

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

March 14, 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 <u>Online Worship</u> page of our website.

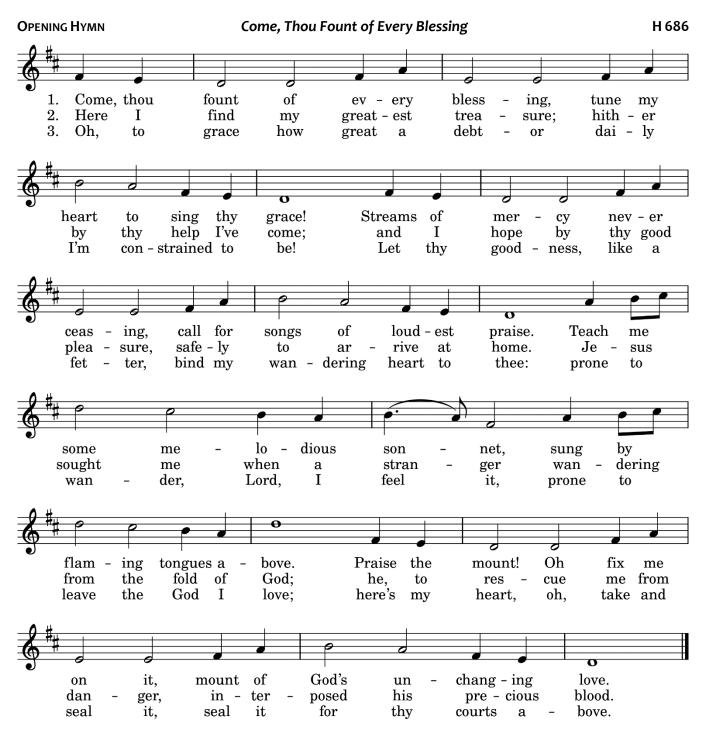
The SEASON OF LENT is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is traditionally a time of self-examination and repentance through prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on scripture. Lent concludes with the Easter Vigil Service on the night before Easter 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 practize, 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 **BCP** – Book of Common Prayer PRELUDE

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

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,
People	strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Officiant	Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People	Amen.

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 21:4-9

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Reader A reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

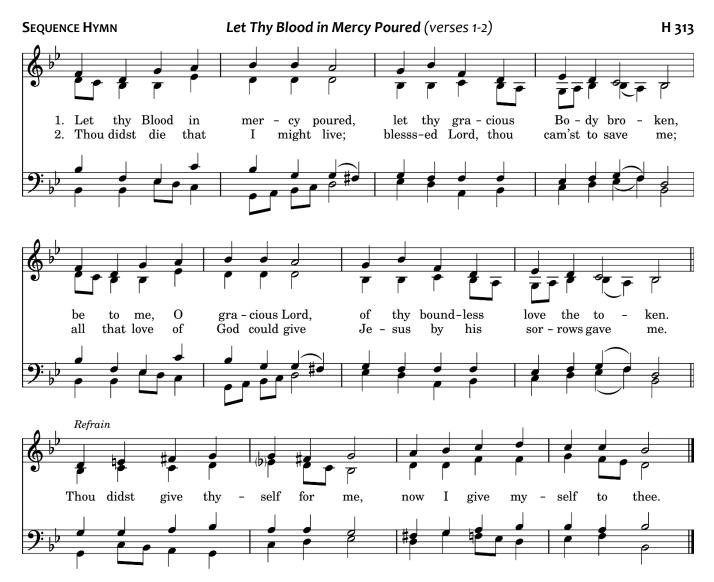
- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING

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

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.





Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: Jesus, meine Zuversicht, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

OfficiantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

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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 Intercessor Father, we pray for la Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, and for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one. People *Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people. People Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. People 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; That our works may find favor in your sight. People Intercessor Have compassion on Raynelle, August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, the Gil Family, Ralph, Kirk, Janet, Divesh, Mark, Iris, Casey, Mary, Metis, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, Glenn, David, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, Alyssa, JoAnn, those suffering from COVID-19, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. People Intercessor Give to those who have died from COVID-19, and to all the departed, eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them. People 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 Josh, Fred, Heidi, and Alena, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Rob and Mary Stewart, as they celebrate their anniversary; and for all the blessings of this life. (Silence) Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Intercessor (Silence) And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Officiant 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.

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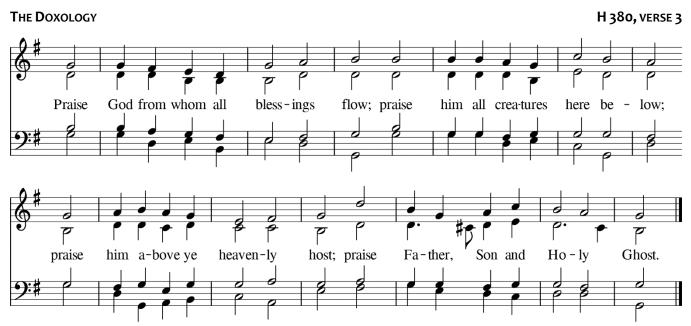
Officiant People	Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;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

Officiant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORYRecognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges, and other donationsOfferings can be given online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.



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



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

DISMISSAL

OfficiantLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (passcode: Christ), for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Raynelle Blech	Janet Joslyn	Nancy Rushefsky
August Dolan-Henderson	Divesh Manohar	Ben Sears
Gladys Dykes	Mark Mays	Glenn Tatum
Phillip Farmer	Iris McBrayer	David Treviño, Jr.
Charles Foster	Casey McDonald	Preston Tyree
The Gil Family	Mary Parker	Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Ralph Hausser	Metis Policano	Tom Wooten
Kirk Hoffman	Ruben Romero	Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Alyssa Danielle

JoAnn Mays

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Andrew Hutton

For our seminarian:

Joel McAlister and his family

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Josh McGonigle (Mar 16) Fred Blood (Mar 19) Heidi Braun (Mar 19) Alena Navarro (Mar 19)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

La Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Rob Blech & Mary Stewart Miller (Mar 20)

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Epiphany, Calvert Holy Innocents, Madisonville St. Andrew's, Bryan St. Bartholomew's, Hempstead

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold. Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.

THE SUNDAY BANNER – March 14, 2021

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)

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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 **Connections** on **March 17th**. 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!

- 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. Please complete this survey no later than Friday, March 26th, 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 stamped envelope addressed to the church. 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. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

WEEKLY EUCHARIST – We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm. 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.

- WOMEN'S RETREAT Last year's spring Womens' Retreat was cancelled, and we originally thought the same would be true this year. But with diocesan approval for gatherings in limited numbers, CDC guidelines for activities for those who have been vaccinated, and increasing numbers of people getting vaccinated, our hope is to plan and safely execute a small, socially distanced retreat from Friday, April 23rd, to Sunday, April 25th. We have been allotted plenty of space at the Well Spring Retreat Center in Blanco to allow for individual rooms and social distancing during all activities. The registration fee for the weekend will be \$50, and reserve funds are available to assist with the fee if necessary. We will only hold the retreat if at least 10 women plan to attend. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com no later than this Tuesday, March 16th, so that we can notify the retreat center and proceed with planning.
- EASTER LILIES St. George's will be adorned with Easter lilies for our celebrations of the Resurrection of our Lord. We invite you to make an offering for lilies, perhaps in a loved one's memory, or in thanksgiving for a person or other blessing in your life. The 2021 Easter Lily Donation form is available online. Names of donors, along with any memorials or thanksgivings, will be listed in the Easter service bulletins. Be sure to complete the online form by Monday, March 29th to have your name and dedication listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20 per plant. Donate online by visiting the <u>St. George's Donation page</u> and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (Other Designated Gifts, Altar Guild, "Easter Lilies" in the notes section), or send a check payable to St. George's, with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line, to the church office.
- 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 <u>Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar</u> 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 <u>St.</u> <u>George's Donation page</u> 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.
- 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/aphvaccine-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

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

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 15	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	Vincent de Paul, Priest, and Louise de Marillac, Monastic, Workers of Charity, 1660
Tuesday, March 16	7:30 pm	Choir Meet-up	
Wednesday, March 17	7:00 pm	Lenten Series	
Thursday, March 18			Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461
Friday, March 19			Saint Joseph
Saturday, March 20			
Sunday, March 21	10:30 am 12:15 pm	Liturgy of the Word Outdoor Eucharist	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Liturgist, and Martyr 1556

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim Vestry Person of the Day – Rob Blech Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips Reader/Intercessor – Mary Stewart Miller

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