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If it  
 bears fruit  
 next year,  
 well and  
 good;  
 but if not,  
 you can  
 cut it  
 down.



L U K E 1 3 : 9

## The Third Sunday in Lent February 28, 2016



### The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering Music    Holy Ground

##### Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,

For the Lord is present, and where he is, is holy, (repeat)

These are holy hands, he's given us holy hands;

He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy, (repeat)

These are holy lips, he's given us holy lips;  
 He speaks through these lips, and so these lips are holy, (repeat)

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#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #433

*We gather together*

*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.*

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

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.

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 Exodus (3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all  
generations."

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

*Silence*

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; **\*my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- 3 **For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*my lips shall give you praise.**
- 4 **So will I bless you as long as I live \* and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 **My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
- 6 **When I remember you upon my bed, \*and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- 7 **For you have been my helper, \*and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**
- 8 **My soul clings to you; \*your right hand holds me fast.**

### **A Reading from 1 Corinthians** (10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

### **Gradual Hymn #685 vss. 1-2**

*Rock of ages*

### **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Luke (13:1-9)

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered

in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

### **Gradual Hymn #685 vs 3** *Rock of ages*

**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 for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; the Episcopal Church; our Diocese, especially St. Matthew/San Mateo, Auburn; 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 Dick & Terry Elofson; Sian & Jay Fankhauser; and Agueda Fernandez-Webster & Michael Webster.  
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 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, Dave, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Scott, Alisande, Ted, Elliott, Marisa, Adam, Cesar, Cherie, Sandy, Julie, Justin, Mark, Leanne, Jazmin, Norm, Katharine, Randy, Beth, Dave, Patricia 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, remembering especially Norm Jackonen and for 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**

*When Israel was in Egypt's land*

## **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 11 & 12 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 13 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 angels cry "Holy is the Lord!"

He is Lord, he is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

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## **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 and alcohol-free wine are available upon  
request at the rail.*

## **Communion Music**

### We See the Lord / He is Lord

We see the Lord, we see the Lord,  
He is high and lifted up,  
And his train fills the temple.  
He is high and lifted up,  
And his train fills the temple.  
The angels cry "Holy!" The angels cry "Holy!"

### For those Tears I Died

1. You said you'd come and share all my sorrows,  
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows.  
I came so close to sending you away,  
But just like you promised you came there to  
stay.  
I just had to pray.

Refrain:

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by  
my side.

I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.  
I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you  
cried,

And I strove to remind you that for those  
tears I died."

2. Your goodness so great I can't understand,  
And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned.  
I know you're here now and always will be,  
Your love loosed my chains, and in you I'm free.  
But Jesus, why me?
3. Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul,  
I know that without you I'd never be whole.  
Savior, you opened all the right doors,  
And I thank you and praise you from earth's  
Humble shores. Take me, I'm yours.

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### **COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Celebrant:* 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.

<p><i>Celebrant and People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.</i></p>
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## 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

*The Trees of the field (see page 14)*

## 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

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dave Teves
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Dick Elofson
<b>Lector</b>	Pamela Reed
<b>Acolytes</b>	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yoeun
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Wright Frank Blacker
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Sloan Claire Scharmach
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	TBA
<b>Bread Maker</b>	Marian Oberg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Latsis Liz Latsis Mary Blacker
<b>Counters</b>	Dick Collins Art Ladley
<b>Nursery</b>	Micaela Detrick
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Bob & Janet Witter Alisande Watterson Bill Bowers Rachel Bacon
<b>Altar Guild Director</b>	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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**Clerk of the Vestry**

Frank Blacker  
Sandy Goretti

a recent stroke

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list,  
email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) .  
Thanks!

## Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice  
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance  
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems  
Rose Barg – recovery from surgery  
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) –  
continued recovery from a vascular stroke  
Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues  
Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue  
Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) –  
grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma  
Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing  
from pain (pancreatic cancer)  
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with  
Parkinson's disease  
Adam – (friend of Liz Latsis brother) – who is very sick with  
acute Leukemia, spine, lung and fungal infections.  
Cesar Gatbunton – (Agueda Fernandez-Webster's  
sisters husband) – for recovery and healing from  
heart surgery  
Cherie Peterson – (sister of Bud Nalder) – suffering  
from dementia  
Sandy Green – (brother-in-law) of Alex Ringstad) – just  
entered into Hospice care  
Julie – (friend of Fred & Sherry Vogel) – who is facing  
breast cancer treatment  
Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued  
health  
Mark – (friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was  
diagnosed with prostate cancer  
Leanne Gaunt – (mother of Sueann & Sandra Goretti) –  
who was diagnosed with early stage lung cancer  
Jazmin – (granddaughter of Bud Nalder) –  
Norm Jackonen – (brother-in-law of Ken St. John) –  
battling aggressive intestinal cancer  
Katharine Gaustad - (wife of Kenneth Gaustad and sister  
of Bob Witter) – Kenneth died on January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Randy White – conflict at work  
Beth Latsis – (mother of Liz Latsis) – for treatments and  
healing from stage 3 colon cancer  
Dave Teves & Family – (Grandson of Florence Wanic) –  
who died on February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who  
has been diagnosed with ALS  
Ann Nalder – (wife of Bud Nalder) – hospitalized with  
Afib  
Sharon Jackonen & Family – (sister of Ken St. John) –  
whose husband died after battling an aggressive  
cancer  
Howard & Doris Neely – (father and step-mother of  
Paula Fallon, a visitor this last Sunday) – Howard has  
been hospitalized with Pulmonary Inflammation and  
Doris is transitioning to nursing care after suffering

## Announcements

**Book Sale Thank-You** – A sincere thank you to  
Marcie and Gary Neuman, Fred Vogel and all others  
who helped with the 2<sup>nd</sup> St Matthew Book Sale.  
This was a positive community event where  
everyone participating received benefit. Good  
work Marcie and team.

**Stations of the Cross – Fridays**—in Lent at **6:00  
PM** beginning February 12 - 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!

**Tuesday Night Lenten Series**—with the Rev. Dr.  
Frank Spina, Professor of Old Testament and  
Biblical Studies at Seattle Pacific University and  
Priest Associate at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church,  
Bellevue.

Most of us love biblical stories, and for good  
reason. The epic Story constitutes our Christian  
identity. We preach from biblical stories, sing  
about them, sometimes enact or dance to them,  
discuss them, and teach them to the children. In  
countless ways, the big picture biblical Story and  
the many smaller biblical stories bless us deeply.

This year's focus will be on the Hymnal of the Bible,  
the Book of Psalms with the following program:  
***Psalms Sung in a Lenten Key.***

**Week 3: Tues., March 1** - "Forgiveness: Dwelling  
with God" (Psalms 90 & 91) @ *Good Shepherd,  
Federal Way*

**Week 4: Tues., March 8** - "Bless the Lord Who  
Forgives Everything!" @ *St. Matthew, Browns Point*  
**\*Soup Makers Needed\***

**Week 5: Tues., March 15** - "Trying to Avoid God: You Can't!" (Psalm 139) @ *Good Shepherd, Federal Way*

The series starts at **6:30 PM** with a soup dinner and the teaching starts at **7:15 PM**. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Church of the Good Shepherd, 345 South 312th Street, Federal Way, [253-839-6100](tel:253-839-6100), [www.goodshepherdfw.org](http://www.goodshepherdfw.org). or St. Matthew, 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Browns Point, [253-927-9808](tel:253-927-9808), [www.neighborhoodparish.org](http://www.neighborhoodparish.org).

- Fridays, beginning February 12<sup>th</sup>, Stations of the Cross, 6pm
- Tuesday Night Lenten Series, beginning February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm
- Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am, Greg Hope at St Matthew to speak on Refugee Resettlement

**Newcomers for Sunday School** - Dear St. Matthew members. It's a new year and we longtime teachers need you to join us with new ideas and interactions with the Sunday school children who are also members of our beloved church. Anne, Jackie, Liz and Kitty have been bringing Godly Play into the new Sunday worship hours and also providing time for other activities. If you haven't spent time in the Sunday school to make some new connections with the kids, **now is the time!** The class is held at 9:00am, before the 10am service and then the children go into the nave for the remainder of the liturgy. Look in the narthex for the Sunday school mentor signup sheet. You can try it for one session and add to our ability to serve the young Episcopalians. They will look forward to the opportunity of knowing you better. Any questions? Contact Anne, Jackie or Liz. Thank you.

**Mark your calendar—**

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Fridays, 7:00PM, Bell choir practice
- Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Choir Rehearsal, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 11:45am, (first Sunday only at 9:15am)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:45am Instrument Rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Bible Class, 11AM Thursdays
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)