

The Herald

March 3, 2013

3rd Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: **Of Being Broken and Lost**

This past Sunday in my sermon I talked about Jesus' lament over Jerusalem, "a city who kills her prophets," he says, a broken and lost city. Jerusalem is the center of the Jewish universe and over the vast sweep of scripture it forever has had an ambiguous identity. On the one hand it is often depicted as corrupt, ignoring its poor, taking advantage of its least, turning a blind eye to injustice. It is conquered and sacked continually throughout its history. The prophets over the ages agree that it is the infidelity of Israel to God's ways that causes such calamity; but Jerusalem always lives for another day; God in God's passionate love for her will always renew and forgive, and so on the other hand in scriptural lore, Jerusalem is depicted as a beautiful majestic city waiting as a bride waits for the bridegroom to consummate the union between heaven and earth; when God will be all in all. So Jerusalem is also a symbol of potential, renewal, and hope, hope for God's gracious commonweal in earth. This journey we are on, this so called life of faith is an ambiguous one. Just like the city of Jerusalem, an apt symbol of life on earth.

During this season of Lent it is for us to turn and look at our own brokenness and our own lostness. The season of Lent has rich metaphorical implications for us. It lasts forty days, which reminds us of Israel's being lost in the Sinai desert for forty years struggling with what it means to be the people of God...that's our struggle too; it also reminds us of Jesus' forty days in the desert struggling with his own identity, facing his own demons, his own lostness, seeking orientation as to what shape his life and ministry will take...just like us as the faithful.

I bid us all to look to our hurt, broken, and lost places....go there with great hope knowing that our God in passionate love for us is relentless in calling us home to our true selves, the way God sees us and has always seen us; relentless to call us out of our lostness, and into wholeness, wholeness that casts out all fear that comes with being lost.

As the days lengthen ("Lent" is the English root word for lengthen) notice the growing light around us; and know that God doesn't love us from afar, but God loves among us, just as this growing light surrounds us with its clarity and warmth. Look for this love in your neighbor, in your family, in your community...and also look for this love that germinates among the lost of our world...God's love is there as well, and perhaps one aspect of our faith is to name it so....to remind our least among us that God is relentlessly pursuing them to raise them up into a life of dignity, a life towards home. Take a good look within, but also notice the realities of our world around us as well...that is prayer at its heart: paying rapt attention with the imaginative hope of transformation; transformation of our own brokenness and transformation of the world's as well...It is one piece of cloth, one city....a city waiting, hoping, yearning for God's healing presence, a presence, if we would but notice, already arriving as we speak, arriving to lead us homeward...and that is good news we can count on.

On the Calendar:

- Wednesday, Feb 27**
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
5:30pm Trinity choristers
6pm Taizé service (Chapel)
6:30pm Supper (Stirling Hall)
7pm Lenten classes
7:40pm All Sts & Trinity Adult Choirs' rehearsals
- Thursday, Feb 28**
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA
- Sunday, Mar 3**
8am All Sts HE, Chapel
8:45am Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9am Trinity Holy Eucharist
9:30am All Sts Adult Xian Ed
10am All Sts Youth Xian Ed
10:30am Trinity Christian Ed
11am All Sts Holy Eucharist
Reception following
4-5:30pm EYC, ultimate frisbee
- Tuesday, Mar 5**
12N Golden Circle
- Wednesday, Mar 6**
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
5:30pm Trinity choristers
6pm Taizé service (Chapel)
6:30pm Supper (Stirling Hall)
7pm Lenten classes
7:30pm All Sts & Trinity Adult Choirs' rehearsals
- Thursday, Mar 7**
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA
- Saturday, Mar 9**
10:30am PFLAG



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Lent continues! There are Daily Meditation Booklets and Hope Chest boxes available on the tables by the door to the breezeway and by the volunteer desk in the Parish Hall. The Wednesday Lenten Programs begin with a Taizé service in the Chapel at 6pm, supper in Stirling Hall at 6:30pm, and class at 7pm. One class, led by the Rev. Bailey Norman, is *Making Decisions, Choosing Commitments, Achieving Balance*; the other, led by the Rev. Jim Flowers, is *Collects of the Day and Contemporary Issues*. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

Receptionists needed! We need folks to volunteer to provide the receptions after the late service on Sundays in March and April. March 24 and 31 are taken already but all the other dates are available. If you would like to bring a few snacks and something to drink (tea or lemonade can be made at church), that's all there is to it! Email Jean Tucker to let her know (jwtucker@southalabama.edu) what date you can help.

Vacuum Cleaner wanted: All Saints is in need of a new-to-us vacuum cleaner, an upright please, that works well. The current one sounds like it is grinding cement and the cord looks like an instrument of torture. And besides that, it doesn't work well at all! Call the office if you'd like to donate one: 438-2492. Thanks!



Saturday, March 2 has been set as a parish work morning, starting at 9am. Activities include cleaning out closets, weeding, trimming and general sprucing up inside and out. Please mark your calendars. Remember, many hands make light work (and it's more fun)!



The EYC will meet this Sunday from 4-5:30pm to play ultimate frisbee in the park. Y'all come!

Our next Family Promise guests will arrive next on Easter Sunday. If you can help set up beds & walls or volunteer to cook or stay with them, please let Henry Brewster know. Sign-up forms will be emailed out 2 weeks before; please sign up early. If you are interested in the program and how you can help, please call or email Henry at 479-9781 or at brewster919@bellsouth.net. Thanks!

In our lost and found: one bed pillow, left, perhaps, after the EYC watched the Super Bowl. Identify it and it is yours!

Where's Jesus? Many of you are familiar with the iconic 'Where's Waldo?' character. Well, we are offering a series of pictures of the many forms of outreach and fellowship at All Saints, and invite you to see if you can find 'Where's Jesus?' in those photos. Of course, the one in the picture here is just a plastic Jesus, made in China. But there he is, among the bread that volunteers retrieve weekly from our friends at Panera Bread in the Eastern Shore Center; and as people right here in our community come on Wednesdays to pick up this bread from the basket near the office, you can also see Jesus in their faces as well! Ask your children if they can find Jesus, too. This might lead to a discussion about all the places, at All Saints and beyond, where Jesus can be found. If you have a picture of where you can see Jesus, send it in and we'll put it in the Herald!



Sunday, March 3, 2013

Third Sunday in Lent

The Lessons

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)

[Psalm 63:1-8](#)

[1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

[Luke 13:1-9](#)

The Collect of the Day

Living Mystery, whose way is not ours, whose name cannot be bought or sold: lead us from justice without compassion and sacrifice without mercy to a love which nurtures and a grace without price; through Jesus Christ, the true Bread. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Rosemary Williams, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard

Bread Bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley

Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Betty Bentley

Breakfast: Ray Hester, Jason Burce, Larry Hallett, Edgar Hughes

Reception: TBA

8:00am

Lector: Warren Butler

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Renee Dillard, Woody Hannum

Greeter: Renee Dillard

11:00am

Lectors: Molly Allison, Jim Ayres

Intercessor: Beth Hardaway

Chalices: Brewer Ayres, Cora Cade-Lemmon

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Liam Gray, Douglas Greene

Ushers: Louie Wood, Henry Brewster, Michael Morrison

Music

Voluntary Johannes Brahms – *Herzliebster Jesu*

Processional Hymn 439 *Wondrous Love*

James McGregor S-89 *Kyrie eleison*

Peter Hallock – *Psalm 63:1-8*

Sequence Hymn 148 *Uffingham*

Jeffrey Smith – *The Nicene Creed*

Offertory Anthem Eleanor Daley – *Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face*

Presentation Hymn 313 *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

Robert Powell S-129 *Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

Robert Powell S-163 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 343 *St. Agnes*

Motet Richard Farrant – *Lord, for thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

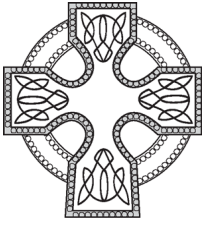
Post Communion Hymn 392 *Vineyard Haven*

Processional Dietrich Buxtehude – *Ciacona in E minor, BuxWV 160*

Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: Jim Haynes, Rick Hunt, Karly Dodson, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Joe Camp, Cheryl Winters-Heard, Dorothy Clark, Dot Douglas, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzell, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Sybil Wilson, Nate Smith, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Jeff Jenks, Regina Slayton, James Henry LeBatard, Julie Tadlock, Eleanor Mae Hunt, David Leff, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead



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Woody Hannum

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Burl Ratcliffe

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Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle

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Parish Development: Clark Kelly

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Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood

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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)