

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

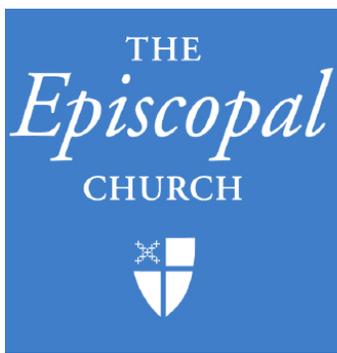
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Good morning! We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today. Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you are here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and

Our services follow The Book of Common Prayer, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue Hymnal 1982. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before hymn I.

To learn more about Resurrection, check out www.episcopalloudon.com,
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find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Fill out a visitor card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to subscribe to our weekly church email, the Parish Tidings, for all the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook:
facebook.com/episcopalloudon.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus*

arr. by Mark Jones

Entrance Hymn

Please stand as able.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

All **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 Kyrie (Each line spoken once at 8:00. Each line sung three times at 10:30.) **Hymnal S-91**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

BCP 784

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

Congregation reads the bold lines.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O LORD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Lector and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Romans 8: 6-11

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death (verses 1-3)

Hymnal 547

The Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and

Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out,

his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death (verses 4 & 5)

Hymnal 547

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Common Worship, Intercessions for Lent

Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.

Intercessor We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent. Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for the leaders of our nation and our world, especially for the President of the United States and cabinet officials, members of Congress, and Supreme Court justices, as well as the Tennessee governor and state legislators, that they may lead with mercy, wisdom, integrity, and compassion. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. We pray especially for our neighbors here in Loudon County and our state of Tennessee. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for

People **Jeanette, Walter, Jim N., Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Lee R., the McAfee family, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C., David H., and all who are in pain or distress; and all who are suffering due to oppression, war, gun violence, or natural disasters.**

Intercessor May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. Especially we hold Tammy in our minds. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.
Lord, meet us in the silence,
People **give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.**

Hold a moment of silence.

Celebrant God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

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

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.**

Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin 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

Please stand as able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

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

Offertory Music

Beneath the cross of Jesus

arr. by Janet Linker

Doxology (sung together)

Hymnal 380, verse 3 only

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;

People **and of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

Celebrant You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-124

**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 people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN. (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-146

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

All **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Hymn (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal 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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music *Passacaglia* Dietrich Buxtehude

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward to the altar rail along with those receiving communion.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you prefer a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Blessing

Celebrant The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

Hymnal 347

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

I heard the voice of Jesus say

arr. by Robert J. Powell

Art & Scripture Lenten Reflection

Following is the scripture (John 19.25-27, 33-37) that goes along with the cover painting this week.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

But when the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, so that you also may continue to believe.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Green Up Your Thumbs and Clean Up The Crumbs!

That's right, folks, it's nearly time
for our annual Spring Cleanup!

This two day event (March 27 & 28)
is our chance to clean up, spruce up, shine up,
mop up, weed out, throw out, dust off, wipe off,
rinse off, blow, grow, rake and stake.

Sign up sheets are now available in the Parish Hall.

There are a variety of small and big jobs,
so there will be something for all skill levels
and capabilities.

Please consider signing up for jobs on both Friday
the 27th and Saturday the 28th.

Questions? Contact Mark Hennes,
juniorwarden@episcopalloudon.com

Holy Saturday Holy Hike

Aspire Recreation Area, Clinton
Hike starts at 10 a.m. sharp.

Lunch follows (optional)
at The Pearl Restaurant at Aspire.

Sign-up sheet for hike and for lunch
is on the table in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact Andy Hadjian.

Our parish prayer list

Jeanette, Jim N., Walter, Vicky & Dave,
Carolyn, Ruth & Frank, Lee R.,
the McAfee family, Jim, Tom,
Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C., David H.

Continuing prayers for

Brian E., Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.;
the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy;
Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;
Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack;
Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe;
Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey;
Johnny; and Karen H.

Pray for our vestry leaders

Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;
Treasurer: Sally Leonhard

March Birthdays

Cal Van Koughnett March 1
Tim Grindstaff March 2
Sally Leonhard March 8
Garry Lucas March 12
Donna Bye March 17
Rodney Hentchel March 18
Jeanette Fiebke March 19
Jon Berg March 22
Jan Sampson March 24
Chip Parker March 27

March Anniversaries

Virginia & Bill Perry March 1
Monty Ross & Art Stewart March 5
Ginny & Wayne Tolbert March 11

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

Mar. 22	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Donna Bye	Mark Smith	Altar Guild Jenny Lucas & Dianna Stimpson
Euch. Minister	Mark Hennes	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Lent/no flowers
Lector	Peggy Rogers	Bill Perry	Organist Kate Lee
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Art Stewart & Monty Ross	
Coffee Hour	Jen & Mark Hennes	Ginny Tolbert	Celebrant/Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Jean Cardwell &
Chancellor	Carl Bye	David Baumgardner	Alice Anderson

NEXT WEEK

Mar. 29	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild Lent/no flowers
Lector	Alice Anderson	Keytha Graves	Organist Jedediahj Dahl
Ushers	Jan Hanna	Garry Lucas & Monty Ross	Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Donna Bye	Betsy Schwindt	Preacher The Rev. Dr. Marc Strong
Video	n/a	Bill Schwindt	Offering Counters Andy Hadjian &
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Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Procession with palms begins at Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 1

Eucharist (includes Lent reflection), 12 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Stations of the Cross, 11 a.m.
on the church grounds

Good Friday worship, 12 p.m. (inside church)

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday Holy Hike, at Aspire Rec. Area (Clinton), hike begins at 10 a.m.

Great Vigil of Easter, 6 p.m. (at the church)

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Brunch betwee the services in the Parish Hall.

This Week @ Resurrection

Monday, March 23

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

Tuesday, March 24

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

Wednesday, March 25

12 Noon, Holy Eucharist (spoken), Nave
 (includes Lent reflection in the service)

Saturday, March 26

9:30 a.m., Daughters of the King, classroom

Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken), Nave
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral), Nave

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Art & Scripture Lenten Reflection

Antonello da Messina. *Christ Crucified* (1475, oil on wood). The National Gallery, London. <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/antonello-da-messina-christ-crucified>

The scripture passage that corresponds with this painting and reflection is John 19.25-27, 33-37.

On an unusually tall cross, high over the world loved and redeemed, Jesus hangs dead. In a few minutes, the tiny figure in the distance, dressed in red and carrying a ladder, will come to take his body down. But for now, everything is still. The other women, who had waited till the end, can be seen a little way off. Mary and John, commended to each other's care in Jesus' final words of love, are left alone at the foot of the cross, in Golgotha, the place of the skull.

Neither knows what happens now. This is a painting of the silence that follows lament. In postures of wordless prayer, John looks up at 'the one whom they have pierced' while Mary casts her eyes down and inwards: perhaps looking up would be too painful.

How can you respond to this killing of the love of God? These two small figures have lost everything, except those things which always remain: faith that somehow God's purpose will prevail, hope that the kingdom Jesus preached will come, and the love which still binds them to him and now to each other. It is the darkest moment, and yet there is no darkness. As in no other painting we have looked at, the light here is even and serene.

On a scrap of folded paper, placed at the foot of the cross, the artist has signed his name, reminding us that he is here, praying beside Mary and John; for this cross stands not far from his house – we can see in the distance the straits of Messina and the Italian coast beyond. He is surely inviting everyone who sees his painting to join him in pondering what this moment means for their town and for their lives.

—Neil MacGregor

Wonderings for Further Reflection

- Looking at the three faces, what emotions do you find in them?
- How do you think that the artist has been able to suggest intense grief, but not despair?
- If you were imagining the cross in your world, in a place that you know well, where would that be?

A Prayer

As we kneel at the foot of your cross Lord Jesus, hold us in our silence, comfort us in our grief, and by your light reveal to us your everlasting love, a love stronger than death and lighter than the weight of our despair.

During the Season of Lent, we are featuring paintings from the National Gallery, London accompanied by Lent reflections by art historian Neil MacGregor. A link to the complete Lent Course Study Guide PDF (for all seven weeks of Lent) is included in our weekly Tidings email. We thank the clergy and staff of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for sharing these Lenten reflections. Weekly video reflections are found on their church YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmartin-in-the-fields/726/streams>
