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The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 2015



The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me. (repeat)

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise;
All my hope come from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well spring of life. (repeat)

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Procession to the Altar

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the
people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the
heavens,
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the
clouds.

Be exalted O God, above the heavens.
Let thy glory be over all the earth.
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Let Thy glory, let Thy Glory,
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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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.
The glory of these 40 days

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
Holy God *Trisagion* The Holy Eucharist

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y.

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Numbers (21:4-9)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let all those whom the LORD has
redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed
them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 **He gathered them out of the lands; * from
the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**
- 17 **Some were fools and took to rebellious
ways; * they were afflicted because of
their sins.**
- 18 **They abhorred all manner of food * and
drew near to death's door.**
- 19 **Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, * and he delivered them from
their distress.**
- 20 **He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.**
- 21 **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his
mercy * and the wonders he does for his
children.**
- 22 **Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
* and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

A Reading from Ephesians (2:1-10)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and

seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Gradual Hymn #439 vss. 1, 2

What wondrous love is this

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John (3:14-21)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Gradual Hymn #439 vs. 3

What wondrous love is this

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 Missouri; the Episcopal Church; our Diocese, especially St. James, Kent, and St. Columba, Kent; 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 Aaron & Luella Loudonback; Kathleen Manning; and Maria & John McKenzie.
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, Melisa, Agueda, Wayne, Sueann, Ken,
Katie, and John
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 Shirley Loflin and 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 Hymn # 648 *Go down Moses*

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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	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

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich,'
because of what the Lord has done for us!
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given,
Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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Let All That is Within Me

1. Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb that was slain.
2. Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
3. Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb that was slain.

4. Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb that was slain.

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Lord, be glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In my home Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my home Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In my words Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my words Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

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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

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God,
that by your great goodness they may be governed
and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #473 *Lift high the cross*

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 Frank Blacker

Eucharistic Minister Kitty Walker

Lector Dick Elofson

Acolytes Zawadi Chege

Nicholas Yun

Ushers Dick Collins

Art Ladley

Greeters Dick Collins

Linda Collins

Eucharistic Visitor Kitty Walker

Bread Maker Marian Oberg

Altar Guild Sandy Goretti

Danielle Hull

Linda Pomeroy-Hull

Sandy Hust

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Dick Collins

Coffee Hour Lorina Goodjoint & Florence Nabaggala

Lydia Nabawanga

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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

Melisa Barbee – (friend of Scott Hogman) – that her surgery

to correct her paralysis is successful

Agueda Fernandez-Webster – Tests

Wayne – (son of Lorraine Casillas) – Brain injury

Sueann Gorretti – discernment for employment transition

Ken St. John – discernment for employment transition

Katie – (friend of Jim Oberg) – undiagnosed medical condition

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

NEWS

Many Thanks!— Along with the personal messages of gratitude we will be sending out shortly, thank you all so much for the beautiful baby shower held in celebration of our son Jack, who is to be born any week now. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were extraordinary in helping our family feel loved and supported. Thank you again!! - Beth and Kendall

Plan “B” Priest for the Triduum— As an answer to much prayer, The Rev. Edie Wellner, the recently retired rector of Resurrection, Bellevue, has agreed to be our “on-call” priest in-case baby Jack decides to come just before or during the Triduum. This is a huge relief and we give thanks to Edie for coming out of retirement to help us in this way!

Alcohol-free Wine— Beginning at the **Great Vigil of Easter** (4/4 @ 8 PM), St. Matthew will begin serving alcohol-free wine as an option at Communion. Due to the great variety of health and person reasons one might choose to be communicated with alcohol-free wine, this decision joins our gluten-free option for the host as a means of making our table more hospitable to all. As with the gluten-free option, if you wish to receive alcohol-free wine, simply let your server know at the rail. As always, if you do not wish to receive one or both of the elements in any form, you are encouraged to still come forward placing your arms across your chest as a sign that you wish to receive a blessing.

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. 20 – **No Movie**

Mar. 27 – *Son of God* (2014)

Easter Flowers - Please make sure to submit your thanksgiving or memorial donation for Easter Flowers before Holy Week. We are anticipating a grand celebration and your contributions make the floral display all the greater. Thank you!

The Arts & Liturgy Co-mission, along with the Altar Guild - invite you to participate in a palm cross making workshop **on Saturday, March 28th, 2pm**. We will form crosses from the palms to distribute to parishioners on Palm Sunday as we process into Holy Week. This gathering is for those who want to learn how to make the crosses, along with those who already know how to make them. If you have any questions, call Marcie Neuman 253-447-7424.

Make Time for HOLY WEEK—Holy Week and Easter are considered the *navel*, or center, of the Church calendar. Without the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we simply would not be here. If you haven't done so, please make a point of carving out time in your schedule to attend the **Holy Triduum** (meaning the "three holy days"), which includes **Maundy Thursday (4/2 @ 7 PM)**, **Good Friday (4/3 @ 7 PM)**, **Holy Saturday (4/4 @ 10 AM)**, and **The Great Vigil of Easter (4/4 @ 8 PM)**. All of the liturgies that comprise these three days are actually considered ONE giant liturgy with breaks in between. If you want to experience the full power and glory of the Faith, whether you are new to the Church or have been a Churchperson forever, make a point to come. This, my friends, is *deep church*. Come and take the journey from the foot washing in the upper room to the empty tomb that makes our hope of authentic relationships and eternal life possible!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH PEOPLE—WE

WANT YOU! We will be setting up and decorating the church for **Great Vigil of Easter** and Easter Day on **Saturday April 4th at 10 AM** following the Holy Saturday Liturgy. Please join us for even a little while, while we transform the church for Easter. See you on the 4th!

Our Easter Vigil—Will be followed with an Agapé Feast for one and all immediately after the **Great Vigil of Easter** on **April 4th**. There will be reserved tables for the families of those baptized AND food, drink and celebration for all parishioners. Several treats for children will occur throughout the event. Desserts will be provided by the planning group. We ask that you bring finger foods for children or adults and drop them off in the kitchen before the services. Questions? call Anna Jackson [253-943-1499](tel:253-943-1499).

Outreach—Thanks again for your generous donations to our **Northeast Tacoma Community Food Bank**. The food bank is open for those in need every Friday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We collect our donations in the Deacon's Chest and deliver them to the food Bank on the last Friday of each month. If you would like to make a donation for March please do so by noon on Friday, March 27th. Again, thanks.

Outreach is looking for new members—If you have an interest in helping those in need in our larger community family we would like you to join us. Our projects include supporting the Northeast Tacoma Community Food Bank, providing socks for the homeless in support of Put A Sock in it; support Northeast Tacoma Elementary School by providing shoes, uniforms, backpacks and school supplies as well as funding for their community night and a field trip bus to the Points NE Historical Museum. We also provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our community and hold community CPR classes in partnership with other community organizations. If you would like more information please contact Leanne Kennedy at leannekennedy@harbornet.com, 253-927-9254 or

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 (except March 20th)
- Saturday, March 28, 10AM – Shirley Loflin Burial Mass
- Saturday, March 28, 2PM – Palm Cross Making Party
- Sunday, March 29, 8 AM & 10AM – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
- Thursday April 2, 7PM – Maundy Thursday liturgy
- Friday, April 3, 7PM – Good Friday liturgy
- Saturday, April 4, 10AM – Holy Saturday liturgy
- Saturday, April 4, 8PM – **The Great Vigil of Easter** and Agapé Feast