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**THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD
AND IS ALIVE AGAIN;
HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND.**

LUKE 15:24

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6, 2016

The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music (choir)

There's a Quiet Understanding

There's a quiet understanding
when we're gathered in the Spirit,
It's a promise that He gives us
when we gather in His name.

There's a love we feel in Jesus,
There's a manna that He feeds us,
It's a promise that He gives us
When we're gathered in his name.

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Procession to the Altar

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

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

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: His mercy endures for ever.

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

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

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

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your
neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

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

(8:00 Said three times;

10:00 Hymn S 102 Sung three times printed below)

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

S 102

Holy God Trisagion The Holy Eucharist

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

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 Joshua (5:9-12)

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, ***and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, ***and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, ***because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *and did not conceal my guilt.**

- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *I will guide you with my eye.**

- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

A Reading from 2 Corinthians (5:16-21)

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So

we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gradual vss. 1-2

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
 in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.

But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
 as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
 behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.

In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
 in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 According to Luke (15:1-3, 11b-32)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he

squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Gradual vs. 3

Our Father, We Have Wandered

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving and ever caring Lord, grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.

Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon and in peace.

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 Church of England; the Episcopal Church; our Diocese, especially St. Elizabeth/Santa Isabel, Burien; St. John Sudanese, Tukwila; 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 Elsie Forrest; Liz, John & Katie Franz; and Lorina Goodjoint.

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, Katharine, Randy, Beth, Dave, Patricia, Judy and for those we now name...

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

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

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Prayers for Healing**

Offertory Hymn

Musical Offering by St Matthew Choir

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.**

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

Thy Word

Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid , think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are
near.
Please be near me to the end.
2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

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The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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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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.

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,/ **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food / of the most precious Body and Blood/ of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;/ and for assuring us in these holy mysteries/ that we are living members of the Body of your Son, /and heirs of your eternal kingdom./And now, Father, send us out /to do the work you have given us to do,/ to love and serve you / as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord/ To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,/be honor and glory, now and for ever.**
Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Look down in mercy, Lord on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #671 Amazing Grace

St. Matthew Mission Statement

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

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

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Fred Vogel
Lector	Dave Teves
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Nicholas Yoeun
Greeters	Dan Dawes
Eucharistic Visitor	Rich Gould
Bread Maker	Janet Witter
Altar Guild	Jill Little
	Kitty Walker
	Marian Oberg
	Sandy Goretti
	Janet Witter
	Danielle Hull
Counters	Linda Pomeroy-Hull
Nursery	Sandy Hust
Coffee Hour	Dick Elofson
	Fred Vogel
Altar Guild Director	Micaela Detrick
	Frank Blacker
	Mary Blacker
	Kate Gould
	Rich Gould
	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman - Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray - imprisonment
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) - hospice
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) -
Katharine Gaustad - (wife of Kenneth Gaustad and sister of Bob Witter) - Kenneth died on January 26th
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 10th
Patricia Stanley - (dear friend of Pamela Reed) - who has been diagnosed with ALS
Judy - (sister of Kathy Sanders) - undergoing treatment for breast cancer
To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com.
Thanks!

Announcements

Altar Guild Meeting - The next Altar Guild meeting shall be March 13th at 9 AM in the library - to discuss Holy week plans and preparations. All are welcome - thinking of joining? Training is included!

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 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. or St. Matthew, 6800 Eastside Drive NE, Browns Point, [253-927-9808](tel:253-927-9808), www.neighborhoodparish.org.

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

Make Time for HOLY WEEK—Holy Week and Easter are considered the *naval*, or center, of the Church calendar. Without the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we simply would not be here. If you haven't done so, please make a point of carving out time in your schedule to attend **Palm Sunday (3/20 @ 8 & 10 AM)** and the **Holy Triduum** (meaning the "three holy days"), which includes **Maundy Thursday (3/24 @ 7 PM)**, **Good Friday (3/25 @ 7 PM)**, **Holy Saturday (3/26 @ 10 AM)**, and **The Great Vigil of Easter (3/26 @ 8 PM)**. All of the liturgies that comprise these three days are actually considered ONE giant liturgy with breaks in between. If you want to experience the full power and glory of the Faith, whether you are new to the Church or have been a Churchperson forever, make a point to come. This, my friends, is deep church. Come and take the journey from the foot washing in the upper room to the empty tomb that makes our hope of authentic relationships and eternal life possible!

The Annual Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows for the clergy of the Northwest Washington Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia will be held **Tuesday in Holy Week**,

March 22, 11:00 am at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98103. All are welcome. RSVP's not required. A lunch of soup and bread will follow the liturgy. Bishop Unti of the Northwest Washington Synod will preside. Bishop Rickel of the Diocese of Olympia will preach.

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH PEOPLE—WE WANT YOU! We will be setting up and decorating the church for **Great Vigil of Easter** and Easter Day on **Saturday March 26th at 10 AM** following the Holy Saturday Liturgy. Please join us for even a little while, while we transform the church for Easter. See you on the 26th!

Our Easter Vigil—Will be followed with an Agapé Feast for one and all immediately after the **Great Vigil of Easter** on March 26th. There will be reserved tables for the families of those baptized AND food, drink and celebration for all parishioners. Several treats for children will occur throughout the event. Desserts will be provided by the planning group. We ask that you bring finger foods for children or adults and drop them off in the kitchen before the services. Questions? call Marcie Neuman [253-682-8955](tel:253-682-8955).

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Fridays, 7:00PM, Bell choir practice
- Saturday, February 13th, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Choir Rehearsal, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays, 11:45am, (first Sunday only at 9:15am)
- 2nd Sunday, 11:45am Instrument Rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Bible Class, 11AM Thursdays
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Fridays, beginning February 12th, Stations of the Cross, 6pm
- Tuesday Night Lenten Series, beginning February 16th, 6:30pm
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