

This Week at St. John's

March 25, 2007

About the Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Isaiah proclaims Israel's coming restoration to its homeland. The Lord will lead the people in a new exodus across the desert. Just as once God opened the way through the Red Sea, so God will now prepare the way in the wilderness. The desert will be transformed from a place of death into a place of life: the animals that signify is desolation will honor the Lord. As in the first exodus, water will spring forth as a sign of God's revelation. In response to God's saving acts, the people of Israel will fulfill the purpose of their existence by praising God.

Phlippians 3:8-14

Paul's opponents in Phlippi considered it necessary for Christians to keep the Jewish law, including circumcision. Paul refutes this by drawing up a personal profit and loss statement. What once he counted as assets—his Hebrew genealogy, his upbringing and his strict observe of the law—he now estimates as loss.

Luke 20:9-19

The parable of the wicked tenants is rooted in the economic life of Galilee. Landlords were often absentee foreigners, bitterly resented by the local peasantry. The estate of such a one, not a Jew, was regarded as ownerless if he died with no heir, and the occupant has first claim upon the property.

(Commentary from *Living the Good News: Leader's Guide for Adults*)

Announcements

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

Child care is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Outreach: The Outreach Ministry Group will continue its "Ton of Food in 2007" program toward the goal of 2000 pounds. During the month of March, baby food and baby-related items are being collected. Items can be placed on the west pew in the parish hall or given to the ushers prior to the church service. The Outreach Ministry Group would like to extend its appreciation to the parishioners for their generous contributions.

Easter Flowers: Easter memorial offering envelopes can be found on the shelf in the narthex, on the tract table, and in the hallway beside the Altar Flower Bulletin Board. This special offering is used to beautify St. John's at Easter and to remember those we hold dear in our hearts. Please submit the names of those you wish to be remembered, and your check, by **March 26th**. It is important to write "Easter Flowers" on the check memo line so that your offering gets credited properly to the flower fund. You may place the envelope in the offering plate, turn it into the office, or mail it to the church.

About The Episcopal Church

Chrismation: The liturgical action of anointing with oil (blessed by a bishop) at baptism, confirmation, and ordination.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the church in Burundi, and for the Rt. Rev. Eraste Bigirimana.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City; the Rev. Louise Baker, Rector; the Rev. Jeanie Beyer, Deacon; the Rev. J. David Eick, Deacon; and for the St. Luke's Nursing Center, Carthage; Mr. Ted Estes, Chaplain.

Birthdays

- Mar. 26 Chloe Fielder
- Mar. 27 Sean Bendon
- Mar. 29 Joan Harvates
- Mar. 30 Christopher Larsen
- Mar. 31 Angela Mays

Anniversary

- Mar. 25 Wayne & Diana Schweitzer

Faithful Departed

- Mar. 26 Jesse Thompson

Prayer Requests

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| Shirley | Larry |
| Dorothy | Trudy |
| Bill | Maxine |
| Terri | Deidra |

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are re-submitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
March 25	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(5 Lent)	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite I (sung)
	5:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner (Outreach Sponsored)
		Lenten Class
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 26	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(The	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Annunciation)		
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 27	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Charles	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Henry	6:30 p.m.	Interior Castle Study Group
Brent)		AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 28	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Lenten Feria)	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
		Adult Bible Study
		Inquirers' Class
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 29	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(John Keble)	12:00 p.m.	Mass and Anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
March 30		
(Lenten Feria)		
Saturday	4-5:00 .m.	Confessions
March 31		
(John Donne)		
Sunday		<i>Bishop Howe Visits</i>
April 1	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
(Palm /Passion	10:15 a.m.	Church School
Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite I (sung)

THE STARTING POINT OF STEWARDSHIP IS GOD'S LOVE DEMONSTRATED BY THE GIVING OF HIS SON.

"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).



What is your legacy to God's church?