

This Week at St. John's

March 16, 2008

About the Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9

This is the second of four “servant poems” in Second Isaiah. The writer may have been thinking of an individual or of the nation as a whole or of the coming Messiah, but New Testament writers saw in his words a description of the passion of our Lord.

Psalm 31

This is the prayer of lamentation and thanksgiving of one who has suffered from illness, persecution, and being shunned by friends. He finds in God his refuge and strength and counsels others that the way of faith is the source of one's strength in adversity.

Philippians 2:5-11

Here in a nutshell is Paul's belief about Jesus Christ. He who humbled himself to become a man and to die on the cross is the Lord of all.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

This is the account of the passion and death of Jesus Christ. In its entirety it begins in the garden of Gethsemane, where he was arrested and includes his arraignment before the Sanhedrin, his trial by Pilate, crucifixion, death, and burial. A shorter version comprises the trial by the Roman governor, crucifixion, and death.

(Commentary from *Sunday's Scriptures: An Interpretation* by William Sydnor)

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 11:45 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Family Violence Center: The Outreach Ministry Group is collecting much-needed items for the Family Violence Center. You may pick up a list of requested items from the leaflet tables near the entrance doors.

“Emmaus Mite Boxes” are available on the table at the entrance of the parish hall. Fill them with your loose change, thank offerings . . . whatever way you'd like. The proceeds will be gathered in April and sent to the Diocese for projects that fulfill the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Any questions—ask an Outreach Ministry Group member.

Watch at Altar of Repose: The sign-up list for the Watch at the Altar of Repose is posted on the bulletin board outside the parish hall. More than one person may sign up for the hourly watches. The watch begins at 8:00 p.m. following the Maundy Thursday liturgy and continues until midnight. It resumes on Good Friday morning after Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

About the Episcopal Church

Maniple: A Eucharistic vestment, usually made of silk or linen. Worn by the celebrant on the left arm above the wrist, it derives from a handkerchief that later became a symbol of secular rank. It is rarely used in Episcopal parishes today.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Bishop of Jerusalem, The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City; the Very Rev. Terry White, Dean; the Rev. Sue Sommer, Canon Pastor and Sub-Dean; the Rev. Carol Sanford, Priest Associate; the Rev. Joseph Behen, Clergy Assistant; the Rev. Bryan England, Deacon; the Rev. Bruce Hall, Deacon; and for the Diocesan Associate Treasurer, Mr. Jon Yeager.

Birthdays

- Mar. 16 April Becker
Bruce Ratcliff
- Mar. 17 Cole Davidson
David N. Jones, Sr.
Jason Walters
- Mar. 18 Jean Baker
Gary James
- Mar. 19 Rachel Cadanau
Joseph Defazio
- Mar. 20 Robert Bradley
Elise Hargiss
- Mar. 20 Jim Price
- Mar. 21 Kristopher Chaffin
Timothy McCroskey
Debby Williams
- Mar. 22 Jay Hancock
Jackson Inmon

Faithful Departed

- Mar. 16 Ethel E. Jacobson
- Mar. 17 Joseph M. Patterson
- Mar. 18 Raymond E. Patterson

Prayer Requests

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| Terri | Maxine |
| Gladys | Dee |
| Ruth | Rachel |
| Ken | Lauretta |
| Dixie | Jerry |
| Ron | Mona |
| Kathy | Douglas |
| Eddie | Becky |
| Ron | Tanya |
| Alberta | Don |
| Larry | Gene |
| Margi | Kathi |
| Louis | Josh |
| Francis | Clara |
| Stacey | Dana |
| Amelia | Darryl |
| Karol | Carmon |
| David | Sheila |
| Harry | Colby |
| Sarah | Ed |

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
March 16	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite I (sung) (incense)
(Palm Sunday)		
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 17	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Monday	6:00 p.m.	Mass
in Holy Week)	6:30 p.m.	Vestry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 18	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Mass
in Holy Week)		
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 19	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Mass
in Holy Week)		
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 20	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Maundy	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Thursday)	8:00 p.m.	Watch at the Altar of Repose Begins Choir
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 21	9:15 a.m.	Watch Resumes
(Good Friday)	12:00 p.m.	Liturgy of Good Friday
(Fast Day)	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
March 22	9:15 a.m.	Liturgy of Holy Saturday
(Holy Saturday)	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	7:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
		<i>Easter Party follows in the parish hall</i>
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
March 23	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite I (sung) (incense)
(Easter Sunday)		

What is your legacy to God's Church?

Only Jesus, the Savior, on whose suffering, death, and resurrection we focus during this time of Lent, can meet all our needs. His love for us and the salvation he has earned for us draw us away from the pull of the world, away from our own selfish desires, away from that which leads to sin and death. His love draws us to himself, to service to others, to using our gifts as we have been blessed in the building up of the Church. "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (Ephesians 2:10).

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 resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.