

Holy Eucharist- Rite II
Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 7, 2021

10:30 am Service

The Word of God

Prelude-Largo- G. F. Handel

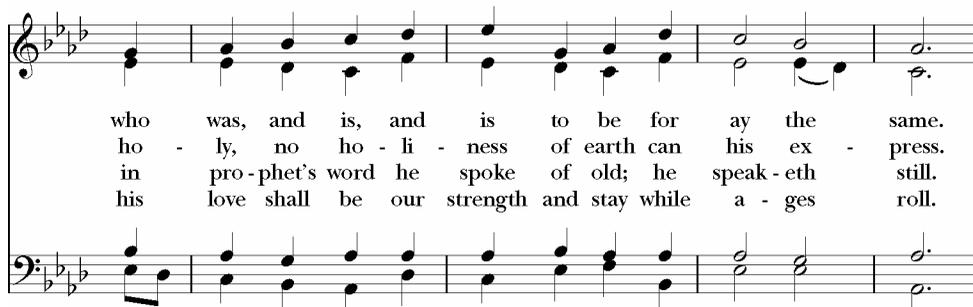
Wendi Gustafson - Organ

Opening Hymn- Praise to the living God (v. 1&4)

Hymnal 372



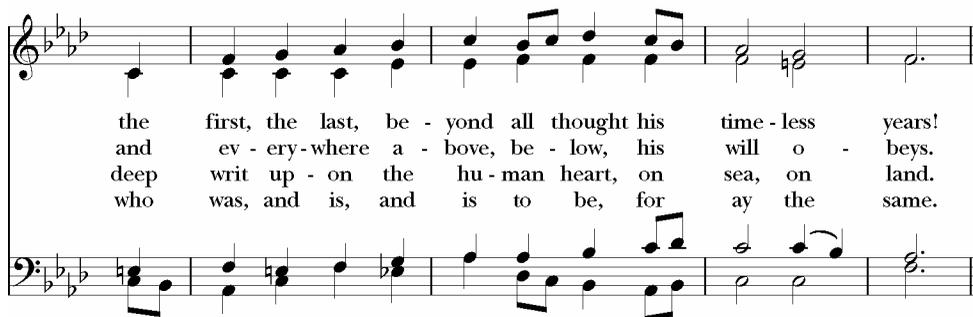
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures forever.***

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.

Decalogue: Contemporary

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Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his People: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Confession of Sin

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

A moment of silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

*the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.*

*Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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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.**

All are seated.

The Readings

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus (20:1-17)

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: “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. Six days you shall labor 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 19. Let us read in unison.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

*It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*

*The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

*The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

*By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.*

*Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:18-25)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

All stand

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2:13-22).

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.***

Sermon

Fr. Stephen Shortess

The Nicene Creed

All stand

***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.***

After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.

Prayers of the People: Form II

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Reader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; and David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for this gathering; for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer and all ministers and people. Pray for the Church, especially St. David's, San Antonio; and St. John's, Sonora.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Tony Price, Curley Gilmore, Cooki Blevins, Henry, Gary, John Matocha, Russel Gustafson, Carolyn Lehman, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Bob Blevins, Kenneth Minter, Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, and Patsy Creager.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers and thanksgivings for Alcoholics Anonymous and for our Vestry and staff.

Silence

Reader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthday Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Blade Palasky, Rosie Perry, Gerry Richardson, and Abe Zapata, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Lance & Amanda Palasky, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem-Meditation-J. Massenet

Samuel Gaytan- Violin

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Corda-

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Sanctus

Hymnal S 124

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.

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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Celebrant On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S170

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor

1. This is the true bread which comes down from heaven

Cantor

and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

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

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!

Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn-*There is a balm in Gilead*

Lift Every Voice and Sing 203

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And think my work's in vain, — But —
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can
 3. Don't — ev - er be dis - cour - aged For — Je - sus is your friend, — And —

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

***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.***

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn- *When I survey the wondrous cross (v. 1 & 4)*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

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Hymnal 474

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Dismissal

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude-Canzona- D. Zipoli

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Mark Keddal

Altar Guild- Mary Louise Donegan, Joyce Richey, Linda Lynn, Holly Modl

Ushers- Bill & Robin Walker

Offertory Tellers- Frank Galaway & Jim Anderson

Musicians- Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ, Samuel Gaytan- Violin

Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor, Ellie Follis- Soloist

Cameramen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,

Will Follis, Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson



Announcements

Parish Happy Hour – Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 PM: St. Andrew’s adults are invited to attend a “virtual happy hour” on Sunday, March 14 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. **RSVP by March 7 by calling church office or signing up via emailed invitation.** You’ll need to indicate the # of people at your computer (1 or 2), and the type of wine you’d prefer (red or white).

For this initial event, attendance is limited to the first 20 couples / singles / computers to sign up. You’ll pick up your happy hour goodie bag on Sunday, March 7 after the service and receive an email invitation to join the party on Zoom.

Did you know that St. Patrick loves Irish beef stew? It’s true... So much in fact, that to celebrate **St. Patrick’s Day** we are going to have an **Irish beef stew dinner in the garden!** Come join us **March 17th at 5:30 pm** for a heaping bowl of beef stew, a bonfire, and some much-needed fellowship.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew’s, the Men’s Bible study group, has been reestablished! They will meet weekly for bible study and prayer. The first meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18th at 8 am** in **McKeogh Hall** beginning with the study of Ephesians.

Downtown History Walk – Saturday, April 10 at 10:30 AM

St. Andrew’s members of all ages are invited to meet at the garden for a downtown history walk on Saturday, April 10th at 10:30 AM. Our own Martyr Keil will lead the walk to teach us about nearby historical site after Dorothy Bauer gives us a history lesson on our own Chapel.

In response to Governor Abbott's press release Tuesday, Bishop Reed released a statement announcing the Diocese of West Texas' decision to uphold pandemic guidelines. You can find a copy of his statement at <https://www.dwtx.org/blog/dwtx-upholds-pandemic-guidelines>.