



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, *Interim Rector*

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, *Music Director*

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the [Online Worship](#) page of our website.

The SEASON OF LENT is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is traditionally a time of self-examination and repentance through prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on scripture. Lent concludes with the Easter Vigil Service on the night before Easter Day. The forty days of Lent symbolizes the forty years in which the Israelites wandered in the wilderness in search of the Promised Land. It also recalls the time Jesus spent in the wilderness in fasting and prayer, during which he was tempted. A common practice during Lent is to participate in a Lenten discipline; this can involve giving something up or taking on a new practice, in order to deepen your faith and bring you closer to Christ. We hope you will join us as the community of St. George's journeys together into the Lenten season.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

H 401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove; An - cient of ev - er -
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend; we shall, on ea - gle -
 3 There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness, tri - um - phant o'er the
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and

last - ing days, and God of love; the Lord the great I AM, by
 wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we shall be - hold his face, we
 world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zi - on's sa - cred height his
 ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who was, and is, the same, and
 Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry; hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With

earth and heaven con - fessed: we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 shall his power a - dore, and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er more.
 king - dom he main - tains, and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 ev - er - more shall be: e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we worship thee."
 heaven our songs we raise; all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
 People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 218

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 4:13-25

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Refrain

Deep with - in _____ I will plant my law, _____ not on stone, _____
 but in your heart. _____ Fol-low me, _____ I will bring you back, _____
 you will be my own, and I will be your God. _____

Verses

1 I will give you a new heart, a new spi - rit with -
 2 ? Seek _____ my face, _____ and _____ see _____ your
 3 Re - turn _____ to me, _____ with _____ all _____ your
 in you, _____ for I will be your strength. _____
 God, _____ 7 for I will be your hope. _____
 heart, _____ 7 and I will bring you back. _____

D.C.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 8:31-38

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
 People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

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.

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

- Intercessor* Father, we pray for la Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, and for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**
- Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**
- Intercessor* We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**
- Intercessor* We pray for Joe our president, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
- Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on Raynelle, Morris, August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, the Gil Family, Eva, Kacie, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, Mark, Iris, Casey, Mary, Metis, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, Glenn, David, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, Joanne, those without power, heat, or water, those suffering from COVID-19, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to Paul, those who have died from COVID-19, and to all the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor We give you thanks for Grant as he celebrates his birthday, and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Officiant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

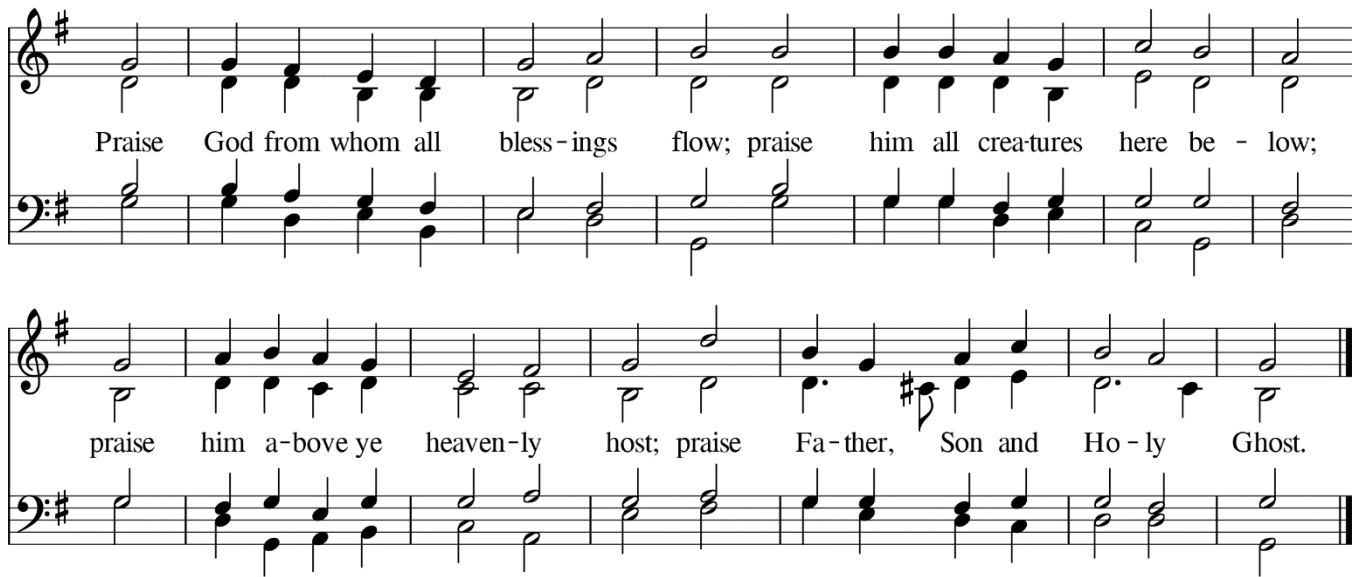
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY *Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations*
Offerings can be given online at the [St. George's Donation page](#).

THE DOXOLOGY

H 380, VERSE 3



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be - low;
 praise him a-bove ye heav-en-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: verse 3, Thomas Ken. Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Take Up Your Cross

H 675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not the weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor
 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who
 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.
 Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859).

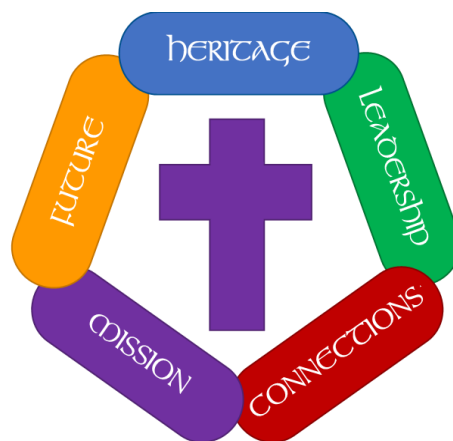
2021 LENTEN SERIES

The Five Focus Points

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
February 24, and March 3, 10, 17, & 24

[Zoom Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 845 8999 3943, Passcode: Lent)



Throughout this year we will zero in on Five Focus Points – Heritage, Leadership, Mission, Connection, and Future – as part of our Transition work and calling a new Rector. Each week of the Lenten Series, facilitated by the Rev. Ann McLemore, will be dedicated to one of the five focal points, continuing with Leadership on March 3rd. Each week, you will be invited to have a soup dinner at home, using a “recipe of the week” sent out to the parish, or any other kind of soup you like (homemade or store-bought!). The recipes will also be part of our “Heritage” focus, as they come from the 1983 Cookbook “Simple Gifts,” compiled and published by the women of St. George’s 38 years ago.

We know everyone is zoomed out, so we hope that this will be a different take for your souls, minds, hearts, stomachs, and maybe even your sense of humor!

THE SUNDAY BANNER – February 28, 2021

- ❖ **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** – Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) (passcode: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ❖ **PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER** – You are invited to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument to help us gauge the strength, vitality, and trends of St. George’s, as part of our search for a new Rector. This afternoon, you will receive an email with a link to the CAT. Please use the link to tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. If you need a paper copy, please contact Jennifer in the office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com or 512-454-2523, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. We can also arrange assistance in submitting your answers if you are unable to do so. All answers are strictly anonymous; please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Individual input is key, so we are asking that each adult (including young adults, ages 14 and up) separately complete the survey. Please look for our email, and if you have questions, please contact the office.
- ❖ **WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP** – Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, March 6th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via **Zoom**. We will discuss **Sold on a Monday**, by **Kristina McMorris**. All St. George’s women are welcome to attend – even if you haven’t read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group’s email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com. Happy reading!

- ❖ **WEEKLY EUCHARIST** – Next Sunday, March 7th, at 12:15 pm, we will begin holding a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist. We have been unable to celebrate the Eucharist together for almost a year, and we're thrilled to begin doing so again! The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require registration. To attend, please [register online](#). The service will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. Communion will include distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the [Eucharist online](#).
- ❖ **ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS** – Although altar flowers are not used during the season of Lent, we will once again be using altar candles now that we're streaming services from the church. If you would like to donate funds for the altar candles in March (or the months thereafter), please visit the [Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and, if you wish, your dedication, next to the week or month of your choice. The calendar is also open for flower donations for the Sundays after Easter. A donation of \$35 is requested for either flowers or candles (via the [St. George's Donation page](#) or by writing a check to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line). Donations and dedications for Easter lilies will be gathered separately from the online flower calendar and will be announced soon.
- ❖ **CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKETS** – St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. As with everything else, the logistics of this have changed with the pandemic, but we continue to deliver baskets, and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and June on the [Online Christopher House Basket Calendar](#). A \$10 donation is requested per basket, and you can also add a note and other goodies (nothing perishable). You can make the donation online via the [St. George's Donation Page](#) under Outreach, or by mailing a check to the church office, made out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Christopher House Baskets" in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to make arrangements to get a basket before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.
- ❖ **CONTACTING THE INTERIM RECTOR** – Ann is working on getting to know the parishioners of St. George's and would love to hear from you! You can reach her at stgeorgesAustinrector@gmail.com or on her cell phone at 769-257-2377. She, like many of us, will mostly be working from home, but she would be happy to make appointments to meet with people (masked and socially distanced) at the church.
- ❖ **GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S** – We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the [St. George's Donation page](#) (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
- ❖ **COVID VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION** – The COVID vaccine is currently being made available to people in category 1A (medical first responders) and 1B (age 65 and over) through Austin Public Health. Whether or not you are in one of those categories, you can pre-register at www.austintexas.gov/aph-vaccine-reg to be notified when the vaccine is available and you are eligible and make an appointment when appropriate.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 1			<i>David of Wales, Bishop, c. 544</i>
Tuesday, March 2	7:30 pm	Choir Meet-up	<i>Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672</i>
Wednesday, March 3	7:00 pm	Lenten Series	<i>John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788</i>
Thursday, March 4			
Friday, March 5		Diocesan Council	
Saturday, March 6		Diocesan Council	
	3:00 pm	Women's Book Group	
Sunday, March 7	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word	<i>Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202</i>
	12:15 pm	Outdoor Eucharist	

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore

Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim

Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer

Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips

Reader/Intercessor – Raul Carrera

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