Last Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 a.m. March 2, 2025



St. Augustine by-the-Sea with
The Parish of St. Matthew

Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.

Holy Eucharist March 2 2025 10:30AM

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Rite Two

Prelude: Be Still by Ashley Groth

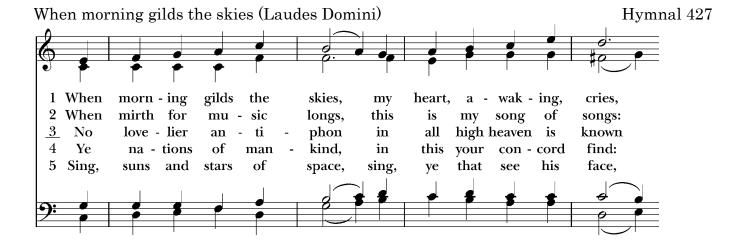
Haesung Park, Organ

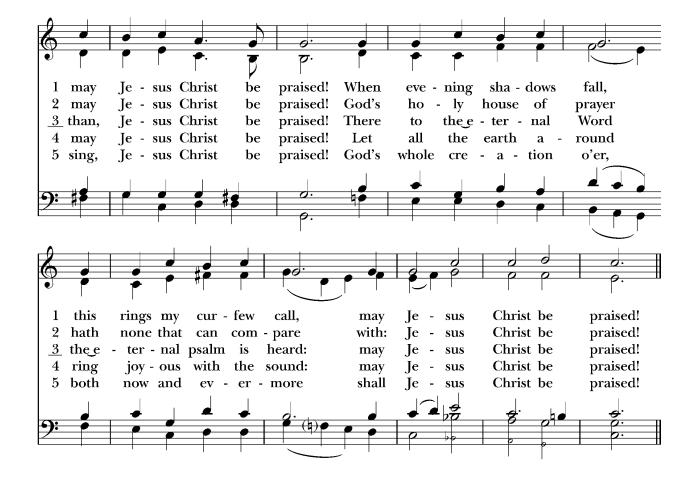
Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bells, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

(the Celebrant says)

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





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING Exodus 34:29-35

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 99 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

Tone VII.1



- 1 Thë LÖRD is King; let the péople trémble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; lét the éarth shäke.
- 2 The LORD is gréat in Zion; *
 he is high above all péoplës.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is gréat and awesome; *
 —hé is the Hóly Öne.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *

 —hé is the Hóly Öne.

- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 "O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy Öne. [Ant.]

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung three times before and after the Gospel)



GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people 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

My siblings in Christ, since our hope is grounded in God's love and salvation, we are called to act in great boldness. And so let us bring the needs of the world and offer our prayers, saving, Lord, have mercy.

For the Body of Christ, its many members and ministries; for our two parishes and this diocese; for the Episcopal Church and our Presiding Bishop; for the worldwide Anglican Communion; for all believers wherever they may be. We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation and for all nations; for nations and regions in war, conflict, or facing catastrophe, We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

For the President; our governor; our mayor and city council; for those serving in harm's way, including those in the armed services; and for all who make the world more just and peaceful. We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who suffer from illnesses of body or mind and for those who care for them; for those who are excluded or marginalized by privilege made toxic, victims of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia; for those who are infirm, lonely, destitute or homeless; for those who are hungry and needy; and for those whose needs we do not know. We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have died, and for those who mourn the loss of those they love. We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

For the many blessings of this life and for those for whom we give thanks. We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered), We pray to you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

Lord Jesus Christ, you set your face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem: Deliver us from the temptation to shrink from the hard paths of a dutiful life. Make us ready to meet all the counsels of your will, and to be obedient even to death; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

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.

(the Priest stands and says)

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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



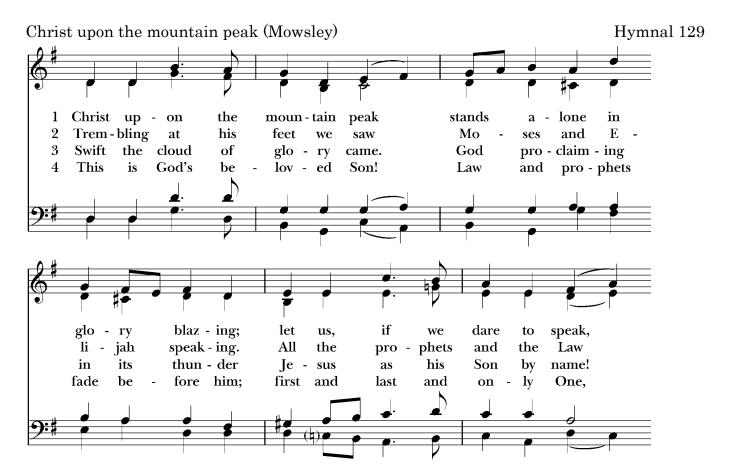
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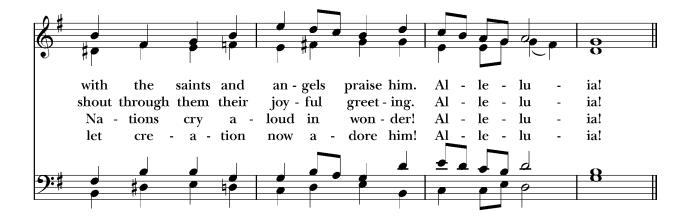
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies, T.F.H. Candlyn (1892-1964) sung by the combined choirs of St. A's and St. Matthews

(the people stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN





The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

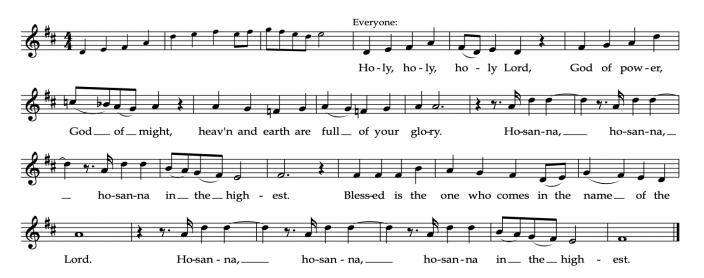
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



(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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

(the Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting

heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

EAT THIS BREAD (Repeat)



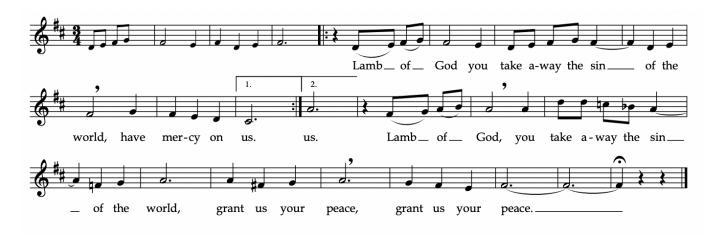
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and 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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread



Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrant)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

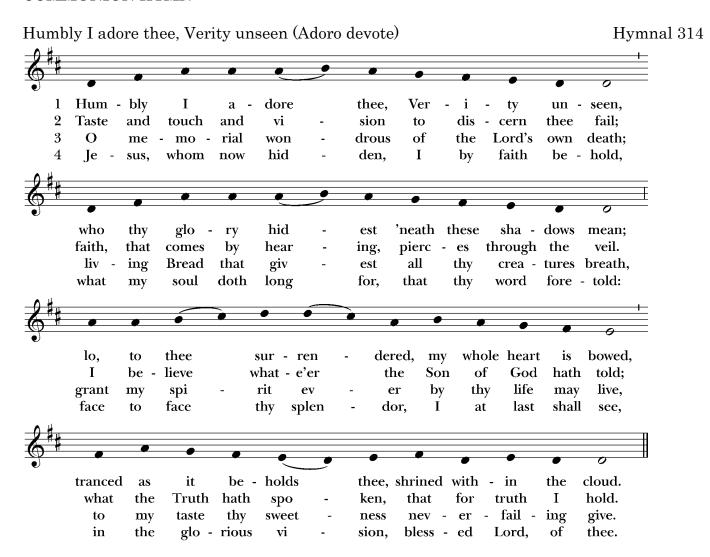
COMMUNION ANTHEM – O Nata Lux, Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

sung by the section leaders of St. Matthew's and St. A's

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis. O Light from Light, resplendent birth, Jesus redeemer of the earth, in mercy grant us this reprieve: our prayers and praises to receive. Thou who in flesh didst once appear to set souls free from sin and fear: gather us all, O Lord we plea, in thy blest Body, one with thee.

(the people stand)

COMMUNION HYMN



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

BLESSING

(the Priest blesses the people, saying)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN





DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Toccata by Gordon Young

Greg Schreiner, Organ

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Forum: *The Gospel of Luke* Through Lent: 9:20am – 10:10am

Join clergy in reading Luke, chapter by chapter, exploring the stories and theological themes which include social justice, prayer, and salvation for all. Fine to attend if you haven't come to any previous gatherings. Today: *Chapters 16-17* Next Sunday: *Chapters 18-19*. Meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building.

Fire Recovery Support Group Continues Weds. Mar 12 7:30 – 9pm

The Fire Recovery Support Group is a space for folk who have been affected by the fires to come together as we process all that we have been through. Each session has a self-contained agenda, not necessarily building upon the preceding one - so attend all the sessions, one, or a few. Whatever is best for you. The meetings are in-person in St. A's parish hall (underneath the church) and continue on *March 12, March 26, and April 9.* The sign-up link is in the St. Matthew's weekly email, The Carillon. Or email The Rev. Stephen Smith - ssmith@stmatthews.com.

Stern Lecture: The Rev. Scott Gunn Sat March 15 9am – 1pm

Registration is now open for the 2025 Stern Lecture with The Rev. Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement. Topics: How are we doing at the work Jesus gave us? What will it look like if we trust Jesus to save his church? These talks, to be held beginning at 9am on March 15, will include a light lunch for all participants. The Stern Lecture is free of charge thanks to an endowment created by Dr. Eugene Stern in memory of his wife, Libby, to encourage conversation on theological and spiritual topics, but advance registration is required: www.stmatthews.com

Faith Alive! – Lenten Film Series Starts Tuesday evening, Mar 18

6pm – Evening Prayer in the Chapel 6:30pm – Light supper on the patio Promptly at 7pm – Screening in the Sanctuary

Our faith calls us to bear witness to God's love for all by working for radical dignity of every human being. This Lent we're screening films on ways people live into Christ's call to love one another as he loves us. The screenings will be preceded by Evening Prayer and a complimentary light supper.

Film on March 18 - Here Am I, Send Me: Story of Jonathan Myrick Daniels

Lent Devotionals Love Bears All Things



Each year, The Parish of St. Matthew creates a collection of Lent Devotionals for meditation on each day of the season. This year's collection, including devotionals written by and for members of St. Matthew's and St. A's, is themed *Love Bears All Things* and will be available as daily emails. To receive a devotional in your inbox through Lent, use this QR code.

Lent Madness! Vote Daily Online for your Favorite Saints

www.lentmadness.org Questions? Email Jason LaPadura - jasonlapadura@gmail.com

"Know Your Rights" Cards Available in Church Lobby

All people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. The Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) has created "Know Your Rights" cards to help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home. Pick up bilingual cards – Spanish/English - in the entry to the church.

Ash Wednesday Services - March 5

with imposition of ashes

8am & Noon

7:00pm with choral anthems And live-streamed

Sunday Services

8:00am – 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15am – 10:00am Church in the Courtyard

9:20am – 10:10am Adult Forum

10:30am - noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Sunday School

Nursery open 8:00am to end of 10:30am service

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