gilead when Laban overtook him, and Laban and his relatives camped there too. ²⁶ Then Laban said to Jacob, “What have you done? You’ve deceived me, and you’ve carried off my daughters like captives in war. ²⁷ Why did you run off secretly and deceive me? Why didn’t you tell me, so I could send you away with joy and singing to the music of timbrels and harps? ⁴³ Laban answered Jacob, “The women are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks. All you see is mine. Yet what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about the children they have borne? ⁴⁴ Come now, let’s make a covenant, you and I, and let it serve as a witness between us.”

⁴⁵ So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. ⁴⁶ He said to his relatives, “Gather some stones.” So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they

ate there by the heap. ⁴⁷ Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, and Jacob called it Galeed.

⁴⁸ Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” That is why it was called Galeed. ⁴⁹ It was also called Mizpah, because he said, “May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other. ⁵⁰ If you mistreat my daughters or if you take any wives besides my daughters, even though no one is with us, remember that God is a witness between you and me.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 144:3-4, 12-15

3 O God, what are we that you should care for us, *
 mere mortals that you should think of us?

4 We are like a puff of wind; *
 our days are like a passing shadow.

12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully *
 and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, *
 and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; *
 may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of
 thousands; may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, *
 no wailing in the public squares.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:13-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love ^[b] because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *The Family of God*

William J. Gaither

CHORUS

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God; I've been washed in the
 foun - tain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this
 sod, for I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 12:46-50

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.”

⁴⁸ He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

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, Jim, 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.*

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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: Carol Ott, Kellie Pickett, Cathy Saeger, Laney Pendegraft,
Josie Aguilar, Ferris Early, Teo Gallegos, Laura Poppe

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.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY

He Looked Beyond My Fault

Dottie Rambo

VERSE

F/G

C

C/E

F

A - maz - ing grace shall al - ways be my song of praise,

5

C

G

G/B

for it was grace that bought my li - ber - ty. I do not

10

C

C/E

F

F/A

Fm/A \flat

C/G

know just why He came to love me so, He looked be - yond my

CHORUS

15

G⁷

C

C

G/F

F

F/G

fault and saw my need. I shall for - ev - er lift mine eyes to

20

C

G/B

Am

Em⁷

G/F

F

C/E

G^{sus}

Cal - va - ry, to view the cross where Je - sus died for me.

25 G G/B C E⁷ F C Am

How mar - vel - ous the grace that caught my fall - ing soul.

29 C/G F/G G⁷ C

He looked be - yond my fault and saw — my — need.

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

all

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

They Will Know We Are Christians Peter Scholtes

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by
 4. All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, from ___ whom all things

4 Em Am D⁷/A Em D/E Em



Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we
 hand; We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
 side; We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
 come; And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His ___ on - ly ___ Son. And all

9 Am D⁷/A Em D/E Em



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll
 -geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each man's pride.
 praise to the Spir - it, who ___ makes _ us ___ one.

CHORUS

13 C Em Am



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Em Am D⁷/A Em



know ___ we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

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 *Bind Us Together, Lord*

Bob Gillman

CHORUS

G G+ Em⁷/G G⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/E D/F#



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be



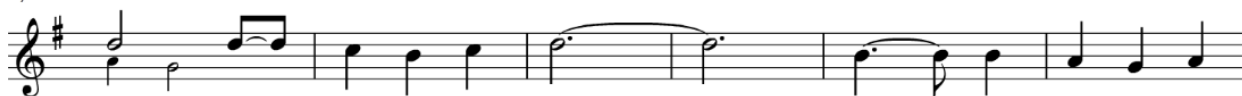
bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to -



-geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with love. _____

VERSE

17 G² G Am⁷ D⁷ G Em⁷ Am⁹ D⁷ C/E D/F#



1. There is ___ on - ly one God, _____ there ___ is on - ly one
 2. Made for the glo - ry of God, _____ pur - chased by His pre - cious
 3. You are the fam - 'ly of God, _____ you are the pro - mise di -



King. _____ There is ___ on - ly one bod - y; _____
 Son. _____ Born with the right to be clean, _____
 -vine. _____ You are God's cho - sen de - sire. _____

28 Em⁷ Am⁹ D⁷ C/E D/F# G C/D D.C. al Fine

_____ That _____ is why we can sing: _____
 _____ for Je - sus the vic - t'ry has won. _____
 _____ You are the glor - ious new wine. _____

DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Special Collection: COPE

In March, our Special Outreach Collection will go to COPE, the Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn. COPE maintains a regular pantry and steady programming for families in need in West Douglas County in particular. Members of St Augustine's help COPE with weekly bread donations from local grocers, assisting clients on Saturdays, occasional cookouts throughout the year, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the staff or our parish COPE representatives, Rhonda Vest and Hannah Early-Gerjol. To donate, you can place donations in the wicker baskets on Sundays or provide a marked donation (check or envelope) to the office.

Thank you for your support of our Youth Ministries in February. A total of \$1593.00 was collected and will be used to support our youth!

Outreach Committee Notes from March

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, March 8, and reviewed how the Blood Drive went, plans to host breakfast with COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn), Saturday, April 18, and gathering a team for events leading up to Pride in July. If you're interested in joining the planning team for the COPE breakfast by assembling burritos Friday or serving on Saturday, or join the team to plan Pride events, please contact [Kate](#). The next meeting date is up in the air, with Easter and other events happening, we may skip April to meet the second Sunday in May. We will update this post with a date when we have it. All are welcome to join the group or attend and participate any team or event!

Vestry Notes for February

The Vestry (the parish board) met on Sunday, February 15th and had a first meeting with a number of new members. Elected at the Annual Meeting, Louie Lemke, Chris Claassen, Mike Ferzely, and Paul Ahrens were all in attendance. The Vestry elected officers for the year: Maggie Wellman as our treasurer and Rhonda Vest as our clerk. In addition, we elected Hannah Early to serve as our Senior Warden this year. A majority of this meeting was spent in orientation to our usual processes and financial reports, as well as calendaring for upcoming meetings. The Vestry also outlined an interviewing and hiring process for a new parish administrator, anticipated to be hired in April.

Camp Sunday – March 22nd!

March 22nd is Camp Sunday, marking the first day of registration for **Camp Canterbury from July 13th-17th** at Calvin Crest Camp in Fremont, NE. All youth who are entering 4th through 12th grades are invited to join us for a 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. For more information and to register, go to www.campcanterbury.dioneb.org.

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.

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!

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 Easter and proclaim that Christ is Risen! We'll hold an Easter Egg Hunt between Services.

Easter Invitations - Sunday, April 5th, 2026

As we get closer to Easter, please remember that it's often a time when people particularly want a chance to go to church with friends or family. Take a minute to consider whether there's anyone in your circles who might want an invitation to Easter services? Our clergy are happy to say hello or meet with people before or after Easter and tell them more about St A's or the Episcopal Church. Also, please remember to be good hosts through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter as people visit! This is a great time to make a point of saying hello and welcoming folks, whether they simply need a place to pray this year or are looking for a church home! Keep an eye out for people you don't know yet at coffee hour and other events. ProTip: the phrase "Have I met you yet?" is great if you're not sure if someone's new or whether you've already said hello!

Easter Flowers

During Lent as we anticipate the coming of Easter, consider remembering and celebrating loved ones through a gift of flowers. Envelopes are available on the welcome table. Please include your name, the name(s) of the person(s) in whose honor the flowers are being given and whether they are given in celebration, memory, or thanksgiving. Please return envelopes no later than Palm Sunday, March 29, so that names can be included in our Easter bulletins.

April Grill-out!

Wednesday, April 15th, 6:00 pm

Keep an eye on your calendar after Easter — we will be firing up the grill for burgers and hot dogs with picnic sides. We won't have steady Wednesday evening events through April, but we're hoping this evening is a chance for some fun and games for families and folks of all ages in the middle of the month. We'll be encouraging people who might visit at Easter services to come for some friendly fellowship and a chance to meet people at church, so this is a great chance to bring a friend to meet your church, or simply show up for a relaxed evening together — be prepared to welcome new folks!

(First Annual?) Parish Potluck and Talent Show! – Wednesday, May 6th

On **Wednesday, May 6th**, we're launching a parish talent show! Can you sing, dance, juggle, or cast out spirits? We want to see (most of those)! We'll have a microphone and set up a "stage" to the east of our parish hall. Is your talent cooking instead? Good news! It's a potluck dinner, so you can show off your gift as well! Save the date and start rehearsing!

COPE Annual Golf Tourney – Thursday, May 7th

The COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn) annual golf tourney will take place on May 7th at Tiburon Golf Course. We are looking for donations for door prizes/raffle items. If you have something that would work as a door prize, such as golf items, bottles of spirits, gift cards, etc., contact Rhonda Vest or Hannah Early Gerjol and we will make sure they are delivered to the tourney. This year we are adding spots for additional foursomes and will be using all three courses. More information coming soon so get your teams ready! There will be early bird discounted registration and sponsorships available for golf holes.

Save the Date

March

Tuesday, March 24th

Sunday, March 29th

Elaine Randall Book Club -11:30 am

Palm Sunday

April

Thursday, April 2nd

Friday, April 3rd

Friday, April 3rd

Saturday, April 4th

Sunday, April 5th

Sunday, April 12th

Wednesday, April 15th

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Noon Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Good Friday Service

6:30 PM Holy Saturday Service

Easter Sunday

United Thank Offering Ingathering

All Parish Grillout

May

Wednesday, May 6th

Thursday, May 7th

6:00 PM Potluck and Talent Show!

COPE Annual Golf Tourney

Ministers of the Day	This Week 3/15/26	Next Week 3/22/26
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise	Joyful Noise
Musicians 10:30	Mary Norton	
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Erin Vest
Acolytes 10:30am:	Josie, Ben, Warren	Truman, Cash(JLS), Ferris
10:30 am Greeter:	Richard Krueger	Richard Krueger
8:30 am Lector:	Mary Jane Smith	Bill Smith
10:30 am Lector	Jean Lahti	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Judy Tomanek	Charlene Freiberg
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	Barb DiGiovanni
A/V Tech 8:30 am	Rich	Dave
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Erin and Alice	Joe and Dave