

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY COMMUNION-RITE I
MARCH 22, 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Robert J. Powell

Great Litany

BCP 148/Hymnal S67

Kyrie

BCP 153/Hymnal S67

Collect of the Day

BCP 218

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So, I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The New Testament

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Sequence Hymn

Praise the Spirit in Creation, vs. 1-3

Hymnal 507

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying

to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So, the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So, they took away the

stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Sermon

Rev. Carolyn Bartkus

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

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Offertory 11:00

Lamb of God, Junia Rodriguez, Soprano

Twila Paris

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal 508

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

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymnal 635

Dismissal

BCP 339

Postlude

O God, Our Help

C. S. Lang

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION MEETS IN THE CHURCH TODAY

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.

The Sanctuary Candle is given by Beth and Ross Parker in memory of Karol Parker.

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... Ginny Biggs, John Bartkus, Michael Braun, Kelsey Hoffpauir, MacKenzie Iverson, Kaitlyn Juroska, Kierstin Mason, Anne Moon, and Keola Slane.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week **Gene and Sandi Ball, EL and Peggy Bedair.**

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, **we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.**

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

Parish Life and Leadership

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.

ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB (ABC) is reading The Demon of Unrest by Erik Larson for April and May. It is a large book, and we believe it is important, so we expect our discussion to take two meetings to cover. The book is described as "a saga of hubris, heartbreak, and heroism at the dawn of the Civil War." Our April meeting is Monday, **April 13, 6:30 p.m.**, and we meet in the Oratory Chapel. We welcome all comers!

Service and Outreach

Outreach Corner

We are more than half-way in our collection of loose change/bills for Episcopal Relief & Development. Let's finish with flourish! *Did you know:* ERD's Mission Statement reads "To

feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger". How close is that to what we profess here at Annunciation? **Please bring all mite boxes on Easter Sunday.**

UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY:

We have an exciting new opportunity! The congregation has the privilege of offering Life Skills Training to the residents of Kyle's Place, the only youth transitional living campus in Denton County for teens ages 14-19. More than just a warm bed, Kyle's Place (part of Journey to Dream) provides stability and the guidance and accountability of caring adults. Currently, they have ten otherwise unhoused teens; with their maximum capacity being 19. They'd let us know each week for how many to plan.

We (Outreach) are seeking teams to plan, organize, and carry out Life Skills Training in the following areas:

1. Woodworking (per their volunteer coordinator, the kids love making things)
2. Work skills (the teens keep losing their jobs because they don't understand the job and don't know what questions to ask)
3. Money management (a skill many adults still don't possess)
4. Nutritional Awareness
5. Communication Skills

The plan is one Thursday evening per month, 6:00-7:00 (that is THEIR Life Skills training timeframe); during the months of May, June, September, October and November. You would plan on your time being 5:45-7:15 for set-up, session and clean-up. The students would be brought to the Oratory Chapel, so we don't have to go through any type of individual paperwork. Per the volunteer coordinator, the teens respond really well to games and snacks (smile). We have such diverse skill levels within our Parish, we know we can be effective and make a difference in these young people's lives!

If this speaks to you, please contact me (Dianne - dianneaynes@gmail.com) to become a part of this vital opportunity! I can't wait to hear from you! I'm sending this information early so you may pray about the different opportunities, decide if one is a "fit", and have time to plan.

We want to make this a fun and rewarding time for both the instructors and the students. Each subject's team will be in charge of the planning and execution of the activity for the evening. But Mother Carolyn and I are always here for ideas!

As an aside - on the nutritional awareness piece, we cannot prepare food of any kind as we are not a commercial kitchen.

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 – Today at 9:45 in the Oratory Chapel

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 22. 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!

Montessori Episcopal School Registration for the 2026 -2027 School year

Annunciation members can enroll with our early enrollment – sign up today!

*Mention you are from Annunciation
and we will waive the enrollment fee!*



Lent and Holy Week

Last Session of *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.

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.

Sign up poster in the Narthex

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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