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The First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2014



The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Thy Word

Thy Word

Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path.
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 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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Processional Hymn#620 *Jerusalem, my happy home*

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)

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (2:15-17, 3:1-7)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the

garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Silence

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.**
- 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 Romans (5:12-19)

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Sequence Hymn #142 vss. 1-3

Lord, who throughout these 40 days

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 According to Matthew (4:1-11)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Hymn #142 vss. 4, 5

Lord, who throughout these 40 days

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God / **the Father the Almighty / maker of heaven and earth / of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ / the only Son of God / eternally begotten of the Father / God from God Light from Light / true God from true God / begotten, not made / of one Being with the Father / Through him all things were made / For us and for our salvation / he came down from heaven / By the power of the Holy Spirit / he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man / For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate / he suffered death and was buried. / On the third day he rose again / in accordance with the Scriptures / he ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father / He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life / who proceeds from the Father and the Son / With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified / He has spoken through the Prophets / We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church / We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins / We look for the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, all are created in your image; help us to honor you by loving one another.
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You challenge the powers and principalities of the world. We pray for our president, our congress, our courts and all who are in authority.
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You sent the prophets of old; inspire your church to prophetically seek justice, peace, and truth.
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Lord Jesus, you gave to the Apostles the continuation of your ministry; bless all who minister in your church.
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You bind us together into One Body. We pray for your Holy Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, especially the Church of England, the Episcopal Church, our Diocese, especially Good Shepherd, Federal Way; St. Elizabeth/Santa Isabel, Burien 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 Jon & Cat Kuniyoshi; Art & Pam Ladley; Beth Latsis.
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, Lisa, Barbara, Sue, Sarah, Mary, Harriet, Pete, Katrina, Rose 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 JimPomeroy.
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

Be not afraid

Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
But shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety,
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

3. Blessed are the poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you.

Refrain

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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)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you,

our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,

**we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer (said at 8:00 and sung at 10:00)
(printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

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

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

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

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

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart,
With songs of deliverance, whenever I am afraid.
I will trust in You, I will trust in You.
Let the weak say I am strong in the strength of the Lord. (repeat)

I will trust in you.

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Freely, Freely

Refrain: Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,

Others will know that I live.

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his love as he told me to. He said
2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his pow'r as he told me to. He said

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*To be used when the need is present to
send out Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Priest: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant and People

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

Christ our Lord/ To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,/be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Look 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn #671 *Amazing Grace*

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) – 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!

Special Ministers Today

Celebrant The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader Bob Witter
Eucharistic Minister Dick Elofson
Lector Dick Elofson
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Announcements

Thanks to all!—What a fun and great celebration for Mardi Gras, 2014! Thanks to all who attended and added to the spirit and camaraderie of the evening.

Special thanks to the kitchen brigade for flipping all those pancakes and cooking sausages and eggs.

To those who donated wine, set up tables, made appetizers, created décor, helped with the kids' crafts, wore costumes plus, bartended and, of course, helped with the clean up!

Many thanks to you all, Jackie Whorton

The Liturgy and Arts Co-Mission—will meet Monday **March 10th at 5PM** 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 @ **6:30 PM (all gatherings)**

March 11 at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Federal Way

March 18 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Brown's Point

March 25 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Brown's Point

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.

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

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

Bridging the Gap—is near the end of its popular series "Why Evil Exists". Our final lecture, "**Where Can Hope be Found?**" will be held on Friday, **March 14th at 7PM** in the Parish Hall after the Stations of the Cross. 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.

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.

Announcements (continued):

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 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)
- 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
- Tuesday, March 11, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ Good Shepherd)
- Wednesday, March 12, 7PM Vestry Meeting in the library
- Friday, March 14, 6PM Stations of the Cross
- Friday, March 14, 7PM Bridging the Gap in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, March 18, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ St. Matthew)
- Wednesday, March 19, 10AM Hallmark Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, March 25, 6:30PM Tuesday Night Lenten Series (@ St. Matthew)