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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

The Right One, Rite I, or
Wrong One?

There are all sorts of opinions around the "Traditional" language celebration of The Holy Eucharist known as Rite I. Some love it, some believe it should never be used, some tolerate it on an as used basis.

Whatever our individual predilections concerning the Rite, it is still in our Prayer Book and so we should be familiar with it under the rubric that what we pray is what we believe in The Episcopal Church. With this in mind, we will be using Rite I throughout Lent at all public services.

We need to expect that most of us who use Rite II on a regular basis and have internalized all the responses will probably end up with Rite 1.5. This will sound something like, "And also with your spirit" or "It is meet and right to give him thanks and praise". Don't let that bother you. Just embrace the new (old) as fully as you can during this season.

Of course, we can say this is just part of being penitential during Lent, or a way of suffering through

The Good News

March 8, 2019



Lenten Formation

Adult Study in Lent will focus on the Psalms as prayer. Please send your favorite, or least favorite, Psalms to Fr. Dave for inclusion in discussion.

Fellowship Breakfasts

Women's Breakfast - is scheduled on Saturday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, the 16th, at 8:00 a.m.

All members and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship at these casual and friendly events.

Theology Uncorked

Theology Uncorked meets at 6PM Sunday.

Holy Week Schedule

It is never too early to announce and plan for Holy Week.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Palm/Passion Sunday (4/14)--Regular Sunday Schedule

Maundy Thursday (4/18)--7PM Mass w/ The Watch to follow.

Good Friday (4/19)--Noon (spoken service) & 7PM (sung service)

the season, but to say that misses the great beauty of Rite I.

Rite I is not a penitential rite by itself. In fact, it is full of the proclamation of the mercy and love of God towards us. As we celebrate together, listen for the comfy words, hear the message of love in the Cross, and proclaim the truth of our God "whose property is always to have mercy".

Now that is something to embrace during this Lenten season.

Blessings,

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Ministry Links



St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Holy Saturday (4/20)--9AM Holy Saturday Office

Easter Sunday--6AM The Great Vigil of Easter

8:30 (ish) Easter Brunch

10AM Rite II Holy Eucharist

For Easter Week there will be a noon Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursday Mass will be at 7:30AM.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

March and April focus is on Mid Central Community Action's (MCCA) emergency shelter: Neville House. Neville House provides safe harbor, assists and provides families in crisis situations with individual and group counseling for adults and children, and serves as a community resource providing awareness, advocacy, and education on the issue of domestic violence.

Neville House requests the following for women, children and occasionally men: personal hygiene items, clothing, shoes/sneakers and socks, laundry & cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies, and gift cards. Specific items requested are listed on the displays with Outreach baskets, which are located in the narthex and hallway near the fireplace.

Book/DVD/Bake Sale

The Outreach Committee will hold its spring Book/DVD/Bake Sale on Saturday, March 30, 8 AM to 1 PM. Please bring any donations to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. Call Debbie Leighton with any questions at 662-7478.

Outreach-Education

Advent Chakupewa, son of Bishop Elias, is continuing school to become a doctor. His tuition is annually \$2273 + \$1836 for room & board, but this is far more than his family and community can provide. St. Matthew's hopes to continue his support in this valuable ministry. If you wish to participate, please make funds available to St. Matthew's with the notation: Outreach-Education.

Job Opening (Tentative)

The MLT has authorized the creation of a job description for a Sexton to care for basic cleaning and maintenance of our facilities. The position is part-time and would not increase our

bottom line expenses for cleaning and maintenance. That is, if we can find someone who is interested and meets our requirements.

The primary qualities we are looking for in a potential hire are positive attitude, genuine care for a job well done and helping our facility continue to be a welcoming space. If you know of someone who has these qualities, is physically capable of light lifting (40lbs), and is available to work regular part-time hours, please have them contact us for an application.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

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Worship Serving Schedule

10-March 2019

7:30

Greeter: Dede & Doug Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Debbie Leighton & Patty Pitts

17-March 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Crucifer: Shelley Carter

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Susan & Jeff Clark

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of March 10

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

10:40 a.m.--Sunday School for Children

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY classes

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.--Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Piano Classes

5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Piano Classes

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m.-Stations of the Cross

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Zumba

8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for March 10, 2019

Hymns: #147, #644

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us

harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Qui habitat

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says,

"No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Birthdays & Anniversaries March 10 - 16

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Martha Lakin

Roy Laws

Dedications for this week:

The Memorial lamp is lit in loving memory of

Joseph & Patricia Boyle

by Deacon Tim & Debbie Leighton

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent, March 10th

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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