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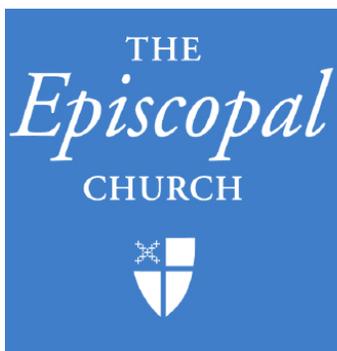
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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 ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

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 1.

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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

Entrance Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 686

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

Hymnal S-91

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, 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 know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

BCP 724

Congregation reads the bold lines.

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

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 5: 1-11

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

O love that casts out fear (verses 1-3)

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 770

The Gospel: John 4: 5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving

wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

O love that casts out fear (verse 4)

Hymnal 770

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Davis

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 **Jim N., Walter, The Mott family, Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Lee R., the McAfee family, Diane & Cal, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., 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.

Brief 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 Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Hymnal 653

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.

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.

Celebrant 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. (Repeat.)
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 Hymn

Seek ye first

Hymnal 711

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

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Book Conversation with the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers March 9 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral

Bishop Brian Cole and St. John's Cathedral host this inspiring gathering with the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, whose new book—*Church Tomorrow?: What the 'Nones' and 'Dones' Teach Us About the Future of Faith*—wrestles with the decline of traditional religion and the voices of nonreligious Millennials and Gen Zs.

Spellers traveled America to ask young 'Nones' and 'Dones': Why are they saying "no" to church? Where are they experiencing the sacred and belonging? What would they tell churches? And where do we go from here? If you're wondering about church tomorrow, let's listen today.

Spring Clean-Up Days

Spring clean up will be a bit extended this year to get our campus ready for Easter and the Care of Creation events in April. Please mark the following on your calendars so you can lend a hand to the efforts.

Mid-March: We will be cleaning and repainting of the picnic tables and benches.

Fri., Mar. 27: Flower Bed Friday!

A day for sprucing up all of our flower beds, shrubs, and garden areas, including weeding, trimming, mulching, planting, splitting, etc.

Sat., Mar. 28: Spic-n-Span Saturday!

A day for cleaning, sweeping, dusting, window washing, power washing, etc.

Questions? Contact Mark Hennes,
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Our parish prayer list

Walter, the Mott family, Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Ruth & Frank, Lee R., the Bailey family, the McAfee family, Diane & Cal, 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
Jon Berg March 2
Tim Grindstaff March 2
Sally Leonhard March 8
Garry Lucas March 12
Donna Bye March 17
Rodney Hentchel March 18
Jeanette Fiebke March 19
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. 8	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Donna Bye	Holly Pate	Altar Guild Bev Baumgardner & Jan Hanna
Euch. Minister	TBD	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild Lent/no flowers
Lector	Diane Van Koughnett	Jackie Buttinelli	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Carl Bye	Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley	
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Monty Ross	Celebrant/Preacher Mary Davis
Video	n/a	Ann Murphy	Offering Counters Ginny Tolbert
Chancellor	Diane Van Koughnett	David Baumgardner	Alice Anderson

NEXT WEEK

Mar. 15	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild Bev Baumgardner & Jan Hanna
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Monty Ross	Flower Guild Lent/no flowers
Lector	Alice Anderson	Keytha Graves	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Andy Hadjian & Garry Lucas	Celebrant Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Erllys Ploeger	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Preacher Mark Smith
Video	n/a	Bill Schwindt	Offering Counters Liz Berg &
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Betsy Schwindt	Bill Schwindt

This week at Resurrection

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken), Nave
 9:30 a.m. Lent Reflection, Parish Hall
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral), Nave

Monday, March 9

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

Tuesday, March 10

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

Wednesday, March 11

No Eucharist or Lent Reflection today

Sunday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (spoken), Nave
 9:30 a.m. Lent Reflection, Parish Hall
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral), Nave

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Monday, March 9

Bishop Brian Cole & Canon Stephanie Spellers
 book conversation, St. John's Cathedral, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Four Paws Sunday (pet food/supply ministry)

Friday, March 27

Flower Bed Friday

Saturday, March 28

Spic-n-Span Saturday

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday Holy Hike at Aspire, 10 a.m.

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Art & Scripture Lenten Reflection

Jacopo Tintoretto, *Christ Washing the Feet of the Disciples* (c. 1575-1580, oil on canvas). The National Gallery, London. <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/jacopo-tintoretto-christ-washing-the-feet-of-the-disciples>

Note: The scripture passage that corresponds with this painting is John 13: 3-10.

The painting was made for a lay association of men and women, pledged to contemplative reverence for the Sacrament, and acts of charity within the parish of San Trovaso in Venice— so in some ways, not unlike the Nazareth community at St Martin's. This twin focus was expressed on the side walls of their narrow chapel in the church: a painting of the Last Supper (now in Madrid) hung on the left, and this painting on the wall opposite. So the huge (and partly damaged) canvas is designed to be viewed standing, with the disciple drying his feet on our right, Jesus having moved on to wash Peter's feet a little further ahead of us.

As in Bruegel's Adoration, two ideas of kingship collide in bewilderment. Many of the disciples thought that, as close companions of the king, they would enjoy the privileges of power. As Peter looks down at Jesus, he realises with astonishment – or is it horror? — that this level of selfless humility will in future also be required of him: that at the heart of the kingdom of God is the overturning of worldly hierarchies. Tintoretto shows Jesus here not as a suffering servant, but beautiful, radiant with sacrificial love. He kneels before Peter in a pose that echoes Gabriel in images of the Annunciation: the mighty will be put down from their seat, the humble exalted. On Maundy Thursday every year, not far from the church where this painting hung, the ruling Doge of Venice washed the feet of twelve poor citizens. The Kings of England used to do the same.

Wonderings for Further Reflection

- Look at this painting carefully. How is it different from your own mental picture of the foot-washing?
- What do you think that Tintoretto is trying to capture? I wonder if you identify with anyone in the picture and why.
- Even at this late stage of their time with Jesus, the disciples struggle to grasp that the kingdom of God is a community of service, not a structure of control (Luke 22.24-27).
- But can you have an organisation without control? What is Jesus teaching us about community? And is that ever possible?
- The washing of feet, filthy from walking on insanitary, often unpaved streets, was a task for the lowest servant. Is there any ritual gesture today that could carry such a powerful charge of meaning? I wonder what transformation that action of service demands of us—or brings about within us.

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