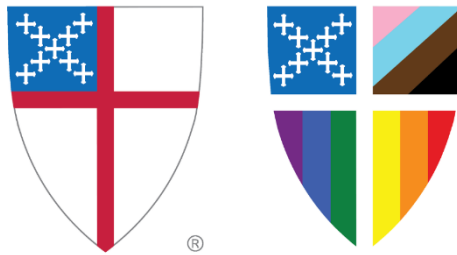


Episcopal Church of Reconciliation



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All are welcome



**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:30 am**

Lenten Paraments

Almost all of the liturgical paraments at Church of Reconciliation have been handmade by artists in the parish. Each piece has been lovingly made with scripture and theological significance. Former parishioner Tinka Tarver created our Lenten paraments. She writes, “ The first piece I did for the church was the large painting that hangs during Lent. It was completed for the dedication of the church in November 1974. The Rev. Joseph Brown and the Arts Commission asked me to make something for the back wall that told the story of our parish. I was given the instructions to include these three parts: 1) the world was broken, wounded and ripped apart; 2) the action of God entering the world in Christ; and 3) our being commissioned to reconcile. We agreed upon the text, “God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself...and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Cor. 5:18-19

I divided the piece into three sections. From left to right, the first panel is the bleeding, hurting world. I literally tore the fabric, and the sound seems still to echo through it for me and fills me with pain. The second is the coming of the Christ and the spilling of blood—the great gift of love—across and out of the canvas is our movement toward reconciliation with God, with ourselves, and with others.

The purple frontals, burse, veil, and pulpit fall came later. I was given the text, “I am the Vine and you are the branches.” I had seen so many dismal frontals with these words that the challenge for me was to create some that were bright, juicy and full of life and color. I quilted them to make them plump like ripe fruit. The chasuble came even later. Of course, I used the same colors. I followed the concept that the left side of the body is symbolic of the unconscious side of our being and the right side, our conscious. During Lent we deliberately turn inward and focus more on the deep journey of the soul than on outer things. Therefore, I placed the bright striped on the left side of the chasuble to emphasize this theme and put the stripes underneath on the right side of the chasuble. It may seem out of balance, but that may be what Lent is all about.”

—Tinka Tarver

Our Mission

We seek and experience God through worship and discovery as we welcome, embrace, and serve one another and our neighbors, respecting all of Creation and living on Earth in the assurance that by God’s love all things have their being.

Our Vision

Living out the Radical and Reconciling Love of Christ, we are catalysts and connectors unleashing God’s abundance to bless and transform ourselves, our neighborhood and our world.



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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, hunters, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the dirt track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or came because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you! Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes (Latin for 'entrance').

WELCOME CARDS

If you are visiting today, please fill out one of the Welcome Cards in your pew or use this QR code, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an Usher or the priest. Rev. Reagan would like to phone you and offer a personal greeting. If you provide your email address, we will add you to our weekly newsletter distribution. We're glad you are here!



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

To parents and guardians of children....May we suggest...RELAX!

God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Feel free to sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others! Children learn about worship by being in worship. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and one another.

To members of our parish: *The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

GOT QUESTIONS?

We LOVE questions! Rev. Reagan would be more than happy to talk to you about your questions. You can call the office, email her, or put yourself on her calendar through Calendly. Use this QR code to make an appointment. And, once again, Welcome!



The Blessing of the Palms on the Labyrinth

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The congregation is led around the courtyard in procession, led by the choir singing the following hymn:

Hymnal #154 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" v. 1-4

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

2. The company of angels
is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. **Refrain**

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **Refrain**

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant

People

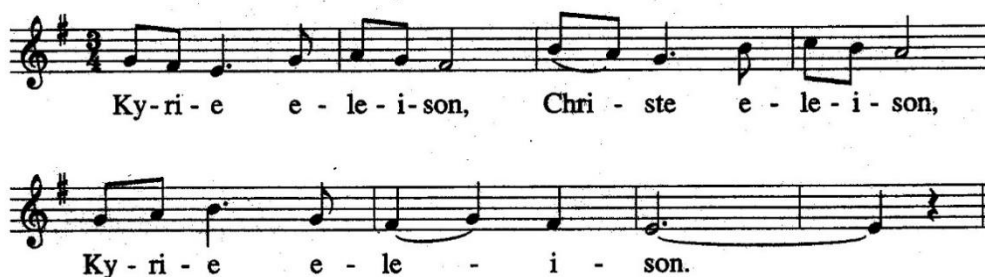
Celebrant:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

The Lord's mercy endures for ever.

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.**

The Kyrie



Music: *Mass of Remembrance*, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's Kingdom**
Refrain

**You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness**
Refrain

You will come in glory

with salvation for your people.

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Read by Bryna Nation

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118



Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever;
Let the house of Israel say: God's mercy endures for ever. *Refrain*

The hand of the Lord has struck with power,
God's right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew,
declaring the works of the Lord. *Refrain*

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes. *Refrain*

The Second Lesson

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

Philippians 2:5-11
Read by Sidney Burnette

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence

We Come O Christ, Russell Schulz-Widmar/Alfred V. Feda

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 Passion Of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

10:30

Narrator: Brandon Beck
Jesus: Bryna Nation
Peter: Chad Pritchett
Disciples: Reconciliation Choir
Servant 1: Judith Anthony
Servant 2: Timothy Webber
Accuser 1: Ron Graham
Accuser 2: Charles Daniels
Assembly: Reconcilers
Soldiers: Powell Family
Pilate: Sam Gilliam
Criminal 1: Bill Swann
Criminal 2: Priscilla Coppock
Centurion: Reagan Gonzalez

The congregation will play the part of the Assembly.

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ASSEMBLY: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

ASSEMBLY: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

ASSEMBLY: "Crucify, crucify him!"

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all stand, as able.)

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Sermon

The Rev. Reagan Gonzalez

The Prayers of the People, *composed by the Reconciliation Liturgical Commission.* **Read by Teresa Gray**
Intercessor:

During this time of great challenge, the Holy Spirit emboldens us to carry on the life-giving work of Jesus, to persevere as the hands and feet of the Risen Christ in the world. May we always trust that God knows us better than we know ourselves and gives us the strength we need for the work Christ beckons us to do. Holy Spirit, inspire us as we rejoice in Christ among us, steadfast in God's loving embrace.

For the Universal Church, its members and its mission: may any attempt at exclusion fall away as we grow in the fullness of Christ and his message of God's Love for all.

Holy Spirit, inspire us

People: As we remain steadfast in God's love.

For the Nations of the World and all those who hold positions of authority: may they heed the call for social, economic, and racial justice. May they seek to abolish systemic, institutionalized injustice with a commitment to the well being of those they serve.

Holy Spirit, inspire us

People: As we remain steadfast in God's love.

For the Welfare of the World: May we befriend the victims of systemic injustice, especially those we are quick to judge or inclined to exclude. May we work boldly for justice, assuring dignity and belonging to all, and may we support those who give their lives to this struggle.

Holy Spirit, inspire us

People: As we remain steadfast in God's love.

For our Reconciliation family, our neighbors and community: may we reinvigorate our resolve to practice compassion for all. May we listen to the stories of others and forge relationships with those we do not know.

Holy Spirit, inspire us

People: As we remain steadfast in God's love.

We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially Kimberly, Garnet, Kes, Carolyn, Audie, Emmet, Mary, Laureen, Rick, Kathy, Mike, Suzanne, James, Robin, Erica, Edna, Sue, Margaret, Donna, John, Jean, Len, Hoffa, Jeanette, Ken, Al, and Peter; and those we name either silently or aloud____; may they trust that God knows their pain and find strength in the unconditional, Eternal Source of all love and healing. And for those departed or near to their final crossing, especially those we name either silently or aloud____; may they find peace in the assurance that it is Christ who carries them to the arms of God.

Holy Spirit, inspire us

People: As we remain steadfast in God's love.

The celebrant prays a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God:
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

(The people exchange greetings)

The Gathering Song

With One Voice #774 Dona Nobis Pacem

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem

Fanfare for Palm Sunday by Katherine K. Davis

Doxology

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer p. 369

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:

Celebrant and People

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody with similar note values. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket on the second, third, and fourth staves.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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."

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."

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.**

= And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

7 LORD'S PRAYER

Tenderly ♩ = ca.100-104 *mp*

Our Fa-ther in heav-en,
hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your
will be done on earth as in heav-en.
mf Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our
sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
f Save us from the time of trial and de-
rit. broaden liv-er us from e-vil, for the king-dom, the pow'r and the
rit. mf glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er.

Music: David Haas, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

The Greeting at the Rail

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

Greeting:

Blessed be God.

Response:

Who bears our burdens.

All are invited to the table of our Lord—not just Episcopalians. Age, confirmation, and communion instruction are not a factor.

Hold out your hands, and you will be fed. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. It is completely permissible to kneel or to stand at the altar rail. Do not take physical risks to assume a particular posture.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, just let the ministers know at the rail. You may drink from the common cup (chalice) or intinct (dip) your bread in the intinction cup. Not to worry—you have fully received Communion if you have received only the bread or wafer.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will ask God's blessing upon you.

If you are differently abled and need to be served communion in your pew let an usher know and the priest will come to you.

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 #458 My Song is Love Unknown

Hymnal 1982 #167 There is a Green Hill Far Away

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent forth, they are commissioned with the following form:

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

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Dismissal

A Minister dismisses the people.

The People Respond:

Thanks be to God.

Serving and Ministering This Sunday

April 13, 2025

8:00

Verger: Ron Graham

Lectors: Christine Hausser, Susan Ennis

Prayers of the People: Susan Ennis

Intincter: Rusty Wilson

Acolyte: Emile Mangwa

Chalice: Mercedes Zamudio

Altar Guild: Team I (Margaret Lewis Team)

Usher: Robert Carington

10:30 am

Verger: Ron Graham

Livestream: Lou Navarro and Lee Mick

Lectors: Bryna Nation, Sidney Burnette

Prayers of the People: Teresa Gray

Intincter: Mark Mangus

Chalice: Sally Reischling

Acolytes: Thea Downey, Colin Downey, Elim Pritchett, Kathryn Daniels

Altar Guild: Team I (Margaret Lewis Team)

Ushers: Bill Schiller (lead), Mark Thomas, Nathan Roller

Greeters: Bryna Nation, Brad Teahl

Godly Play: None

Breakfast: Sacred Grounds Team

Coffee Hour: Brandi Simpson, Sally Reischling

Easter Candy

It's that time Again.... CANDY!

We are collecting bags of individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10am on Easter Sunday. Please drop off candy in the office by today.

Fellowship

Que Tal? The Spanish Conversation Club

Thursdays on Zoom, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Would you like to improve your Spanish conversation skills, or simply practice your Spanish more? Join us! This will be a safe space to have conversations in Spanish with others. We will close each session by reciting Compline in Spanish together. Contact erica@cor-satx.org with questions.

Dinner Dames in April!

Please join us for fellowship and a good chat on Friday, April 25 from 6-8 pm. Ladies of the parish (and any guest you would like to bring), meet us at El Chaparral at 2838 N. Loop 1604. RSVP by emailing jude@cor-satx.org. We would love to see you, RSVP or not. Come on by and set a spell!

Meditation Circle

Join our Meditation Circle **Fridays at 10am in Cranmer classroom**. Anyone can meditate; it's simple, but not easy. The group will hear and discuss a reading, reflection, poetry, or scripture for 30 minutes and meditate in silence for 30 minutes. Come learn about and explore the spiritual practice of meditation and through it to experience the contemplative dimension of spirituality. All are welcome.

Dinner Dudes

Save the date for Thursday, April 24. Place TBA!

Outreach

Diaper Donation Drive

Please consider donating diapers and wipes of any and all sizes. Drop off in Brown Hall. Email tamara@cor-satx.org with questions.

Food Insecurity Ministry

We are in need of food and hygiene items for the pantry as well as donations to purchase additional items. We are so grateful to you all for your help with this ministry as we serve those in Christ's love.

Wednesday Playtime

Every Wednesday, parents and their preschoolers are invited to circle up for playtime, support, and relationship building in the Early Learners' Room or the new playground when the weather permits. For more information about this missional community, visit www.full-circle-communities.com

Clothing Drive

Please considering donating used clothes, shoes, and in particular children and infant summer clothing and shoes no later **than Tuesday, Apr. 22**. This is for our next clothing giveaway on April 23rd by 10:30am-6pm. Email tamara@cor-satx.org with questions.

Worship

Cursillo Sunday!

Calling all Cursillistas! Sunday April 27th is Cursillo Sunday. Cursillistas will be serving at both services to highlight this wonderful experience to our congregation. If you are interested in serving, we have openings for intincter, chalice, greeter, and usher at both services. If interested, contact Jude at jude@cor-satx.org no later than April 16. **EVERYONE WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST CURSILLO COLORS AND CROSSES. De Colores!**

Family Ministries

For details and to RSVP for events, visit the
Weekly Reconciliation Family Newsletter. <https://secure.smores.com/n/zny6m>

Learners and Childcare, 8:45am– 12:15pm, Nursery

- We are offering a full morning of Sunday School, music, play-based learning, crafts, and chapel for preschoolers and kindergarteners.
- Our nursery is open to infants and toddlers and offers an inviting space and amazing caregivers

Godly Play during the 10:30am service, 4yrs-4th grade

Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to join Godly Play during the 10:30am service in our Godly Play Atrium located in the Children's Building. Children will be brought back to the service for communion.

Maker's Space, 9:15am, Youth Building

- Elementary students 1st through 5th Grade are invited to explore, reflect, and create unique biblically based projects using the concepts of engineering.

Youth Discipleship, 9:15am, Youth Building on April 13

Join Morgan and Kaitlyn on April 13th after church for food and games. Youth are invited to bring their game consoles or board games and spend some time together after church until 2pm. Lunch will be provided. See you there!

Family Camp at Mustang Island

Reconciliation is headed to the beach this summer! Join Rev. Reagan and her family for Summer Session 4, June 19th-June 22nd at The Mustang Island Conference Center. "Mustang Island" is one of three Diocese of West Texas camps that individuals and families can enjoy for rest and relaxation. Reserve your spot today at www.DWTX.org.

Virtual Youth Confirmation Classes

There's still time to catch up!

This is a great opportunity to be confirmed before graduation or if schedules don't allow for in person class. All youth are invited to participate in our online confirmation class with Rev. Reagan Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm beginning March 18th. The Bishop will be with us Wednesday, April 30th for a special service. Email tamara@cor-satx.org for more info.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION

APRIL 13TH-APRIL 27TH

April 12th

9am-12pm Palm Cross Workshop

Palm Sunday

8am Palm Procession and Service

8:45am Breakfast Together

9:15am Holy Week Boxes and Gallery Walk

9am to 10am Pictures with the donkey

10:15am Palm Procession with the donkey

11:45am Youth After Church

Holy Wednesday

5:30pm Family Art Night

The Tie Dye Triduum Tradition

Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Agape Dinner

7pm Maundy Thursday Service with Foot

Washing and Stripping of the Altar

8pm to 8am Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary

Good Friday

12pm Good Friday Service

2pm The Artist's Way of the Cross:

A Stations of the Cross Experience

Holy Saturday

10:30am Youth Sidewalk Art

7pm Candle Light Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7am Sunrise Service on The Labyrinth

8:45am Breakfast Together

10am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday after Easter

Children and Youth Sunday

Wear Triduum Tie Dye!

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EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 10AM



CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION

Today at Reconciliation Formation

- **Childcare and Early Learning:** Ages infant to kindergarten, 8:45am-12:15pm, Children's Building
- **All Ages:** Holy Week Boxes During Breakfast and Coffee Hour in Brown Hall
- **Adults:** Journey in Faith Group in Library, 9:15am

Fellowship

- **Breakfast** in Brown Hall, 8:40am-9:30am
- **Coffee Hour** in Brown Hall after the 10:30 service
- **Youth Fellowship after 10:30 service in Youth Building**

Baptism Dates for Spring 2025: April 19th, May 4th, June 8th

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Meet with Rev. Reagan+!

Rev. Reagan is available to meet for casual get togethers, pastoral concerns, idea sharing, or whatever is on your heart.

You can call the office, email her, or put yourself on her calendar through Calendly.

Use this link or the QR code to make an appointment.



Reagan's email: rector@cor-satx.org