

EYC News!

For the remainder of Lent, EYC will meet with the Lenten Series from 6-7:30 PM downstairs. Normal EYC schedule resumes April 23, 2025.

Youth Summer Mission: The initial plans with Kanuga have changed. Please talk to Daniel if your student is interested in serving in hurricane recovery efforts in North Carolina from July 12-19.

Cherub Choir and Youth Choir Retreat: On Saturday, March 22nd we will gather for a Spring Retreat from 10 AM to 12 PM. Our goal for this retreat is to work on singing skills and team work, as we prepare anthems for Holy Week and remainder of the season. We are grateful to have Katie Wick return as our guest clinician. Do you know a child who loves to sing? We'd love for them to join us. Please contact MaryAnn at mauigirltx@gmail.com

Stay Connected with Your Vestry!

Located in the Welcome Center, our Vestry Bulletin Board is your go-to spot for staying informed about parish leadership. Here, you'll find:

- Photos of Vestry Members – Get to know your parish leaders.
- Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports – Stay updated on key decisions.
- Attendance Records – See how our parish community is growing.

We invite you to take a look and stay engaged with the important work of the Vestry. If you have any questions or thoughts to share, feel free to reach out—we're here to listen, serve, and support our church family!

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For Your Children:

- Nursery: Our staffed Nursery is available to children up to four years old from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Angel Buddy Bags - Angel Buddy Bags with activities are located in the Narthex for children ages 5-7 years.
- Children's Chapel is offered during the school year at the 11:00 am services for children ages 4-7.

Christian Formation

- Christian Formation is offered during the school year for ages four to adult from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. To locate a class, please see an Usher.

Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to the Altar rail. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, come up, cross your arms, and we will pray for you. If you have trouble kneeling, please remain standing at the altar rail. If you have trouble walking, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to your seat.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT - Please let an Usher know if you are gluten intolerant, and they will arrange to have a gluten free wafer and wine available to you at the altar rail.

- **Large print and Spanish prayer books** are available. Please see the ushers if you would like one.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available through our ushers before services.
- **Silence Electronic Devices** Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Prelude	<i>Sonata No. 39 in G Major: III. Prestissimo</i>	Joseph Haydn
Great Litany		BCP 148
Kyrie		BCP 153
Collect of the Day		BCP 218
Old Testament	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

MES’s Big Top Bash—Let’s Build a Playground!

Thank you to our families and supporters who attended our annual Auction. As a non-profit organization, fundraising helps us make needed improvements. It was a fun night! Thank you to our amazingly hard working staff who helped with projects and ensured a smooth evening for everyone! A special thank you to our fundraising chair, **Sandy Poon, the Fallis family**, and our celebrity auctioneer, **TJ Gilmore (Mayor of Lewisville)**. Success is not possible without the help of many and we are very grateful.

If you were not able to attend, but would still like to contribute, we are still accepting donations for our playground improvements. We have not reached our goal yet, but raised an additional \$6,800 to help!

2025 Quarterly Celebration Sundays – Mark Your Calendar!

Join us for our Quarterly Celebration Sundays, a special time of worship, fellowship, and ministry updates! On these Sundays, we will have one combined service at 9:30 AM, bringing our whole church family together.

Dates:

- May 18 – Spring Fling
- August 17 – Summer Celebration
- November 16 – Chili Cook-Off!

These gatherings are a wonderful way to stay engaged, celebrate our church community, and enjoy time together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bishop Coadjutor Search update:

The diocese has published the final candidates’ names for Bishop Coadjutor. The local walk about to meet the candidates will be Friday evening, April 4th at Transfiguration, Dallas. Time is TBA.

The candidates are:

- **Rev. Dr. Bill Carroll**
- **The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton**
- **The Very Rev. Rob Price**

You can read about the candidates on the diocesan website: <https://edod.org/>

We ask you to watch over those in the service of our country... Alton, Andrew, Brandon, Cody, Devin, Gabe, Hannah, Houston, Jaden, Juston, Kyle, Laney, Liam, Nyah, Owen, Rachel, Richard, Robert, Tony, and Will.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week... Steve Giovanni, Zach Gooding, Holly Hart, Amber Johnston, Kaitlyn Juroska, Beth Parker, John Snyder, Will Teeters, Max Thomas, and Jan Wallace.

The Altar Candle is given in thanksgiving for Oliver Edward Grant's third Birthday by Rob and Lorie Grant.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week... Walter and Sandra Plumley

Prayer for Bishop Coadjutor Search

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Series: *Life of the Beloved*

Join us this Lent for a **five-week journey** through Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved*, exploring what it means to be **Chosen, Blessed, Broken, and Given** in our walk with Christ.

- Wednesdays in Lent
- Soup & Salad Dinner – 6:00 PM
- Program – 6:30-7:15 PM

We are looking for **volunteers** to provide soup, salad, and bread for our meals. If you are able to help, please contact **Mary Ann Duteil** via **text (940-395-1606)** or **email (mauigirltx@gmail.com)**.

Come nourish your body and soul as we reflect on God's deep love for us. **All are welcome!**

Adult Formation for Lent: "Will You? A Lenten study of our baptismal promise"

Sundays at 9:45 in the Oratory Chapel. Books available for purchase.

EYC and Children's Ministry is seeking individually wrapped candies or small items to add to our Easter eggs. There is a donation box in the narthex. Please have all items to the church by April 2nd.

4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

The New Testament

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Sequence Hymn *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, vs. 1-4* Hymnal 644

The Gospel Luke 13:31-35
 Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Homily **Dr. Daniel Rodriguez**

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

The Peace BCP 332

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Prayer:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory 8:30 *Meditation* W. G. Ross

Offertory 11:00 *God in Mine Eternity* Alan Bullard

Song of Thanksgiving Music of Taizé

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
 Look to God do not be afraid, lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
 Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 333

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* BCP 324/Hymnal S114

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 337

Agnus Dei BCP 337/Hymnal S158

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Communion

Communion Hymn *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth* Hymnal 598

Prayer after Communion BCP 339

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent from the table to take Communion to those who are home-bound or hospitalized, the following prayer will be said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *O Love of God, How Strong and True* Hymnal 455

Dismissal BCP 339

Postlude *Andantino in C* F. E. Gladstone

Note on Prayers during Lent

During Lent, we will chant the Great Litany in place of our usual spoken Prayers of the People. We continue to hold in our hearts and in our prayers those on our parish prayer list. We invite you to pray for them in your devotions throughout the week, trusting that God holds each of us in steadfast love.

For those in our community in special need of prayer especially.... Alan, Alexandra, Anne, Betsy, Betty, Bill, Bill, Carrie, Catherine, Cathy, Chad, Connie, Derek, Diane, Don, Dorothy, Irma, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Jones Family, Justin, Kalli, Karen, Katelyn, Kenny, Laura, Lorie, Marcelle, Margaret, Melissa, Meredith, Nancy, Nerio Family, Nicholas, Nicia, Nicole, Pam, Pat, Paul, Paul, Penny, Polly, Rachel, Ray, Regan, Rick, Rita, Rob, Robert, Roger, Sam, Sarah, Terry, Tutu, Valerie, Wayne, and Zoey.