

The Herald

March 17, 2013

5th Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of Loving Wastefully

This past Sunday's gospel reading was the very familiar passage known as "the prodigal son." In the sermon I encouraged us to consider that this text is not about repentance and forgiveness, but about the persistence and the inexorability of love breaking into our world. It is clear in the text that the so-called prodigal son, who has squandered his prematurely granted inheritance, is not penitent. Instead, in the text we are told that he collected his wits enough, "got smart" to concoct a plan of self preservation by asking to be hired on to his father's farm, just so he could eat and live. He would know that social convention would see to it that he was shunned by his family and the community in which the family lived, so egregious was his squalor, cavorting among gentiles and losing his wealth among them, a profound social and cultural faux pas.

This shunning in ancient Hebrew culture is called a *qetsatsah*, a ceremony at which a pot of ashes is dropped at the shunned one's feet, a symbol of his death as to living equally in community....a sentence to live out one's life in indignity. That was the custom. It was also a custom that men of station don't run in public. We are told in the text that upon seeing his heretofore lost son, the father runs to greet him. Before the son can get out a word of his planned speech, the father has called for, not a *qetsatsah*, but a glorious banquet, again utterly subverting convention....celebrating one who was lost, but is now found. The patriarch of the household is breaking boundaries for the sake of the beloved, the beloved being all the found of our world. This is God acting as God acts in Isaiah, raising up valleys, making the rough places smooth, clearing an inevitable path on which love travels...love that will not be denied. The notion that salvation depends on repentance is upended here. The cycle of repentance and forgiveness is a necessary dynamic in the cycle of life, but it is not the means of salvation according to Luke, but don't doubt, this story is all about salvation.

Salvation is synonymous with dignity....and God will not cease from breaking barrier after barrier; custom and convention; boundary after boundary, even the boundaries we acquire on life's journey around our hearts, or the boundaries we construct as well. God will break them all for the sake of the ones God seeks to find; and God will not rest until all are found, all of humankind; God will not rest until every impediment to love is broken ...and what a banquet that will be. I can smell the feast; I can hear the music; I can see the dancing, all celebrating the reconciliation of the lost and the dignity of the lost of our world...God's love is coming for all, all resistance notwithstanding. It comes with or without invitation... Know that we are worthy. This parable bears witness to a love that never shuns, but only celebrates. Be prepared, put on your dancing shoes. The banquet of love is surely coming.

On the Calendar:

- Wednesday, Mar 13**
 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 14**
 9am Food Share delivery
 12N Al-Anon
 7pm AA
- Friday, Mar 15**
 5:30pm Food Share packing
- Saturday, Mar 16**
 7:30am Food Share distribution
- Sunday, Mar 17**
 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
 2pm Funeral for Pat Kemper at Springhill Cemetery
- Monday, Mar 18**
 6pm Vestry
 6pm 15 Place Board Mtg
- Wednesday, Mar 20**
 9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
 9:30am Folding Palm Crosses
 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 21**
 11:30am Clericus @ All Saints
 12N Al-Anon
 7pm AA



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Mobile Christian-Jewish Dialogue invites you to its program this Thursday, March 14, at 7pm in Byrne Hall at Spring Hill College. The talk will be given by Roy Hoffman, entitled, "A Jewish Writer in the Bible Belt." All are welcome.

Food Share This Weekend!

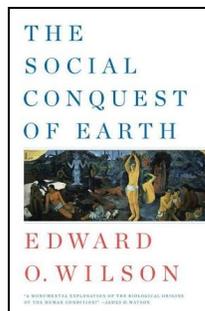
Here's the schedule:

- Thursday, Mar 14, 9am, unpacking food pallets
- Friday, Mar 15, 5:30pm, packing food bags
- Saturday, Mar 16, 8-8:30am, food distribution (volunteers should arrive at 7:30am)

All activities take place in Stirling Hall. Everyone is invited to help.



The Beth Murray adult education class is going to deviate somewhat from its usual religious subjects and will discuss next E.O. Wilson's 2012 book, The Social Conquest of Earth. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Harvard professor grew up in Mobile and is perhaps the world's most famous living biologist. In his new book, Wilson explains the biological and evolutionary origins of human culture. One reviewer says: "*The Social Conquest of Earth* is a huge, deep, thrilling work, presenting a radically new but cautiously hopeful view of human evolution, human nature, and human society. No one but E. O. Wilson could bring together such a brilliant synthesis of biology and the humanities, to shed light on the origins of language, religion, art, and all of human culture."



The class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Saad Room and all are welcome. The class will start discussing the Wilson book on March 17th. Contact Henry Callaway at hcallaway@handarendall.com or 694-6224 if you'd like a copy of the book (\$16).

Wednesday Lenten programs continue for 2 more weeks with a Taizé service in the Chapel at 6pm, supper in Stirling Hall at 6:30pm, and class at 7pm. There are two classes from which to choose: one on achieving balance and one on Collects and contemporary issues. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

All Saints is all a-Twitter! (get it?) Follow us at <http://twitter.com/allsaintsmobile> to receive reminders and updates on events and activities at the church. Encourage your friends to follow us, too!

EYCers: Watch during the week for email and Face Book announcements for EYC activities this Sunday, March 17.

A message from Beckwith: Camp Beckwith is accepting summer camp job applications through the month of March. We have already hired some amazing young people to come work this summer. Please let your clergy know if are interested in working with us. You can also check out the job descriptions and apply online at Beckwith's new website, www.beckwithAL.com.

Family Promise guests will arrive on Easter Sunday afternoon (Mar 31). If you can help set up beds & walls or volunteer to cook or spend time with them, please let Henry Brewster know. Sign-up forms will be emailed on the 18th; please sign up early. If you want to know more about the program and how you can help, please get in touch with Henry at 479-9781 or at brewster919@bellsouth.net.

Palm Crosses will be made on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 9:30am in the Stirling Hall kitchen. If you have always been curious about this ancient and semi-secret art, please join the group and learn how to make the delicate crosses that will be worn on Palm Sunday. If you already know how to make them, or just need a reminder, you are invited, too; the more the merrier!



Easter Flowers If you would like to donate to the Easter flower fund, there is a form in this Herald you can cut out and send in to the church office. There are also envelopes at the back of the church that can be filled out and put, with your check, in the alms basin on Sunday morning. The deadline for turning in names to be printed in Easter bulletins is Tues., Mar 26.

Our prayers are offered for the family and friends of Pat Kemper, who died this week. Pat was a member of All Saints, but had moved to Georgia to be near family. Her funeral will be Sunday, March 17 at 2pm at the Springhill Cemetery. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*

Holy Week & Easter Schedule of Services

Holy Week begins this Sunday with the “triumphant entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem. Breakfast and Sunday School will take place at their normal times, but there will be one service only! The journey of Palm Sunday begins at All Saints with the Liturgy of the Palms, where the palm crosses worn by the crowd are blessed and we hear the story of Jesus’ ride into the city on the back of a donkey. Shouts of “Hosanna!” quickly deteriorate, however, into those of “Crucify him!” as we listen to the Passion Narrative, this year from the Gospel of Luke. At the end of the service, we leave in relative silence...no grand music, no singing, just the bell tolling as it is tolled at the end of a funeral. The Bishop will be here also to confirm those who choose to make the vows themselves that were made on their behalf at their baptisms. The service begins in front of the Government Street doors at 10:50am.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, the mood remains quiet. There will be Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 7:30am Monday and Tuesday, and at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday. The readings for each day are particular to Holy Week.

On Wednesday night this year during Holy Week, we will celebrate a service called Tenebrae, a Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadows". The service of Tenebrae derives from the ancient monastic night offices (prayer services) of the last three days of Holy Week. In the Anglican tradition we celebrate it on Wednesday in Holy Week so as to keep it a separate rite from the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Tenebrae consists primarily of the chanting of Psalms and readings from the book of Lamentations. During each of these readings, candles on the altar are extinguished, gradually darkening the church until the end when the Christ candle is extinguished and a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake and the tearing of the temple veil that occurs at the moment Jesus dies on the cross. The Christ candle is then relit, and the congregation exits to the faint but hopeful light of Christ's resurrection. This service begins in the church at 6:00pm.

The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 6:00pm in the church. This service of Holy Eucharist is more austere than most eucharists; the sanctuary is more bare than usual; some people will kneel on the cold, hard marble floor to wash each other’s feet, to remember and re-enact what Jesus did for his disciples on this night; after the Eucharist is over, the altar will be stripped bare in preparation for the day of crucifixion and the cross will be draped in black. We will leave the church in silence.

The Good Friday Liturgy will be held at 12:00 Noon and repeated at 6:00pm. There is no Eucharist on Good Friday, no music. We will hear the Passion Gospel again, this time from St. John. We will pray the Solemn Collects. Silence is pervasive.

The Holy Saturday Liturgy, although quite brief, is also quite profound. It begins at 9:00am in the choir area of the church. Again, there is no celebration of the Eucharist. An anthem from the Burial Rite is said. It’s about waiting. And hope.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the first service of Easter Day, held at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Morning. Our service will begin outside the Government Street doors of the church at 7:30pm on Saturday night. The service consists of four parts:

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- **The Service of Light.** We will light the Paschal Candle from the newly-kindled fire and process into a dark church. As we find our places, candlelight will be spread among the congregation while the Exsultet is sung.

- **The Service of Lessons.** Five lessons describing God's saving deeds in history will be read, each followed by a hymn or psalm, and a collect.

- **Christian Initiation, or Baptism.** This year, an adult will be baptized! After the baptism, the Easter proclamation is made: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" The lights come on, we ring bells, and the first celebration of Easter begins!

- **The Holy Eucharist.** The Paschal feast.

- **Following the Great Vigil of Easter** on Saturday night, there will be a feast in Stirling Hall. The church will provide the meat and drinks; everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share — veggies, salads, breads, casseroles, desserts, etc. Please bring it to Stirling Hall before the service begins. Mark it with any directions such as 'keep warm' or 'refrigerate.' Enjoy!

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate all together with one service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00am. There is no breakfast or Sunday School on this day. Both our choirs will offer their wonderful voices to lead us in singing great Easter hymns. After the service, there will be a reception in the garden (weather permitting), celebrating the Queen of Feasts and the birthdays for the month of March. No need to bring anything – the food and drink will be provided this time. The Easter Egg Hunt for children through the 4th grade will also be held in the garden at this time, thanks to the EYC (again, weather permitting). Wear your Easter bonnets and seersucker suits and bring baskets for the



Easter means flowers and greenery! If you would like to help offset the cost of the beautiful decorations for the church, please use this form to make memorials or thanksgivings for loved ones, and turn it and your donation (suggested: \$50) in to the church office. **The deadline is Tuesday, Mar 26.**

Please **PRINT** the name(s) as you would like them to appear. Check M(emorial) or T(hanksgiving)

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Sunday, March 17, 2013

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Lessons

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[John 12:1-8](#)

The Collect of the Day

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it again, so the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.

Those Who Serve

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

Bread Bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley

Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Clayton Ryan

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Barbara Evatt

Reception: TBA

8:00am

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessor: Serena Willcox

Chalice: Lee Van Dyke

Ushers: The Evatts

Greeter: Renee Dillard

11:00am

Lectors: Rosemary Williams, Clayton Ryan

Intercessor: Hendrik Snow

Chalices: Nancy Lancaster, Ruth LaMonte

Acolytes: Brewer, Liam and Gillian Ayres

Ushers: Mark Williams, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres

Music

Voluntary Dietrich Buxtehude – *Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161*

Processional Hymn 449 *Deo gracias*

James McGregor S-89 *Kyrie eleison*

Peter Hallock – *Psalm 126*

Sequence Hymn 422 *Cornwall*

Jeffrey Smith – *The Nicene Creed*

Offertory Anthem Herbert Howells – *Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks*

Presentation Hymn 160 *Cross of Jesus*

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

Robert Powell S-163 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 474 *Rockingham*

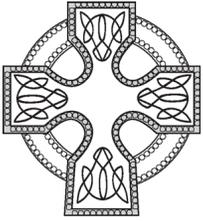
Motet Orlando Gibbons – *Drop, Drop, Slow Tears*

Post Communion Hymn 344 *Sicilian Mariners*

Processional Johann Sebastian Bach – *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 1100*

Please keep in your prayers:

- ✚ For healing for: Sarah Shields, Beth Hardaway, Amanda, Jim Haynes, Rick Hunt, Karly Dodson, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Dorothy Clark, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzell, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Sybil Wilson, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, 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
- ✚ For those who have died, especially Pat Kemper



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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)