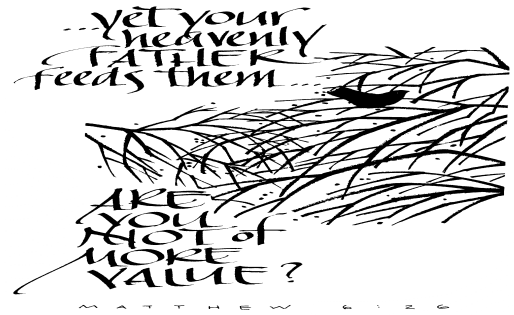




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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany March 2, 2014



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music

8 fold Alleluia

Alleluia (sing each 8 times)

Alleluia.....
 Jesus is Lord.....
 Lord, we love you.....
 Lord, we thank you.....
 Alleluia.....

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Procession to the Altar Hymn #178

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria said at 8am;

May we praise you, sung at 10am
(printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus (24:12-18)

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us,

until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * **he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**
- 2 **The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 **Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.**
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 **Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.**
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 **He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**
- 8 **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

- 9 **Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

A Reading from 2 Peter

(1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Jesus, name above all names

Jesus Name Above All Names/Open My Eyes, Lord

Jesus name above all names, beautiful Savior,
Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, precious Redeemer,
Living Word.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(17:1-9)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to

Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Gradual Hymn *Open my eyes, Lord*
Jesus Name Above All Names/Open My Eyes, Lord

Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that I love,
him.
Open my ears, Lord, and help me to listen.
Open my eyes, Lord. I want to see Jesus.

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The Sermon Father Haynes

Silence

Celebrant

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.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant hood. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine our presiding bishop, Gregory our bishop; for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

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

For the Anglican Communion, especially for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, our diocese, especially St. Matthew/San Mateo, Auburn and our parish, especially for our parishioners Samuel Kamau, Damaris, Moses & Zawadi Chege; John & Leanne Kennedy; John & Diane Kugler.

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

For the leaders of world, especially Barack, our president, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for our armed forces and for those who are deployed, especially Andrew, Josh, Michael, Sarah, and for those we now name....

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

For the hungry in body, mind or spirit, that they may be nourished by your presence and truth.

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

For Jon and Cat, who will be received into the waters of Baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter, that they may grow more and more into your likeness and boldly proclaim the truth of your love and eternal presence all the days of their lives.

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

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that your healing grace may shine forth in the shadows of this world. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Lynn, Areewa, Eloise, Chris, Justo, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Lisa, Barbara, Sue, Sarah, Mary, Harriet, Pete, Katrina, Rose and for those we now name....

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

For the gifts of joy and love, that we may bear witness to the manifestations of your glory. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the blessings we now name...

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

For those who have died, and now abide in Christ's presence and those we now name....

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

Confession of Sin

Leader

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader 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.

Celebrant

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**

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

Be exalted, O God

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

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The Great Thanksgiving - B

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus *(printed on page 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

(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 this day 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Alleluia

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

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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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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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:

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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn

Shine, Jesus, shine

Shine, Jesus Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining;
in the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus shine.

Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, river flow.
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there
be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the Blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell our story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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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 Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

—Matthew 17.2

*How might I shine with light?
How might I be transfigured
by the light of God?
How might I be light for the world?
Practice joy and you will glow like a star.
Practice wonder and you will shine
like a candle in a dark place.
Practice compassion and you will radiate
like the sun.
And if that is too hard, practice gratitude.
Simply practice gratitude and you will shine
with the light of God.*

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes
St. Matthew United Methodist Church
Acton, Massachusetts

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Hartwig
Lector	Art Ladley
Acolytes	Moses Chege Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Rich Gould John Hibben
Greeters	John & Leanne Kennedy
Eucharistic Visitor	Kitty Walker
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Jill Little Sue Inglis Mary Jo Hopkins
Counters	Jackie Whorton Dick Collins
Nursery	Sarah Dawes
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Bell Ringer	Tammy Inglis
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Lynn Tanner – kidney disease
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice
Chris Quinn-Britnall – cancer
Justo Fernandez (brother of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) –
Muscular Dystrophy and bitterness
Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) –
broken leg and dementia
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
Lisa Arnold (niece of Kerry & Deborah Abbington) – breast
Cancer
Barbara Cashman – general health (sodium levels)
Sue Ayers (friend of several parishioners) – pancreatic
cancer
Sarah (sister of Lydia Nabawanga) – recovery after heart
surgery and grief following the death of her husband
Mary Saray – health and discernment
Harriet Anderson – congestive heart failure and heart
disease
Fr. Pete Stanton – recovering from fall
Katrina Goodjoint (sister of Lorena Goodjoint) – kidney
issues
Rose Barg – discernment of different treatment options for a
medical issue she is facing

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

Announcements

First Sunday Food Drive—is here again. Please continue your generosity and bring food items for the Deacon's Chest. We have many families in our community who depend on your contributions

Pledges and other Donations— An easy way to make your pledge payment or other donation is through our website:

www.neighborhoodparish.org Once at the site, simply select the GIVE ONLINE icon on the lower right of the page. This brings up a new page that allows you to select the fund you wish to contribute to, e.g., General Operating Fund (which is the normal pledge account), Priest-in-Charge, Outreach or other accounts, as you will see. Then a second page allows use to use your bank account or credit card for your donation. You can choose to make a one-time donation or periodic donations. If you elect to donate through your bank account there is \$ 0.25 charge for each transaction. If you use a credit card the fee is \$0.45 per transaction plus 2.75% of the amount. There is \$0.50 one-time charge per new donor. St. Matthew Church pays all fees. No fees are deducted from your donation. Contact Art Ladley if you have questions.

Bridging the Gap—is near the end of its popular series “Why Evil Exists”. This coming Sunday, March 9th our subject will be “The Un-naming of Evil”. Our final lecture **“Where Can Hope be Found?”** will be held on Friday, March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. It will include the final lecture in our series followed by a review of the series and a discussion of our individual thoughts on the subject of evil in modern life. Refreshments will be served. This should be an interesting evening. You do not need to have attended the series to enjoy and contribute to this discussion. So please join us. Our new Bridging the Gap lecture series will be “The History of Christian Theology”. The lecturer will be Philip Cary, Ph.D and director of the Philosophy Program at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Watch the Times and Bulletin for our start date. See you then.

Announcements (continued):

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Party for Kids and Adults!!—Tuesday, March 4 join us for a Mardi Gras Party. There will be face painting, mask making, and a huge Piñata, as well as good food! Join us at 5:30 in the Library for Wine and appetizers. Pancakes, eggs and sausage will be served in the Parish Hall at 6:00. Wear a costume! Come for the fun!

Questions: Jackie Whorton [253-927-3415](tel:253-927-3415).

Ash Wednesday - March 5—Come join us for this penitential day of obligation as we begin the holy season Lent. Lent is an intentional period of reflection and preparation as we await the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, Easter Day. Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (a sign of our mortality) will be offered at **7:00 AM, Noon and 7:00 PM**.

Work Party at Julia's Gulch, March 8, 9:00 AM - Noon We will be removing the Himalayan Blackberry. Come dressed for the weather. Wear sturdy footwear and garden gloves. Some tools will be provided but if you have a pick or lopper bring it along. See you there!

The Liturgy and Arts Co-Mission—will meet Monday March 10th at 5:00 at Kitty Walker's home: 7514 Eastside Dr NE. All are welcome. We'd love your input.
Kitty Walker's phone: 253-952-2650

Tuesday Night Lenten Series—with the Rev. Dr. Frank Spina and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Federal Way @ **6:30 PM**

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.

Bible stories to be discussed are "Climbing Jacob's Ladder: Great Song, but Better Story" (Genesis 28:10-22; 35:1-15); "David and Goliath: It's Not a

David and Goliath Story" (1 Samuel 16-17); "Jonah and the Whale, There's No Whale!, Jonah"; and "The Feeding of the Five Thousand, When Enough is Not Enough" (Mark 6:30-52; 8:1-21).

The Bible Study Series will be held at St. Matthew, Browns Point on Tuesdays, March 18, March 25, & April 8 and Church of the Good Shepherd, Federal Way on Tuesdays, March 11 & April 1. The teaching series will be led by The Reverend Dr. Frank Spina, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Studies at Seattle Pacific University and Priest Associate at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bellevue.

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, www.goodshepherdfw.org, or St. Matthew, 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Browns Point, 253- 927-9808, www.neighborhoodparish.org.

Vestry meeting—will meet Wednesday, March 12, 7PM in the library

Stations of the Cross - Fridays—in Lent at **6:00 PM** beginning March 14 - 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!

Kairos Prison Ministry Upcoming Event—Tom and Janine Anderson are answering God's call to serve on the upcoming Kairos Prison Ministry weekend scheduled for March 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2014 at Clallam Bay Correction Center on the north coast of Washington an hour west of Port Angeles. The biggest support our St Matthew family can provide is prayer. Please pray for the volunteer team as they prepare to go into the prison carrying God's light to the prisoners there. Please also pray for the institution staff, the prisoners that God is calling to attend the 4 day event, the graduate helpers from previous Kairos

Announcements (continued):

events that will assist the volunteers and the blessing of God for the entire 4 day weekend.

The St Matthew Sunday School has decorated cookie bags for the weekend also as we give a dozen cookies to each and every prisoner in the institution. Monetary donations of any size are also welcome to offset the cost of sending the volunteers into the prison. Any questions see Tom and Janine at church or call Tom at 253-927-9456. Your love and support for this powerful ministry of Jesus visiting the prisoners is greatly appreciated.

Greetings, Seattle-area Godly Players!—I hope that you are well and that your ministries are providing you with much joy, challenge and growth in your faith!

It is the time of year that we offer a FREE introductory Godly Play workshop at the Cathedral. This workshop is designed to serve either as an introduction for those churches or teachers new to Godly Play or as a refresher for continuing teachers. We offer this workshop as an invitation to play with God and with us, and as an expression of support for your faithful ministries with children in your communities.

The workshop is free, but space is limited, so registration is required! To register contact Cindy Spencer at cspencer@saintmarks.org or (206) 323-0300 x225

When: Saturday, March 22
Time: 9:00 a.m. - noon
Where: Godly Play rooms in the Saint Nicholas building at Saint Mark's Cathedral, 1245 Tenth Ave. E., Seattle
Trainers: Andy Rosane and Cindy Spencer

Our morning will include a full session of Godly Play followed by a debrief and time for questions and answers with experienced trainers in our beautiful, well-equipped Godly Play rooms. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to others interested in Godly Play or with a passion for faith formation with children.

Mark your calendar—

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8AM in the Parish Hall
- Adult Catechumenate, every Thursday at 7PM and every Friday at 9AM (except March 6th & 7th)
- Stations of the Cross – **every Friday—in Lent at 6:00 PM beginning March 14**
- Tuesday, March 4, 5:30PM Mardi-Gras/Shrove Tuesday Party
- Wednesday, March 5, **7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm** Ash Wednesday services
- Saturday, March 8, 9AM-Noon Julia's Gulch
- Monday, March 10, 5PM Liturgy and Arts Co-Mission meeting at Kitty Walker's home (7514 Eastside Dr NE)
- Tuesday, March 11, 10AM Outreach meeting
- Tuesday, March 11, 4:30PM Building & Grounds meeting
- Wednesday, March 12, 7PM Vestry Meeting in the library
- Wednesday, March 19, 10AM Hallmark Morning Prayer