

St. Edward's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Year C April 6, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are.
St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to one of our ushers, so we can send you more information about our church. We are blessed that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you!

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - *The 1979 Book of Common Prayer* (red book), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book), and *LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II)* - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of *The Hymnal 1982*. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers.

PRELUDE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All items in bold are to be read aloud by the people.

PROCESSIONAL

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

BLUE HYMNAL 149

All stand, if able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: †Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel, if able.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

TRISAGION *Sing 3 times*

Holy God

BLUE HYMNAL S-102

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

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

ISAIAH 43:16-21

A Lesson from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in

the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126 *The Lector reads the Psalm; the People sing the Refrain.*

Refrain



Our God has done great things for ___ us.

1 When God restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Refrain

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“God has done great things for them.”

4 God has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Refrain

5 Restore our fortunes, O God, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Refrain

The Psalm translations are from The St. Helena Psalter, a resource developed by The Order of Saint Helena, an Episcopal monastic community of sisters in Augusta, Georgia. The translation was based on The Book of Common Prayer with the goal of using inclusive language.

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

A Lesson from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in

his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand, if able.

Fight the good fight

BLUE HYMNAL 552

sts. 3 & 4 will be sung after the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 12:1-8

Presider: †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Fabio Sotelo

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ took on our flesh, becoming poor for us that we might know the power of your presence which brings resurrection and life for all humanity. Let new things spring forth, as we pray to you.

Litanist: Because Christ Jesus has made the Church his own and has gifted her with the righteousness from God based on faith, we want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection: Be with all our ministers and people, O God, that we may press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call. God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Because you do new things, making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, we turn to you in trust: Inspire our civic leaders and all in authority throughout the world, that they may share in your reconciling work of peace, and be a blessing to the poor and dying. God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Because you love us, you are present to help all who suffer: Restore the fortunes of all who cry out in anguish from poverty, violence, illness or oppression, that those who sow with tears may reap with songs of joy. God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Because you raise the dead to new life, we live in hope for the renewal of our community and for the healing of the world: Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Because you are infinite in love and mercy, hear our prayers for those in need of your healing touch, especially Gina, Cindy, Rosemary, Vanessa, Derek, Lois, Jodi, Cameron, Jesse, Craig, Erica, Angel, Maria, Delores, Catherine, Noah, Antonio, Lisa, Xhakeal, Jasmine, Kyle, Sarah, Yvonne, Jan, Patrick, Ruth, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Winsome, Laura, Blanding, Vinny, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (*the Congregation may add more names*). God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Because we press on to make your resurrection our own, we offer into your eternal embrace those who have died, especially Strud Blun, former husband of Laura Amend (*the Congregation may add more names*). The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Presider: Anoint us with the generous Spirit of Christ's death and resurrection, O Holy One, that we may joyfully proclaim the good news to all people and serve the poor and needy with Christ-like compassion, as we praise you, Blessed and Holy Trinity, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 332

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The Presider and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

APRIL BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS (*see insert*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

OFFERTORY

How beautiful
Twila Paris, arr. Benjamin Harlan

Parish Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN

O Sing to the Lord

(From *El Himmario*)

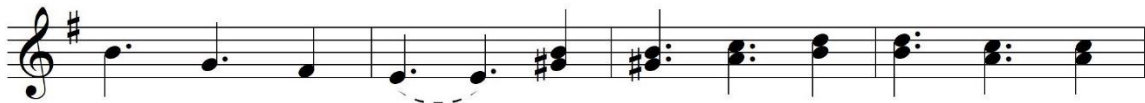
All stand, if able.



1. O sing to the Lord, — O sing God a new song. O
2. Our Lord has done won-ders, our God has done great things. Our



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: RITE I, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

The people remain standing.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is right and meet so to do.**

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord

BLUE HYMNAL S-114

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God

BLUE HYMNAL S-158

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction.
Please indicate to the minister if you take bread/host or gluten free host.*

COMMUNION HYMNS *From the following, as time permits.*

Drop, drop, slow tears

Parish Choir

Holy woman, graceful giver

(See insert)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

May you have grace to love what God commands and desire what God promises, that your hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found. May you know Christ and the power of his resurrection as you press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. May the Spirit bring such living water to your soul that your mouth may be filled with laughter and your tongue with shouts of joy. And the blessing of our gracious God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you to uphold and console you, now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lift high the cross

BLUE HYMNAL 473

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Serving Today

Presider & Preacher - The Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Verger - Leslie Nystrom
Altar Guild - Erica Harris, Denise Robinson
& Jewel Ffrench
Lenten Flower Arrangement - Marvelle Martin
Crucifer - John Nystrom
Torches - Bryleigh Pope & Choco Harmon
Eucharistic Ministers - Gabriele Mayes & Diane Littleton
1st Lesson - Nicole Harrison
Psalm - Choir
2nd Lesson - Comfort Pratt
Intercessor - Jovita Deshield
Ushers - Emmanuel Mitchell, Kevin Lee, Joseph Varney, Bob Whal
Sound & Video - Mike Staub
Organ & Piano - Carla Strott
Bass - Rick Simon
Horn in F - Lois Simon
Flutes - Sanya Simmons & Lee Ann Sipe
St. Edward's Parish Choir
VPOD - Darcey Tatum

Parish Personnel

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Diocesan Bishop*
The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, *Priest-in-Charge*
Leslie Nystrom, *Parish Administrator*
Leslie Nystrom, *Verger*
Carla Strott, *Director of Worship Arts*
Gustavo Romero, *Director del Coro*
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Nicole Harrison, *Chancellor*

The Vestry of Saint Edward's

Jennifer Khaleel, *Senior Warden*
Darcey Tatum, *Junior Warden*
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Mary Lu Rogers, *Clerk of the Vestry.*

Easter Lillies

Those wishing to donate Easter Lilies can fill out a form in the Narthex and use the envelopes provided. They may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the parish office.



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