



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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E-Messenger, March 16, 2023

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord!

Dear All

Saints' Family,

Today we have two Lenten meditations to offer you. The first is a reflection on *Isaiah* that comes from Susan Goodnough. We are reading *Isaiah* in our Wednesday prayer/discussion group. Susan offered her reflection yesterday. Thank you, Susan for helping us enter more deeply into the Lenten walk. The second meditation is Luke Powery's prayerful musing on the spiritual *We Will March through the Valley*. **Check out our website** again for musical accompaniment to this spiritual and others by Becky and Cecelia.

Wednesday Meditation (Isaiah:40-44)

I am no expert on the Old Testament. I've spent most of my life reading the New Testament, the Psalms, and Job. But I found the passages I read speak deeply to me, beginning with the first verse: "*Comfort, ye, comfort my people says your God. Speak comfort to Jerusalem and cry out to her that warfare has ended.*"

This must have been wonderful news for Jerusalem. My question is: "Will there ever be an end to our warfare? Will it always be with us? Will the world ever realize that violence is a hideous and unholy answer to any problem? I think of Jack Kennedy, Bob Kennedy, and Martin Luther King. You can silence a person but not the idea; it will live on and be remembered.

Continuing in verse 2, "*That her iniquity is pardoned for she has received*

from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." We, through God's kindness have received from the Lord's hands double forgiveness for all our sins. We will know freedom, yes, freedom is near, "for the mouth of the Lord has spoken" and change is upon us. "The crooked places shall be made straight; and the rough places made smooth" which means to me our many mistakes will be straightened out and forgiven for "the word of the Lord stands forever." Bells will ring, birds, sing, beauty is born. "Have you not heard? Every mountain and hill shall be brought low. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

How? How? How?

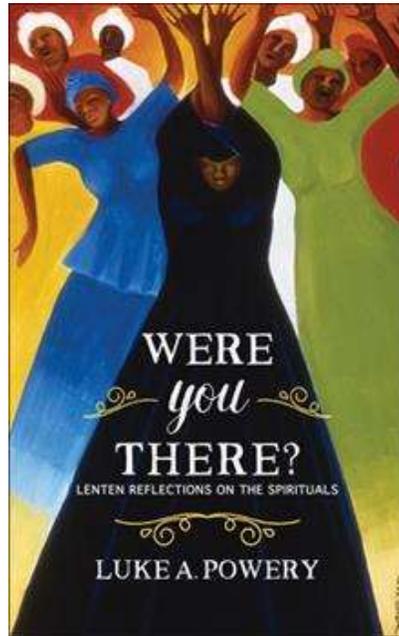
The Lord loves more than we will ever know.

"Fear not for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine." It is more than I can take in. Out of millions and millions of people, the Lord knows my name. MY name, which means to me I have a place of safety, a place to rest. I belong to the Lord. *Amen.*



~ Susan Goodnough

Lenten Reading from:



We Will March through the Valley

We will march thro' the valley in peace,
We will march thro' the valley in peace,
If Jesus himself be our leader,
We will march thro' the valley in peace.

We will march, etc.

Behold I give myself away, and
We will march, etc.

We will march, etc.

This track I'll see and I'll pursue;
We will march, etc.

When I'm dead and buried in the cold silent tomb,
I don't want you to grieve for me.

- *Slave Songs*, 95

"Lent claims a wilderness journey...It is the valley through which we travel sometimes. And not only travel, "we will march." Marching is so much more intentional than walking...The spiritual calls us not just to march but to march through the valley...Moreover, come what may in the valley, we will march "in peace." Our peace in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in comes from Jesus, who is our peace."

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



An ongoing note of deep appreciation goes to our dedicated Broadcasting Ministry - Ryan, Derrick, and Neb. This past Sunday we had an issue with the broadcasting computer. Troubleshooting continues this week. We thank our Zoom participants for your patience and hope to have Zoom back in place on Sunday.

Lenten blessings and peace,
Julie

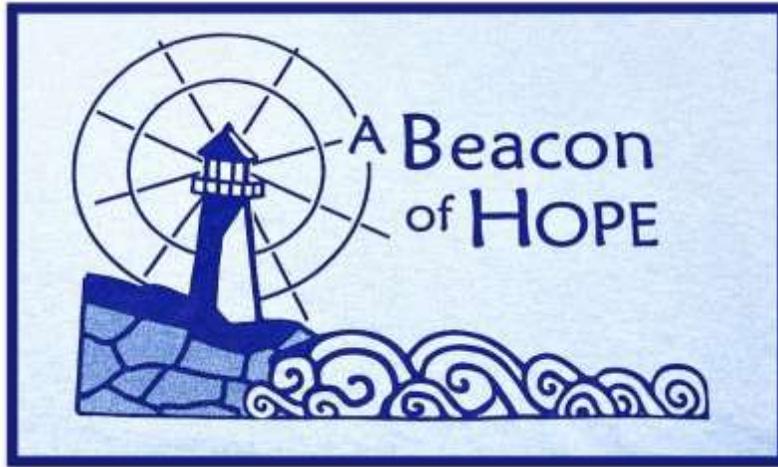
**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, March 19, 2023
Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am**

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_iv_march_19_2023.pdf



Outreach News

Project Undercover

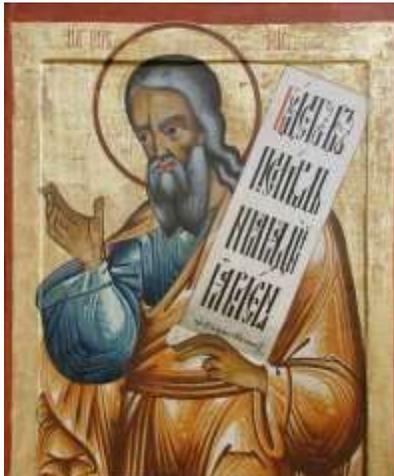


Outreach is collecting diapers, wipes, and children's socks & underwear for children newborn to age 5. Outreach will drop these items at John

Hope House on a monthly basis. Please consider bringing some of these much needed items. 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
- April: Canned Fruit



March 22 Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers

We have returned to our Isaiah study/discussion following Noonday Prayer. We meet in Rose Hall at noon on Wednesdays. Reading for

March 22: Chapters 45,48,49,55.

Here is the Zoom link if you wish to join us from home:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=SigTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQTo9>

Becoming More Connected

ChurchTrac has an app for phones and iPads which will give you access to your profile (to update telephone numbers, email and street addresses, etc.), our online directory, your giving history, and the many ways that you can give to All Saints' online. This app is not available in app stores and must be downloaded from ChurchTrac. We have a Super Users Group (Musa, Deirdre, and Elizabeth), who can help you download the app and get started. If you are unable to get to church or connect with them and need help, please email me (rsillima@bu.edu) or call me (401-946-3562). Thank you, Becky

Easter Altar Flowers

The church will be decorated for the Easter season with lilies and other spring flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you

may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Linda. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, April 2nd. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35 each. Please make checks payable to “All Saints' Memorial Church.”



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**Meet Providence Mayor Brett Smiley
 and enjoy free lunch and entertainment!**

March 29th 10:30am-12:30pm
 Call 421-4722 to RSVP



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 9 Courtland St. Providence



Upcoming Events

- March 22:** Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers
- March 22:** Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm-8:30pm, choir room
- March 25:** Memorial Service for Ernie Hirsch, 10:00am
- March 26:** Vestry meeting in-person after the Service

Prayers

We pray for those who are sick, troubled, and hurt. 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, 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, Zo, and Chris Moss.

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

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Gabriella Hney and Chimmy Amaechina.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

March 19, 2023

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Dan Mechnig

Response: Psalm 23 Dan Mechnig

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Marybeth Hanavan

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Prayers of the People: Susan Goodnough

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi

March 26, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Wilmar Jennings

Response: Psalm 130 Wilmar Jennings

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11 Neb Amaechina

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Prayers of People: Musa Goll

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi



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