

The Herald

February 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

From the Rector

Of Words Well Wrought and Reality

I am currently teaching a course in Ethics for the diocesan school for vocational deacons. We are using Alasdair McIntyre's *A Short History of Ethics* as our textbook. It is a very succinct survey of classical moral philosophy beginning with the Sophists, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle; the Stoics and Cynics; Augustine and Aquinas; Hobbes and Spinoza; Locke and Kant; Rousseau; all the way into the twentieth century. It is a formidable task, but a necessary one in order to have the cultural context from which springs theological and moral discourse, as well as social, economic and political ideas over western history. For example,

one can't adequately read and interpret scripture without knowing something of Greek philosophical thought. New Testament literature was written in the common Greek, and language brings with it, ethos. Greek thought was the ocean of ideas informing all manner of discourse in the ancient world of the common era. And it is arguable that every subsequent philosopher in the west is rearticulating to some extent the Greeks. The Philosophers are the ones who articulate the knowledge of who we are as humans; knowledge that is in the proverbial air, in our own time and space.

Plato spoke of humankind's aspiration to the Beautiful and the Good; Machiavelli centuries later spoke of power as a good in and of itself amid the violent competition among the Italian city states; Locke spoke of the divinity of reason in an age that saw a renaissance in science and mathematics; Rousseau spoke of liberty and equality amid the advent of both the American and French revolutions; Marx spoke of the disparity of wealth between the social classes....all vital context to which we must pay attention in order to understand our world and our place in it.

But in this grand sweep of lofty thought and well wrought word, there is another reality: All, every one of these moral philosophers, are male and privileged. They live in a world of reasonable wealth, nobility and dignity, at the apex of the socio-economic pyramid. It is a world in which it is easy to speak of pursuing the good, the true and the beautiful, to aspire towards a state of peaceful happiness... salvation in short....but the vast majority of the human species doesn't have such luxury...theirs is a life of poverty, of illiteracy, of disease; subject to the slings and arrows of injustice and indignity and oppression ...these the unsaved...their words a lost piece to reality....among the erudite articulations of learned men, their voices are unheard; their words clatter upon the empty and lost alleys of our world.

At the second Vatican council in 1964 Pope John the twenty-third articulated the doctrine of "God's preferential option for the poor." This doctrine spoke of God's unfailing love for all humankind, but that God's passion, what gets God up in the morning, as it were, is the plight of the poor....in whatever form poverty is manifest...because wherever poverty exists, in whatever form, there is indignity...and where there is indignity there is despair...And God will not have it, because God knows that we are all incomplete until all are complete...we humans a symbiotic planetary community...one gracious body inspired with God's gracious breath...so to bear dignity to our world is to claim our own dignity...and that is what salvation means, at least as I read the Gospels...salvation the way we live with dignity in our own day...and until all have dignity then none of us have it.....So may we hear all voices...honor all aspirations towards the good the true and the beautiful...and we'll see a reality never yet seen...and it will be marvelous in our eyes.....all words aside.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, February 23
3:30pm Training Choir

Wednesday, February 24
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
6pm Evensong (Chapel)
6:30pm supper & Lenten program (Stirling Hall)
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 25
11:30am L'Arche Board (Stirling Hall)
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, February 26
9a-7p Diocesan Convention, Christ Church, Pensacola
5:30p Food Share packing

Saturday, February 27
8am Food Share distribution
9am Recovery 2day (Saad Rm)

Sunday, February 28
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, March 2
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to share some highlights of our recently concluded stewardship campaign and budget process:

Pledging:

2009: 135 households pledged \$ 405,304.

2010: 139 households pledged \$ 440,307.

(a meaningful increase in a tough economic climate!)

18 pledged for the first time, 69 pledges increased,

14 decreased, and 34 remained the same.

Thanks to this generous giving by our congregation, and some sustained belt tightening, we are able to put together a balanced budget that allows:

- No use of endowment monies (that's good, since there aren't any, any more!);
- No borrowing; and,
- An increased gift to the Diocese.

I want to thank all who have made this possible. Please watch the Herald for updates. Detailed financial reports are posted in the parish hall, if you would like to learn more.

--Clark Kelly

The Christian Living Today adult education class will begin discussing Bishop John Shelby Spong's book *Jesus for the Non-Religious: Recovering the Divine at the Heart of the Human* next Sunday.

One reviewer said about the book: "Fasten your seat belts! Bishop Spong takes us for a wild and daring ride with Jesus: first stripping him of all the myths we've grown up with; then offering a more approachable, more believable Jesus as the key to a new life and new humanity. It is the boldest book I've ever read, but also the most hopeful."

The class meets in the Walter K. Smith room at 9:30 on Sundays. Visitors and new members are welcome. Copies of the book are \$11.50; stop by the class or e-mail Henry Callaway at hcallaway@handarendall.com if you'd like one.

Garage Sale Fundraiser two weeks away

The Girls' Choir is organizing a garage sale to raise money for their trip to Florence, Italy this summer. The sale will be



held March 13 at 8:00am in Stirling Hall, and they would love to have your donations! If you are bringing lots of items, please separate them according to categories—e.g., toys in one bag, clothes in another, and please, do NOT bring any cloth-

ing larger than pre-teen sizes! Donations may be stored in the youth office or the EYC Room.

Thanksgivings are offered for the birth of William Slaton Brown, son of Mary Margaret and Austin Brown, and great-grandson of Mary Hunter Slaton. Slaton was born Feb. 11 in Birmingham.

Thanksgivings are offered for Sonia Ann Simpson Alves, daughter of Monte Alves and Melissa Simpson, who was also born on Feb. 11. Hodge and Allison Alves are her proud grandparents. Sonia was born in Seattle.

Three Cups of Tea is the Lenten study book. The title comes from a mountain village chief in Pakistan who said, "*Here (in Pakistan and Afghanistan), we drink three cups of tea to do business: the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything—even die.*"

Please join us for the next 5 Wednesdays as we explore how each of us can make a difference in the world!

A Flower Guild Luncheon



will be held this Saturday, Feb 27 at 11:00am at the home of Katharine and Jim Flowers, 922 Conti Street. If you are interested in joining the guild, give Katharine a call at 644-9887.

Deposit for EYC Mission Trip due next Monday, 3/1

The Mission Trip to New Orleans is July 18-25 and anyone 14 years or older is eligible to go. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your place; please turn it in by Monday, March 1, to Chris Conte or Karen McDonald.

Lenten Meditation Booklets from ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) are available on the table near the Office entrance. You can also subscribe to receive a daily email meditation by going to this site: <http://visitor.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001f-KEXzn5tO3rDXWGxacNKg%3D%3D>.



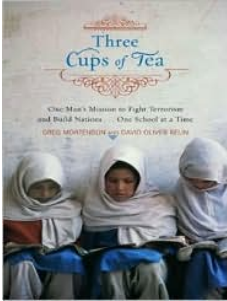
Food Share is this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27

Come at 5:30pm on Friday to help pack the food and/or come on Saturday morning at 7:30am to help distribute the food to our hungry neighbors. We can always use an extra hand!

Lenten Program begins this Wednesday!!

“Wednesdays in Lent”

— February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24 —
begin at 6:00pm with Evensong in the *chapel*
followed by supper and book discussion in Stirling Hall
from 6:30-7:30pm



Study Book:
Three Cups of Tea:
One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time
by Greg Mortenson

If you need a book, we have some available for \$10 each. Call the church to reserve a copy.
If you have your book, please read the Introduction and chapters 1-4 for this week's discussion.
It's never too late to join in!



presents

Saturday, March 13
7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15 adults
\$5 age 12 & under

To RSVP,
please call
438-2492
All Saints
379-2223
Mark Williams
604-5517
Benita Murphy

The Claire Lynch
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All proceeds above
expenses will go to
All Saints Community
Ministries, benefiting

Family Promise
Penelope House
McKemy Place
L'Arche
Alabama Arise
South Alabama Cares
Bay Area Food Bank
All Saints Refugee Fund
15 Place/Loaves and Fishes
Mobile Metro Jail Chaplaincy

Lay Ministers for February 2010

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Breakfast	Reception	Greeters	Flower Guild
Mar 7 <i>3rd Sun-day in Lent</i>	8:00	S Willcox	J Clearman	M Taylor		C Coker M Taylor	S Drew B Ratcliffe J Rogers M Winkler	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland		R Dillard	S Wiley B Hardaway
	10:30	1 R Williams 2 D Burchell	M Petithory	M Morrison L Thomas	L Wood, M Mosley SF Greene LH Greene	J Ayres B Hines R Pappas H Caddell	"		P Reeves K Gray		
Mar 14 <i>4th Sun-day in Lent</i>	8:00	P Wilson	L Hallett	S Willcox		B Ratcliffe L Hallett	"	J Tucker W Stirling J Wiley		R Dillard	E Doyle K Butler
	10:30	1 B Barrett 2 S Williams	P Roldan	D Burchell F Rouse	JB Pappas D Reeves D Reeves H Williams	A Mitchell M Williams D Greene H Brewster	"		C Hall		
Mar 21 <i>5th Sun-day in Lent</i>	8:00	K Winkler	S Willcox	R Hester		P Bolt J Basenberg	"	C Mackey V Case W Hannum		R Dillard	B Bentley S Hester
	10:30	1 C Ryan 2 C Zimmermann	E Wilder	C Tucker A Mitchell	H Snow E Gray N Kuot B Roach	EYC	"		F Rouse K McKenzie		
Mar 28 <i>Sunday of the Pas-sion: Palm Sunday</i>	8:00	J Basenberg	B Evatt	B Ratcliffe		H Dodge P Mackey	"	K Flowers K Gray R Greene		R Dillard	TBA
	10:30	1 A Lilly 2 V Mitchell	H Williams	L Wood F Hannum	D Burchell K Kelly G Williams M Mosley	D Mosley C Doyle H Callaway C Blackwell	"		P & J Ayres R Coarsey D Moreau		
April 1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6pm	1 M Nissen 2 M Allison	S Williams	F Rouse L Thomas	C Tucker L Gray T Thiel	L Wood R Bradford M Morrison	"				TBA
April 2 <i>Good Friday</i>	12N	K Winkler									
	6pm	B Barrett									
April 3 <i>Great Vigil of Easter</i>	7:30p	R Williams	M Morrison	F Rouse M Elledge	D Williams L Wood D Moreau	A Mitchell M Williams D Greene H Brewster P Mackey B Ratcliffe	"	Agape Meal: Everyone			TBA
April 4 <i>Easter Day</i>	8:00	P Wilson	S Willcox	M Taylor	D Williams D Moreau	W Hannum R Dillard	"	Everyone		R Dillard	
	10:30	1 C Bailey 2 L Bailey	K Montgomery	B Harris B Hardaway	B Reeves M Williams LH Greene H Williams W Kelly	L Wood S Robertson B Hines P Webb J Hamilton	"		F Rouse		



All Saints Window
All Saints Episcopal Church

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		11:30am All Saints serves lunch at 15 Place 3:30pm Training Choir	7:30am Race Relations Committee 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm Girls Choir 6-7:30p Lenten program 7:30pm Adult Choir	7a-5p L'Arche in Stirling Hall 12N Al-Anon, Smith Rm 5:30pm AA, Smith Rm		9am Recovery 2day, Smith Rm
7 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	8	9	10	11	12	13 Garage Sale!!!! 9am Recovery 2day, Saad Rm 10:30am PFLAG, Smith Rm
14 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	15 6pm Vestry mtg	16 12N Golden Circle 3:30pm Training Choir 4:30pm Murray House Board Mtg	17 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm Girls Choir 6pm 15 Place Bd Mtg 6-7:30p Lenten program 7:30pm Adult Choir	18 12N Al-Anon, Smith Rm 5:30pm AA, Smith Rm	19	20 9am Recovery 2day, Smith Rm
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28 <i>Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	29 <i>Monday in Holy Week</i> 7:30am Holy Eucharist, Chapel	30 <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i> 7:30am Holy Eucharist, Chapel	31 <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> 12N Holy Eucharist, Chapel	April 1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6pm Holy Eucharist & Washing of Feet, Church	April 2 <i>Good Friday</i> 12N Good Friday Liturgy, Church 6pm Good Friday Liturgy, Church	April 3 <i>Holy Saturday / Easter Eve</i> 9am Holy Saturday Liturgy, Church 9:30am Rehearsal for Vigil 7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter and Agape Meal, Church

EYC PAGE

"Sacrifice which causes sorrow to the doer of the sacrifice is no sacrifice.

Real sacrifice lightens the mind of the doer and gives him a sense of peace and joy.
The Buddha gave up the pleasures of life because they had become painful to him."

---Mahatma Ghandi

Well another Mardi Gras season has come and gone and I hope everyone had fun while it lasted, even if the weather made it difficult at times to get out to the parades. We now enter Lent, traditionally a time when we sacrifice something we enjoy for the 40 days preceding Easter, when we can once again indulge. The above quote is meant to make you think about what it is you are going to give up for those 40 days. In referencing things that cause pain, Ghandi is not speaking literally but is rather making an allusion to the fact that, in the eyes of Buddha, the pleasures of life were extraneous and got in the way of his pursuit of a higher way of thinking. Likewise, think about what you are going to sacrifice and try and make it something that you really don't need in the first place, but only think you need.

During the Lenten season we are going to try and be a bit more reflective with our Sunday EYC (I can hear the groans though the computer as I type this). Don't worry, it will still be fun, but we are going to try and be a little more low-key for the next few weeks. Please make an effort to join us, as the more people we have each Sunday, the more fun it is.

FEBRUARY 28th

Takin' a week off from EYC due to the Chili Cook-Off

MARCH 7th

Yard Sale prep at the Church. Wear your work clothes! We need to clear out the donations from Avery's old office and organize them in Stirling Hall. We will also need help throughout the week to get ready. More info on that to come.....

MARCH 13th (SATURDAY)

Yard Sale at the Church, benefiting the Girl's Choir and Summer Mission Work.
Come at 7:30 a.m. until noon.

MARCH 14th (SUNDAY)

Junior and Senior EYC is cooking dinner and eating with the families at the Ronald McDonald House. The RMH collect can tabs, so please save yours and we will donate them that afternoon. Whoever brings in the most wins a prize -- NOT from Dollar Tree!!!!

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Sunday Lectionary: Second Sunday in Lent

[Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18](#)

[Psalm 27:10-18](#)

[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)

[Luke 13:31-35](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Lavada Raouf, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan

Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester

Reception: Emily Mosley

8:00

Lector: Melanie Petithory

Intercessor: Bill Evatt

Chalice bearer: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Melissa Nissen 2) Rob Gray

Intercessor: Kay Montgomery

Chalice bearers: Catherine Tucker, Clayton Ryan

Acolytes: Danny Moreau, Brendan Williams, Douglas Greene, Trevor Thiel

Ushers: Marion Elledge, Michael Morrison, Ricky Bradford, Paul Webb

Music for Sunday, Feb. 28

Voluntary Samuel Barber *Variations on 'Wondrous Love'*

Processional Hymn 401 *Leoni*

David Hurd S-86 *Kyrie eleison*

Plainsong Tone IV.4 *Psalm 27:10-18*

Sequence Hymn 456 *de Tar*

Offertory Anthem Samuel Sebastian Wesley *Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace*

Presentation Hymn 495 *In Babilone*

David Hurd S-124 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

David Hurd S-161 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 140 *Donne*

Motet Percy Whitlock *Be Still My Soul*

Post Communion Hymn 590 *Charterhouse*

Processional Henry Walford Davies *Solemn Melody*

Please keep in your prayers:

Louis Carannante

Mitch Price

Sara Lee

Joel Danley

Celeste Taylor

Cintra Pemberton

Gale Lambright

Jean Keyes

Mike McDonald

Larry Hall

Tim Holston

Bill & Lida Bowman

Linda Irby

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Sean Paul Naylor

Joseph Willcox

Steven DeWeese

William Wesley Pollard

Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.

Pantry Items

Many thanks to those who have donated to restock the Refugee Pantry. Here are some of the items we still need:

Sponges

Shampoo

Dish soap

Paper towels

Laundry soap

Toilet paper

Hand & Body lotion

Please bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks!

March Birthdays

2 Ruth Jetmundsen

3 Mary Louise Ritter, Preston Bolt, Noah Hamilton

8 Marshall Shields

10 Kay Montgomery, Marion Elledge, Bruce Rockstad

12 Annie Woods

13 Amy Hamilton

14 Allison Alves

16 Lee Wingard

17 Catherine Mackey

19 Margaret Winkler, Carolyn Taylor

21 Mary Robert

24 Clayton Ryan, Ron Feuerlein, Achol Atem

25 Mickey Cleverdon, Lang Hamilton

26 Caroline Coker, Sarah Frances Greene

28 Herbert Anderson, Sage Bolt, Jeff Clearman

29 Jim Flowers



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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
	9:00 am Breakfast
	9:20 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year)
	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)