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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

In an unexpected surprise Amy's school schedule and Liam's football practice schedule gave us a couple of open days next week. So, I am taking advantage of that for a family outing to Chicago to partake in a matinee of *Les Miserables*. It will be fun to spend the day together and to see this production again.

This will mark the second time I have seen it on stage. The first was over 27 years ago for the second date Amy and I shared.

I could write pages on the theological content of both the novel and the blockbuster Rock Opera in terms of how law, justice, mercy, love, generosity, and reconciliation motivate the characters, which is more than I wish to write and I am sure you desire to read at this point.

However, I will say that one of the underdiscussed themes is family: what it is, the good, the bad, and the ugly of it. And I will be watching it anew to see how that theme plays out and how it is, or is not, shaped by the Gospel. I find it important since all clergy have vowed to do their best to pattern their lives and the

The Good News

July 19, 2019



Evensong

Is held each week at 5:30PM on Sunday. If you cannot make it to Sunday morning services Evensong is a great way to end the weekend and prayerfully prepare for the new week.

Midweek Activities

There will be no midweek services this week. See Rector's Ramblings for the reason.

Copies of the material for the next gathering will be made available in the office next Wednesday.

MLT

The MLT will have its monthly meeting on 7/21 at 6PM. MLT meetings are open to all who wish to attend and hear the discussions and updates.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

During the months of May and June [AND CONTINUING IN THE MONTH OF JULY] the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for St. Vincent dePaul food pantry. St. Vincent's provides assistance to the homeless and working poor of our communities. We at St. Matthew's can actively help by contributing items like those listed here:

- canned vegetables
- peanut butter
- tuna fish, and other canned meats
- rice and cereals, especially cereals individually wrapped in packets
- beans, both dry and canned
- water and fruit juice

lives of their family (or household, or community) after the Gospel (cf. 1 Timothy). Clergy, or not, it is this patterning of family life that makes a significant witness, as an example, to the community around us.

Please pray for all families and households of our Parish that all of them, and through them our community, will be patterned after the Gospel of Jesus.

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

Find us on Instagram--stmattsbldm
Twitter--@BloomingtonSt

baby diapers and baby wipes

Contributions may be placed in baskets in the narthex or the hall.

Thank you from volunteers at the pantry, as they are very grateful.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

21-July 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Shelley Carter & Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Congregational Youth

28-July 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense (for Susan Clark)

Coffee Hour: Kia Griffin & Georgia

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of July 21

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

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

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

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

ALL day - Morning Group Parking Lot Picnic

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 July 21, 2019

Hymns: #401, #487, #382

Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the

work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 21 - 27

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Julie Cooper
Tim Leighton
Hallie Littlefield

Dedications for this week:

*The Memorial candle is lit in loving memory of
James Adams*

Collect for 6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 21st

Almighty God, the foundation of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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