

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

To be a home where Love of God and Neighbor grows.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY COMMUNION-RITE I
MARCH 8, 2026



For Your Children

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

Christian Formation

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

Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. If you desire to receive communion and are baptized with water in the name of the Trinity, we invite you to do so. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, please come forward and cross your arms. 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 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>Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34)</i>	C. V. Stanford
Great Litany		BCP 148/Hymnal S67
Kyrie		BCP 153/Hymnal S67
Collect of the Day		BCP 218
Old Testament		Exodus 17:1-7

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?"

Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 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!

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

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

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

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The New Testament

Romans 5:1-11

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.

Sequence Hymn

As Longs the Deer

Hymnal 658

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

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."

The Sermon

Rev. Ayo Fasusi

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

Offertory 11:00

Peace Before Us

Arr. G. Gordon

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

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 333

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

BCP 334/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

Rock of Ages

Hymnal 685

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Dismissal

BCP 339

Postlude

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, Anne, Betsy, Beth, Bill, Bill, Chad, Connie, Derek, Don, Emilia, Eric, Frank, Gabe and Angel, Gail, Janey, Jean, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, Joan, June, Justin, Kallie, Karen, Karen, Kathy, Keegan, Kelly, Kevin, Laura, Levi, Lori, Marcelle, Margaret, Marian, McMellian Family, Melissa, Nancy, Nicia, Owen, Pam, Paul, Penny, Polly, Rachel, Ray, Rick, Robert, Ron, Sam, Sandra, Shannon, and Zoey.

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... Andrea Aynes, Vanessa Baluja-Ahearn, Bill Behrens, Jeff Boschert, Ray Bukszar, Corinne Chumley, Carlton Ellis, Natalie Erb, Max Juroska, Lopaka Slane, and Heather Williams.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week...

We pray for all who have died, may light perpetual shine upon them.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, we pray for St. John's – Dallas, and St. Luke's - Dallas. We also pray for God's mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention: Juan, Jose, Pedro, Mo, Barbod, Milad, Sahel, Asra, Amir, Hana, Sared, and their families.

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Parish Life and Leadership

Annunciation Book Club: Our book for March is Still Life by Louise Penny. Penny's award-winning debut novel, the first in the popular Chief Inspector Armand Gamache Series, begins a journey of crime and mystery that helps establish Penny as a New York Times best-selling author. The book club, affectionately referred to as ABC, will meet **March 9, 6:30, in the Oratory Chapel** to discuss this celebrated novel, secrets uncovered, and human frailties laid bare! Even if you don't get to read the book, do join us!

Vestry Meeting – Due to Spring break, the March vestry meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 PM in the Oratory Chapel.

Campus Clean-up – Saturday, March 28th from 8:30-11:00 AM

Spring is here so we want to spring into action! Come help make our church and school campus look beautiful. Our annual campus clean-up is Saturday 3/28. Many hands make light work. We'll be focusing on our flower beds; cleaning them out, planting flowers, and adding mulch. Bring your garden gloves and any tools! Questions? Contact Blake Wynn and the building team, Joe Pack, Jerry Yost, and Mike Jones. All ages are invited. Youth can earn community service credit.

Service and Outreach

Outreach Corner

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to Episcopal Relief & Development! The box remains in the Narthex thru Palm Sunday, so there's plenty of time to still be a part of this exciting group effort. There are also mite boxes to take home and fill. Please return the boxes Easter Sunday.

Did you know... another of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD's) missions is reducing violence against women and girls? They accomplish this effort through building safe spaces, providing healthcare and counseling, and making legal aid accessible. ERD uses a groundbreaking inter-faith approach to improve equity and social inclusion for women and girls. With Muslim, Christian and traditional faith leaders, ERD facilitates workshops and discussions about women and men's rights.

March 8th between Services: This is a meeting for current **ushers/greeters** and those who are interested in serving. We will meet in the church sanctuary. Mother Carolyn and Labeth Page will review expectations for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services and handouts will be provided. We also welcome anyone interested in learning more about being an usher or greeter at this meeting. If you are interested in ushering or greeting role but cannot commit to a specific service, come learn about Super Subs!! We need more members available to usher and welcome our visitors.

Navajo Ministry – Year 43

The Navajo Ministry team will serve in Bluff July 4–10. We depart Friday, arrive Saturday, worship and prepare Sunday, work on campus projects Monday–Thursday, and host evening dinners/programs Monday–Wednesday before returning home Friday.

Volunteers needed: chef, Christian Formation leaders, and helpers for small repairs, painting, and yardwork. For more information about supporting the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, contact Mary Ann DuTeil at Mauigirltx@gmail.com.

This ministry is funded solely through donations. To order Easter treats (hot cross buns, cookies, Easter basket cakes, or cupcakes), contact Mary Ann.

Children and Families

Resurrection Garden – Sunday, March 22nd at 9:45

Join us for a special multigenerational Sunday School class as we prepare our hearts for Easter by creating a beautiful garden. All ages are welcome: children, youth, parents, grandparents, and friends! This hands-on experience is a meaningful way to reflect on the hope of the resurrection while creating something special to take home or share.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner! Our Youth Group will once again be hiding eggs for the children of our parish, and we need your help to fill them. We are asking parishioners to please donate individually wrapped candy to be placed inside the eggs. Donations will be collected now through March 29. Please look for the box in the narthex where you can leave your candy donations. Thank you for helping us make this a joyful and sweet celebration for our children!

Children’s Stations of the Cross – Sunday, March 29th at 9:45 All children are invited to gather in the sanctuary for Stations of the Cross.

Save the Date for VBS

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, June 8–12. This year’s theme is “Just Like Me: Welcome to the Garden.” We are so excited for this fun and engaging way to share the love of Jesus with our children! If you would like to volunteer and be part of this special week, please reach out to Beth Parker, Director of Children’s Ministry. We would love to have you join the team!



Annunciation members can enroll with our **early enrollment on March 9th!** Schedule a tour today for the 2026-2027 school year!

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Lent and Holy Week

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Light

During Lent, we do not place flowers on the altar. If you'd like to make a memorial or thanksgiving during this season, you're invited to dedicate the Sanctuary Light. Sanctuary Light dedication donation is \$10. The sign-up sheet in the narthex.

***In the Wilderness* Lent program Wednesday's Feb. 25th – Mar. 25th**

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Program 6:30 p.m. led by David Schones

Come for food, fellowship, and reflect on the stories of temptation, repentance, and reconciliation in the Bible. All ages are welcome. We are looking for help providing dinner. Each week we need 3 soups (one vegetarian), 2 pasta dishes, 2 salads, and bread (no desserts). To sign up, contact Mary Ann DuTeil for the Google sheet: Text 940-395-1606 or email mauigirltx@gmail.com.

Calling Singers - Join Choir for Holy Week & Easter Services!

If you have previous experience singing in a choir but are unable to commit to weekly rehearsals, Gary invites you to join choir for Holy Week. All voice parts are needed. Please speak with him after any service or email getgordon@me.com.

Palm Cross Making – Saturday, March 28th at 10 AM.

All are invited to gather in the Oratory Chapel for a class led by the Flower Guild.

Sign Up for The Watch (Maundy Thursday to Good Friday)

Following our Maundy Thursday liturgy, we will keep The Watch in prayer through the night until our Good Friday service. This is a quiet, prayerful way to stay with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as we enter the events of Good Friday.

Shifts are one hour, and you may keep your hour in the Oratory Chapel or from home. The sign up board will be in the Narthex. Thank you for helping our parish cover the night in prayer.

Good Friday Fellowship Fish Fry - April 3

Join us for dinner and fellowship 5:30–6:30 p.m. before our 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy. **Menu:** fried catfish, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans, mac & cheese (for non-fish lovers), and peach cobbler. Free-will offering accepted.



Palm Sunday, March 29th

Holy Eucharist - 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Children's Stations of the Cross, 9:45 a.m.

Tenebrae Wednesday, April 1st

Service of Shadows 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing 7:00 p.m.

Preacher and Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Robert Price

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas

Altar of Repose, April 2nd

8:30pm - 11:45 am Friday. The Watch Ends - 11:45 a.m.

Good Friday Liturgy, April 3rd

12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 4th

7:00 p.m. – begins in the church narthex

Sunday of the Resurrection, April 5th

Holy Eucharist - 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Choir and Brass - 11:00 a.m.

9:45-10:45 a.m. Easter Reception in Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available by appointment with Mother Carolyn.

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