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The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2014



The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Surely the presence/in moments like these

Surely the Presence/In Moments like these

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
 I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

In moments like these, I sing out a song.
 I sing out a love song to Jesus.
 In moments like these, I lift up my hands.
 I lift up my hands to the Lord, singing,
 I love you, Lord; singing, I love you, Lord;
 Singing, I love you Lord. I love you.

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Processional to the Altar Hymn #143

The glory of these 40 days

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of
 bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your
 neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our
 neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, **/we confess that we have
 sinned against you/in thought, word, and deed,**

/by what we have done,/and by what we have left undone./ We have not loved you with our whole heart;/ we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. / We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. / For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,/ have mercy on us and forgive us;/ that we may delight in your will,/and walk in your ways,/ to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(8:00 Said three times.

10:00 Hymnal S 102)

(printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

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

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 1 Samuel (16:1-13)

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the

Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Psalm 23

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * **I shall not be in want.**
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 **He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 **You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

A Reading from Ephesians (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #488 vss. 1-2

Be thou my vision

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John (9:1-41)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming

when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Hymn #488 vs. 3

Be thou my vision

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 the Diocese of the

Church of Ireland , our Diocese, especially All Saints, Resurrection, Holy Apostles & St. Margaret, Bellevue 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 Maria & John McKanzie; Gerald Monahan; Kathleen Monahan.
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, Josh, Michael, Sarah, 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, Lynn, Areewa, Eloise, Chris, Justo, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Barbara, Sue, Sarah, Harriet, Pete, Katrina, Rose, Preston, Mary, Corretta and for those we now name....
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Holy Spirit, you touched the lives of innumerable saints; embrace the faithful departed, especially 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

Persons celebrating anniversaries of birth, marriage and other joyous occasions are invited to come forward for prayer.

Offertory Hymn #686

Come, thou font of every blessing

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 14 of the Worship Guide)

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us;

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

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

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

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

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

Communion Music

Jesus 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.

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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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!"
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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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

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Process to the neighborhood Hymn #490
I want to walk as a child of the light

St. Matthew Mission Statement

St. Matthew Church: 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.**

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) –dementia
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance
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
Harriet Anderson – congestive heart failure and heart disease
Fr. Pete Stanton – recovering from fall
Katrina Goodjoint (sister of Lorina Goodjoint) – kidney issues
Rose Barg – discernment of different treatment options for a medical issue she is facing
Preston Inglis – elbow fracture and surgery

Mary (grandmother of Lorina Goodjoint) – stroke & pneumonia
Corretta (mother of Florence Nabaggala) – malaria

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

Special Ministers Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Tom Peterson
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Witter
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Ushers	Jon Dawes Dick Elofson
Greeters	Janet Witter Lila Candoo
Eucharistic Visitor	Tom Anderson
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Altar Guild	Beth Latsis Sueann Goretti Cat Kuniyoshi Liz Latsis
Counters	Dick Collins John Hibben
Coffee Hour	Pamela Reed Bob & Janet Witter
Bell Ringers	Mason Lepkowski
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

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Announcements

Tuesday Night Lenten Series—with the Rev. Dr. Frank Spina @ 6:30 PM (all gatherings)

- ❖ **April 1 at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Federal Way**
- ❖ **April 8 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Brown's Point**

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 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.

Bridging the Gap— No Bridging the Gap on Sunday, April 6th. Sunday, April 13th we will view and discuss the third lecture in our new series, The History of Christian Theology. The subject of the lecture will be "**Pauline Eschatology**". Bridging the Gap is an informal, drop-in series of discussions that bridges the gap between the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. So grab a cup of coffee and then

drop by at our tables in the Parish Hall this coming Sunday and join us for camaraderie, contemplation and conversation about this interesting series.

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS—WE WANT YOU! We will be setting up and decorating the church for Easter Vigil and Easter Day on **Saturday April 19th at 10AM**. Please join us for even a little while, while we transform the church in to Easter. See you on the 19th.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays—in Lent at **6PM**. 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!

Outreach— our community partner, Northeast Tacoma Elementary School is looking for adult mentors to help their students with planting, maintaining and harvesting a garden at the school. If you are interested in helping grade school students learn about gardening, nature and plant biology there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your help from your Outreach Co-Mission.

From the Pastoral Care Co-Mission—The Pastoral Care Co-Mission is looking for assistance. We are needing people who occasionally would make a loaf of bread, prepare soup for 2-4 people, provide a ride or in some other way show our support to others. If you are willing to be listed as a person who could OCCASIONALLY provide a small service of support to another, please call Terry Elofson 253-670-1948 and add your name to the St Matthew list of angels. Or if you want to help out during the year, but want to talk to someone please call Terry.

Mark your calendar—

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8AM in the Parish Hall
- Adult Catechumenate, every Thursday at 7PM and every Friday at 9AM
- Station of the Cross, every Friday at 6PM (during Lent)
- Tuesday, April 1, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ Good Shepherd, Federal Way)
- Sunday, April 6, 9AM Altar Guild breakfast
- Tuesday, April 8, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ St. Matthew)
- Saturday, April 12, 9AM-Noon Julia's Gulch
- Monday, April 14, 4:30PM Building & Grounds meeting