



10:30

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning. We are happy you are here to worship with us. If you want to know more about the Church of Reconciliation, please email info@cor-satx.org to receive our weekly e-mail.

- Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes.
- All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.
- If you would prefer to receive Communion at your seat instead of at the rail, please let an usher know.
- Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.

Lenten Dinners, Wednesdays
March 6, 13, 20, 6pm-8pm
 This event is back for another year and is a chance for fellowship and a shared meal accompanied by a Eucharist service. Please join us!
 This week's menu: Baked ravioli, bread, and salad with ice cream sundaes for dessert.

SUNDAY SERVICES
8:00am – Holy Eucharist (*no music*)
10:30am – Holy Eucharist (*livestreamed, with music*)

Children, Youth, and Families

UPDATE: Middle School/High School Youth Group/Sunday School: Join us after the 10:30 on March 2 for PIZZA PARTY in the Rec Room!!

Sunday School for elementary school (4 years old through 4th grade) is 9:15.

UPDATE: Godly Play: **SAVE THE DATE!** Godly Play training tentatively set for 13 April. More to follow soon!
 Contact: Jude Castillo at jude@cor-satx.org.

Dinner Dames
 Please join us for Dinner Dames on March 22 at Pompeii Grill. RSVP by emailing Jude at jude@cor-satx.org or using the Wed. email link.

Adult Formation: A Journey Through Acts
Sundays, 9:15am in the Library
 Join Fr. Phil for Adult Formation to study the Book of Acts! **We will be using A Journey Through Acts by Marek Zabriskie as our guide. We will have a few copies available.**
 In 2024 the Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read invites the diocese to study Acts. To purchase the book, try Amazon or Forward Movement.

Diocese of West Texas Episcopal Church Women
Spring Gathering 2024
Rekindling the Gift of God Within
March 8-10, 2024
Mustang Island Conference Center

Exercise Class
 Stretching, balance, tai chi every Wednesday and Friday at 10am in Alban classroom. Contact Jude at jude@cor-satx.org

Refresh your spirit and rekindle your God-given gifts at the Spring Gathering for women. Enjoy walking on the beach, uplifting worship, s'mores by the campfire, crafts, and more.

Our featured speaker for the weekend is the Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge, Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Come join us for fellowship and fun!

Godly Play Training Update
SAVE THE DATE! Godly Play training tentatively set for April 13. More to follow soon! Email Jude at jude@cor-satx.org if interested.

Retreat fees and registration information are available at dwtx.org/events.

Holy Week 2024

All services will be livestreamed. Links will be sent as it gets closer.

Sunday, PALM SUNDAY - March 24

- **8:00am** - Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary
- **10:30am** – Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary
- *Palm crosses will be given*

Thursday, MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28

- **6:00-7:00pm** – Agape Dinner in Brown Hall
- **7:00pm** – Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary with foot washing, followed by the Stripping of the Altar
- Overnight Vigil

Friday, GOOD FRIDAY - March 29

- **9:00am - 3:00pm** - Stations of the Cross in the courtyard (self-guided; drop by anytime!)
- **12:00pm** - Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary
- *You are invited to wear black to services*

Saturday, EASTER VIGIL - March 30

- **7:00pm** - Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary

Sunday, EASTER - March 31

- **8:00am** - Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary
- **10:30am** – Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary
- *No Adult Formation*
- *No Family Formation*
- ***Bring fresh flowers for the flower cross!***

THE PRELUDE

Chanson Triste by Tchaikovsky
Phyllis Kline, cello

THE OPENING MEDITATION

THE PROCESSION AND OPENING HYMN

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison
You will come in glory with salvation for your people
Kyrie eleison, Christ eleison, Kyrie eleison

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **The Lord's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: **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.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Lector: A Reading from Exodus.

Exodus 20:1-17
Read by Lauren Cate

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

***Refrain:* Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom. *Refrain*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever;
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just. *Refrain*

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye. *Refrain*

They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Read by Mark Mangus

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

We Come, O Christ

We come, O Christ as people seeking some sign of blessing on our lives, yet scarcely pause to hear you speaking or wait until your time arrives: help us let go, help us be still, in patience may we learn your will.

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

BRIEF MEDITATION (*sung*)

SERMON

Fr. Phil Mason

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together.

**All: 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Peter Scholler

Intercessor:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, Phil, our priest, Jennifer, our seminarian, and all other ministers of the church;
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for creation. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, so that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for wisdom and discernment for our rector search committee.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those from our parish family: Kimberly, Garnet, Kes, John, Carolyn, Kevin, Tiffany, Jeffrey, Marilyn, Suzanne, Art, Kathy, Hall, Pat, Daniel, Lilas, Joel, Mike, Judith, Lori, Linda, Jill, Cathleen, Bette, and Michael, and those we name either silently or aloud (silence is then kept for a time) ; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jonathan Crane, nephew of Charles and Nancy Daniels and cousin of Kathryn Daniels; and especially those we name either silently or aloud (silence is then kept for a time) ; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant reads the concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister 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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins 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

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

People: **And also with you.**

(The people exchange greetings)

THE GATHERING HYMN

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Peace Before Us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday to:

Garth Galloni	3/1
Brenda Moneer	3/1
John Szurek	3/1
Susan Stanley	3/3
Arden Shay	3/6

*You are invited to come to the altar for a blessing.
If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or other milestone mentioned here,
please email info@cor-satx.org.*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your [neighbor] has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to [them], and then come and offer your gift.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Iona by Edmund Walters

DOXOLOGY

Accept, O Lord

Accept O Lord, these gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought, but only as we're able.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humble we adore you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: (*Bells*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
(Bells)

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." *(Bells)*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN. *(Bells)*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Pulkingham

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen, Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy gifts for holy people. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.
Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

**Prayer by Ernest Block
Phyllis Kline, cello**

**We The Lord's People
Hymnal #51**

THE GREETING AT THE RAIL

At the rail, pass the following greeting to your neighbor.

Greeting: The Lord forgives our sins.

Response: He does indeed.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

**Lift up Your Heads
Hymnal #436 verses 1, 3-5**

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest dismisses the people saying:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

*The People Respond:
Thanks be to God.*

Elementary Ministry:

Ages: 4 years old through 4th Grade

- **Sunday School from 9:15-10:20 a.m.**
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Rec Middle School Ministry:

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

Middle School Faith Formation/Sunday School: from 9:15-10:20 a.m.

Middle School Youth Group: TBA

Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

High School Faith Formation/Sunday School: from 9:15-10:20 a.m. in Rec Room

High School Youth Group: TBA

Contact: Jude Castillo, Director of Children, Youth, and Families at jude@cor-satx.org

Serving and Ministering This Sunday

March 3, 2024

8:00

Verger: Erica Valle

Lector: Brad Coffey

Prayers of the People: Brad Coffey

Chalice: Rusty Wilson

Intincter: Carol Westerkom

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Usher: Ben Ennis

10:30

Verger: Erica Valle

Livestream: Nathan Roller

Lectors: Lauren Cate, Mark Mangus

Prayers of the People: Peter Scholler

Intincter: Judith Anthony

Chalice: Timothy Webber

Acolytes: Lincoln Gwin, Forest Gwin

Altar Guild: Team III (Priscilla Coppock Team)

Ushers: Derek Charette (lead), Mark Thomas, Bill Schiller

Greeters: Susan Ennis (lead), Pat Patterson

Breakfast: Continental

Coffee Hour: Sally Reischling, Peggy Sundermeyer

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