

Rector's Note

1.15.26

As your rector, I have the privilege of seeing this St Martin's community in many of its different facets. These past several days, I have met with the director of Face to Face Germantown, hearing about how vital our partnership is to them and imagining how to keep deepening our relationship. I have visited a parishioner in hospice. I have met with individual St Martin's members to talk about their ministry and their spiritual life. I have run into St Martin's people at vigils and rallies in the wake of recent ICE violence and the death of Renee Good.

And we have prayed and worshiped together in community on Sunday and Wednesday. We have shared a holy meal and prayed to God to send us out "to do the work you have given us to do." I know that many St Martin's members take these words very much to heart, using our common worship and prayer to strengthen and support their ministry, daily work, and family life.

Prayer and work, contemplation and action, can work together, feeding each other as we try to follow Jesus, as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus with each other and our neighbors.

And there will be many other opportunities to deepen our prayer, to grow in relationship with each other and with God over the next weeks. This Sunday's Evensong celebrating MLK. The Adult Forum *Discussions in Diversity* series for Black History Month.

And special offerings coming up for Lent. One that you may want to consider is the weekend retreat at Holy Cross Monastery. The topic is spirituality and aging and will be led by a fantastic and experienced retreat leader, Janet Corso. Before you think, "I'm too young for this topic" or "this is going to be a bummer!" consider it a little. We are all experiencing the process of aging, at every stage of our life, of letting go of the way we were and growing into what we will become.

Blessings in the rest of your week. See you Sunday!

Mary+