



All Saints' Memorial Church

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Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!

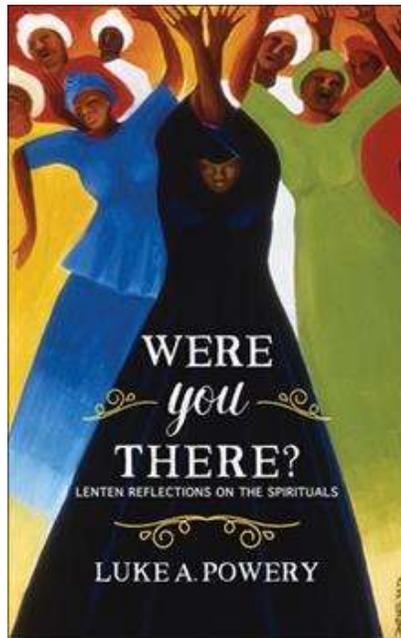


Dear All Saints' Family,

It is Lent. The Ash Wednesday invitation to a Holy Lent has been offered. (The photo above is Bob Wells burning last year's palms for ashes that were distributed yesterday at All Saints' and Bannister House.)

Perhaps you have a set an intention for these 40 days of Lent. I invite you to join our Lenten reading - a book of daily reflections on the Spirituals. The author, Luke Powery has selected a spiritual for each day of Lent, and offers a reflection on each spiritual followed by a short

prayer. Please take a book. You will find them on the tables by the church entrances. We will sing a spiritual from this book each week at our Sunday Service. For a taste of this moving book of songs and meditations, below you will find the spiritual and reflection for tomorrow, Friday.



Let God's Saints Come In

*Come down angel, and trouble the water,
Come down angel, and trouble the water,
Come down angel, and trouble the water,
and let God's saints come in.*

*Canaan land is the land for me,
And let God's saints come in.
Canaan land is the land for me,*

And let God's saints come in.

*There was a wicked man,
He kept them children in Egypt land.*

*God did say to Moses one day,
Say, Moses go to Egypt land,
And tell him to let my people go.
And Pharoah would not let'em go.*

*God did go to Moses' house,
And God did tell him who he was,
God and Moses walked and talked,
And God did show him who he was.*

--- Slave Songs of the United States

Lent is a time of reflection, penitence, repentance, and even spiritual wandering or wondering. It is a journey accompanied by ashes. Often it seems to put focus on individuals and our own spiritual lives and need for growth. What this spiritual does, however, is call us out of ourselves to a larger vision. ... Canaan land may be "the land for me" but there's a clear desire to be joined by others by declaring "and let God's saints come in. This spiritual calls us to move beyond a selfish spirituality towards a selfless one, one that wants all of God's people to

reach Canaan too, all of God's people to be delivered out of Egypt... It is a spirit of welcome and inclusion that is so often missing. This spiritual compels us toward "we" instead of "me."

Luke A. Powery *Were You There*
Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals

This Sunday you may notice small changes in our liturgy for Lent. The Prayer Book offers choices for certain prayers throughout the Service. For example, we always pray the more traditional version of the Lord's Prayer although we could use the second version offered. The BCP has two choices for the Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Eucharist. There are four Eucharistic Prayers (A,B, C, and D) in our Prayer Book. In addition to the Prayer Book, the Episcopal Church has a set of supplemental liturgical resources that are available for us to incorporate into our services.

We will begin this first Sunday of Lent with the Great Litany (a shortened version), sung by the choir. As a bit of preparation, you may wish to take a look at the Litany that begins on p.148 of the BCP. We will only begin with the Great Litany on this first Sunday of Lent.

Starting this Sunday we will use a slightly different Eucharistic Prayer one that is authorized for use in the supplemental resource *Enriching Our Worship*. Sometimes when we are very familiar with prayers, they can become mechanical. The purpose of using a slightly different Eucharistic Prayer is to heighten our attention, perhaps allowing

the words to resonate newly. We have placed copies of the Eucharistic Prayer in the pews so that you can follow along during the Great Thanksgiving. Please leave the cards with the Eucharistic Prayer in the pew.

You may or may not notice these small changes. If you do, I would love to hear your thoughts.

Lenten blessings and peace,
Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, February 26, 2023
Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am**

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUT09>

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program here:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_lent_i_february_26_2023.pdf

**Episcopal Relief and Development
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS**

A devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake recently struck southeast Türkiye (Turkey) and northern Syria. The reported death toll is in the thousands and climbing after buildings all over the region crumbled, burying civilians beneath the rubble. Please help us work with our local partners to provide relief and support. Make an urgent tax-deductible donation to Episcopal Relief & Development today.

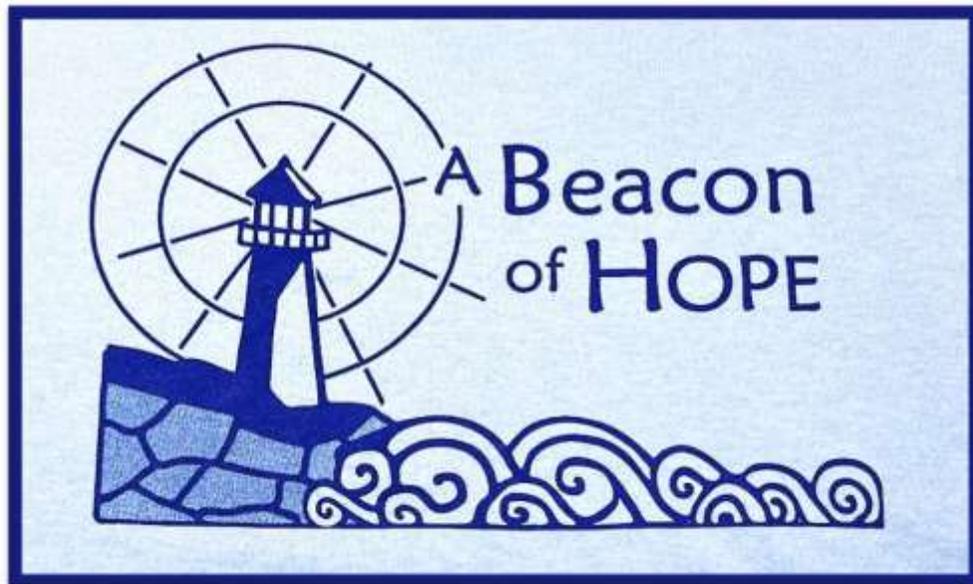
If you would like to make a donation for relief support, please include your contribution in the collection and note that it is for the "Earthquake Effort". All Saints' will send a check to Episcopal Relief and Development on behalf of our congregation.



Music Notes

The offertory Sunday is “None Other Lamb”, whose text is by English poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). A well-known poet of great faith, this poem reflects her faith struggles as she confronted her own failing health and grief at the death of her beloved mother and brother. Perhaps more familiar to us are her texts to two of our Christmas carols: “Love Came Down at Christmas” (#84) and “In the Bleak Mid-Winter” (#112).

Outreach News



Next Outreach Meeting: March 12 after the Service

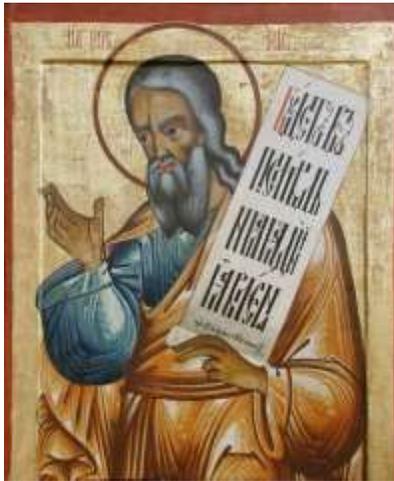
Project Undercover

Outreach has a new community partner: All Saints' has connected with the nearby John Hope Settlement House to work together in meeting the needs of kids and families in our neighborhood through Project Undercover. Starting in March, Outreach will be collecting diapers, wipes, and children's socks & underwear for children newborn to age 5. Please consider bringing some of these much needed items to place in the basket at the front of the church. If you have a neighbor in need please help

spread the word about Project Undercover as we share God's Love and Hope with the world. Outreach will drop these items at John Hope House on a monthly basis. For more about the John Hope Settlement House visit johnhope.org.

Outreach 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!

- March: Tuna Fish



*March 1, First Wednesday of the Month Healing
Service at Noon*

Wednesday March 1 at 12:00pm is our monthly Healing Service with Holy

Eucharist. All are welcome. The Service will be held in the church. We will return to our Isaiah study/discussion on March 8 following Noonday Prayer.

Free Yoga at Knight Memorial Library



All are welcome to participate in a six week yoga series on Monday evenings from 6-7pm at Knight Memorial Library. No yoga experience necessary! The classes are downstairs in the library basement.

Upcoming Events

February 26: Confirmation Class after the Service

March 1: Healing Service, 12:00pm in the church

March 1: Choir Practice

March 5: Healing Prayer Ministry

March 5: Tech meeting following Service

March 12: Outreach Meeting following the Service

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Theo. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, Fontella, James, John Dunning, Peter Thoits, Lee, Rachael, and Zo.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

February 26, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 Raheem Dabre

Response: Psalm 32 Cora Nagle

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Neb Amaechina

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

Coffee Hour: Kardi and Lydia

March 5, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a Chip Smith

Response: Psalm 121 Chip Smith

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Ed Boyer

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Prayers of the People: Dan Mechnig

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: April and Alex

Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi



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