

All Saints'  
Memorial Church  
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

*E-Messenger, February 10, 2022*

*Come and worship  
Rejoice in fellowship  
Love and serve the Lord!*

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:8).*

Dear All Saints' Family,

We are on the eve of a big change for the State around mask or proof-of-vaccination requirements for businesses and other indoor venues. Governor McKee will lift the indoor mask mandate for businesses and other indoor venues effective tomorrow, Friday, February 11. The lifting of the school mask mandate is expected to follow on March 4th. However, I read that the mask mandate for Providence schools may remain in effect longer since the vaccination rate is at a low 32%.

You may be wondering what that means for us at All Saints'. The quick answer is that this Sunday our mask requirement remains in place. After Sunday, stay tuned for further announcements.

At our Tuesday Vestry meeting we had a long discussion on when the choir may safely return, the difficulty of having choir practice in the cold church on Wednesday evenings, and whether masks will be required when the choir does return. I can tell you that we have a range of opinions on these questions.

The day *after* our Vestry discussion, we learned about Governor McKee's decision. In the coming week we will continue the choir discussion in the context of this new information, and make a decision on the mask requirement here at All Saints'. I will be participating in a Town Hall on Tuesday hosted by Bishop Knisely that will inform our mask policy.

Although the indicators point to optimism that we are entering an endemic phase of Covid-19 there is still some ambiguity. It is a challenge to live with uncertainty but our faith can help with that. I am reminded of a prayer from the BCP that I found helpful early in the pandemic and another prayer written by Ted Loder in his book *Guerrillas of Grace*:

*In the Morning* (BCP)

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus.

*Amen*

*Loosen My Grip*

O God, it is hard for me to let go,  
most times,  
and the squeeze I exert  
garbles me and gnarls others.  
So, loosen my grip a bit  
on the good times,  
on the moments of sunlight and star shine and joy,  
that the thousand graces they scatter as they pass  
may nurture growth in me  
rather than turn to brittle memories.

Loosen my grip  
on those grudges and grievances  
I hold so closely,  
that I may risk exposing myself  
to the spirit of forgiving and forgiveness  
that changes things and resurrects dreams and courage.

Loosen my grip  
on my fears  
that I may be released a little into humility  
and into an acceptance of my humanity.

Loosen my grip  
on my ways and words  
on my fears and fretfulness  
that letting go  
into the depths of silence  
and my own uncharted longings,  
I may find myself held by you  
and linked anew to all life  
in this wild and wondrous world  
you love so much,  
so I may take to heart  
that you have taken me to heart.

~Ted Loder

As many of you know, I am having a knee replacement on February 18th. The surgeon tells me that I should plan on being out on medical leave for four weeks. We have engaged supply clergy for those weeks including

clergy available for emergency pastoral care. If an emergency pastoral need arises while I am on medical leave please call or text our Senior Warden Musa Goll or Junior Warden Chip Smith. Musa or Chip will connect you with the clergy person on call. You may also call our parish administrator Linda Moss during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12:00pm).

Blessings and Peace,  
Julie

All are invited and warmly welcomed to our Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, February 13th at 9:30 am in-person or Zoom.

**Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

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Our Services are also live streamed through our Facebook page.

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*Thanks to our newly elected and  
returning vestry members.*

**Senior Warden** - Musa Goll

**Junior Warden** - Chip Smith

**Parish Clerk** - Anne Tait

**Treasurer** - Rebecca Silliman

**Finance Chair** - Dan Mechnig

**Delegates to Diocesan Convention**

April Donahower

Elizabeth Toby

Alternate: Becky Silliman

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Pattie Marshall

Theo Muhlenburg

Rosetta Evans

Elizabeth Toby

Charlotte Burgess

Gloria Perry



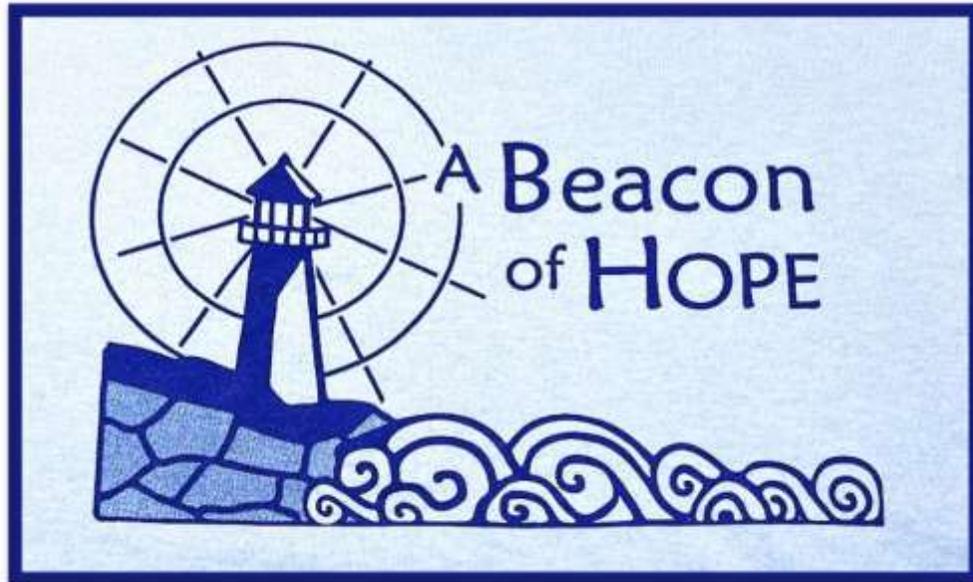
## *Notes from the Music Program*

This Sunday the Offertory solo is *Sarabande from Partita in A minor* performed by Becky Silliman (flute).

Although the exact date of its's composition is unknown, this piece for solo flute is thought to have been written in the early 1720s – thus, three hundred years ago.

The silver flute used for this piece was handmade by Verne Powell in 1921 when he was shop foreman at William S. Haynes flute company in Boston.

It is of the German style and combined with a Granadilla head joint handmade by David Chu of Maynard, Massachusetts in 2016.



### *Outreach News*

**Free Covid Rapid Tests** If you need a Test Kit or have a neighbor who does, please contact Wilmar Jennings or Rosetta Evans.

**February Meeting:** February 20th following the Service, in-person/Zoom



Photo contributed by Dan Mechnig

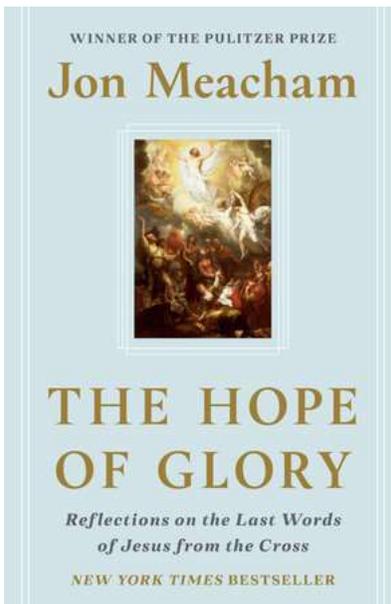
### *All Saints' Snow Policy*

*If the city of Providence declares a parking ban or the State of RI declares a weather emergency urging people to stay off the roads, our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service will be canceled.*

*We will post a cancellation notification on our website and our Facebook page.*

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## *Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Lenten Book Group*



Join us for Noonday Prayer on Wednesday, February 16. All are welcome in-person or via Zoom. Here is the Zoom link:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSctTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>**

If you are attending in-person we gather upstairs in the church (instead of Rose Hall). Our Wednesday Bible Study is on pause until March when we will begin a Lenten Book, *The Hope of Glory* by Jon Meacham. Please let Rev. Julie or Linda know if you would like a copy of the book.



## *Food Collection*

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- February: Peanut Butter
- March: Tuna

## Upcoming Events

**February 15:** Garden Redesign Meeting, Zoom, 7pm

**February 16:** Noonday Prayer 12:00pm, Zoom/church

**February 18:** Rev. Julie on medical leave through March 18

**February 20:** Outreach meeting, in-person/Zoom

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## PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, Pam and Gloria.

We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, David, Frank, Lusaynie Sirleaf, and Michael Tonry.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Natalya Evans and Monika Kraemer.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

***February 13, 2022***

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Anne Tait

Response: Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Chip Smith

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Prayers: Form II, BCP p. 385 Marybeth Hanavan

***February 20, 2022***

Morning Prayer

First Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33 Deirdre Greelish

Second Reading: Mark 10:35-45 Dan Mechnig

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***Publishing information:***

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, February 17th. Please submit any articles or info you may have to [allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com)



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