



The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd
Venice, Florida

March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – Prayer C – 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Hymnal 149

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: 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 DECALOGUE: TRADITIONAL

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

After the 10th Commandment



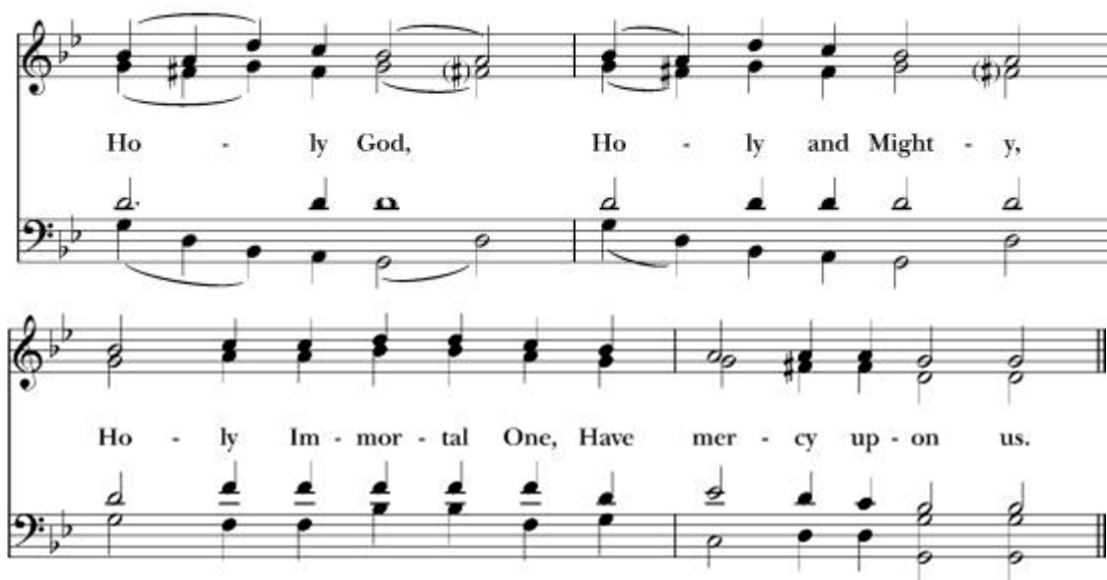
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our



hearts, we be - seech thee.

TRISAGON (*Kneeling, sung three times*)

Hymnal S-102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4a

Reader: A reading from Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

William Felton
(1715–1769)



Choir:

1 I lift up my/ eyes • to the/ hills; *
from/ where • is my/ help • to/ come?

William Felton
(1715–1769)



All:

- 2 My help/ comes • from the/ Lord, ***
the/ maker • of/ heaven • and/ earth.
- 3 He will not let your/ foot • be/ moved ***
and he who watches over you/ will • not/ fall • a/sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps/ watch • over/ Israel ***
shall/ nei- • ther/ slumber • nor/ sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself/ watches • over/ you; ***
the Lord is your/ shade • at/ your • right/ hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not/ strike you • by/ day, ***
—/ nor • the/ moon • by/ night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from/ all/ evil; ***
it is/ he • who shall/ keep • you/ safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your/ com- • ing/ in, ***
from this time/ forth • for/ ev • er-/ more.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law

but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Hymnal 448

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

Fr. Joe Hudson

After the sermon, the People remain seated and observe a brief time of silence.

NICENE CREED

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(All stand, as able)

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

Kneel or stand as able

Intercessor: As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

By the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our bishop and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead. We pray silently for those on our ongoing prayer list: The Johnson Family, Janet & Family, Jerry and Dandy, Granddaughter Stephanie and baby, Charles, Mary, Ed, Phillip, Keni & Parents, Jim, Jeff and Ingrid, Wendy and Nicholas. We pray especially for those on today's prayer list...are there others?

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Silence, Lord God of host,

All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those celebrating a birthday this week; Carole LaBate, Libby Chinman, Liz Adams, Cheryl Henwood, Donald Knoerr, Jim Dellecker, and Charlie Kiesling.

For those celebrating an anniversary Craig and Carol DeMario Van Horsten.

The Altar Flowers are given as a Memorial for Richard Buntel by John Buntel and Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God by the Parish Family of Good Shepherd.

Presider:

Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: (Kneel, if able)

**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.**

Presider: 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 *(All stand, if able)*

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills”*

G. Hallquist

The people sit at the offertory while oblations and offerings are collected.

PRESENTATION HYMN (Doxology) Old 100th – Isaac Watts
(vs.3)

Hymnal 380

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*People remain standing, as able*)
Eucharistic Prayer C,

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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.

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:

**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 people stand or kneel as able)

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.

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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.

The People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *(sung by people)*

Hymnal S-158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God

All are welcome to receive Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love Hymnal 337

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*People kneel or stand, as able*)

Presider: Let us pray. Eternal God, . . .

All

**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

Presider: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

J.S. Bach



Birthdays

March
2 - Carole LaBate
Libby Chinman
Liz Adams
3 - Cheryl Henwood
Donald Knoerr
5 - Jim Dellecker
6 - Charlie Kiesling

Anniversaries

March 1st
Craig and Carol De Mario
Van Horsten

March 1-7, 2026
Good Shepherd Welcomes All!
We're glad you're here!

If you are new, we invite you to fill out a WELCOME CARD found in the back of the hymnal and at the WELCOME DESK in the entry. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher.



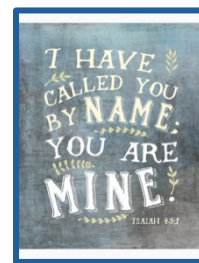
If you are a first-time visitor to Good Shepherd, we welcome you! At announcement time, if you are comfortable, we invite you to introduce yourselves.

We also invite you to join us at coffee hour immediately after our 10 a.m. service. Please sit at our Visitor table and our Hospitality team will serve you coffee and goodies and then spend some time getting to know you.

Would you like to be listed in our Good Shepherd Parish Directory?

If so, please complete the yellow Directory Sign Up card that is located at our Connections Center near the garden doors at the back of our Parish Hall.

See Nancy Fees to have a photo taken for the directory



Name Tags

If you would like a Good Shepherd name tag, please put your name on the list at the Connections Center. Your completed tag will be available at the table near the Welcome Desk the next Sunday.

PRAYERS - March 1-7, 2026

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: The Johnson Family, Janet & Family, Jerry and Dandy, Granddaughter Stephanie and baby, Charles, Mary, Ed, Phillip, Keni & Parents, Jim, Jeff and Ingrid, Wendy and Nicholas.

SERVING OR LIVING IN HARM'S WAY: Robert Matern, Kevin Sweet, Max Wilson, Matthew Stricker, Sam Blair, Mason Roush, Chris Hoffman, Joseph Sharpe, James Kilroe, and Matthew Kilroe.

FOR OUR DIOCESE AND COMPANION DIOCESES:

The Diocese of Southwest Florida— The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Companion Diocese of Georgia, Companion Diocese of South Carolina, Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS: Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; Iona-Hope, Fort Myers; Lamb of God, Fort Myers; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel and St. John's, Pine Island.

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Sign up for flower or candle dedications in the white binder located at the CONNECTIONS CENTER near the garden doors in the Parish Hall.

TIME CHANGE – SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026
SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR

Weekly Email Blast - If you do not receive the weekly email blast & would like to be added, please contact Nancy Fees at communication@goodshepherdvenicefl.org or call the church office 941-497-7286.

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

When the office is closed, you may leave a voice message by telephone or email us. The office phone number is 941-497-7286. The email address - office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org.

If you are calling with a pastoral care emergency after hours, please leave a message on the church office voicemails. Voicemails are monitored overnight and on weekends. OR, you may call any of our Clergy directly at the numbers below if you need assistance, support, and prayer.

Fr. Joe Hudson at (573) 450-9059
 Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064
 Archdeacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546
 Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109
 Deacon John Riherd at (503) 753-5115

**Serving in Ministry at Good Shepherd
 The Second Sunday in Lent
 March 1, 2026**

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. John Warfel Fr. Joe Hudson	Fr. Joe Hudson Fr. Joe Hudson
Assisting	Deacon Rich Wilson	Deacon Rich Wilson
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Judy Jarvis	Jean Smithies Bob Sawyer
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	Barbara Davis Judy Jarvis Deacon	John Mitchel Sue Greene Sue Strang
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Greeters		Sara Jones Megarie Van Sickle
Ushers	Barbara Davis	Jeff Cox/Donna McCutcheon
Tech Team		Cameras – Sue Greene CamCorder – Peter Walker/Paul Altimier Sound – Larry Fees Director – Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Libby Chinman

**This Week at Good Shepherd
 The Second Sunday in Lent**

SUNDAY 03/01 Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.
 Men's Breakfast for the Parish after the service 11:00 a.m.
 Men's AA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY 03/02 Morning Prayer with Fr. Joe – 9:00 a.m.
 Memorial Planning Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY 03/03 Morning Prayer with Fr. Joe – 9:00 a.m.
 Women's AA Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 03/04 All Faiths Food Bank 10:00 a.m.
 Core Curriculum – Sacred Rhythms – Fr. Joe – 1:00p.m.
 Centering Prayer – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 03/05 Good Shepherd Clergy Meeting 8:00 a.m.
 Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m.
 Morning Prayer in Church – Fr. Joe – 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Prayer Live Streamed with Deacon Rich – 9:15 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
 The Chosen – 2:00 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 03/05 Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 Creative Design Outreach - 9:30 a.m.
 Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
 Stations of the Cross – 12 NOON
 Return of the Prodigal Son – 4:00 p.m.
 Lenten Study, Soup & Compline

SATURDAY 03/06 Altar Guild & Flower Guild – 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER
 Saturday, March 21 –
 Tickets - \$20.00 each
 Sign up today!**

**Easter, Season of Realized Hope
Linger a Bit in Easter**

**A 3-week study led by Deacon John Riherd
 Beginning Wednesday, April 8 – 1 p.m.
 Books are \$4.95**