

# The Fisher King and the Handless Maiden

Recovering the Feeling Function and Creativity in Masculine and Feminine Psychology and How This Can Deepen the Life of Prayer

Presenter: The Rev. Peter L. Fritsch

Date and Time: Thursday October 5. 6 - 9 pm.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 2351 Pleasant Grove Blvd. Roseville

Cost: \$40 registration email [plfritsch@hotmail.com](mailto:plfritsch@hotmail.com) pay at door cash or check

**Peter Fritsch**, scholar, teacher, priest, is the author of *A Moment of Great Power: Sacramental Prayer and Generational Healing*, *Dreams: A Spiritual Guide to Healing and Wholeness* and *Hungary: Finding A Place to Call Home*.

Based from his home in Pecs, Hungary, Fritsch is a vigorous proponent of the inner life and the practice of authentic spirituality. He has been teaching workshops on healing prayer and dream work for over thirty years. Fritsch is an Episcopal priest canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. Peter has his Masters of Divinity from The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, and his Bachelors of Music Therapy from The University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA. Peter, a musician, uses guitar and song to enhance teaching and create community in his workshops.

Peter is married to Dr. Monika Farkas. Dr. Farkas is a Hungarian medical doctor, yoga and body-work practitioner. Peter and Monika enjoy world travel, hiking, ice skating and home cooked, gourmet meals. Peter is the father of three and the grandfather of two. Dr. Farkas is the mother of two adult sons.

**About the Workshop:** Using stories from the Jesus narrative and Robert Johnson's *The Fisher King and the Handless Maiden* as a springboard for teaching, this workshop will give participants an understanding of the loss of personal power many people experience in Western culture. The folk tales provides solutions on how to regain trust in one's intuition and instinct, and how creativity can be transformed and renewed in both men and women.

To be “handless” is a mythological way European folk tales symbolize a loss of personal power. Fritsch will teach and then facilitate discussion of how we lose our trust in intuition and instinct through neglect, abuse, or a lack of affirmation of authenticity early in life. Methods will be taught on how to renew our creative energy in the soul and connect with the body as well as discover immense joy in one's contemplative life. Peter teaches how conversation with God moves beyond survival to a place of deep listening and co-creating with God.

The Fisher King, a part of the Holy Grail story, evolved in Europe simultaneously from several countries during the heights of medieval chivalry, when there was a high valuing of the feminine which later was lost in the rise of nation states. Participants will learn how the Hero (Heroine) Myths and the Fisher King fit together to show the dynamics of transformation that every person must realize to become whole, by asking the eternal question that provides meaning, “Whom does the Grail serve?”