



# St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 + 8 AM

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

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The Procession into the Church

Hymn 508

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Collect of the Day

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### Psalms 95

BCP 724

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For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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<b>The Homily</b>	<b>Rev. Mark Lafler</b>
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<b>BCP 327</b>
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>BCP 328</b>
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	<b>BCP 330</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	<b>BCP 332</b>
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

<b>The Offertory</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Prayer 2</b>	<b>BCP 340</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 336</b>
<b>The Communion</b>	

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<b>Healing Prayers</b>	
<b>The Post Communion Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 339</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>The Procession into the World</b>	<b>Hymn 685</b>



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March 8, 2026 + 10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession into the Church

Who You Say I Am

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

**The Collect of the Day**

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<b>Prayers of the People (Form V)</b>	<b>BCP 389</b>
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	<b>BCP 359</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	<b>BCP 360</b>
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

<b>The Offertory</b>	<b>Changed</b>
<b>The Doxology</b>	<b>I Bring an Offering</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer B</b>	<b>BCP 367</b>
<b>The Sanctus</b>	<b>Holy, Holy, Holy</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 364</b>
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	<b>Awaken the Dawn</b>
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<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>What a Wonderful World</b>
<b>Healing Prayers</b>	
<b>The Post Communion Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 366</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>The Procession into the World</b>	<b>Whole World in His Hands</b>
<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>BCP 366</b>

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March 8, 2026

## WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

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### **What is the Altar Guild?**

A volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members also assist with weddings, funerals, and special times of worship. If you are looking for a place to serve in the church, the Altar Guild might be a great fit. Please speak with Fr. Mark or an Altar Guild volunteer for more information on what is involved in serving on this sacred guild.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN will meet this Wednesday at 9:00 am. Please bring your gardening tools and help us with the church gardens.

THE MARCH CRAFT SHOW Parking event will be on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great event to volunteer your time while you serve our community and support the church through this fundraiser.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Mulch Madness is back. Please join us on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am as we move a large pile of mulch to all the areas of need at the church.

THE EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES are available in the pews. Please print your request on the envelope. The deadline for receiving the memorials is Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

OUR DAILY BREAD devotional guide is available in the Narthex. This latest booklet includes a daily reading for the months of March, April, and May. You are welcome to pick up your free copy today.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday EYC -12:00 noon  
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm

Tuesday Reading with the Rector – 11:30 am

Wednesday Friends of the Garden-9:00 am  
Women's Caring & Sharing-10:00 am  
Pre School Chapel-11:25 am  
Wednesday Eucharist-12:15 pm  
Stations of the Cross-6:00 pm  
Adult Bible Conversation-6:30 pm  
Kids Bible Club-6:30 pm

Thursday Choir-5:00 pm

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Liz Maglio 03/08 Hollis Maxim 03/08 M.J. Smith 03/01 Mandie Orr  
03/11 Dominic Albanese 03/01 Jimmy Minchey 03/14

### ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Mary Lou Mason 03/08 Richard Waters 03/09  
Richard Robinson 03/09 Mike Pieper 03/10  
Edna Riley 03/10 Dallas High 03/10  
Edna Kissinger 03/12 Doris Aurell 03/14  
Kathleen Mitchell 03/14

## PRAYERS

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Lorraine M. Greg S. Barbara C. Luanne W Ellen D. Karyl L.

### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon Mary Hyland Laura Cain  
Trevor Orr Steve Husted Emma Hogan  
Andrew Seley

### CYCLE OF PRAYER

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Lakeland  
Christ the King Episcopal Church, Lakeland  
For our parish members Floyd and Barbara Cogley

## SERVING TODAY

8:00 AM

First Reading Tré Conrader  
Second Reading Tom Felcher  
LEM 1 Tré Conrader  
LEM 2 Tom Felcher  
Ushers Steve Nichols  
Patti Conrader  
Deacon Deacon Mickey  
Altar Guild Leah Felcher  
Screens Sandy Minkoff  
Video Madeline Lafler  
Postulant Dennis Hartenstein  
Music Elizabeth Maxwell

10:00 AM

Sandy Betlach  
Marilyn Minchey  
Betty Hensinger  
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Bill Pixley  
Betty Hensinger  
Deacon Dan  
Cheryl Hogan  
Chloe King  
Shekinah Praise Team

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb  
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler  
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell  
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

### VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden Leah Felcher Margaret Dohnalek  
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden James Cartlidge Michael Viel  
Gaines Campbell Fred Fitte Janet Martin

### OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer  
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

### PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch  
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter  
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King  
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson  
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers  
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell  
Nursery Director: Cathy Love  
Steward: Walter Burkhalter