



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

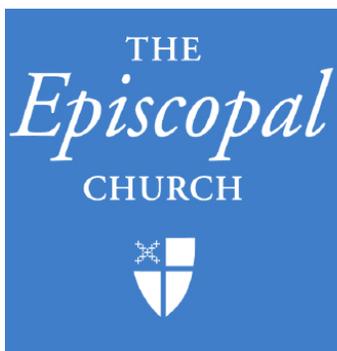
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.

To learn more about Resurrection, check out www.episcopalloudon.com,
email us at office@episcopalloudon.com,
or 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

Entrance Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 490

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.

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

The Lessons

The First Lesson: I Samuel 16: 1-13

Lector A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

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

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 612

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

Congregation reads the bold lines.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

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

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (verses 1-2)

Hymnal 339

The Gospel: John 9: 1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors

and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

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

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

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

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

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

Sequence Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (verse 3)

Hymnal 339

Sermon

Mark Smith

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.

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 *The king of love my shepherd is* Hymnal 645

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 Hymn *For the bread that you have broken*

Hymnal 341

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

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Hymnal 671

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Art & Scripture Lenten Reflection

John 19.5-16

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.' Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, '...Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' Jesus answered him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.'

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.' When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench... Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

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.

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,
juniorwarden@episcopalloudon.com

Baptism is not just for babies. Confirmation is not just for teens.

If you have never received the sacrament of baptism and are interested in being baptized, we will offer the sacrament of baptism on **Easter Sunday, April 5.**

Or, if you have been baptized (in any church) but have never been confirmed in the Episcopal Church, and are interested in being confirmed in your faith or being received (from the Catholic Church, or another denomination in which you were already confirmed by a bishop), we will also offer the possibility of confirmation and reception this Easter.

Those interested in considering either baptism or confirmation (or reception), please email Rev. Becky at rector@episcopalloudon.com or call her at the church office to learn more about the required preparation for these rites, which is offered in late March and early April.

Our parish prayer list

Jim N., Walter, the Mott family, Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Lee R., the McAfee family, Diane & Cal, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., 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. 15	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley
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

NEXT 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 Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Jean Cardwell &
Chancellor	Carl Bye	David Baumgardner	Alice Anderson

This week at Resurrection

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

Monday, March 16

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

Tuesday, March 17

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

Wednesday, March 18

12 Noon, Holy Eucharist (spoken), Nave

Sunday, March 22

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 Cleanup Days

Friday, March 27

Flower Bed Friday

Saturday, March 28

Spic-n-Span Saturday

Holy Week

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday worship, 12 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Art & Scripture Lenten Reflection

Rembrandt van Rijn, *Ecce Homo—Pilate Presents Jesus to the People* (1634, oil on paper. The National Gallery, London. <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/rembrandt-ecce-homo>

Note: The text of the corresponding scripture passage, John 19.5-16, is found on page 11.

The contrasts are stark. The upper register of the painting is governed by the heads of two rulers – Christ’s, crowned with thorns, Caesar’s with laurels. Between them, a Dutch seventeenth-century clock shows that this is, literally and metaphorically, high noon. Roman soldiers stand, awaiting orders. Below, in robe and turban, Pilate – Caesar’s representative – is wrangling with the religious power of the chief priests. The outcome will depend on the terrifying, ill-defined mass of the mob, waiting to be called into play by its leaders. It is, I feel, a mob we have recently all come to know well.

This small painted sketch was preparatory for a print, which would have been studied slowly in private at home. As often in John’s gospel, and as is essential in a black and white etching, light and dark shape the story. But here they are used ironically. The brightest light falls on the chief priests, who cannot see what is clear even to Pilate, the Gentile outsider: there is no fault in this man, whom he presents to them as their true king. The chief priests here have none of the quiet, enquiring earnestness of Honthorst’s Caiaphas. They are shown as aggressive, rabble-rousing bigots, threatening to unleash a riot if the governor will not give in. As tension escalates, Pilate nervously concludes there is only one way to avoid an uprising that could cause mayhem. The chief priests press into his reluctant hands the long rod of ash-wood, which in Rembrandt’s Amsterdam was held by judges as they pronounced the death sentence. —Neil MacGregor

Wonderings for Further Reflection

- I wonder how this picture speaks to you in our world today. Where do you stand?
- I wonder if the chief priests are really concerned about blasphemy. Why are they so hostile, and why does the crowd support them? Why are they so threatened by a man of peace?
- Does this painting have anything to tell us about Christian nationalism today?
- We know that Rembrandt had friendships with members of Amsterdam’s Jewish community. But is his portrayal of the chief priests, or the text of the gospel, anti-Semitic?
- What do you think would have happened if Pilate had ignored the chief priests and either imprisoned Jesus or set him free?
- I wonder if you think Jesus had to die. Why?

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-fields1726/streams>
