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The Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2015



The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Congregation and choir

1. Holiness, holiness is what I long for,
Holiness, is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what you want for me.
Take my heart - and form it,
Take my mind - transform it,
Take my will - conform it,
To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

2. Faithfulness

3. Righteousness

Take My Life, by Scott Underwood. Printed by permission CCLI #11289572

Procession to the Altar Hymn #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your
neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O
Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the
Lord your God with all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than
these." Mark 12:29-31

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

*(8:00 Said three times;
10:00 Hymn S 102 Sung three times printed below)*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

S 102 The Holy Eucharist
Holy God *Trisagion*

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O 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.**

A Reading from Genesis

(17:1-7, 15-16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Silence

Psalm 22:22-30

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 **For he does not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty; neither does he hide his
face from them; * but when they cry to him
he hears them.**
- 24 **My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship him.**
- 25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise
him: * "May your heart live for ever!"**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from Romans (4:13-25)

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words,

"it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #675 vss. 1, 2

Take Up Thy Cross

"Take up thy cross", the Savior said,
"If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Mark (8:31-38)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Gradual Hymn #675 vss. 3,4

Take Up Thy Cross

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
Thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Take Up Thy Cross, By Charles William Everest (1833). Printed by permission CCLI #11289572

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, 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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, all are created in your image; help us to honor you by loving one another.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You challenge the powers and principalities of the world. We pray for our president, our congress, our courts and all who are in authority.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You sent the prophets of old; inspire your church to prophetically seek justice, peace, and truth.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you gave to the Apostles the continuation of your ministry; bless all who minister in your church.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into One Body. We pray for your Holy Catholic Church; the Anglican Communion, especially the Diocese of Mbale - (Uganda); the Episcopal Church; our Diocese, especially St. Matthew/San Mateo, Auburn, and Good Shepherd, Federal Way; and our parish
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You called each of us to take up the cross; deepen our faith and strengthen our resolve to follow in your steps as we pray this week for our fellow parishioners Art & Pam Ladley; Beth Latsis; and Liz Latsis.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You forgave the thief on the cross; bring us all to penitence and reconciliation.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You were rich yet for our sake you became poor; move us to share generously.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You lived as an exile in Egypt; protect and comfort all who are alone, isolated, fearful, or victimized.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come in our midst as the Prince of Peace. We pray for peace and an end of violence, hatred, and terrorism in every heart and every land. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially Andrew, Michael, and for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You healed by your touch and word; bless all through whom your healing gifts are given and bless all of those on our Prayer List, and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Beth & Kendall, Rose, Lorraine, Frank, Shirley, Tom, Elsie and for those we now name....
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially those we now name...
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you touched the lives of innumerable saints; embrace the faithful departed, especially remembering those we now name...
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom in our Lenten fast. Mercifully grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his rising from the tomb; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayers for Healing

Offertory Choir Anthem

I Offer My Life to You
By Don Moen, Integrity's Hosanna!

The Great Thanksgiving – D

The Celebrant faces the people and says

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S 130

Deutsche Messe

(Said at 8:00; sung at 10:00)

(Printed on page 12 & 13 of the Worship Guide)

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. The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you,

our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer (said at 8:00 and sung at 10:00)
(printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us;

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then
immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with
these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are
invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be
baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the
service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free
hosts are available upon request at the rail.*

Communion Music

Jesus Your Name is Power

1) Jesus, Your name is Power
Jesus, Your name is might.
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,
Jesus, Your name is life.

2) Jesus, Your name is healing,
Jesus, Your name is sight.
Jesus, Your name will free ev'ry captive,
Jesus, Your name is life.

3) Jesus, Your name is holy,
Jesus, Your name brings light.
Jesus, Your name, above ev'ry other.

Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your Name, music by Morris Chapman, words by Claire Cloninger, 1991 Maranatha! Music Printed
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The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.

The Steadfast Love of the Lord by Edith McNeill, 1986 by Celebration, Admin. By Maranatha! Music
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I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,
But, You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.
And I'm forever grateful to You.
I'm forever grateful for the cross;
I'm forever grateful to You
That You came, to seek and save the lost.

I'm Forever Grateful by Mark Altrogge, 1986 People of Destiny International
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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*To be used when the need is present to
send out Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

*Priest: In the name of this congregation we send
you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to
whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ's body and blood.*

*Presider and People: **We who are many are
one body because we all share one bread,
one cup.***

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant and People

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.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may
recognize their weakness and put their whole trust
in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever
in the protection of your loving providence;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Days of Elijah

1) These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

CHORUS:

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice; it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

2) These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord.
(to Chorus)

Days of Elijah, by Robin Mark, 1996 Song Solutions Daybreak
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St. Matthew Mission Statement

**To be a church that passionately embraces and
values all people, growing in the love of Christ
through word and action.**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Witter
Lector	Bud Nalder
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege
	Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Dick Collins
	Daniel Dawes
Greeters	Pamela Reed
	Claire Scharmach
Eucharistic Visitor	Kitty Walker
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Jill Little
	Sue Inglis
	Lorina Goodjoint

Counters	Dick Collins
	Dick Elofson
Nursery	TBA
Coffee Hour	Anne Hartwig
	Sue Inglis & Anne Jackson
Altar Guild Directress	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – dementia
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Beth & Kendall Haynes – for a safe and healthy pregnancy
Rose Barg – continued healing for a variety of health issues
Lorraine Casillas – for healing, strong healthy heart and good blood pressure
Fr. Frank Spina – recovering from a major stroke
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
Tom Taylor – vertigo-like symptoms from an unknown illness
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com . Thanks!

News

New Nursery Care Attendant!

Please welcome **Micaela Detrick** as our new Nursery Care Attendant. Micaela joins us after several years working with children privately and as a counselor at Camp Seymour (YMCA). She also is a student who is learning how to be as ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter. Welcome Micaela!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross and Lenten MOVIE Series—Fridays—in Lent at 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross or the Way of Sorrows is the fourteen point journey acknowledging Jesus' experience from being condemned to death to the tomb. This is a fabulous and contemplative liturgy that interactively serves as a pilgrimage for us as believers. Please join us for this ancient and profound discipline! Then join us at **7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall for our 1st Annual Lenten Movie Series. This year's theme will be **Jesus in Film** and will include the following movies:

Mar. 6 – *Jesus* (1979)

Mar. 13 – *The Passion of the Christ* (2004)

Mar. 20 – *Son of God* (2014)

Emergency Shelter Volunteers—In case you are not aware, St Matthew Church, together with Resurrection Lutheran Church, are established shelter facilities in the Browns Point area in the event of an emergency/disaster in Pierce County. St Matthew has a large emergency generator in the event of a power outage. Personnel from both parishes have been working together for several years to support either one of the shelters or both, if necessary. **Currently there is a shortage of volunteers to support our shelter program. We are looking for new volunteers who are willing to get involved in this valuable program.** There is very little effort required other than getting familiar with the operation of a shelter by attending a couple of short meetings and maybe even setting up a "mock" shelter for a couple of hours just to acquaint you with the concept. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th, at Resurrection Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m.,** for no more than an hour and a half. Believe me it is a wonderful feeling to be able to help people who have just experienced a disaster by volunteering in a shelter to support them. I've been there, done that... Please add your name to the 'Shelter Volunteer List' on the round glass table on your way out of Church. Thanks, Dick Collins, 253-927-9245.

"More Than Altar Flowers: A workshop in Liturgical Design"— is a liturgical workshop being offered at St. John's in Kirkland on Saturday, March 7th, 10am-2pm (registration information: <http://www.ecww.org/events-calendar/more-altar-flowers-workshop-liturgical-design>). This great opportunity is being made available for all parishioners who are interested in liturgy, art, design, prayer, creativity and especially ways to enhance our liturgical space. It will be most fruitful if many of us get involved. There is a video by

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Bishop Rickel regarding liturgical creativity that also explains the workshop:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smbv8QWwnCs>. They suggest that we bring our own natural materials to work with, driftwood, candles, rocks, etc. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes lunch. We can carpool from St. Matthew (37miles) and it should be lots of fun. Please contact me if you are interested - Marcie Neuman 253-447-7424.

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2nd Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- Thursdays, 7PM Adult Catechumenate in the library
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Fridays in Lent
 - 6PM – Stations of the Cross
 - 7PM – Lenten Movie Series
- Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM – Emergency Shelter Meeting @ Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Saturday, March 7, 10AM-2PM – Liturgy Workshop @ St. John's Episcopal Church, Kirkland