



All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI

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E-Messenger, March 23, 2023

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

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r All Saints' Family,

This week our Wednesday meditation on Isaiah was offered by Deirdre Greelish:

"I returned from a 7-night Caribbean cruise Sunday. The Book of Isaiah has a rhythm to its chapters, like the ship on the open sea. Troubled waters slide us sideways, though not outside our God-fearing sea lane. If the winds are against us, the constant course correction can give us a headache.

Isaiah can see trouble on the horizon, like the ship's captain, who can see a storm. Isaiah instructs the people how to prepare, like the Captain telling us how to traverse the rolling deck so we don't fall.

Isaiah says, "prepare, have faith, don't be afraid; God's got you." Do the Israelites believe him? Do passengers believe their Captain when he says we'll be fine if that storm traversing America from west to east slows down its eastward movement and hits us? Some of Isaiah's prophecies didn't happen, just as that storm didn't hit us. But our experience of the intervening hours depended on our ratio of faith-to-fear, as it was with the Israelites.

Isaiah 58:counsels what's the point in fasting if you do not see? Wearing a cross on a chain does not make us a Christ-follower. Isaiah, speaking for the Lord, asks "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free?" (58:6) We had mentally and physically handicapped people in our 4,000 passengers. I did not know what religion people were, but I saw

compassion and consideration and mutual respect every hour of every day. I saw God at work in the people who turned mountains into level ways, and voice to those who couldn't speak, and vision for those who couldn't see.

Isaiah also rebukes, for the safety and security of the people. There is rebuking on a ship, outside every eating place. "Washy washy!" the staff says, and we have to pass through a row of washing stations to get to the food.

Isaiah counsels patience. There is a lot of waiting on a ship. Waiting to get off at a port of call, waiting on the soft-serve ice cream line, waiting for the soft-serve machine to be refilled with a huge bag of ice cream; waiting to hear the Bingo numbers, waiting to hear Your Bingo Numbers. Waiting for patrons to fill my row in the theater so I could stop getting up, because I wanted the aisle seat. I didn't have to wait hundreds of years for the Big Event, like the Israelites, but it felt like it.

Isaiah instructs, prepares, rebukes counsels patience, then promises it'll all be worth it. Isaiah exclaims promises of prizes, and great rejoicing in the end. You'll be a winner; God will give you the victory! At the end of Bingo and Trivia, the winners cried out and everyone clapped for their great prize, a luggage tag!

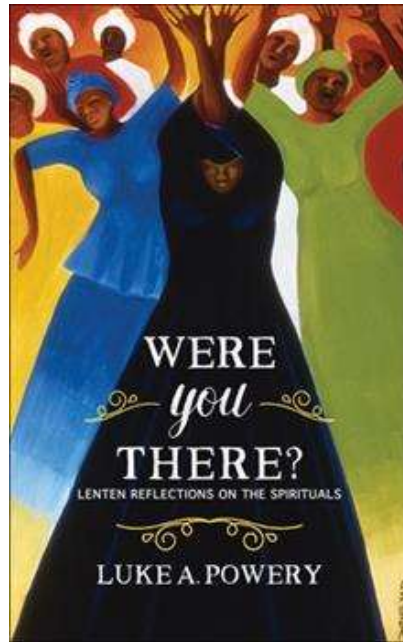
And isn't it funny, how we go into life's storms with faith in God, we weather buffeting winds without fear; yet, when it passes, we still rejoice? Not like people thinking, "Oh God, I hope you really care!" More like, "Yay...of course the ship is back where we started."

Isaiah quotes God saying, "Even a woman might forget the child of her womb, yet I will not forget you." (49:15) That's what we rejoice in - God's dependability."

~Deirdre



Lenten Reading from:



Lord, Remember Me

*Oh Deat' he is a little man,
And he goes from do' to do',
He kill some souls an he wounded some,
And he lef' some souls to pray.*

Refrain:

*Oh, Lord, remember me,
Do, Lord , remember me;
Remember me as de year roll round,
Lord, remember me.*

*I want to die like-a Jesus die,
And he die wid a free good will,
I lay out in de grave and I stretches our e arms,
Do, Lord, remember me.*

~Slave Songs, 15

"Do Lord, remember me." There's nothing wrong with asking God to do this. Remember me. Don't forget about me and my situation.

"Remember me as de year roll round." Remember me today, now, and forever. Ask the Lord to remember. He's ready.

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

Lenten blessings and peace,
Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, March 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_v_march_26_2023.pdf

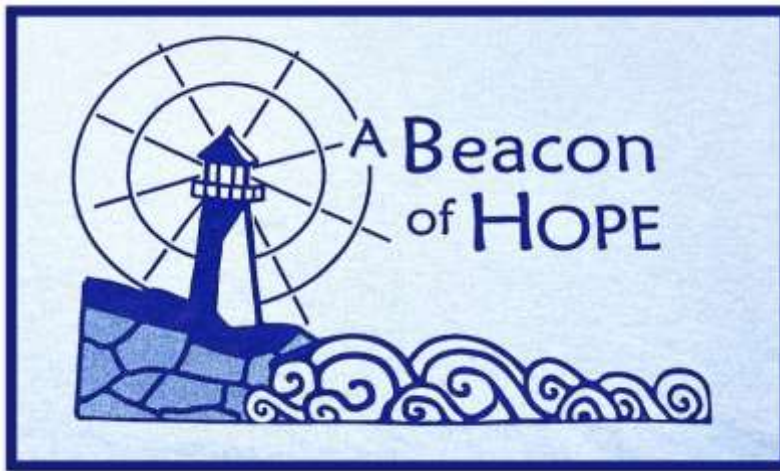
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

- April 2: Palm Sunday**
9:30am: The Sunday of the Passion
- April 5: Noon Eucharist with Healing Prayer**
12:00pm
- April 6: Maundy Thursday**
5:30 PM: Light supper of soup and bread
7:00 PM: Service
- April 7: Good Friday**
12:15 PM: Liturgy for Good Friday
1:00 PM: Way of the Cross
- April 9: Easter Sunday**
9:30 AM: Festival Celebration of Easter

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.”



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 29 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 29: Chapters 57:14-21;65-66.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09>

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



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Join us for the
**FEDERAL HILL HOUSE
SPRING FLING**



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

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



Federal Hill House Senior Spring Fling
Rev. Doctor Michele Matott
421-1095 ext.110
9 Courtland St. Providence



Upcoming Events

March 25: Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Ernie Hirsch, 10:00am

March 26: Vestry meeting in-person after the Service

March 29: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers

March 29: Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm-8:30pm, choir room

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, Chris Moss, and Marie.

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 Sylvester Kpeh, Jr.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

March 26, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Wilmar Jennings

Response: Psalm 130 Wilmar Jennings

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11 Ed Boyer

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Prayers of People: Chip Smith

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

Opening Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11 Eric Hirsch
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Deirdre Greelish
Response: Psalm 31:9-16 Deirdre Greelish
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Becky Silliman
The Passion: Mathew 26:14 - 27:66
Prayers of the People: Rosetta Evans
Chalice: Bill McBorrough
Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy, Julie
Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi



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