

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMATION DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

# GOING DEEPER



WEEK THREE: FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2, 2024

## ABIDING IN THE WORD

*GOING DEEPER IN SCRIPTURE*

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*The devotions in this booklet are designed to help you make daily prayer a part of your Lenten devotions and can be used at any time of the day.*



**H**oly Scripture is the word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Over centuries and millennia, people of faith listened and watched for God in the world, and when they had powerful experiences, they wrote down the stories. Some of those stories we told and retold for generations, gaining an authority that helped guide others in their own faith journeys. Put another way, the books of the Bible have proven highly valuable in forming our ancestors to be more faithful, and so we trust that they can also impact us in similar ways. This week, the power of our sacred scriptures will bear on us.

Reading the Bible is a practice that few observe. Yet reading the Bible is one of the most powerful ways to develop our spiritual identities. It would be easy to cast aside our scriptures as outdated and archaic, but that would be a mistake. The stories that form our scriptures are born out of profound experiences of God in the world, and we have so much still to learn. During this third week of Lent, we will explore how holy scripture continues to impact the way we live and move and have our being. If you feel so inclined, don't stop with only the meditations contained here. I encourage you to read a little extra from your Bible each day this week, reflecting on what the stories can still teach us today. I truly believe that you will find the gift of God's word speaking to you in surprising ways.

Blessings,

*Christopher Ojiata +*

The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata

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# FEBRUARY 25

DR. TIMOTHY M. SMITH

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the most high.

– *Psalms 50:14*

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## Invitatory

*Psalms 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

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## Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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## Reflection

*Dr. Timothy M. Smith*

Just prior to our lesson for today, Jesus asked the disciples a series of questions which reveal their incomprehension of who he truly is. Yet Peter clearly identifies Jesus as God's anointed one. But upon hearing of Jesus' impending suffering and crucifixion, Peter balks leading Jesus to correct Peter. In Mark 8:21, Jesus' final question is, "Do you not yet understand?" It is made even more poignant by the use of an imperfect verb describing his speech, a verb which might well be translated, "He kept on saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?" Does this indicate that he asked each of the disciples this question? What a question for Christians, let alone for us in this second week of Lent! Do you understand who Jesus is and why He came? Do you understand the sacrifice and significance of his death upon the cross? Do you understand that your life is meant to be lived as a response to the grace found in the cross? We do not have the benefit of Jesus speaking to us face to face as the disciples did. But we do have the blessing and benefit of God's Word in the Scriptures. In them, we discover and are reminded of the answers to the above questions. In them, we see and learn about Jesus. And if them, we also see ourselves, not only as we are but whom we are called to be. I don't know about you, but I need to be reminded of that every day. And daily scripture reading can help me do just that. Make a commitment to read Scripture every day this week.

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### The Lord's Prayer

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hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
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as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Collect

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 236*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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### Concluding Sentence

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

# FEBRUARY 26

THE REV. ROBIN HINKLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

– *Philippians 1:2*

## Invitatory

*Psalm 40:1-8*

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.  
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have not required.  
Then I said, 'Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.'

## Genesis 41:46-57

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plenteous years the earth produced abundantly. He gathered up all the food of the seven years when there was plenty[a] in the land of Egypt, and stored up food in the cities; he stored up in every city the food from the fields around it. So Joseph stored up grain in such abundance—like the sand of the sea—that he stopped measuring it; it was beyond measure. Before the years of famine came, Joseph had two sons, whom Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him. Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, 'For', he said, 'God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house.' The second he named Ephraim, 'For God has made me fruitful in the land of my misfortunes.' The seven years of plenty that prevailed in the land of Egypt came to an end; and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in every country, but throughout the land of Egypt there was bread. When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.' And since the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine became severe throughout the world.

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**Reflection**

*The Rev. Robin Hinkle*

One of the best things we get to see through the stories of our ancient patriarchs is the way that God's appearance and presence in their life impacts their entire life and their world. This hindsight reflection shows us how God has plans for each one of us, the level of detail in which God sees us and works, and how all things in our lives, the good times and the bad, can be used for his purposes. This Lent as you read the stories of the people in Scripture, consider how God is working in their lives and in your own. May your own hindsight reflection draw you closer God and strengthen your faith in Him.

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**The Collect**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 832-33*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**Concluding Sentence**

*Book of Common Prayer, p.134*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

# FEBRUARY 27

THE REV. CHRISTIAN P. BASEL

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

– Joel 2:13

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## Invitatory

*Book of Common Prayer 94 | Revelation 15:3–4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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## Mark 3:19b–35

Then [Jesus] went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside,



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they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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## Reflection

*The Rev. Christian P. Basel*

I was on a college trip to Italy one year, and while in one of the museums pondered the enormous painting *The Sacred and the Profane*, by Titian. One of my professors asked me which was which in the painting. Seeing a naked person on one side I pointed and said, "Well, that side must be the profane," to which I received some polite jeering and was reminded that what God has made is not profane, it's sacred, it's beautiful. It's we humans who have impure thoughts, not God. Something similar is going on here. The scribes label Jesus, who is most holy and most sacred, as evil. During our daily lives, I wonder what we might mislabel. Like the scribes, we might see the pure love as exhibited by Jesus as sadly out of the ordinary, so different that it might even feel subversive or wrong. But such love that causes us to look back and see ourselves in a new light is a gift. May we look at those around us, and like Jesus, call them mother, sister, and brother.

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## The Collect

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 100*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Concluding Sentence

*Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# FEBRUARY 28

THE REV. DR. ANDREW GROSSO

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

– 1 John 1:8-9

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## Invitatory

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 90*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth,  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence;  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion,  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand;  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you:  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin,  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy,  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of  
my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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## Mark 4:1-9

Jesus began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them, "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

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**Reflection**

*The Rev. Dr. Andrew Grosso*

The scriptures themselves are very much like a field where seed has been sown. We often have our favorite passages, where the growth seems luxuriant and inspiring. And we often think of other parts of the Bible as rather barren or rocky, hard to understand and seeming not to offer much in the way of inspiration or spiritual growth. In all such instances, our encounter with the scriptures says as much about us as it does about the scriptures themselves. Often we find that when we labor for a time in a section of the scriptures that presents particular challenges, we find ourselves experiencing unexpected growth.

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for ever and ever. Amen.

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**The Collect**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 235*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Concluding Sentence**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

# FEBRUARY 29

MEGHAN HOUK

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

– *Romans 12:1*

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## Invitatory

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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## 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him

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because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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### Reflection

*Meghan Houk*

Jesus comes to heal. We are often very aware of our need for physical healing. And yet our greatest need for healing comes in the form of the forgiveness of our sins. Lent is a time intentionally set aside time for prayer, specifically prayers to ask the Holy Spirit for the courage to examine our hearts—examine our very lives—to ask to be shown our sin and our need for healing. Spend time in prayer today asking for these things.

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### The Collect

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 218*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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### Concluding Sentence

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

# MARCH 1

SAMUEL MOORE

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

– Isaiah 40:18–19

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## Invitatory

*Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

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## Mark 4:35–41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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**Reflection**

*Samuel Moore*

"Christian reading is participatory reading, receiving the words in such a way that they become interior to our lives, the rhythms and images becoming practices of prayer, acts of obedience, ways of love... We read in order to get in on the revelation of God, who is so emphatically personal; we read the Bible the way it comes to us, not in the way we come to it; we submit ourselves to the various and complementary operations of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; we receive these words so that we can be formed now and for eternity to the glory of God."

*- Eugene H. Peterson*

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**The Collect**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 229*

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Concluding Sentence**

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

# MARCH 2

ROB SPRINGER-KYLE

Therefore, if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

– *Matthew 5:23-24*

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## Invitatory

*Psalm 139*

If only You would put the wicked to death, God;  
Leave me, you men of bloodshed.  
For they speak against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.  
Do I not hate those who hate You, Lord?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?  
I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.  
Search me, God, and know my heart;  
Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts;  
And see if there is any hurtful way in me,  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

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## Genesis 43:16-17, 25-34

When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his house steward, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make preparations; for the men are to dine with me at noon." So the man did as Joseph said, and brought the men to Joseph's house.

So they prepared the gift for Joseph's arrival at noon; for they had heard that they were to eat a meal there. When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the gift which was in their hand, and they bowed down to the ground before him. Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, "Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" And they said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." Then they bowed down again in homage. And as he raised his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, he said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" Then he said, "May God be gracious to you, my son." Joseph then hurried out, for he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he looked for a place to weep; so he entered his chamber and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and he controlled himself and said, "Serve the meal."



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## Reflection

*Rob Springer-Kyle*

In this world we are constantly faced with the gap between good and evil. It is easy to fall into the gap and get stuck in the negative and distracted by the horrible things that people say and do. It has been my experience that every time I am faced with bad circumstances and turn to Christ for help, only then am I able to allow God to fill in the gaps with his grace and help me move from negative human emotions to a place of peace, forgiveness, and hope. I would suggest that from today's readings we should constantly be preparing ourselves, to expect the worst but hope for the best. This attitude can only be achieved through staying close to our source of life, hope, faith, and love found in and through Jesus Christ.

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## The Collect

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 264*

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## Concluding Sentence

*Romans 15:13*

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

# HOLY WEEK

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

MARCH 24 — MARCH 30

### **MARCH 24: PALM SUNDAY**

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I,  
*Saint Michael Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *Church*

9 a.m. Joy, *Saint Michael Chapel*

11 a.m. Contemporary, *Church*

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I,  
*Saint Michael Chapel*

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II,  
*Saint Michael Chapel*

### **MARCH 25: MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Saint Michael Chapel*

### **MARCH 26: TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Saint Michael Chapel*

### **MARCH 27: WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Saint Michael Chapel*

7 p.m. Tenebrae, *Church*

### **MARCH 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Saint Michael Chapel*

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday & Stripping of the  
Altar, *Church*

9 p.m. – 6 a.m. Vigil in the Garden of  
Repose, *Saint Michael Chapel*

### **MARCH 29: GOOD FRIDAY**

7 a.m. Good Friday, *Saint Michael Chapel*

12 p.m. Good Friday & Holy Communion,  
*Church*

12 p.m. Family Stations of the Cross,  
*Saint Michael Chapel*

1:15 p.m. Traditional Stations of the Cross,  
*Church*

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Stations of the  
Cross, *Church*

7 p.m. Contemporary Good Friday & Holy  
Communion, *Church*

### **MARCH 30: HOLY SATURDAY**

8:30 a.m. Holy Saturday, *Saint Michael Chapel*

### **MARCH 30: GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

7 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter, *Church*

March 31, 2024

# EASTER SUNDAY



6:30 a.m.  
Sunrise Service  
Garden Cloister

9:45–11 a.m.  
Reception  
Parlor

7:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Saint Michael Chapel

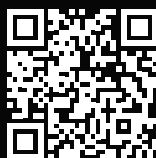
11 a.m.  
Contemporary  
Church

9 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Church

11 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Saint Michael Chapel

9 a.m.  
Joy  
Saint Michael Chapel

5:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Church



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