

The Herald

February 19-26, 2012

Last Sunday after the Epiphany—First Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of the Proverbial Fall

This past Sunday I was struck by the words of the opening collect. (We are now using collects written, compiled and edited by Steven Shakespeare, a priest of the Church of England and professor of contemporary ecclesiology at Liverpool University. These collects use fresh and powerful language which track the lectionary content, preparing us for what we are about to hear read throughout the church year.) The words that struck me, and are still with me are the following: “release us from the lie that we are born unclean and shape a new community where all may be accepted.” The Old Testament reading was Naaman being cured of leprosy by Elijah, and the gospel reading of course was Jesus making “clean” the leper. “Release us from the lie that we are born unclean.” The rumble you are feeling beneath your feet are certain theologians long dead, spinning in their graves.

Augustine believed quite the opposite. Attribution is given to him for coining the term “original sin.” That our mothers very wombs are tainted with sin and therefore so are we. Paul much earlier preached that in Christ’s death and resurrection all are made alive....but in truth the church has backed away over the centuries from such proclamations of universal salvation. That is certainly true in the modern church, the church of exclusionary doctrine... “just believe as we believe and you will receive eternal life”... but even as early as the fourth century such exclusionary theology was being promulgated. Augustine believed despite the message of freedom in Christ, he who was in the beginning and the light of humankind according to John’s gospel....Augustine wrote that only an elected few would enter paradise, the so-called “City of God” and the rest, the vast majority dubbed the “City of the World” would be cast off into the darkness as ballast. Calvin much later reiterated this same exclusive doctrine, that only an elected few would pass muster for life after death....I am certain such teaching has spawned racism and bigotry and exclusion for centuries, giving rise to wars in the name of God....a theology that has caused and causes dire collective projections of unfathomable low self esteem etched in the memory of our species that cause us to demonize the “other”. We see it today still, on a personal, communal and global level.

We were taught as children that in the garden of Eden, the woman ate the fruit of the forbidden tree and caused the man to eat as well, and therefore humankind fell from grace... but the fruit was the fruit of knowledge....something necessary for human development...It is as if the man and woman are set up in the garden for this inevitable partaking of such knowledge....Knowledge about which God says in the narrative “will make them like the God(s)”....knowing the difference of good and evil...this is a story of the evolution of the human psyche...not a “Fall” but a coming of age...becoming like the one who made us.

It is undeniable, however, that there is evil in the world. Rene Girard, renowned anthropologist, claims that it is envy that is at the root of all evil and the violence it begets (the Cain and Abel story a myth thereof)...and we all are susceptible to it; but still we are born clean, unfallen in the eyes of God, and it is for us as people of faith to claim our God-like-ness, and our God-goodness to stand against evil in what ever form such evil takes...To call ourselves unworthy, or fallen is to deny who we are made to be... to deny our innate goodness is an abdication of our responsibilities of being co-creators with God still creating the universe, the whole of it God calls good. Surely God is drawing all things to Godself...all of humanity...and all things made, and not yet made, nothing, no one excluded, else we worship a lesser god. O God release us from the lie that we are born unclean, and set us free to courageously and joyfully be about your work in the world, so that all will see the salvation that is given freely to all, so that nothing may be left in the end unclean.

On the Calendar:

IHN continues through Sunday a.m.

Tuesday, February 14

3:30pm St. Michael Choir
5pm Murray House Bd mtg

Wednesday, February 15

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
6pm Rector's Forum & supper
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 16

9am Food Share preparation
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, February 17

5:15pm Food Share packing

Saturday, February 18

8am Food Share distribution

Sunday, February 19

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
No Youth Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, February 20

Office closes at noon

Tuesday, February 21

Office closed for Mardi Gras
No St Michael choir

Wednesday, February 22

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Ash Wednesday service (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
No St Cecelia Choir
6pm Ash Wednesday service (Church)
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 23

12N Al-Anon
6:30pm Thursday Night Supper Club
7pm AA

Sunday, February 26

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

This is a 2-week Herald!

The Rector's Forum continues this Wednesday, Feb. 15, with the discussion of *A Theology of Liberation* by Gustavo Gutiérrez. There are a few books left in the church office that can be purchased for \$13. It's not too late to join! The next Forum date will be Wednesday, Feb 29, and then it will be on hiatus for the rest of Lent and resume on a date to be determined after Easter. Supper begins at 6pm and discussion at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

IHN/Family Promise Week continues this week until Sunday morning, Feb. 19. A new family of 4 will join the group on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Please make sure, if you have signed up to help, that you come for your appointed rounds. Thanks to all who help with this ministry.

Notices:

- There will be NO youth Sunday School on Feb. 19.
- The church office will be closed from noon Monday, 2/20, until 9am Wednesday morning, 2/22
- St. Michael and St. Cecelia choirs will not rehearse during Mardi Gras week

The EYC will meet on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 5:30pm for supper and activities, and again on Sunday, Feb. 26, for supper and other things at 5:30pm. Both gatherings will be in Stirling Hall. All EYCs are encouraged to come!! For more information, contact Liz or Scott Kirby: ehaddock422@gmail.com.

The Mission Trip location for EYC this summer will be New Orleans. Dates are not settled yet, but will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

Thanks to the kitchen cleaners who spent last Saturday morning cleaning and organizing the kitchen and closets of Stirling Hall. Another morning will be planned soon to tackle the closet containing paper products. Stay tuned for details!

Food Share Weekend begins Friday, Feb. 17, at 5:15pm with food packing in the Parish Hall (since IHN setup is in Stirling Hall). On Saturday morning, Feb. 18, food distribution begins at 8am. If you want to help, please come at 7:30am to help set up tables. Everyone is welcome to come!

Thursday Night Supper Club meets on Feb. 23 at Nancy Lancaster's at 6:30pm. Please let her know if you are coming. 602-1855, 2933 Quail Creek Run.

Bingo at Murray House is one of the most favorite activities on the calendar. The bingo coordinators need donations of small-size toiletries for prizes: lotions, soaps, body powder, etc. Please take them directly to Murray House or drop them off at the church office and we will deliver them.

Refugee Pantry: We still need paper towels, dish soap & laundry detergent. Please drop them off at the church office. Thanks!

Lenten Schedule

Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday services at Noon in the Chapel and at 6pm in the Church
Feb. 28	Lenten Program: <i>Steadfast Hope—The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace</i> begins. Supper is at 6pm, provided by the Vestry, followed by program. Nursery is provided.
Mar. 6	Lenten Program. Supper is at 6pm, provided by the Thursday Night Supper Club
Mar. 13	Lenten Program. Supper is at 6pm, provided by the Rector's Forum group
Mar. 20	Lenten Program. Supper is at 6pm, provided by the Friday Night Supper Club
Mar. 27	Lenten Program. Supper is at 6pm, provided by the Choir
Apr. 1	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins
Apr. 2	7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Apr. 3	7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Apr. 4	12pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Apr. 5	6pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with washing of feet
Apr. 6	Good Friday liturgy at 12pm and 6pm in the Church
Apr. 7	9am Holy Saturday liturgy; 7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter, feast to follow
Apr. 8	8am Easter Eucharist with music; 10:30am Easter Eucharist with choirs

Steadfast Hope

The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

This Lent we have a special opportunity. We will study a recently published documentary curriculum that looks at the realities of the relationship between Israel and Palestine. The curriculum is very professionally produced and highly credible. It was produced originally in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A and now has been replicated and adapted and made available for study by the Episcopal Church via the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. (The cost of the materials is \$5.00 per person or couples may share.)

The course will look at issues of land hegemony, virtual apartheid, media bias, the fading opportunity for a two state solution, and other important realities on the ground in Jerusalem, its environs, Gaza, and Palestine in general.

We are most fortunate that this Lenten series will be led by Dr. Ed LaMonte, retired professor of history at Birmingham Southern College, and his wife, the Rev. Ruth LaMonte, an Episcopal priest with extensive connections and experience in the matters of Israeli and Palestinian relations. We feel this is a timely conversation, given the increased instability in the Middle East, the relationship between Israel and Palestine being of central importance.

Our Lenten series will take place on Tuesdays to accommodate the LaMontes' schedule. The first program will be February 28, beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:30 p.m. A nursery will also be provided.



About the EPF: The Episcopal Peace Fellowship is a national membership organization that brings Episcopalians together to do justice, dismantle violence, and strive to be peacemakers. We pray, study, and take action to build peace and justice in our communities, our Church and the world. EPF/Palestine Israel Network (PIN) was created in 2010 by Episcopalians dedicated to a more robust Episcopal Church witness for justice and peace for our Palestinian and Israeli brothers and sisters. Find out more about the Episcopal Peace Fellowship at <http://epfnational.org> or 312-922-8628 and the Palestine Israel Network at <http://epfnational.org/PIN>.

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Lessons

[2 Kings 2:1-12](#)

[2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

[Psalm 50:1-6](#)

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of Moses and Elijah, revealed in burning bush and chariot of fire; you speak to us in freedom, your glory escapes naming: in your mercy, dwell with us and lift us beyond all fear and empty worship; through Jesus Christ, the glory of the Father. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Laura Williams, Bruce Rockstad

Bread bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Beth Hardaway, Clayton Ryan

Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Hannum, Betsy Schneider

Reception: Jean Tucker

8:00am

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessors: Elyzabeth Wilder

Chalice: Lee VanDyke

Ushers: Mark Taylor, Bill Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Sarah Williams, Michael Morrison

Intercessor: Debi Foster

Chalices: Bruce Barrett, Jan Irving

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Emily Doyle, Sarah Greene, Caroline Mosley

Ushers: Don Mosley, Chris Conte, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday, 2/19

Voluntary Wayne L. Wold *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Processional Hymn 137 *Wareham*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Henry Smart *Psalm 50:1-6*

Sequence Hymn 133 *Elmhurst*

Offertory Anthem David Ashley White *This Glimpse of Glory*

Presentation Hymn 129 *Mowsley*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 5 *Splendor paternae gloriae*

Motet Stephen Cleobury *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Post Communion Hymn 122 *Westminster Abbey*

Processional Richard Lloyd *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Wednesday,
February 22, 2012
Ash Wednesday

The Lessons

[Isaiah 58:1-12](#)

[Psalm 103:8-14](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](#)

John 8:1-11

The Collect of the Day

God of unbinding, loosing us from our guilt and need for sacrifices: may the accused woman challenge our self-righteous anger and direct us to the one who grinds stones of hate into dust and ashes and writes new words of mercy on earth's common ground; through Jesus Christ, the foolishness of God. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Laura Williams, Bruce Rockstad

12:00pm

Lector: Rose Ellen Stanbery

6:00pm

Lectors: Rob Gray, Valerie Mitchell

Acolyte: Darrel Williams

Ushers: Martha Hennessy, Ricky Bradford

Music for Wednesday 6pm

Gradual Henry Purcell

Remember Not, Lord, Our Offenses

Sequence Hymn 601

St. Michael

Processional Hymn 143

Erhalt uns, Herr

Sunday, February 26, 2012

First Sunday in Lent

The Lessons

[Genesis 9:8-17](#)

[1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

[Psalm 25:1-9](#)

[Mark 1:9-15](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of trackless desert, whose Son walked untamed in league with beasts and spirits, whose kingdom is not distant but breaking in among us: give us time and space to find a new identity to let go of control and walk the pilgrim way; through Jesus Christ, the good news of salvation. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Laura Williams, Bruce Rockstad

Bread bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Becky Wilson, Stella Hester

Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene, Clayton Ryan

Reception: Michael Morrison

8:00am

Lector: Jeff Clearman

Intercessors: Joe Basenberg

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Woody Hannum, Renee Dillard

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Marlena Kelley, Hays Thompson

Intercessor: Martha Harris

Chalices: Ben Harris, Nancy Lancaster

Acolytes: Mark Williams, Sarah Williams, Grace Williams, Wieu Kuot

Ushers: Louie Wood, Henry Callaway, Michael Morrison

Music for Sunday, 2/26

Voluntary J. S. Bach *Wo soll ich fliehen hin*, BWV 646

Processional Hymn 143 *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica*, *Kyrie eleison*

Plainsong Tone 1.7 *Psalm 25:1-9*

Sequence Hymn 456 *de Tar*

Offertory Anthem Henry Purcell *Remember Not Lord, Our Offences*

Presentation Hymn 147 *Bourbon*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica*, *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica*, *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 150 *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

Motet John Hilton *Lord, for thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Post Communion Hymn 142 *St. Flavian*

Processional J. S. Bach *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, BWV 656

Please keep in your prayers

✙ For healing:

Wayne Smith

Martha Robert

Ruth Merrill

Anne Wilson Wesley

Charlie Behlen

David Powers

JoAnn Pappas

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Jami Salac

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Ethan Fisher

Logan Barnhart

Becky Boulter

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

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Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

Laura

✙ For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

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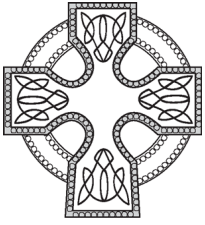
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Service Schedule

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