



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

March, 2015

Lent

From the Rector: Black as Hell

One of our members at All Saints who is African-American got told at school this week by a fellow student that she was “black as hell.” She said she was afraid of this boy. One of the insidious realities of white privilege is that we, the privileged, simply don’t have to worry about such things. Indeed, it is hard for me to empathize with the fact that black people fear the police, that they are constantly, every day facing either the explicit or implicit specter of prejudice and disrespect. That is true for black school girls, as well as for the President of the United States. We have a long way to go in this country towards healing the wounds of shaming racism; wounds that are still in our own day being inflicted.

The old admonition from our sacred lore, in both Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament, is still true: That our fear of the stranger would be our undoing. I remember a few years ago, a young boy was lost in a national park, and the reason it took so long to find him was that he had been taught by his parents not to speak to strangers... so, of course he never spoke to the rescue workers passing by him day after day. Dehydrated and hypothermic, he was lucky to be found and rescued. Anthropologists say that such so-called xenophobia comes from a primitive fight-or-flight trait deep in our collective memory as a species; a trait essential for the survival of the tribe. But our sages throughout our moral history warn us against it, not simply as the practice of good manners, but as an essential way of living necessary for salvation (salvation in scripture concerns the whole, not the individual); an essential way ahead in our evolution as a species capable of sacrifice and moral grace and empathy.... a greater and enlightened solution than fight-or-flight for the good of the whole.

The great sages, the prophets, the mystics in every religion of which I know speak of a sacred contingency that we humans are one community, intimately connected; that the well-being of all is profoundly connected. In other words, we are less when others are treated as less, and more when others are treated as more; that the plight of the dispossessed and the abased has everything to do with the dignity of us all; that in 2015 a little girl is ridiculed for being black, means that the rest of us are in need of repentance, healing and wholeness. That is why our faith can no longer be a source of personal comfort only. That is why our faith must be an activist faith. When a little girl’s personhood is threatened, the personhood of the community is threatened. The behavior of that little boy is learned behavior; he well may be the discriminator of the next generation. And indeed, if we allow our society to persist in racist scapegoating and injustice, then the future for all of us looks black... black as hell. It is for us as activist Christians to model behavior that befits the vision of equality and mutual respect that our ancestors of the faith taught, the vision for which Jesus sacrificed his very life.

On Sunday, March 8 at both services, we will honor those activists for dignity persecuted in Selma fifty years ago, a former generation judged “black as hell.” These were people who stood up to the deranged fear of the privileged. We will do well to remind ourselves on this Sunday what we are here for....We are to embrace our brother, our sister who comes as a stranger. We are “to seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being.” That is not a slogan... that is Gospel activism.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

A New Bishop Elected!

The Rev. James Russell Kendrick, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama, was elected as bishop of the [Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast](#) on Feb. 21, pending the required consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and standing committees of The Episcopal Church.

Kendrick, 54, was elected during the diocese's 44th annual convention held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama. He was elected on the third ballot out of a field of three nominees. He received 97 votes of 163 cast in the lay order and 32 of 53 cast in the clergy order. An election on that ballot required 82 in the lay order and 27 in the clergy order.



Kendrick has served as rector of St. Stephen's since 2007. In 1984, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in architecture and marketing from Auburn University in Alabama; and in 1995, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. Russell is married to Robin. They have two children, Aaron and Hannah.

"I am keenly aware of and deeply humbled by the trust and hope that this election carries. Robin and I look forward to returning to the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and serving our Lord with the people that once formed us and sent us forth into the larger church. I take this election to be a call for collaboration, cooperation and creativity as we seek to be apostles for Jesus in God's world," said Kendrick following the election.

Under the canons (III.11.4) of The Episcopal Church, a majority of bishops exercising jurisdiction and diocesan standing committees must consent to Kendrick's ordination as bishop within 120 days of receiving notice of the election.

The other nominees were:

The Very Rev. Edward Francis O'Connor, dean, Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew, Jackson, Mississippi; and

The Rev. Doctor William Charles Treadwell III, rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, Texas.

Pending the required consents, the bishop-elect will be ordained and consecrated on July 25 at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile, Alabama. The bishop-elect will succeed the Rt. Rev. Philip Menzie Duncan II, who is the third bishop of the diocese.

The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast includes southern Alabama and the panhandle of Florida, 62 churches, and approximately 20,000 members.

Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum will NOT meet during Lent. Please come to the Wednesday Lenten program through March 25. (See next page for details) The Forum will resume after Easter Sunday.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes are held in Stirling Hall on Mondays at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Golden Circle

Tuesday, March 10 is the day for the next Golden Circle. Come join us at 12N in Stirling Hall for a delicious lunch and bingo!

Food Share in March will be on Saturday, Mar. 21. Come help pack food bags at 7:30am on Saturday morning just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.

The Refugee Pantry

During March, the pantry needs laundry detergent, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please put it by the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop it off M-F during office hours.

Palm Sunday & Burgers

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29. That day is Palm Sunday, and once again we will have one service only, in which we begin our walk through Holy Week as one family. There will be no 8am service or breakfast but there will be Sunday School. Following the 10:30 service, we will adjourn to Stirling Hall and enjoy a wonderful lunch of Burgers for Beckwith! The money raised from this meal will go to support the Leinkauf neighborhood children that we send to Special Ministries Camp at Beckwith in the summer. A portion of Bayou Bash proceeds also goes to camp fees; this money buys the children incidentals they will need to take with them, such as towels, sunscreen, bug spray and disposable cameras. You won't want to miss the service or lunch and everyone is invited!

Lenten Program

A word from Ed LaMonte, Vestry member and coordinator of the 2015 Lenten Program:

I am delighted to be working with our priests in planning this year's series of Wednesday evening Lenten programs, which will focus on the broad theme of "Stewardship of Creation." Our priests will be dealing with the theological aspects of this topic at various times during Lent. My role has been to fashion a series of presentations that should stimulate our thinking about how we can apply our theology specifically, personally, and locally to the real world of our increasingly degraded environment -- and most particularly the Tensaw Delta.

My early discussions with Jim about this series were prompted by my viewing of the documentary on the Delta entitled "America's Amazon," written and produced by Ben Raines, a frequent contributor to the Mobile Press-Register and Executive Director of the Weeks Bay Foundation. I said to Jim that I am no theologian, but that I think the shameful abuse and neglect of the Delta is truly sinful and that taking action to reverse currents is a moral obligation.

Three writings have guided me during the past weeks of preparing our program. The first is the portion of Eucharistic Prayer C, which refers to "this fragile earth, our island home.....You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another." (BCP, p. 370) The second is from The Litany of Penitence, which we said together on Ash Wednesday: "For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, *Accept our repentance, Lord.*" (BCP, p. 268) The third is Ben Raines' sobering and challenging series, "America's Amazon," which has recently been featured in the Mobile Press-Register.

Our programs begin on February 25 with our viewing "America's Amazon", keeping in mind two questions: What are my duties as a Christian and a citizen of the world to respond to this documentary and the conditions it reveals and explores? What opportunities are presented to me as a resident of the Mobile community to engage in specific actions to address these condition?

Ben Raines will join us on March 5 to discuss "America's Amazon" and the two questions stated above. Scott Douglas, retired Professor of Civil Engineering at U.S.A., will be our guest on March 11. Additional knowledgeable environmentalists will speak on March 18 and March 25.

After Easter, an opportunity to have a guided exploration of the Tensaw Delta will be offered to those interested. We will discuss this possibility after we have had our early sessions.

We begin on Feb. 25 at 6pm with supper, followed by the film, which is almost 1 hour long. On all the following Wednesdays, we will begin at 6pm with Evensong in the Chapel, then supper and discussion in Stirling Hall. The programs will conclude at 7:30pm.

March Birthdays			
2 Ruth Jetmundsen	10 Bruce Rockstad	21 Mary Robert	25 Lang Hamilton
2 Sherry Allen	12 Debby Armstrong	22 Melissa Nissen	26 Caroline Coker
3 Mary Louise Ritter	13 Amy Hamilton	23 Sue Rollins	26 Sarah Frances Greene
3 Doug Greene	14 Allison Alves	24 Clayton Ryan	28 Andy Anderson
3 Emma Gray	16 Lee Wingard	24 Ron Feuerlein	28 Jeff Clearman
3 Noah Hamilton	17 Catherine Mackey	24 Achol Atem	29 Jim Flowers
10 Kay Montgomery	19 Margaret Winkler	25 Mickey Cleverdon	
10 Marion Elledge	19 Carolyn Lee Taylor	25 Jack Dove	

If we have inadvertently left your birthday off of the list, please call the office (438-2492) to let us know.

We will add your birthday to the church database.

Some Ways to Keep a Holy Lent

Are you looking for more to read or to do during this season of Lent? Here are some suggestions:

Lent Madness - a spiritual spin on the March Madness of NCAA basketball.



Two saints face off each day, trying to advance through the bracket to become the winner of the Golden Halo! A short biography of each saint is available to read, followed by the chance to vote on the saint of your choice. Even though the Round of 32 has begun, it is not too late to participate. Future rounds are the Saintly 16, the Elate 8 and the Faithful 4, culminating in the Golden Halo final. Click here <http://www.lentmadness.org> or find the Lent Madness widget on our web home page.

The Presiding Bishop's Lenten message can be viewed or read [here](#).

Want some things to do besides give up chocolate? Try this [list of 40 things](#) to do from Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz Weber.



February Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 1 - Lent 2

[Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](#)

[Psalm 22:22-30](#)

[Romans 4:13-25](#)

[Mark 8:31-38](#)

Sunday, March 8 - Lent 3

Excerpt of Letter from Birmingham Jail

[Psalm 19](#)

Excerpt of "I Have a Dream" speech

[John 2:13-22](#)

Sunday, March 15 - Lent 4

[Numbers 21:4-9](#)

[Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#)

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

[John 3:14-21](#)

Sunday, March 22 - Lent 5

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

[Psalm 51:1-13](#)

[Hebrews 5:5-10](#)

[John 12:20-33](#)

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Mark 14:1-72](#)

Prayer List

✚ For healing for: Carter Albrecht, Geoff Peach, WilaDean Lewis, Mary Grace Barfield, Connor Crist, Mark DeLaneuville, Lizz Bramlett, Baylen Lee Stanfield, Natalie Hoffman, Jane Moore, Drake Sermos, Slade Sermos, Penny Coleman, Dick Naylor, Chris Meztizta, Jr, Marie Ramange, Adele Fay, Charlie Park, Vickie Nolen, Will, Emily Mosley, Mary Louise Durant Downing, Roger Franklin, Elaine Goodwin, Erin Grimm, Margaret Smith, Edgar Caten, Connie Robert, Gayle Parsons, Cheryl Thompson, Colleen, Neil McMillan, Selena Reed, Italy June Spratt, Larry Woods, Davis Sarrett, Lisa, William Dotch, Allan Tucker, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Betty Carver, Jay Waltman, Brenda Payne, Bill & Sarah Mair, Ann Thublin, Frances, Louise, Dorothy, David Hicks, Tom, Joe, James Riley, Charlotte Grubbs, David French Bacon III, Gerald Pockl, Laura, Sandy Kaynor & family, Robin & Ginny Heilbron, Charlotte Orr, Steve Doan, Clinton Wilson, Robert Doyle, Mary Lou Peake, Nancy, Larry Preul, Danny Moreau, Tommy Langan, Ann, Alisha, Sybil Wilson, Howard Young, Terrance Ulmer, Opal Berry, Cora Teague, Josh Watson, Kay Myers, the White family, Sharon, Katie Hammond, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Mackenzie Petersen, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Steven Bodiford, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Heather and family, Martha Collier, Dunn Chandler, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, DeMario Snead, S.T. Heath, Forrest Brewster, Stephen Rollins

✚ For peace in the world

Regarding the Good Friday Offering:

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



Epiphany 2015

Dear Bishop Duncan,

The Episcopal Church has been in partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem for a very long time. Since 1922, we have taken an offering in our churches on Good Friday to support the work of the gospel in the Land of the Holy One. That Land is still the place of deep division and conflict, more than 2000 years after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. He and his earthly family suffered under threat of oppressive regimes, fled as refugees to another land, labored to supply their bodily needs in the face of dire economic realities, and he himself was executed as an enemy of the state. All of those realities are present today in the Anglican/Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The offering we collect on Good Friday carries on the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, through support for the many ministries of healing, feeding, and teaching among the dioceses of the Province. Refugees are cared for, the sick and injured are healed, the dead are buried, children educated, women empowered by these ministries – and all are welcomed with open arms, like Abraham and Sarah's guests. Jesus cared for all in need, without regard for nationality or creed, and these ministries do the same. It is the work of shalom and salaam, building peace in the hearts of suffering individuals and communities.

I urge you to learn more, to pray for the people of the Land of the Holy One, and to give generously this year. I would encourage us all to use the fast of Lent to focus on the hunger (both spiritual and physical) of these peoples, and contribute out of our abundance and our poverty.

May our offering this year strengthen the bonds among all God's people, and bless each one with concrete and eternal signs of more abundant life.

Your servant in Christ,



Katharine Jefferts Schori

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
PRESIDING BISHOP AND PRIMATE





March 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sun. in Lent 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	2 6p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall	3 4p Junior Choristers	4 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6p Evensong, Lenten Supper & Program 7:30p Adult Choir	5 12N Al-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	6	7
8 3rd Sun. in Lent 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	9 6p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall	10 12N Golden Circle 4p Junior Choristers	11 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6p Evensong, Lenten Supper & Program 7:30p Adult Choir	12 12N Al-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	13	14 10:30a PFLAG
15 4th Sun. in Lent 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	16 6p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall	17 4p Junior Choristers	18 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6p Evensong, Lenten Supper & Program 7:30p Adult Choir	19 12N Al-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	20	21 7:30a Food Share
22 5th Sun. in Lent 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	23 6p Vestry mtg 6p Tai Chi, Stirling Hall	24 4p Junior Choristers	25 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6p Lenten Supper & Program 7:30p Adult Choir	26 12N Al-Anon 4p Senior Choristers 7p AA, Smith Rm	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:20 Sunday School 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Burgers for Beckwith	30 Monday in Holy Week	31 Tuesday in Holy Week				

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!
 If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.

Lay Ministers for March 2015

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
Mar 1 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	8am	P Wilson	J Clearman	L Van Dyke		W English M Taylor		S Drew L Raouf B Ratcliffe M Winkler	J Clearman B Bentley	K Flowers C Hall	J Burce L Hallett E Hughes S&L Kirby	B Woodmansee	M Durant ML Downing
	1030 am	M Allison J Hamilton	A Barrett	B Bentley R LaMonte	TBA N Hamilton El Doyle	M Morrison R Bradford W Grace	E LaMonte						
Mar 8 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	8am	S Willcox L Van Dyke	L Hallett	M Taylor		J Basenberg P Mackey				B Hardaway C Mackey	C Kelly C Doyle J Rivers	B Woodmansee	B Hardaway K Gray
	1030 am	A Atem E Browne	B Hardaway	M Elledge B Bentley	D Williams L Snow H Snow	C Doyle D Greene D Greene	E Valera						
Mar 15 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	8am	L Hallett	B Evatt	B Ratcliffe		F South B Case				K McKenzie C Ryan	D Barnett R Feuerlein J&RE Stanbery F South	B Woodmansee	D Foster
	1030 am	C Gardner V Mitchell	M Harris	B Harris R LaMonte	L Wood H Gardner A Atem	R Bradford C Conte J Hamilton	H Caddell						
Mar 22 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	8am	J Basenberg	S Willcox	H Callaway		R Dillard W Hannaum				J Tucker B Wilson	J Clearman S Cleveland M Harris B Evatt	B Woodmansee	M Durant ML Downing
	1030 am	R Gray M Pettthory	M Morrison	L Thomas R LaMonte	SF Greene C Mosley H Gardner	D Mosley L Wood B Hines	E Jenkins						
Mar 29 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	ONE SERVICE ONLY — 10:30am												
	1030 am	C Zimmermann C Gardner	F Rouse	S Willcox R LaMonte	E Doyle D Williams N Hamilton E Doyle	H Brewster H Caddell M Elledge J Rivers	C Gardner				B Bentley R Bradford	None	TBA



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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)