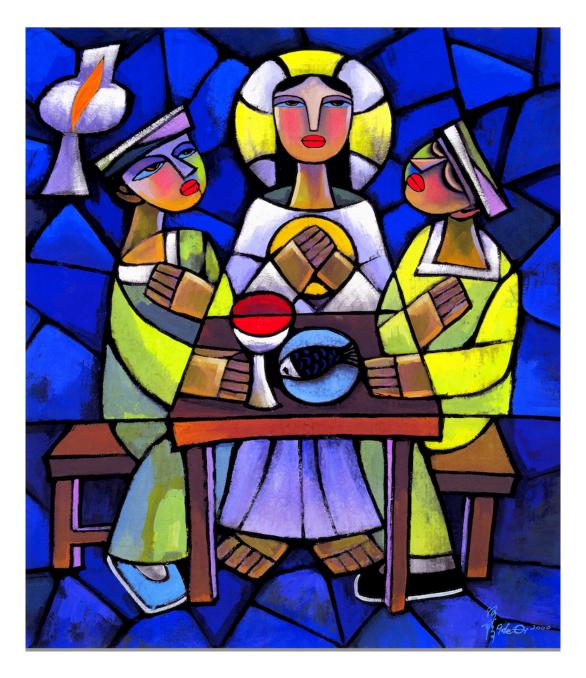
The Third Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.

Holy Eucharist April 14, 2024, 10:30AM

The Third Sunday of Easter, Rite Two

Prelude: "Prelude on an Old Folk Tune: The Fair Hills of Erie, O" by Amy Beach Donald Brown, Organ

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

(the Celebrant says)

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 4 (sung to Tone VI.1 and congregation may join when comfortable)



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender / of my cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on / me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you disho/nor my glóry; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 / and run after false gods?"

- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders / for the faithful; * when I call upon the / LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and / do not sin; *
 speak to your heart in / silence üpon your bed.
 - 5 Offer the appointed / sacrifices * and / put your trüst in the LORD.
 - 6 Many are saying,
 "Oh, that we/might see better times!" *

 Lift up the light of your counte/nance upon us, Ö LORD.
 - 7 You have put gladness / in my heart, *
 more than when grain and / wine and oil increase.
 - 8 I lie down in peace; at once I / fall asleep; *
 for only you, LORD, / make me dwell in safety. [Ant.]

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

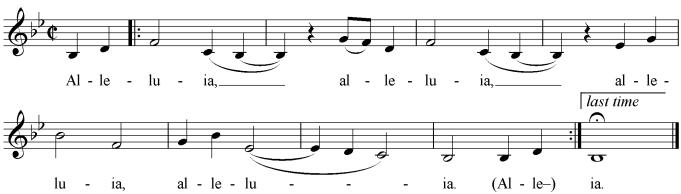
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People Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(all stand – "Repeating Alleluia" by Calvin Hampton, sung by the choir, Congregation join in when comfortable)



GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed)

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

You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us, raise us so that we may serve you.

We are amazed at your creative genius—how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us.

We are amazed.

God. We raise our hearts in awe.

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: bishops, priests and deacons; all those in positions of leadership.

We ask for direction.

Raise our hearts to you, God.

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations, and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example for the world.

We ask for healing.

Raise our hearts to you, God.

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break their chains which bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love.

We ask for healing.

Raise our hearts to you, God.

We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no limits of time or space.

We ask for assurance of your love.

Raise our hearts to you, God.

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered).

We ask for your presence.

Raise our hearts to you, God.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

Loving God, you have glorified your Son Jesus and given him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in his name. Accept our praise, offered in his name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, your Son and our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant 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 Priest stands and says)

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.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2



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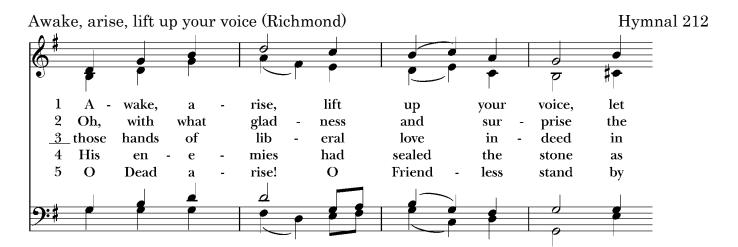
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- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using the QR Code

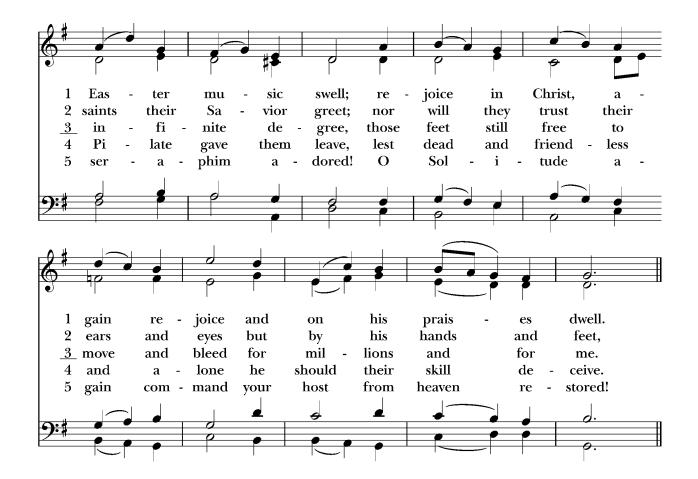
OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "Pie Jesu" from Requiem by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Translation: Merciful Jesus Grant them rest (everlasting)

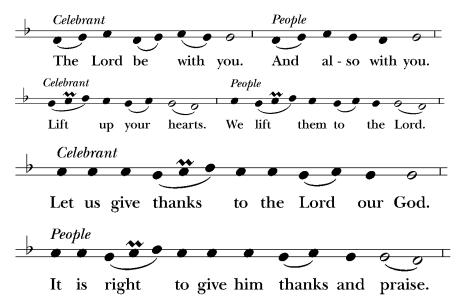
(the people stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN





The Great Thanksgiving

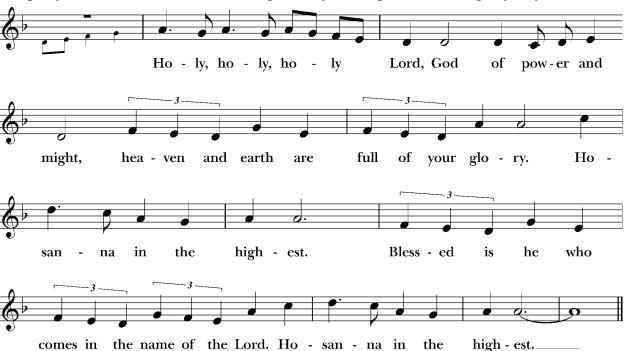


(the Celebrant proceeds)

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



(the Celebrant continues)

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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."

After supper Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(the Celebrant continues)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sav.

Celebrant and People

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.

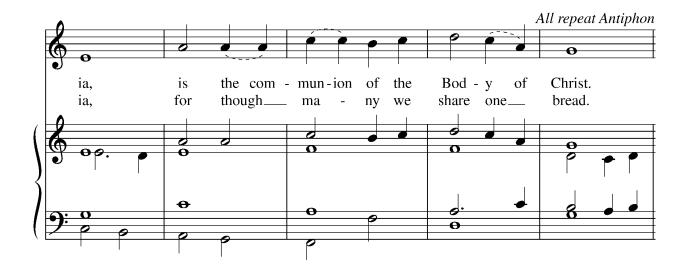
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread





INVITATION

(the Celebrant says)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

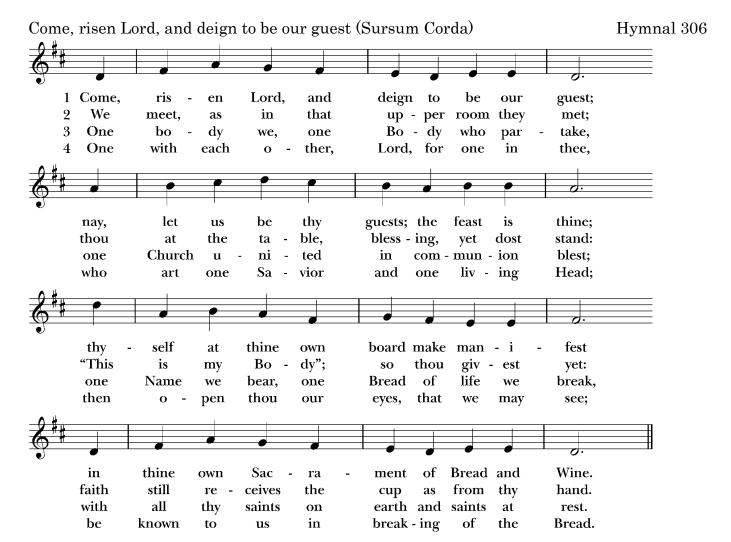
In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM - "Draw us in the spirit's tether" by Harold Friedell

(please stand)

COMMUNION HYMN



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

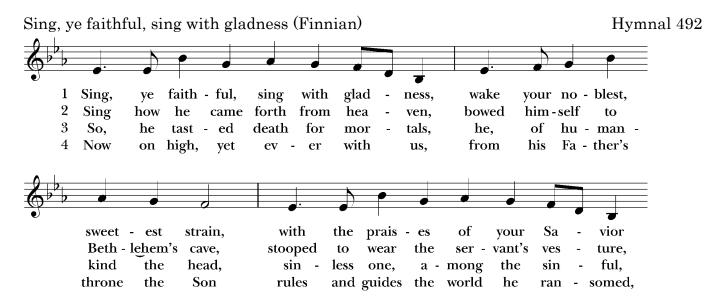
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

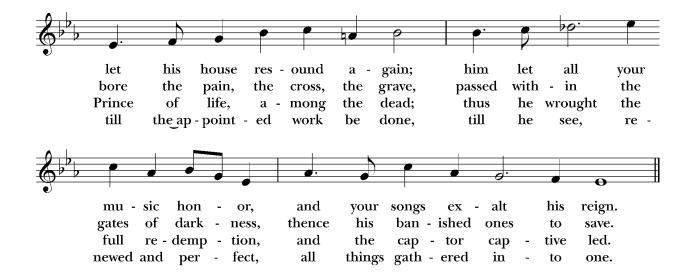
BLESSING

(the Celebrant blesses the people, saying)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN





DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude – "Little Prelude & Fugue in B-flat major" by J.S. Bach Donald Brown, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Forums: Stories from Acts Begins TODAY through May 12, 9:20 - 10:10am

What happened after Jesus' death and resurrection? How did the apostles spread the Good News? What challenges did they face? Join clergy between services to explore some of the key stories from the Book of Acts. Meets in Sts. Francis & Clare.

Women+ Organizational Meeting TODAY at after 10:30 service

For the St. A's Women+ dinners and retreats to continue we need organizers! If you can help, join Madeline Stewart and Lorri Shundich who are passing the coordination torches and will lead a brief discussion on transitioning. We will meet upstairs in the Martin Luther King, Jr. room.

Online Class - Episcopal Beliefs and Practices Continues Tues April 16, 23, 30, & May 9, 7pm - 8:30pm

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or want a deeper understanding the church, our class on the Anglican/Episcopal tradition continues. If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception into the church, or sponsoring a baptismal candidate – this class is for you. And it is fine to join if you missed the first session. **4/16 Topic: Worship & Sacraments.** Zoom link-https://us02web.zoom.us

Wildflower Walk - RESCHEDULED Saturday April 27, 8:30am – 12p

Join wildflower enthusiast Martha Goode and Rev. Katie for a gentle hike to discover local blooms. To sign up, email Carrie Price (carrie@saint-augustine.org) and she will send the site information and directions by Friday April 26.

Spiritual Nourishment Conversations on Henri Nouwen's *The Way of the Heart* Saturdays: April 20, May 4 & May 18, 8:00am-9:30am

Join the Healing Prayer Team for group discussions on the spiritual practices of solitude, silence, and prayer, drawing on Henri Nouwen's *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of Desert Fathers and Mothers.* No need to purchase the book; this series emphasizes conversation over lecture-style learning. Meet in the Sts. Francis & Clare room, with an option of attending online if you can't come in person.

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