

UNLESS the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Is discontinued until April 21, 2010

Washington & Chestnut Sts.

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

MAIN Street Shelter

April's Host Church is

Christ Episcopal

Fund raising and Shelter Intake

Center cleanup efforts provide many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

Norman Vanderlick has moved to a group home in Harleysville. Please consider writing him a note love and encouragement while he settles in.

His new address is: 140 Crescent Ln, Harleysville, PA 19438

We will be trying to coordinate bringing him to dinner, church, and singing once a month. Pray and see where you might fit in assuring him of our love for him.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

We are still working at fund raising, laundry, Intake staffing, and we are still in need of overnight staff. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork, Ron Caulk or Tanya Braken for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

On the Thursday before Easter, we again, hold our Maundy Thursday Service at the Moyer's. this will be a meal, and our Stations of the Cross remembrance service, and communion. Please try to attend this meaningful time of worship.



REMEMBER: Please invite some friends to Easter Service next Sunday!

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week and:

Remember Ron's health difficulties and to keep him strong while running the shelter; the Grater family, who's elderly father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer; for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and the future of Still Waters, also keep all of us in prayers; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Please, also, pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation.

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 4, 2010: Easter Sunday (Year C)

psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, acts 10.34-43,

john 20.1-18, & 1 corinthians 15.19-26

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March 28 - 2010

Deliver & Save

Or, the Cost and Joy of Discipleship

Worship
psalm 31.9-16
isaiah 50.4-9a
luke 22.14 - 23.56
philippians 2.5-11

Benediction

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Every Sunday Evening at 9:00, St. John's Parish House



[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“A Profound Mystery”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 31.9-16

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

Scripture Reading ::

Isaiah 50.4-9a

This week's Lectionary Text:

psalm 31.9-16, isaiah 50.4-9a,
luke 22.14 - 23.56, & philippians 2.5-11

Focus Film ::

“The Reliever”

The Scripture ~

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Let the same mind

be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Philippians 2.5-8

Focus Film ::

“Fuel for Forgiveness”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✚ dressing our wounds

✚ who will deliver me?

✚ painful gifts

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Meditation:

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Luke 22.14—15

Reflection:

Today's lection is easily the longest—and arguably the richest—of the year. The gospel reading recounts the whole passion story, from the Last Supper to the burial of Jesus. Many churches, of course, choose the Palm Sunday focus on the triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40 and parallels), and save the story of Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion, and death for Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. —Jim Rice

still waters

home church studies

Psalms 31.9-16

[Worship]

9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. 11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. 12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. 13 For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. 14 But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. 16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Consider:

[Words]

Lent is a time for "following." The narrative about Jesus' suffering and death provides a way in which we are able, in an act of disciplined imagination, to situate (or resituate) our lives in the story of Jesus. We become aware that the story of Jesus requires and permits a new version of our own story of life and faith.

Lent is a time for fresh decision-making about reliance upon the God of the gospel. Such decision-making in Lent is commonly called "repentance." It's a time to reflect on the way in which God gives new life that is welcome when we recognize how our old way of life mostly leaves us weary and unsatisfied.

Lent is a time to face the reality that there is no easy or "convenient" passage from our previous life to a new joyous life in

the gospel. The move is by the pattern and sequence of Jesus' own life, an embrace of suffering that comes with obedience, which comes inevitably when our lives are at odds with dominant social values.

Lent is a time for life with God. While Jesus' suffering and death are quite public events in the Roman Empire, his prayers—echoing the Psalms—evidence that his primary focus was on life with God. In Lent we may draw away from public life enough to give energy to this defining relationship with God who hears and answers, who summons, forgives, and saves.

[Scripture]

Isaiah 50.4-9a

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.



Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult

and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Question:

What has Lent meant to you?

How can we respond to this call?

Indeed, it is at the point of facing not only death but the less ultimate tragedies of failure and disillusionment that the call comes again. It is then that our discipleship journey, like our LORD's story, our journey either truly ends or truly begins.

Also, read for yourself this week, Luke 22.14 – 23.56