



## All Saints' Memorial Church

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*E-Messenger, March 30, 2023*

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



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ar All Saints' Family,

This week's Lenten meditation on Isaiah is from Elizabeth Toby. Thank you for this powerful reflection on Isaiah chapter 57 and forgiveness.

"Isaiah 57 verses 14-21 talks about God's promise to help and heal his people by removing all obstructions from their way. It further states that the Lord dwells in high and holy places and also with those who are CONTRITE and HUMBLE in spirit. To revive the spirit of the contrite and the hearts of those that are humble.

Verse 16 states that: "I will not continually accuse, nor will I always be angry; for then the spirits would grow faint before me, even the souls that I have made."

**Who are God's People? Who are the people for whom God will remove all obstructions from their way?**

God's people are those who listen to his voice, heed his calling, tremble at

his words, follow his commandments, and worship Him. In Exodus, Chapter 20, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments for the people of Israel and generations thereafter to follow. In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus tells us that the first and most important commandment is that: ‘Thou shall love the Lord Thou God with all thou heart, soul, and mind. And the 2<sup>nd</sup> is to love our neighbors as ourselves. People who steadfastly seek the Lord and follow his commandments are His Chosen people. These are the people for whom God will remove all obstructions and provide comfort, joy and peace.

Man was born into sin; and as mortals we continuously sin and do not always heed the Lord’s calling. The Bible states that if we are contrite and ask for forgiveness, our sins will be forgiven. Additionally, **In Isaiah 57 verse 16, the Lord says that he will not continually accuse or be angry; for then the spirits would grow faint.**

Just as the Lord forgives our sins, we also need to practice forgiveness. Forgiveness that is totally and completely given; where **the issues are erased** and not stored in a bank to be retrieved later. Temporary forgiveness would result in weariness of mind and body in our family, friends, and even ourselves. **Our souls would grow faint.** In some instances, however, totally forgiving another who profoundly hurt us is extremely difficult.

**Should we forgive another who did not seek our forgiveness? How many times should we forgive a person for the same or similar issue? Also, how long should we hold a grudge?** Jesus tells Peter in Matthew 18:21-22 that we should forgive our brother seventy times seven, which means forever. This, however, is easier said than done. We need lots of prayers and God's grace to accomplish total forgiveness.

As people, I am sure we all at one time or another experienced situation where we felt wronged by another or where we were in the wrong. Personally, I prefer to be told whenever I have wronged anyone. It would provide me with an opportunity to explain, and apologize, if necessary, for any misunderstanding.

Over my lifetime, only a few situations (not the mundane) stick in my mind when I was wronged by others. The issues were difficult to overcome and weigh heavily on my mind. I was angry and avoided those people. Finally, I took it to God and prayed. Life being too short, I learned to forgive. I forgave some who did not seek my forgiveness, and others who sought my forgiveness. Forgiveness has brought me inner peace of mind and body.

Matthew 11:25-26 states: *and when you stand praying, FORGIVE, if you have issues against anyone, that your Father in Heaven may also*

*forgive your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in Heaven forgive your trespasses.*

**The Lord forgives, heals, and provides peace and comfort to the contrite and humble. Amen."**

~Elizabeth



### *Holy Week Updates*

I am sorry to report a few health issues this week. Barry was admitted to Charlton Memorial Hospital last evening. Please hold Barry in your prayers. I just talked to him on the phone and Chip texted me a photo of

Barry sitting in a chair smiling. We will keep you posted on his progress.

I tested positive for Covid this week. I am doing fine but need to isolate for a few more days. Rev. Peter Michaleson will be our celebrant this Sunday. Linda is sick this week also. She will be back in the office next week. As the spiritual goes, we have had a little "trouble" this week, but still we say, "*Glory hallelujah!*"

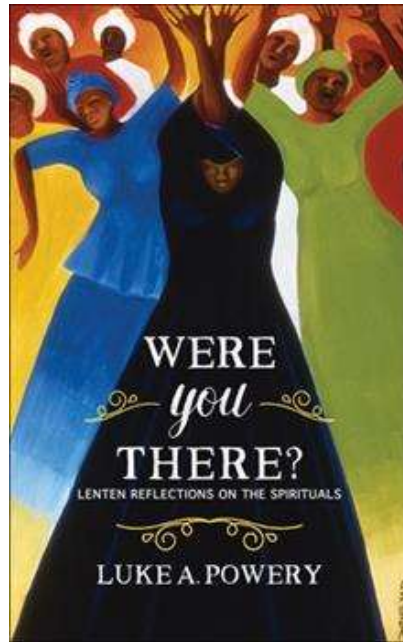
Our Palm Sunday service begins downstairs in Rose Hall with the Liturgy of the Palms.

This Sunday right after the Palm Sunday Service Gloria invites all who will be helping with the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday to a brief walk-through.

For a lovely Holy Week meditation on two spirituals, check out **our web site** for recordings by Cecelia and Becky.

Please note that we have generated a unique zoom link for the Maundy Thursday Service (7 pm). The link is included in the Schedule of Services During Holy Week in this Messenger.

*Lenten Reading from:*



### ***Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Had***

*Nobody knows de trouble I've had;  
Nobody knows but Jesus,  
Nobody knows de trouble I've had,  
Glory hallelujah!*

*This can be life. This can be your life even as a Christian. Of course there are times when we get to enjoy the juice from ta berry and honey in de comb. But what this spiritual reveals is how often "nobody knows de trouble I've had."... Yet like the movement of lament psalms, this spiritual doesn't close out with trouble. Rather it rings out with a word*

*of hope and praise, "Glory Hallelujah!" This singer knows something about God. Something happens between all of the trouble and this trumpet-tongued prayer at the end. This slave singer knows that our trouble will not terrorize us forever. This singer knows that hope will have the final word. This singer knows God will win and triumph over all of our trouble.*

*~Slave Songs, 74*

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

Lenten Blessings and Peace,  
Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, April 2, 2023  
Liturgy of the Palms and Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am**

[Zoom Link](#)

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

[Service Program](#): You will find Sunday's program here:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_palm\\_sunday\\_april\\_2\\_2023.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_palm_sunday_april_2_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**

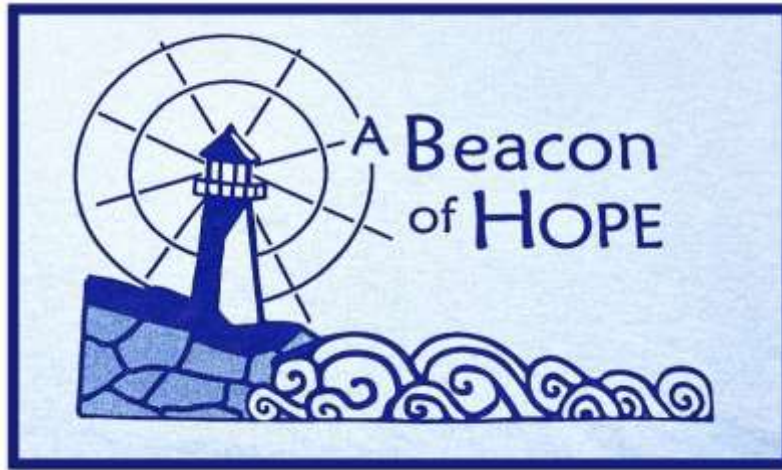


- 12:00pm
- April 6: Maundy Thursday**  
5:30 PM: Light supper of soup and bread  
7:00 PM:
- Service Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89724642542?pwd=TSSt4RHZadTBaSVpxa0Q2aWlOYmh1QT09>
- April 7: Good Friday**  
12:15 PM: Liturgy for Good Friday  
1:00 PM: Way of the Cross
- April 9: Easter Sunday**  
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](http://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!

- April: Canned Fruit



*Wednesday of Holy Week Noon Service of Holy  
Eucharist with Healing Prayer*

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](mailto:rsillima@bu.edu)) or call me (401-946-3562). Thank you, Becky

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### *Upcoming Events*

Please see the Schedule of Services for Holy Week (above).

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### *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 Travis Ogoffa and Amaya Ventura-Carreiro.

## *Share All Saints' With Friends*



SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

***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: Musa Goll

Chalice: Bill McBorrow

Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy, Julie

Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi

***April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday***

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Response: Psalm 118:1 - 2:14-24 Gigi Fahnbulleh

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 April Donahower

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Prayers of People: Monika Kraemer

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Coffee Hour: Cecelia and Gigi

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