



The Lion's Tale

MARCH/APRIL 2024

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 24th

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Service

Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, and the reading of the Passion Narrative.

March 28th

Maundy Thursday 5:30 Soup Supper 7:30 p.m. Service

Proceeds from the supper will go to Food Outreach (www.foodoutreach.org).

We strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday and leave the church in silence and darkness.



March 29th

Good Friday Liturgy

12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy of Good Friday and Communion from the bread and wine consecrated Maundy Thursday evening. Music at late service only.

March 30th

Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter 7:30 p.m.

We will gather around the new fire on the plaza. .

March 31st

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Service

There will be a festive reception following the 10:00 a.m. service and the traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the children.



Diocesan Events



HEALING IN THE HEARTLAND

SATURDAY MARCH 16 GROUP LIVE STREAM FOR [HEALING IN THE HEARTLAND](#)

If you are unable to attend this event at St. Timothy's Church, you are invited to view the livestream of the Diocesan Healing in the Heartland at Emmanuel in Webster Groves. The event will start at **10 am and end at 4 pm**. You may come and go when you are available throughout the day.

The schedule for the day is:

- **10 a.m. - Celebration of Holy Eucharist:**
Preacher: The Rev. Naomi Tutu
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers
- **11:30 a.m. - Break**
- **11:45 a.m. - Speakers & Discussion:**
The Rev. Naomi Tutu
The Rev. Traci Blackmon
- **12:30 p.m. - Lunch**
- **1:15 p.m. - Speakers & Discussion:**
The Rev. Jack Danforth
The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas
- **2:10 p.m. - Break**
- **2:20 p.m. - Panel Discussion:**
Led by Bishop Deon Johnson
- **3:30 p.m. - Next Steps:**
Led by the Rev. Aaron Rogers
- **3:45 p.m. - Closing Prayers & Music**
Led by Bishop Deon Johnson
- **4:00 p.m. - Event Concludes**

If you wish to join them, please e-mail Deacon Jerre at jerre.birdsong@gmail.com to let him know, no later than Thursday, March 14. Lunch will be provided. (As the Memorial Service for Mary Feldmeier is that morning at 10:00 at St. Mark's, feel free to join Emmanuel for the livestream afterwards.)

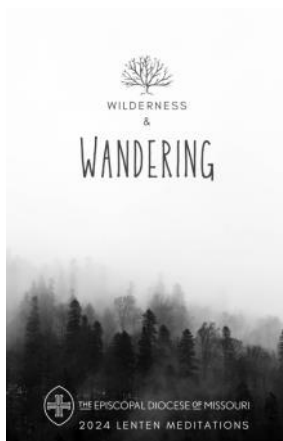
Lenten Meditations

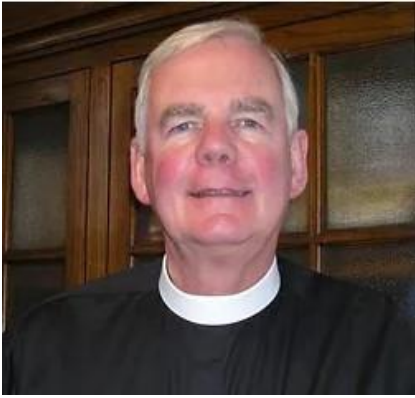
Bishop Deon's Lenten Meditations

Bishop Deon Johnson provides a booklet full of daily readings, prayers, and personal meditations to guide you through the six weeks of Lent. Download a printable booklet or follow the daily meditations online.

[Click Here](#) for more information or to download the booklet.

<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/wilderness-wandering-2024-lenten-meditations/>





Dear Parishioners:

As we move further into the month of March, we move deeper into the season of Lent, and toward the high holy days of Holy Week. The natural world is reminding us that change is coming, as the days grow longer, and signs of new life are painting our trees and plants with touches of spring color. The term, Lent, comes from an Old English word, *lencten*, which means “a lengthening,” as in the longer days of springtime.

But before the end of Lent, we must liturgically navigate the events of Holy Week. I hope that you will be able to join us for at least some of them: the triumphal, but humble, entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; the poignant Last Supper of Jesus with his twelve closest friends on Maundy

Thursday; the Passion and Death of Jesus on Good Friday; and the Great Vigil of Easter on the evening of Holy Saturday.

Beginning on Easter Sunday itself, we will move through the Great Fifty Days of Easter, where we celebrate the various appearances of Jesus following his being raised. This period ends with the Feast of Pentecost, where we (now the Body of Christ on earth) are empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry on Jesus’ mission to this world.

Meanwhile, the work of the Rector Search Committee continues as it seeks your help in formulating a Parish Profile. I hope you have met in a Coffee and Conversation meeting, and/or filled out a questionnaire to let us know what you look and hope for in our next Rector.

We have begun offering a Healing Service at the end of the Eucharist on the fourth Sunday of each month, although we will not do so in March (The fourth Sunday is Palm Sunday, and there are lots of other things going on that day.)

We have also assembled a Worship Committee, to serve in an advisory capacity to our clergy as we move through the various seasons of the Church Year. Members include the Priest in Charge/Rector, the Deacon, Barb Raedeke (Organist and Choir Director), Ellen Jeffery (Altar Guild), Scott Thompson (Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers/Crucifers), Marti Robards (Greeters), and Amanda Cashen (Ushers.) In addition to their advisory role, these leaders will be tasked with recruiting new members as needed, and training and supporting members of their groups.

Now, as we move together into the future, may Almighty God, who has redeemed us, and made us God’s children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God’s blessing,

Michael+

2023 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for 2022 was held on January 28, 2024 Financials for 2023 and the budget for 2024 were discussed as well as other projects and highlights that were completed in 2023. We got updates from our Senior Warden, Scott Thompson, who so graciously renewed another year with us. We got a report from the Rector Search Committee to let us know what is happening with the search during the coming year. Thank you to our outgoing Vestry Members: Carol Garbs, Dennis Belieu and Kelly Borowiak. Welcome to our new Vestry members: Sandra Olmsted and Diane Nienkemper. Thank you for to all who attended.

St. Mark's Events

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper March 28th at 5:30 p.m.



Join us in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 29 for the annual Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. Soups and bread will be served before the service. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend so we know how many to prepare for. The meal and fellowship are free, but donations to benefit St. Mark's outreach programs will be accepted.

If you would like to help by making soup or with set-up or clean-up, please contact Susan Goen at susangoen@sbcglobal.com or 314-374-2152.

ECW at the Movies



Join the women of St. Mark's for a viewing of "The Philadelphia Eleven" and discussion after on Saturday, April 13. The documentary tells the story of the act of civil disobedience in 1974 in which a group of women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests.

The Diocese of Missouri and St. Francis—Eureka have rented out the Hi-Pointe Theatre for a special showing of the film. If you'd like to attend with us, **you must reserve a ticket** on the diocesan website at <https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/movie-screening-the-philadelphia-eleven/?occurrence=600>

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5. After the movie, the women of St. Mark's will gather at a place to be determined near the theater for refreshments and a discussion of the film.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall if you want to attend, and don't forget to reserve your ticket ASAP.

For more information, please contact Susan Goen at susangoen@sbcglobal.com or 314-374-2152.

Remember that all women of St. Mark's are already members of ECW and are welcome to join us for any ECW events. (No membership form! No dues!)



Parish Survey

The new Parish Service created by the Rector Search committee is now available. There are printed copies to fill out manually that will be distributed each week after service or you can go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JTPQDXQ> and fill it out electronically. Or use the QR code to the left. We would like to have everyone fill out the survey, not just one per house hold. If you need a survey mailed to you, contact Melissa in the Parish Office.

2024 ST.MARK'S DIRECTORY-NOW AVAILABLE



The new directory is now available! There are copies in the back of the church. If you would like a copy of the directory mailed or emailed to you, contact Melissa at the Parish Office parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org or call 314-832-3588.

Choir Call



If you enjoy singing but aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, please consider joining us for Holy Week and Easter. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and will sing for the services on Palm Sunday (3/24), Maundy Thursday (3/28), Good Friday (3/29), and Easter (3/31). If you'd like to sing with us for some or all of these services, please be in touch with Barbara Raedeke (braedeke@aol.com). We would be delighted to have you join us!



From your Deacon...

The Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley is a Cherokee descendant recognized by the Keetoowah Band and the retired Distinguished Professor of Faith and Culture and Director of Intercultural and Indigenous Studies at Portland Seminary. He is the author of several books addressing a variety of issues concerning American culture, faith, justice, race, our relationship with the earth, and Indigenous realities. In his book, "Becoming Rooted," he invites us to live out a deeply spiritual relationship with the whole community of creation and with the Creator,

honoring balance, wholeness, and connection. I would like to share the values he offers in this book as essential to Indigenous wisdom.

- RESPECT Respect everyone. Everyone and everything is sacred.
- HARMONY Seek harmony and cooperation with people and nature.
- FRIENDSHIP Increase the number and depth of your close friends and family.
- HUMOR Laugh at yourself – we are merely human.
- EQUALITY Everyone expresses their voice in decisions.
- AUTHENTICITY Speak from your heart.
- HISTORY Learn from the past. Live presently by looking back.
- BALANCE WORK
AND REST Work hard but rest well.
- GENEROSITY Share what you have with others.
- ACCOUNTABILITY We are all interconnected. We are all related.

We can even make these Indigenous values a part of our Lenten time of self-examination and repentance (changing our lives) as they are also appropriate for followers of Jesus. The Lenten joy of intentionally experiencing God’s graciousness and right relationship with all of creation will surely carry over into EASTER JOY.

In Christ,
Deacon Jerre

Musical Notes from Barbara



I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome you gave my students Sam Kendall and Holly Lam, who played for us recently. Both of them remarked how friendly and appreciative everyone was. It’s very important to encourage young musicians, and I’m grateful for your support of these young people.

I’d like to call your attention to two upcoming concerts:

On Monday, March 18, at 7:30 pm the St. Louis chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present an organ concert entitled *Pipes for Parkinson’s*. The concert will take place at the Little Flower Church, 1264 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights, 63117. The program will feature eight members of the St. Louis AGO chapter. Admission is free, and donations to benefit the American Parkinson’s Disease Association will be accepted.

On Friday, April 12, at 7:30 pm my student Holly Lam, who played for us recently, will play her senior recital on organ and violin in Graham Chapel on the campus of Washington University. The concert is free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Barbara Raedeke

Godly Play



Game Day 2024



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays 7:00pm	AA Meeting
Thursdays 7:30 pm	Choir Practice (Except Holy Week)
March 10th	Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)
March 12th	Worship Committee Meeting 7pm (Zoom)
March 16th	Mary Feldmeier Memorial Service 10am
March 16th	Healing in the Heartland 10am (<i>see page 2</i>)
March 18th	Vestry Meeting
March 24th	Palm Sunday Service 10:00 am
March 26th	Holy Week Choir Practice 7:30pm
March 28th	Maundy Thursday Supper 5:30pm Service 7:30pm
March 29th	Good Friday Service noon and 7:30pm
March 30th	Easter Vigil Service 7:30pm
March 31st	Easter Day Service 10:00 am Egg Hunting after
April 15th	Vestry Meeting
April 28th	Holy Eucharist and Baptism 10am
April 28th	Kairos Sunday 9:30am
April 28th	Healing Service 11am

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings time is March 10th this year. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.



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