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The Good News Weekly

of

Christ Episcopal Church

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Upcoming Events

- 3/17/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 3/17/19 Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 3/20/19 Soup Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Church
- 3/20/19 Lenten Study** at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church

Backpack Blessings Schedule

Pack after church on March 17
 Driver to deliver bags March 21 – Ben Barksdale
 Shopper for March 21 – Beth Sickles

Wednesday Soup Dinners and Lenten Study



Join us every Wednesday in Lent for soup dinners at 5:30 p.m. and Lenten studies at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Rev. Nora is using “The Way of Love in Lent” materials from The Episcopal Church for our Lenten study.

Easter Outreach Project

Kipp Martin, Christ Church Outreach Committee Chairman, has announced that we will be packing food baskets for Easter again this year. More details as to how you can help with this project will be announced soon.

Vestry News

- A bid has been awarded to Ultimate Roofing for the repair to the roof over the backpack room. Work is expected to begin later this month.
- The vestry has approved the plans submitted by the Memorial Garden Committee for new landscaping in the memorial garden. Work to begin soon,
- The carpet in the parlor rooms has been removed, and plans are being made for refinishing the existing wooden floors in the parlors and in Beth Ann’s office.

Welcome Isabelle Ann Richardson

A daughter to Ira & Marisa Richardson was born on Saturday, March 2. She was 8 pounds, 3 ounces.



Serving Ministries

March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
 Lector/Chalicer: Ira Richardson & Jody Morse
 Ushers: Dee Trimbach & Kitty Clovis
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Marilyn Blake and Kitty Clovis
- 11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks**
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
 Coffee hour hostesses: Linn Maxwell
 & Laura Goff Davis
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Ron LaNeve
 Ushers: Tom and Becky Durrett
 Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten

March 24, 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
 Lector: Bill Saviers
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Zac Steed
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Marilyn Blake and Kitty Clovis
- 11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks**
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
 Coffee hour hostess: OPEN
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Kipp Martin
 Ushers: Joe Martin
 Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

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 Story of Jesus Christ**

March 17, 2019 – Lent 2 (C)

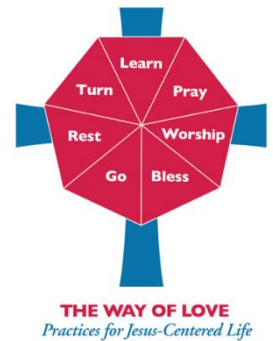
Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - PRAY

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Exodus 14:10-15:1

The story of the Exodus is one of the most important baptismal stories in the whole Bible. In the blessing over the water, which we PRAY at every baptism, we remember that the Hebrews were liberated from bondage in Egypt through water. Exodus is also the only reading that is specifically required in the Easter Vigil because of the way God delivered Israel through the Red Sea and the pillar of fire that lit the way for God's people. That pillar is echoed in the Easter fire, which shines in our darkness at the vigil. The Exodus event holds a seminal place in the recitation of God's liberating action – the common thread woven throughout the vigil and the Bible itself.

One of the most intriguing aspects of this powerful story is the way prayer has been woven through every step the Israelites took in their path to liberation. When they were afraid and even doubted, their prayer was heard by God who told them that he would not abandon them. When they were about to be overtaken by the Egyptians, their prayer for deliverance was answered. Moses was given the power to part the sea, and they crossed on dry land. Finally, when they were safe, the prophet Miriam led a prayer of rejoicing and thanksgiving with song and dancing. Each of these prayers is important to the story and to the relationship built between God and God's people.



In the early Church, Lent was a time for catechumens (those who were preparing to be baptized) to learn about the Christian life. The outline of the faith that they would follow was called a catechism, and we still have a similar form in our Book of Common Prayer today (pp. 845-862). In particular, our catechism describes the role of prayer in Christian life, including the seven types of prayer:

- **Adoration:** We lift up our hearts and minds to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.
- **Praise:** We praise God, not to obtain anything, but because God's Being draws praise from us.
- **Thanksgiving:** We offer gratitude to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God.
- **Penitence:** In penitence, we say we are sorry, confess our sins, and make amends and life change wherever possible.
- **Oblation:** We offer ourselves, our lives and labors, in union with Christ, for God's purposes.
- **Intercession:** We bring before God the needs of others.
- **Petition:** We present our own needs, that God's will may be done.

Each of these forms of prayer will help you grow and bring you into a closer relationship with God. In fact, Scripture tells us that even when we don't know how to pray, "the Holy Spirit will intercede for us" and teach our heart how to pray in "sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

REFLECT: *Prayer* is one of the essential components of walking the Way of Love. Yet, some people can find it intimidating, frustrating, or hard to practice. Which of the prayer styles from the catechism speak to you? Is there one that comes naturally?