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The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2014



The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music *Wait for the Lord*
(Printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)

Processional to the Altar Hymn #150
Forty days and 40 nights

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 12 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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon

these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Psalm 130

(in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; * **let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 **For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.**
- 5 **My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 **With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

A Reading from Romans

(8:6-11)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #508 vs. 1, 2

Breathe on me breath of God

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John (11:1-45)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night

stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Hymn #508 vss. 3, 4 *Breathe on me breath of God*

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 Anglican Communion in Japan, our Diocese, especially St. Michael and All Angels, Issaquah 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 Marie Monahan; Florence Nabaggala; Lydia Nabawanga.
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, 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, Jesse, Kitty 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

Eagles' wings

(Printed on page 13 of the Worship Guide)

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 14 & 15 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 16 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

Hear, O Lord

Refrain: Hear, O Lord, the Sound of my call,
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy.
My soul is longing for the glory of you,
Hear, O Lord, and answer me.

1. Ev'ry night before I sleep, I pray my soul to
take.
Or else I pray that loneliness, Is gone when I
awake.

2. Why do I no longer feel, like I've a place to
stay?
O take me where someone will care,
So fear will go away.
3. In you, O Lord, I place my cares,
And all my troubles too.
O grant, dear Lord, that some day soon
I'll live in peace with you.

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Spirit Song

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit
and
His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you and
His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you
whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name.

Refrain

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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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Process to the neighborhood *Lord of the dance* Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I dance in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, where ever you may be.
"I am the Lord of the dance," said He,
"I'll lead you all where ever you may be,
"I will lead you all in the dance", said He.

2. I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and the would not follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on.
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high.
And they left me there on the cross to die.

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in me.
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

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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
Jesse Smith (infant son of Justin & Abby smith) – breathing and weight gain
Kitty Walker – healing following a leg injury

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

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Greeters	Dick & Linda Collins
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Announcements

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

❖ **April 8 at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Browns Point**

The teaching series is 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 and the lesson will cover "The Feeding of the Five Thousand, When Enough is Not Enough" (Mark 6:30-52; 8:1-21).

The series starts at **6:30 PM** with a soup dinner and the teaching starts at 7:15 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Bridging the Gap—Next, 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.

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!

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

Announcements (continued):

Our Easter Vigil—Will be followed with an Agapé Feast for one and all immediately after the Great Vigil of Easter on April 19th. 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 Terry Elofson [253-670-1948](tel:253-670-1948).

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.

Outreach—First Sunday Food Bank contributions. This Sunday is our first Sunday again and we are asking for your continued generosity. In February we contributed 91 pounds and in March 37 pounds. The FISH people are also asking for diapers, wipes, personal toiletries, etc.

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 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
- Tuesday, April 15, 6PM Parish Life Committee
- Tuesday, April 15, 6-8PM Metro Parks Tacoma meeting (Parish Hall)
- Wednesday, April 16, 10AM Hallmark Morning Prayer
- Wednesday, April 16, 7PM Salmon Bake meeting @ BPIC
- Wednesday, April 23, 7PM Stewardship meeting
- Friday, April 25, JLS (Just Love Singing)