

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

March 11, 2021 Parish messenger

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

Matthew 20:25-28: But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. I will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."



When I accepted a leadership position 20-some years ago, leadership training was becoming the “in” thing. One of the popular philosophies of the time was “servant leadership”. This “radical” concept of servant leadership is described as a “philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations, and ultimately creates a more just and caring world.” In the early 2000s, this “new” philosophy was rapidly being adopted by companies as a strategy to get them to the top. Indeed, courses on the key practices and implementation of servant leadership are a thriving business. How ironic that a book that has been around for centuries can teach us about this “new” concept, and at bargain prices! In reflecting on our scripture reading for today, it strikes me that servant leadership as described and modeled by Jesus was one of the more radical aspects of his ministry. After all, the Bible is replete with stories of powerful male leaders—kings and army leaders—and Jesus also points that out in the reading. Then he says that they have it all wrong—to lead well, you must first serve. Indeed, his ministry is a model of servant leadership, with perhaps his most famous action being that depicted by

Tintoretto: *Jesus Washing the Disciples' Feet*. We are all called to be servant leaders.

My Lenten journey this year is focused on being a more humble dwelling for God. For those reading God be in my Head, we are going to take a quick peek ahead to Day 24: The author Ken Wilson writes, “The Sarum Prayer invites us out of our cerebral cortex-centered praying, into a kind of praying that inhabits our body as a whole: God be in my head, God be in my eyes, God be in my mouth, God be in my heart. Whatever heart thinking is (“God be in my heart—and in my thinking”), it is slower, less chatter-y, less grinding, and more extra-mentally physical.”¹ Since Advent, one way for me that has been slower, less chatter-y, less grinding, and more extra-mentally physical has been to learn organ music based on hymn tunes and when I have learned them well enough, to pray them in my head while playing. Alternatively, you can just sing in your head. To end, then, sing in your head with me, and as the psalmist said: “Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.”

Sing too, the first verse of one of my favorite hymns written by Charles Wesley, set to a lovely Welsh tune:

“Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation,

enter every trembling heart.”

AMEN

—Becky Silliman

¹ Wilson, Ken. [God Be in My Head](#) (Kindle Locations 615-618). Church Publishing Inc., Kindle Edition.

All are welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Here is the Zoom link for this Sunday's Service:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Passcode: 674674

Here is the program link:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_lent_4_march_14_2021.pdf

Lenten blessings,

Julie

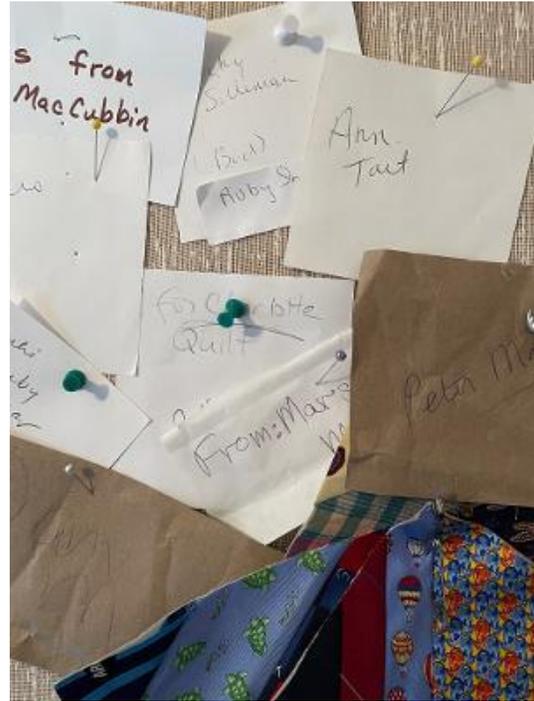
*Lenten Quiet Morning,
Saturday March 20th, 9 a.m.—12:00 p.m.*

*The silence of the Creator is thunderous,
Drowning out everything else,
And hiding in endless creativity.*

—Thomas Keating

The Ash Wednesday liturgy includes the invitation to observe a holy Lent. The Lenten Quiet Morning offers you the opportunity to enter into the spirit of a holy Lent. Join us on Saturday morning, March 20th for a few hours of silence, prayer, reflection, and music. Step into some precious quiet time with God. Enjoy quiet, prayerful companionship with fellow parishioners.

*Our Next Arts Program—Charlotte's Tie Quilt
Project, March 14th after our Sunday service*



You are invited to enter into Charlotte's workshop via Zoom, where she will demonstrate the mysterious steps your donated ties are undergoing to become a useful and beautiful piece of art. She will show you how the ties are disassembled, cut into strips, sewn onto a backing, trimmed, assembled and then finished, ready to raffle for the benefit of All Saints'.

Charlotte turns her quilts into a narrative using fabric, and these former neckties are telling their own unique tale. Please join us for this peek into her artistry.

Health Talk with Drs. Nnenna Okpara and Mariam Fayek

Did you know March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month?

Please join us at All Saints' Memorial Church with Women and Infants' Hospital Center for Gastrointestinal Health Drs. Mariam Fayek and Nnenna Okpara for a brief informational session on March 21 at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the Service. Ribbons will be distributed.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study

Next Wednesday we will study the Book of Job, Chapters 13; 15:1-6; 19. We welcome new participants. Our discussion is from 12:15—1:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

Here is the link for Noonday Prayer and Bible Study:

Wednesday Noonday Prayer (12 p.m.) and Bible Study (12:15 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 5559 3827

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program: **scroll down on allsaintsmemorial.org**.



Easter Flowers 2021

Easter is April 4...it's not too early to think about Easter Flowers! If you would like to dedicate Easter Flowers this year, please fill out **our new online flower request form**, or you can request a paper form by calling (401-751-1747) or emailing (asmcri@verizon.net) ReeRee at the church office.

Current in-office hours are Tues: 10-2, Wed: 10-1, and Fri: 10-2.

Are You a Citizens Bank Customer?

If you are, there is a quick, free, and secure electronic way to pay your pledge or make other donations to All Saints'. If you are interested in this option, please call (401-946-3562) or email me (rsillima@bu.edu) and I will walk you through the set-up, which should take five minutes or less.

Thank you,
Becky

Free Rapid COVID-19 testing

Bethel AME Church, **located at 30 Rochambeau Ave. in Providence**, offers free rapid COVID-19 tests from 2-6 every Monday.

This testing site is part of Rhode Island's community testing efforts. More community testing sites scheduled throughout the week, and across the state can be found on this Google spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vCAktxDVk7GB2QA>

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More information about RI's COVID-19 testing program and vaccination rollout can be found at: <https://covid.ri.gov/testing>.

Vaccination Sites in Providence

Bethel AME Church, **located at 30 Rochambeau Ave. in Providence**, is a Vaccine Site and will offer vaccinations on Thursdays from 2 p.m.—6 p.m.

You may schedule an appointment by calling 401-444-8139, with an expected return call within two business days. The registration link is here:

<https://my.lifespan.org/mychartprd/SignupAndSchedule/EmbeddedSchedule?vt=4341&dept=101100010301000&view=plain&public=1>. **Staying within the guidelines of Rhode Island, this service will be for those 65 year of age and older.**

This vaccination site is part of **Rhode Island's local vaccination sites**. More Providence-based vaccination information and sites may be found at <https://www.providenceri.gov/vaccinate/>.

Upcoming Events

- **Mar 14:** Quilt Talk with Charlotte Burgess via Zoom, immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Service
- **Mar 17:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
- **Mar 20:** Lenten Quiet Morning via Zoom, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
- **Mar 21:** Health Talk with Dr. Nnenna Okpara and Dr. Mariam Fayek via Zoom, immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Service
- **Mar 24:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
- **Mar 28:** Palm Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
- **Mar 28:** Discussion of *God be in my head, the Sarum Prayer* via Zoom, immediately after the 9:30 a.m. Service
- **Mar 31:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
- **Apr 1:** Soup and Bread Fellowship, via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.
- **Apr 1:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- **Apr 2:** Good Friday Service and Stations of the Cross, 12:15 p.m.

- **Apr 4:** Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.



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.

- March: tuna fish
- April: canned fruit
- May: cold cereal

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Victor, Barry, and Ferd. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Eric and Irene T., Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Teresa Clinton, Arline O., Janice, Keith Malloy, Karen L., Kimberly D., and Stephen.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Chimi Amaechina and Gabby Hney.

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

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9, Bob Wells

Response: Psalm 107:1-3,17-22, Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10, Barbara Badio

Prayers: Ed Boyer

Gospel: John 3:14-21

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34, April Donahower

Response: Psalm 51:1-13, Rosetta Evans

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10, Musa Goll

Prayers: Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Mar 18.
The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, Mar 16.
Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at
asmcri@verizon.net.



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