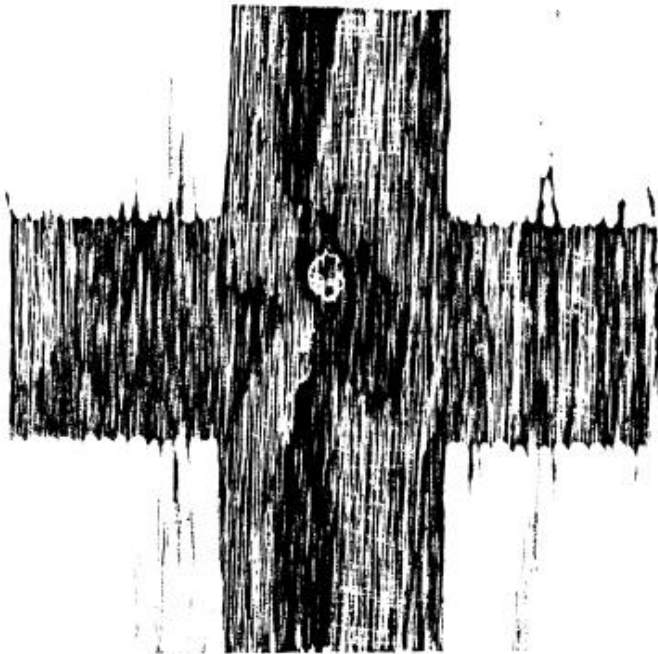




The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2019 | 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector
Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ LENT +

GATHERING

Pages preceded by "BCP" may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews.

** = **Rise** as you are able, in body or in spirit | ✠ = a customary time to "cross" oneself*

PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu

Johannes Brahms

* ENTRANCE HYMN

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

Hymnal 149

* A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

* **TRISAGION** *(Choir will sing through once; all join in for the second and third repetitions.)*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system has the lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

WORD

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

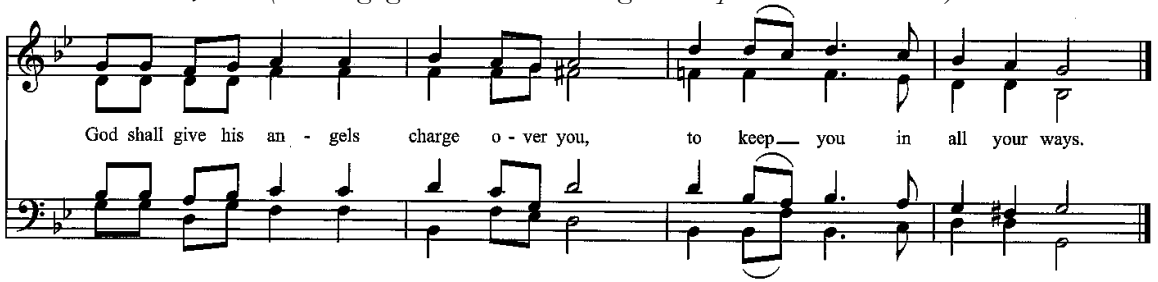
Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said, "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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 (*The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon where indicated.*)



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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.” (*Antiphon*)

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. (*Antiphon*)

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. (*Antiphon*)

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. (*Antiphon*)

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

"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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

* THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ. ✠✠✠

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor In this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others. Let us offer our prayers for the world God so loves.

We pray for the world. We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia and for all who live in places of danger wrought by humankind. May we come to live as one family, and grow beyond the violence of war. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for your creation. May we turn from waste and desecration and care for your abundance with integrity and wonder. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for the church, for Brian our bishop, for April our priest, for Caroline, Sarah and Sean our Seminarians, and for all who are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. May we drink deeply from living springs, and travel the desert in trust and hope. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessory We pray for this nation, and for all who seek to lead it. May we seek healing from our racism and lust for power, and embrace wisdom and understanding. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for this community. May we repent of the ways we deny your goodness in the world and in our lives, and open ourselves to blessing as we live these holy days of Lent. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for all who suffer. May every sadness find you at its heart, and may we know your healing grace. We pray especially for Jamie, Daniel, Joe, Karen, Tom, Glyn, Hannah, Lee, David, Valorie, Wilma, Patricia, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Andrea, Amy, Deborah, Rebecca, Libby, Jean, Barbara, and Ann;

We pray for Emily, who is with child.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died. May they ever grow in faith and love, and live together in the joy of your eternal reign. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Celebrant God of deliverance and freedom, you taught the people of Israel to acknowledge that all things come from your bountiful hand. Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation and, in the midst of trial, proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*** THE PEACE**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABLE

* OFFERTORY

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

* THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We gather at your table, Lord: we humbly lift our hearts to you!
Here all are welcomed, all restored, and all are given work to do.

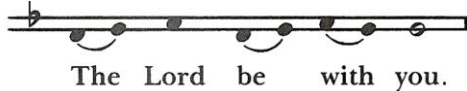
God, pour your Spirit on us all, and on these gifts that we receive;
For in Christ's presence, we recall his life and death, and so believe.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

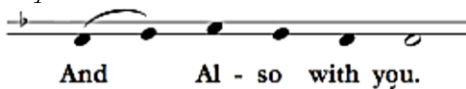
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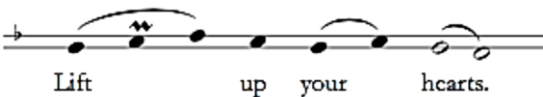
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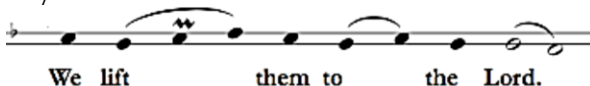
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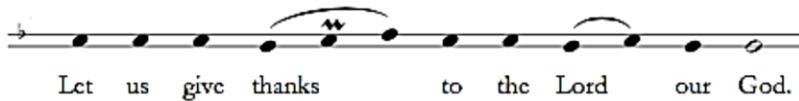
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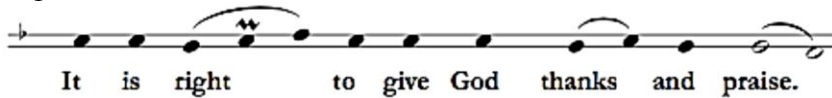
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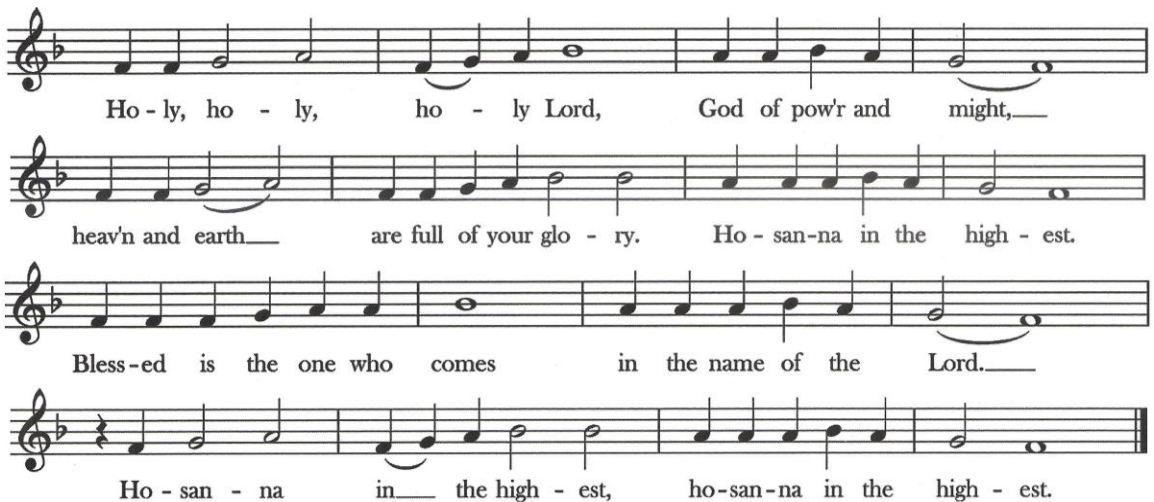
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy;

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*** SANCTUS**



(The Celebrant continues)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People)



(Celebrant)

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may this be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [] and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a piano (p) dynamic marking. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-

pass a- gainst us, and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,

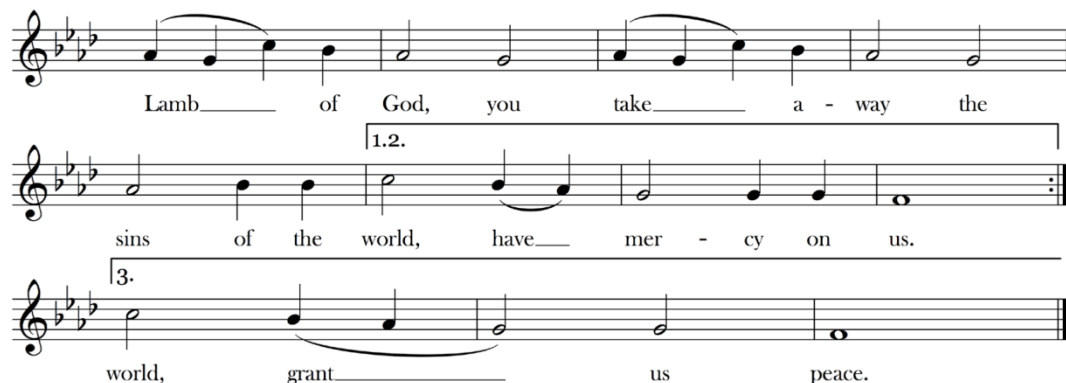
but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

For the king-dom and the pow-er and the glo-ry

are yours now and for-ev-er. A-men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward to the altar. You may stand or kneel. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

Those who would like healing prayers offered during the Eucharist are invited to the altar in St. Luke's Chapel, located to the right of the main altar, after receiving communion. You may request prayers of healing for yourself, family, others, and for whatever is on your heart. Prayer requests are confidential. Members of the Order of St Luke offer these prayers; they recognize that healing comes from God, and they feel blessed to be of use in this way. Many of the prayers can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 460-461.

COMMUNION

*Now let us all with one accord
Christ, when for us you were baptized*

*Hymnal 147
Hymnal 121*

SENDING

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BIRTHDAY BLESSING

* THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE ✠

* HYMN IN PROCESSION *Lord, who throughout these forty days* *Hymnal 142*

* THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *O Gott, du frommer Gott* *Johannes Brahms*

Preacher and Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Lectors	Laura Bertrand, Charles Bond
Intercessor	Skeeter Makepeace
Crucifer	Jeff Bertrand
Torchbearers	Helen Bertrand, Eleanor Bertrand
Lead Usher	Tom Makepeace
Director of Music/Choirmaster	David Long
Organist	Karla Fowkes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Milburn will be on hand after both services this morning to take or update pictures for the online directory. If you have no current picture or find that your current photo no longer does justice to your splendor, please request his services after whichever service you attend.

During Lent the Sunday morning adult formation group will be working on *Life Transformed: The Way of Love* in Lent which is part of the *Becoming Beloved Community* program of the National Church. *The Way of Love* has seven themes: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Worship, and Go. We will be focusing on one of these during each of the seven Sundays of Lent. Session One / TURN: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ (Romans 6:3-11). As Christians, we are continually called to repent and be renewed in faith. This session introduces the *Way of Love* and invites participants to reflect on themes of repentance and the new life we have in Christ through baptism. We will consider spiritual practices of turning away from the spiritual forces of evil and sin and turning toward Christ. We hope you will be able to join us in the Barth Room at 9:30 a.m. for all or some of the sessions.

New Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles

We are planning to launch two new Sacred Ground Circles on Monday, March 7 and Thursday, March 10. Both sessions will meet for 10 weeks via Zoom from 6:30 – 8:00. A brief description of the program is given below and a more expanded discussion can be found at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>. If you are interested in joining one of these circles or would like more information, please email David.stanislawski@chattanoogaastate.edu and indicate which session you are interested in. We will try to hold the group sizes to 10 to 12 people to facilitate discussion.

Sacred Ground is a race dialogue series designed for these times. It is an attempt to be responsive to the profound challenges that currently exist in our society. It is focused on the challenges that swirl around issues of race and racism, as well as the difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue we need to have with each other about them. It invites participants to walk back through history to peel away the layers that brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds the vision of beloved community as a guiding star – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing.

Inquirers' class/Episcopal 101 Sundays (in person) and Thursdays (via Zoom)

Class continues this morning at 9:30am in the Merritt Room and on Zoom at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 11; come explore church tradition, history and our place in the Episcopal faith with Lay Catechist Laura Bertrand, Rev. April and our seminarians. This class will meet both on Sunday mornings (in person) and on Thursday evenings (via Zoom). **Participants should plan to attend one meeting per week, not both** (you can mix and match, too – Zoom one week and come in person another). While registration is **not required**, we would love to know you're coming! Please contact Laura Bertrand for more information (laura@laurabertrand.com).

Grace will host Family Promise again in June, specific dates TBA. If you volunteer with this program or would like to volunteers, make a note and watch for details here and in Grace Notes Weekly as details become available. Contact Skeeter Makepeace if you'd like to find out more about the programs and aid that volunteers provide.

Use P.O. Box for Checks/Important Documents -- Because hard times have made checks in our mailbox more vulnerable than in the past, we are asking everyone who's sending anything valuable or important to the church to use Grace's P.O. box address: **P.O. Box 80954, Chattanooga, TN 37414.**

Grace has moved to BREEZE for directory and donation services; this site can be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item "BREEZE" at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is 'saygrace' and the password is 'Chattanooga.' Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

The annual Thorne Sparkman School of Religion at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, is returning for its 49th session. This year's theme is "Faith and the Environment." Ticket pricing options include pricing for regular admission (\$30), student admission (\$20), dinner options for adults and children, and optional free childcare. The soup-supper preceding the lectures is \$30 for all five weeks (adult price). **Masks will be required for the safety of all who participate.** Registration and more information on the speakers are available at <http://www.lentenschool.org/>.

Loose offering this morning will go into the Rector's discretionary fund.

Material for Sunday's bulletins should be sent to the office no later than the previous Wednesday.

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