

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

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# February 14, 2021 | The Transfiguration of Our Lord | 8:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Although many travelers to the Holy Land focus their visits on biblical sites located in Israel, there are many noteworthy sacred locations in today's nation of Jordan, on the east side of the Jordan River. Two of these sites are the site called Tell Mar Elias, by tradition the place where the prophet Elijah was born, and Elijah's Hill, near the Jordan River location of Jesus' Baptism, where it is said that Elijah ascended to heaven in the whirlwind. Both sites were the location of notable Christian churches centuries ago. Elijah has long been remembered and honored by Christian people as a precursor to Jesus and an important historical figure of faith. Yet Elijah was a human being—just like us. His presence on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses reminds us of what is to come for us humans by God's grace for the sake of our glorious and glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

Divine Service 3 LSB pgs. 184-202

Prelude Fugue in E Major BMV878, J.S. Bach

#### Welcome and Announcements

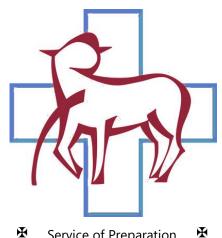
# To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.



 $\mathbf{X}$ Service of Preparation

**Hymn of Invocation LSB 414** 'Tis Good, Lord to Be Here

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## Tonfession and Absolution

L In the name of the Father and the & Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

L Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalm 124:8

C who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L O almighty God, merciful Father,

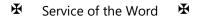
I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathcal{C}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

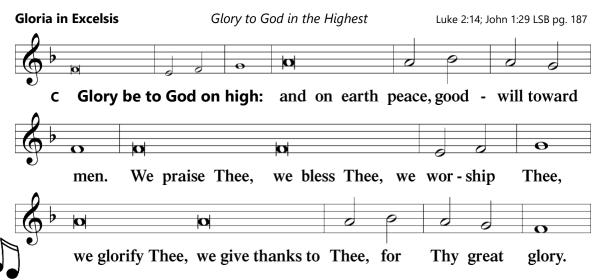
C Amen.

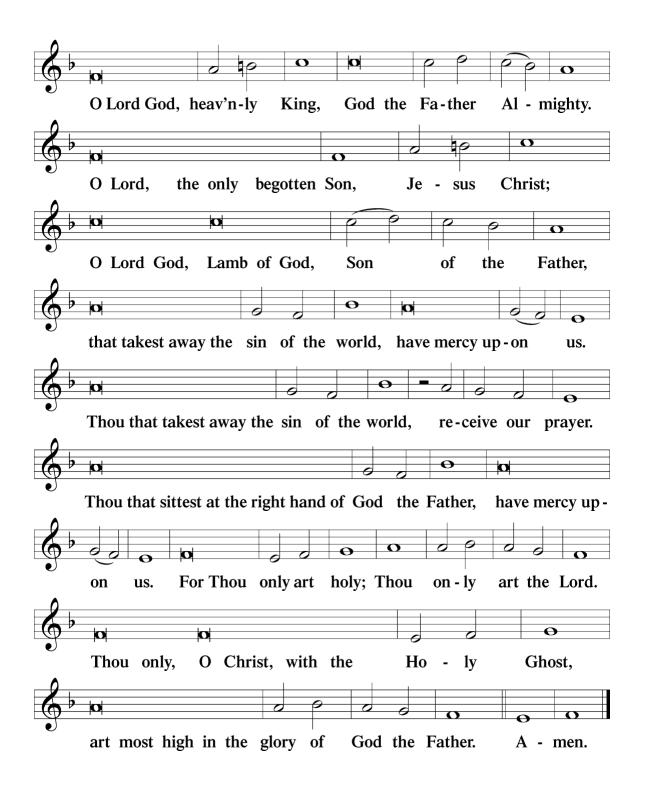












# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.





And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.

- C In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;
- L through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



#### **Old Testament Reading** 2 Kings 2:1–12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

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#### C Thanks be to God.

# **Special Music**

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, Bright Heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

#### **Epistle Reading** 2 Corinthians 4:1–6

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



# Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9

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- L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the second chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed LSB pg. 191

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 🕆 of the world to come. Amen.



## **Prayer of the Church**

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- L Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

(A time of reflection and personal prayer)



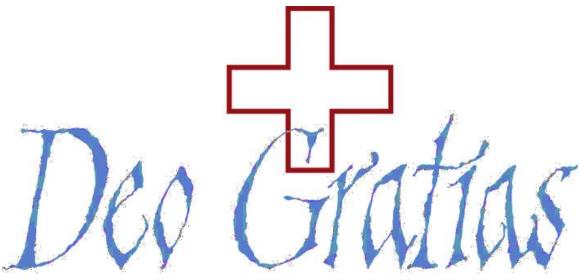
- L Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; (A time of reflection and personal prayer)
- L Give us this day our daily bread; (A time of reflection and personal prayer)
- L and forgive us our trespasses
- C as we forgive those who trespass against us; (A time of reflection and personal prayer)
- L and lead us not into temptation,
- C but deliver us from evil.
  (A time of reflection and personal prayer)
- L For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
- C Amen.



Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12; LSB pgs. 192-193





THANKS BE TO GOD

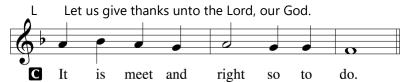


C And with thy spir - it.

LSB pgs. 194-195 2 Timothy 4:22



Colossians 3:1



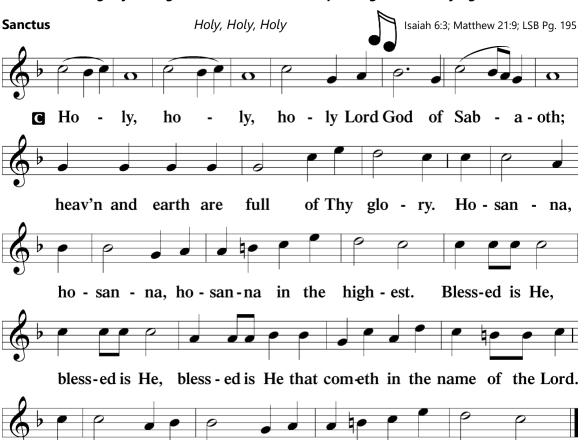
Psalm 136



Proper Preface LSB pgs. 194

L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting.

C Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

#### Words of our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 🕆 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

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The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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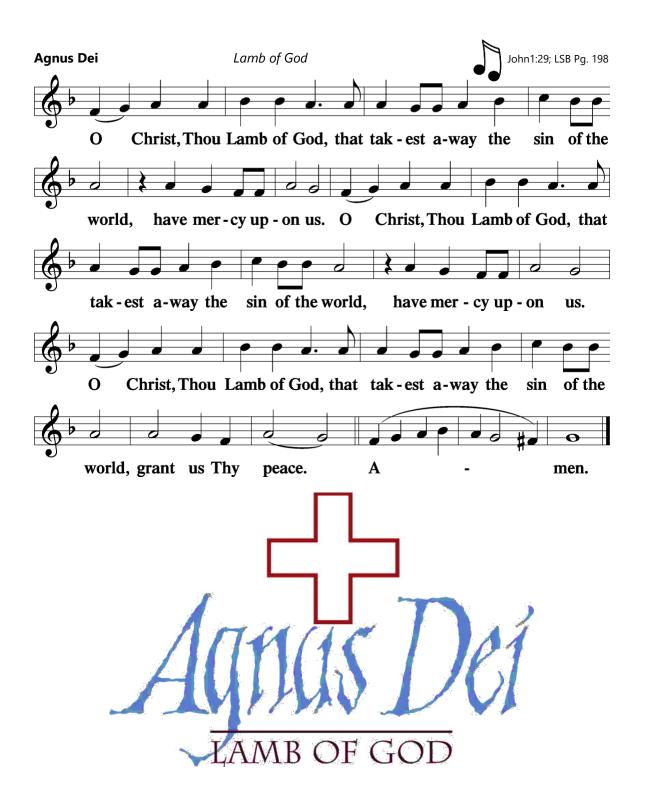
John 20:19, LSB pg.197

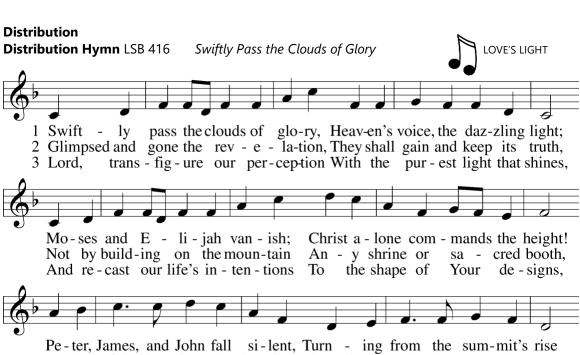


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Matthew 6.9-13





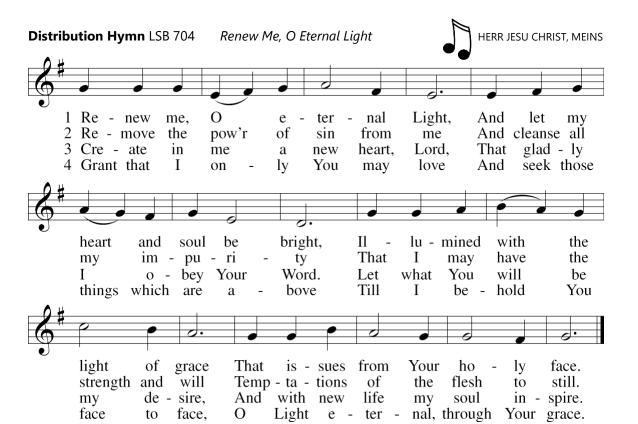


Pe-ter, James, and John fall si-lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise But by fol - low-ing the Sav-ior Through the val - ley to the cross Till we seek no oth - er glo-ry Than what lies past Cal-v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes. And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss. And our liv - ing and our dy-ing And our ris-ing by Your will.





The Dismissal LSB Pg. 199

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 🕆 in peace.





**Thanksgiving** Psalm 107:1, LSB pgs. 200

- L O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C and His mercy endureth forever.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

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O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

- C and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction

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L The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

L Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

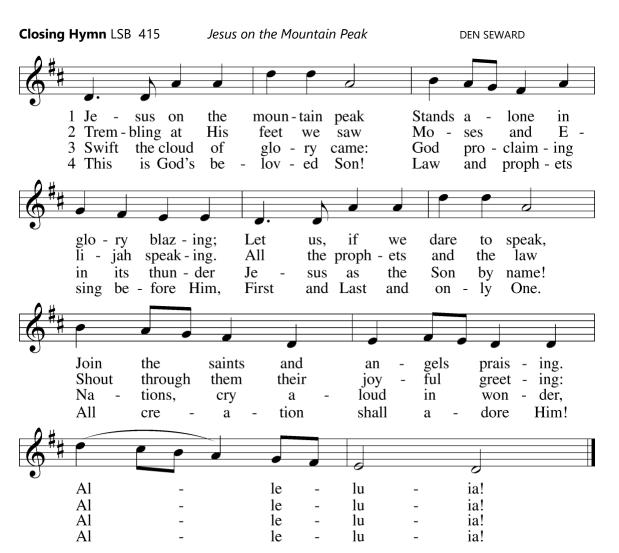
C Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ⊕ give you peace.

Number 6:24-26







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# **Burying of the Alleluia Banner**

# Sending

- L Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**



# Lent

# "Marks of the Church"

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "The Holy Word of God"

Joel 2:12-19, 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

# **Mid-Week Wednesday Services**

Signing-up is not required for the Mid-Week Services

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "Holy Baptism"

Titus 3:1-11, Matt. 28:7-20

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "Holy Communion"

1 Corinthians 10:1-22, Mark 14:12-26

March 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "The Office of Holy Ministry"

1 Peter 5:1-11, John 21:1-19

March 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "Holy Absolution and Church Discipline" 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, John 20:19-22

March 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "God's Holy People in Worship"

Colossians 3:1-17, Lule 4:16-30



# **Holy Week**

March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 8:00, 10:45 am & 1:30pm "Possession of the Holy Cross"

Zechariah 9:9-12, 1 Peter 3:8-4:19, Matthew 5:11-12

April 1st Maundy Thursday

12:00 & 7:00 pm

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday 12:00, 6:00 & 8:00 pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Vigil Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Shelter House

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 1:30 pm Is. 25:6-9, 1 Cor. 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 3rd 11:00 am at the Shelter House

Visit our website for more information: stjohndublin.org

Call, text or email to sign-up in advance for all Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter Services.