

St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

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Jesus heard that they had cast [the healed man] out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

John 9:35-38 (RSV)

Welcome to St. Augustine's

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ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

(The voices of small children are always welcome!)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO, WITH THE PENITENTIAL ORDER, AND LENTEN SOLEMN PRAYER

PRELUDE

Behold The Lamb

Sharon Lewis, Church Accompanist

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OPENING SONG

How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee. How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee. How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur, and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,
- 3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Priest ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. BCP p.351

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Priest Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

TRISAGION

HYMN NO. S-100

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Music: From New Plainsong: David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves

and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

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Reader Please read today’s Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul.
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Eternal light, shine in my heart

HYMN NO. 466

- 1 Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope lift up my eyes; eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.
- 2 Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me:

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Priest ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

3 until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

Words: Christopher Idle (b. 1938); from a prayer by Alcuin (735?-804) Music: *Jacob*, Jane Manton Marshall b. 1924)

THE HOMILY

Fr. Dan Wagner

THE NICENE CREED

Priest Let us stand and affirm our faith saying together the Nicene Creed:

People **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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV

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The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor 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: We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Dan our Priest, and Chris our Deacon.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 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. We pray especially for Joseph our President, Henry our Governor, and Rick our Mayor.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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. Today, we pray especially for *N.N.*

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest 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.**

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Minister and People greet others in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the peace, the Minister may offer this or some other suitable offertory sentence.

Priest May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 23

St. Augustine's Music Team

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

HYMN NO. S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of you glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
As we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion ✠ make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

People **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

A short silence is kept and then the Fraction Hymn is sung by all.

THE FRACTION

HYMN NO. S-161

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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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

The clergy receive communion. Then, at the direction of the ushers, the people will come forward to receive communion or a blessing. We will use the full altar platform, please allow some distance between groups. The clergy will place the host in your hands. You may consume the host and then drink from the Chalice. Or, receive the host and when the Chalice is brought to you, please dip your host into the wine and consume your host. Please do not touch the chalice. Gluten-free hosts are available.

COMMUNION SONG

I Want To Walk

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

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COMMUNION SONG

Open Our Eyes, Lord

- 1 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen; open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
- 2 Soften our heart, Lord, melt me and mold me; make me a vessel to pour out your Spirit. To bring joy and gladness to those who have sorrow; open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus.

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Priest Let us pray.

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

THE LENTEN SOLEMN PRAYER

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Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

How Great Is Our God

1 The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus How great is our God, sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great how great is our God!

2 And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus How great is our God, sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing, how great is our God!

How great is our God, sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluias and bells are omitted during Lent.

Please be seated for the announcements.

POSTLUDE

DID YOU KNOW? TODAY IS LAETARE SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is *Laetare* Sunday, so called because the Introit of the Latin Mass starts with *Laetare Jerusalem!* (O be joyful, Jerusalem). This is the Sunday past the midway point in the Lenten Season. Today is also called Refreshment Sunday because a relaxation from normal Lenten rigors is sometimes observed; this is a day of hope with Easter at last being in sight.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTERLY OUTREACH

Our first quarter outreach partner, Helping Hands is dedicated to the safety, health, and well being of abused, abandoned, and/or neglected children. They provide 24 hour care and community education for children to reduce risk-taking behaviors in youth and adolescents. Helping Hands facilitates family reunification or transition in foster home placement. They have volunteer opportunities as mentor, tutor, help to celebrate birthdays or holidays, become a foster parent. **Next Sunday, we will have a representative from Helping Hands here to learn more about this organization.**

Their needs include the following: air fresheners, anti-bacterial soap, bath soap, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, lotion, pajamas, reusable paper cups and plastic plates, socks, toilet paper, and wash cloths.

Fr. Dan will bless our donations next Sunday.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

There will be a Lenten Study Group led by Fr. Dan and Donna Knowles on the book Seven Last Words by Susan Robb. The book and accompanying DVD look at the last seven words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. Classes will be held the each in March at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

The class will include a short video by the author from the DVD followed by lessons and discussion items from the book. Books are available on Amazon if you would like to purchase one, but it is not necessary.

The six sessions and dates are:

- March 1 – “Father, Forgive Them”
- March 8 – “Today You will Be with Me in Paradise”
- March 15 – “My God, My God” and “Woman, Here is Your Son”
- March 22 – “I Am Thirsty”
- March 29 – “Into Your Hands”

Throughout March, we will have our Wednesday 5:30 PM Service in the Mary Chapel.

FROM THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Prayer Support. Have you or a loved one been ill? Concerned about employment? Traveling? Unable to get out? Please be sure to contact the church office so that the Daughters of the King can pray daily for the needs of our congregation. When you call the church office, tell us the name, where they are (home, rehab, hospital, etc.), specific needs (visit, phone call), and we will take it from there.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Instead of giving up something for Lent, why not take on a spiritual discipline? During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be offered at 5 PM each Friday. Come and spend some quiet time as we journey with Christ.

SPRING YARD CLEANUP DAY IS MARCH 25

Spring is upon us and we need to beautify our campus! We will have a clean up day on Saturday, March 25 at 9 AM . The rain make up date is April 1. Please join us! For questions, please contact Anne Kelty, our Junior Warden.

DISCERNING CHILDREN'S CHAPEL TEACHERS

As we have restarted Children's Chapel, our congregation is discerning teachers. Teachers are needed especially for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. In the past, we have had committed teachers who have labored greatly for this ministry. We thank them for their ministry! Please pray and discerned to see if you are called to this ministry. For questions, please contact Donna Knowles or Fr. Dan

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER SIGN UP

The tradition of this church congregation is to have a service every day during Holy Week. This includes the beautiful and joyful Great Vigil of Easter. This service happens at 8 PM on Holy Saturday and it announces the Easter Joy. While it is beautiful and moving, it has many moving parts and a significant use of people. In the previous years, our attendance has been 21 and 25 people. **We will have a sign up list for those who want to attend. The deadline to sign up is March 27. If we do not have 40 people signed up (or if there is no baptism), we will not hold the service. The sign up is in the fellowship hall.**

CLAUSURA SERVICE

A Service of Clausura will take place today at 3 PM at the Chapel of the Transfiguration at Camp Gravatt.

EASTER LILIES

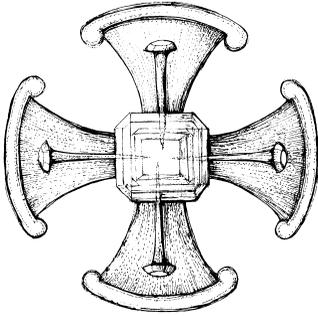
If you wish to contribute toward flowers for the Easter altar, please complete the contribution form which can be found at the entrance of the church and return it to the church office with your check by **April 2**. The cost is \$30.

FELLOWSHIP

<i>Today</i>	<i>Peggy Denny</i>
March 26	Norma Toner
April 2	Doris Briggs
April 9	Easter Lunch (covered dish)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22	Lenten Study, 6 PM
March 23	Grief Share, 5:30 PM
March 24	Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent, 5 PM
March 17	Ladies Luncheon at Neon Fig, 12:30 PM
March 25	Church Campus Clean up (9-11:30) (Rain date—April 1)
March 31	Food truck Friday, noon - 4:00 PM



PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY MARCH 19, 2023

We remember these people in prayer:

Residents & Staff of Silver Bluff Grove
Residents & Staff of Benton House
Bob Bradford
Benjamin Williams Jim Keenan
Gavin Joan Benedict
Danny Walker Craig Smith
Elder Family Carol Aquino
Sue Thielemann-Freschi Deacon Chris
Julia John Garland
Eddie George Jennifer Watts Mullen
Donavan Marc Flowers
Maddie Johnetta George
Cheryl Kenneth Beasley
Elizabeth Fred Martins
Joshua Lucas DiSano
Cheryl Mehta
Danny
Ellen Albright
Berardina Centofanti
Mark Thrapp
Dawna Marinosci
Anthony DeStefano
Joan Insana
Victims of Domestic
 Abuse
Diane Padgett
James Coleman
Anna Winch
Dot Brown
Nancy Perrino
Al Snell
Jim Carloni
Isabel Jackson
Jamie Knudsen
Kaila
William “Woody”
 Miskelly
John Donnelly
Bryan
Baby Jack
Chris Beechler
David Turno
Bill Marburg

Please contact the Church

- To add a name to the perpetual prayer list
- To remove a name when prayers have been answered
- To add names to other lists on this page or to make corrections

We pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

3 Valnue Horstman
4 John Graves
5 Charles R. Weiss, Sr.
6 Merritt Bruker
7 James Barton
10 Marie Davis
10 Sandra Ruth Thomas
10 Kimberly Woeber
12 Ida Difonza
13 Charles Edward Delionbach
14 Elaine Bragg
17 Carolyn Winegardner
19 James B. Robinson
21 John T. Sadler, Jr.
22 David Beadles
23 Steve E. Talbert
28 Mary M. Allen
29 Jane Parnell
30 Alice Gardner
31 Irene Masek

We pray for those celebrating birthdays:

3 Cassie Weiss
7 Amy Weiss
9 Bob Rothe
12 Tom Foundas
17 Karen Scharf
28 Aaron Crossman
28 Susan Thielemann-Freschi
29 Zachary Perez

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:

18 Bill & Lorraine Morgan
19 Michael & Ginny Hess

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Weekly Worship and Study Schedule

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (without music)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Study
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

Spiritual Direction and Confession available by appointment.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

We welcome all newcomers to St. Augustine of Canterbury! We greet our visitors when on campus. You will find warm and friendly faces are present to answer your questions and help you to feel welcome. They can respond to any questions you many have about our church. We can also assist you in getting further involved in the church by connecting you with the right people in the area in which you are interested, such as Outreach, Music, Fellowship, Christian Education, and other ministries.