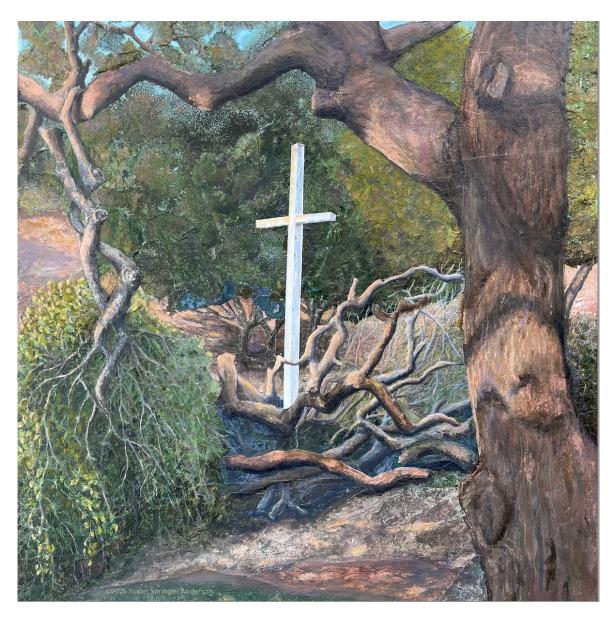
The First Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. March 9, 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 9, 2025 10:30AM

The First Sunday in Lent, Rite Two

Prelude: "Aus Der Tiefe" by Malcolm Archer

Greg Schreiner, Organ

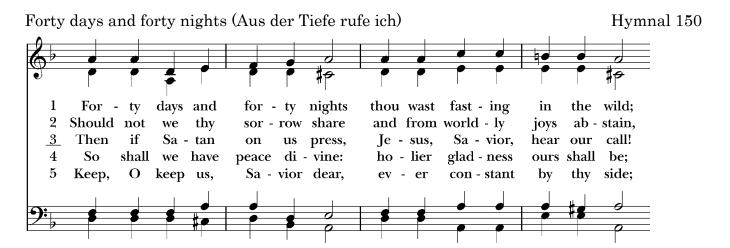
The Word of God

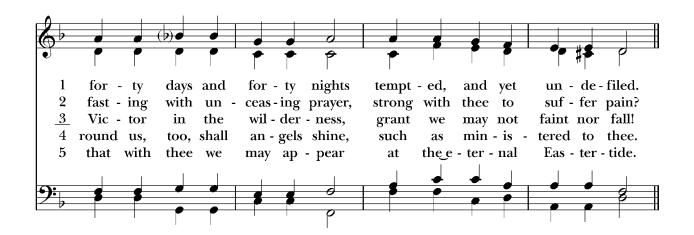
Penitential Order

Entrance Rite

(as the hymn begins, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

DECALOGUE

(the Decalogue is said, the People kneeling)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant and People

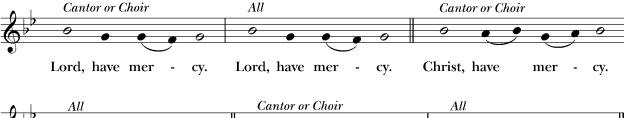
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.

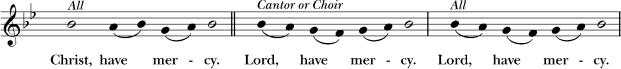
(the Priest stands and says)

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM

(the following is sung, all standing)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and

you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

Tone IV.4



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter / of the Most High, * abides under the shadow / of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge / and my stronghold, * my God / in whom I put my trust."

- 9 Because you have made the / LORD your refuge, * and the Most High / your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil hap/pen to you, *
 neither shall any plague / come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his an/gels charge over you, * to / keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall / bear you in their hands, *
 lest you dash / your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the li/on and adder; *
 you shall trample the young lion and the ser/pent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will / I deliver him; * I will protect him, / because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and / I will answer him; *
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and / bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I sat/isfy him, * and show / him my salvation. [Ant.]

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13

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

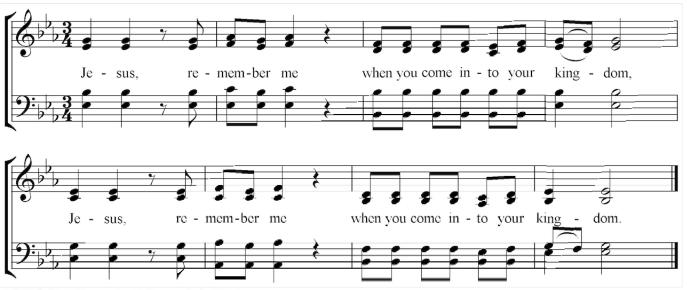
"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



VORDS: Taizé Community, 1981; para. Luke 23:42

(USIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Bruce Freeman

(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 Almightv. 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

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Our generous God hears us when we pray; therefore, let us pray, "Hear us, O God; save us, O God."

You know your Church, O God. You know that because of fear and greed, we are slow to offer the first fruits of our hearts. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know the hearts of mortals, O God. You know that we are prone to hatred and division. Yet, you make no distinctions, but only love. Help us to be more like you. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know we are quick to exploit your creation, O God. You know we take the blessings of this life for granted. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know our temptations, O God. You know we are not as strong as we think we are. Give us your strength. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know our weaknesses, O God. You know we struggle in our pain; we suffer and experience trouble. Come quickly to help us. Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

In you, O God, do we put our trust. We entrust to you our dead because you alone are our refuge and salvation. You alone are mighty to save. Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered). Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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



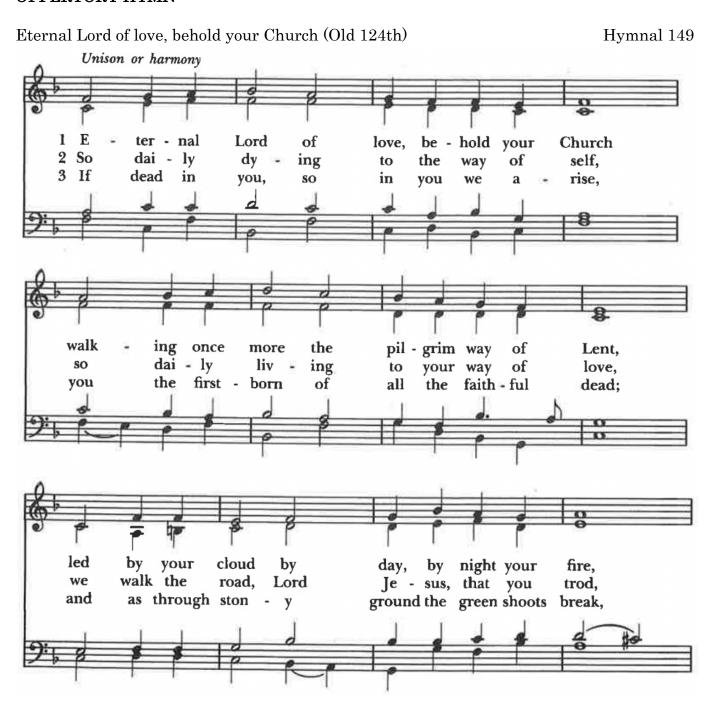
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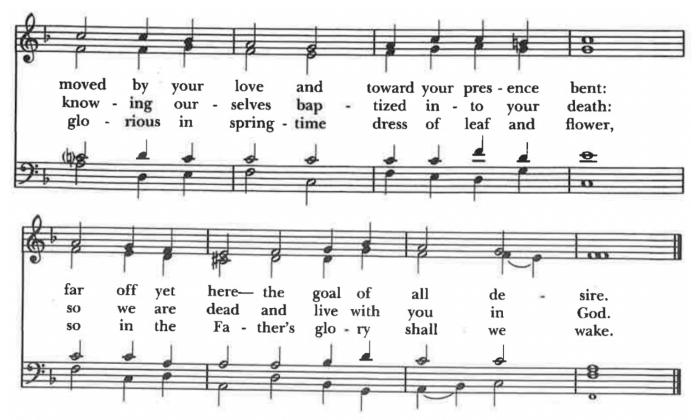
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Lord, let me know mine end, Maurice Greene (1696-1755) sung by the combined choirs of St. Matthew's and St. A's (MR)

Music Note: As we enter Lent, this offertory anthem allows us to recognize that we do not worry alone. Lord, Let Me Know Mine End by Maurice Green is a "verse anthem" written during the baroque period. A verse anthem has music for large choir and small choir of soloists; in this case, two sopranos sing an interweaving duet. The text begins with a plea to God: "Let me know mine end." In other words: God, tell me when I'm going to die so that I know what I should be doing with my life. After uttering this plea, the author reflects on the vanity of this request: our lives are so short when compared to the eternity of creation.

OFFERTORY HYMN





Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: Old 124th, melody Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551;

harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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The Great Thanksgiving

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.

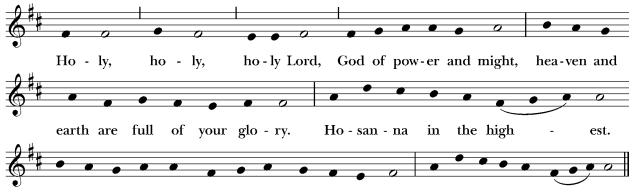
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(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.

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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(the Celebrant continues)

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(the Celebrant continues)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

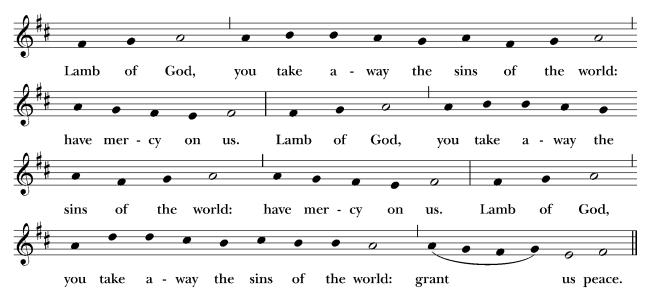
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

(a moment of silence is kept – the following anthem is sung)



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 - Ave Verum Corpus, William Byrd (1540-1623)

sung by the combined choirs of St. Matthew's and St. A's (MR)

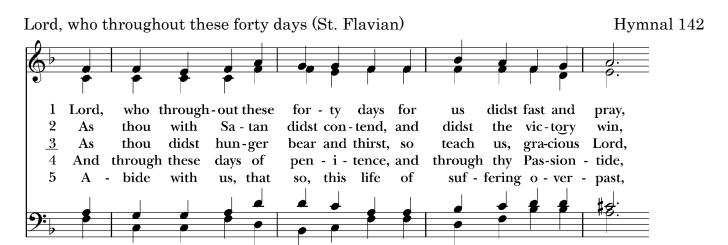
Ave vernum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cuius latus perforatum, Unda fluxit sanguine Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine: O Dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

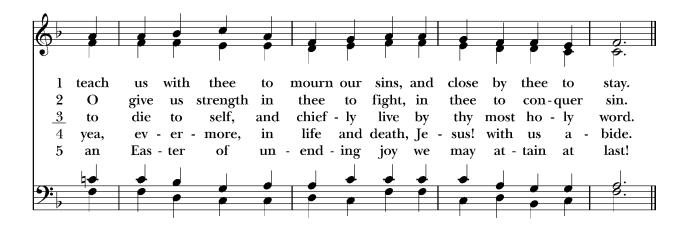
Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary.
Truly suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
From whose pierced side flowed blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the final judgment.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Music Note: William Byrd's *Ave Verum Corpus*, composed in 1605, predates the more famous Classicalera Mozart version by 186 years. My favorite part of this motet is its ending. Byrd separates the sopranos from the rest of the choir as they sing, "O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary, Have mercy on me." By highlighting the soprano voice, he gives voice to our individual pleas while the rest of the choir join as "backup singers." These backup singers reassure us that we are not alone, that even though we are all singing our own parts, we are singing together. Byrd is a transitional composer, beginning firmly in the Renaissance and dying at the birth of the Baroque period. This work belongs to the genre of "motet," which is notoriously difficult to define—but a working definition might be "a piece of vocal music sung a cappella and in Latin, intended for church."

(the people stand)

COMMUNION HYMN





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

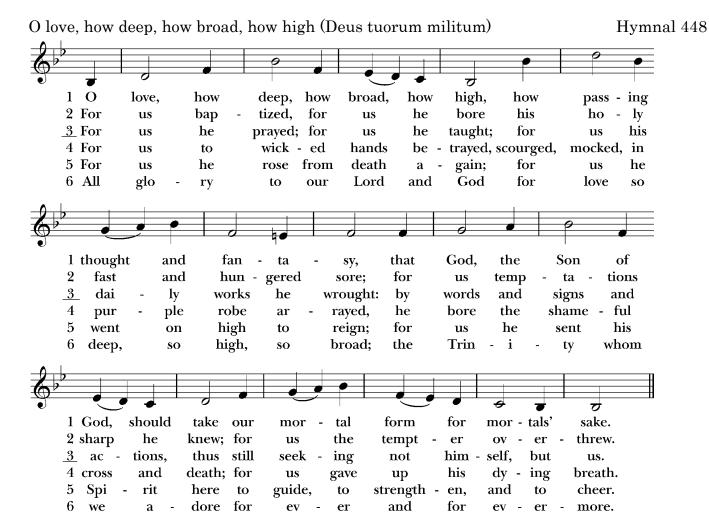
Celebrant and People

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN



DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

(the postlude is suppressed during Lent)

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. Next Sunday: *Chapters 20-21*. Meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building.

Fire Recovery Support Group Continues Wednesdays Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9 7:30 – 9pm

The Fire Recovery Support Group is a space for folk who have been affected by the fires. 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 inperson in St. A's parish hall (underneath the church). The sign-up link is in The Carillon. Or email The Rev. Stephen Smith - ssmith@stmatthews.com.

St. Matthew's Music Guild Concert Fri March 14 8pm

St. Matthew's Music Guild continues its 40th anniversary season with LA Philharmonic's Principal Flute Denis Bouriakov playing Mozart and Saint-Saëns, and a world premiere by Los Angeles composer/performer Dr. Dawn Norfleet, with a focus on African American Music. The concert will be in the St. A's sanctuary. Tickets are \$45 or Music Guild Season Pass. For more info or to purchase tickets, visit MusicGuildOnline.org.

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

Come hear the Rev. Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement speak on how we and the church are doing at the work Jesus gave us? What will it look like if we trust Jesus to save his church? The morning talks will be followed by a light lunch. The lecture and lunch are free, but advance registration is required. Sign up at www.stmatthews.com

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

See St. A's Facebook and Instagram feeds for St. A's votes, then follow the saintly "winners" each week on the Lent Madness board in the church lobby. Any questions email Jason LaPadura - jasonlapadura@gmail.com

Faith Alive – Lenten Film Series Tues eves, starting Mar 18

6pm – Evening Prayer, 6:30pm – Light supper 7pm – Screening in the Sanctuary

Our faith calls us to bear witness to God's love for all. Come watch films people who have lived into that call – be it activism, changes of heart, spiritual practices or other. The screenings will be preceded by Evening Prayer and a complimentary light supper. **March 18** – *Here Am I, Send Me: Story of Jonathan Myrick Daniels*

"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. Take as many bilingual "Know Your Rights" cards created by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) as you might need. The cards educate people on asserting their rights in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home, church, or business.

Sunday Services

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

with harp and meditation

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

With band and Holy Communion

9:20am – 10:10am Adult Forum

10:30am - noon Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with organ and choir and Sunday School

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

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