



Dear Parishioners,

One of my favorite words is *ubuntu*, a South African word that means *I am what I am because of what you are*. As Desmond Tutu, the former Archbishop of South Africa, has described it, *ubuntu* speaks about our interconnectedness. *My humanity is caught up, bound up, inextricably, with yours*. The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday when it is customary to place ashes on the foreheads of those who come to services. With the ashes come the words “remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Those words and the ashes are a reminder of who and whose we are, and they are also a way of helping us see and know how we are connected to each other. It is a ritual that has been described as one that displays our mutual belonging (Isaac S. Villegas).

Most of us instinctively recognize the need for and importance of connecting with others, but figuring out how to reconcile that with the competing demands of our lives can be challenging. It can be time-consuming, it isn't always easy - and sometimes, like the ashes placed on us, it gets messy. But no matter how we may try to deny it, or say we don't need each other, we do, because in needing and being needed, we connect - and we realize that we are unique pieces of a vast mosaic (Henri Nouwen, *Can You Drink the Cup?*).

Our Lenten theme this year at St. Peter's is **Life Together**, and there will be opportunities for us to become more aware of our mutual belonging. I hope this Lenten season will be a time that can help us recognize and hold up for each other the importance of our relationships through our Church. I hope that during this time, we will become more aware of and responsive to what binds us together and brings us together in the name of Christ at St. Peter's. In the name of the Church, I invite you to the observance of a holy Lent, and into a time when we will hold up for each other our **Life Together**.

Lenten blessings,

David+

PREPARING TO ENTER INTO A HOLY LENT

SHROVE TUESDAY DRIVE-THRU PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 1, 5:00-6:00 P.M.

You are invited to this year's Shrove Tuesday drive-thru pancake supper! A delicious meal of pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and king cake will be delivered to your car by bead-bedecked Mardi Gras revelers between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on March 1st. (A vegetarian option is available.) The cost is \$5 per person with a max of \$20 per family (additional donations welcome). You may pay ahead online or at meal pick-up on March 1st. Proceeds support The Haven of Grace fundraiser "Celebrating Moms." Place your order on our website or call us at (314) 993-2306. **Please order by Friday, February 25**, so that we may plan accordingly. Enjoy a meal lovingly and safely prepared by fellow parishioners and delivered in Mardi Gras style!



ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.

Ash Wednesday marks the first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and may be imposed with the sign of the cross.

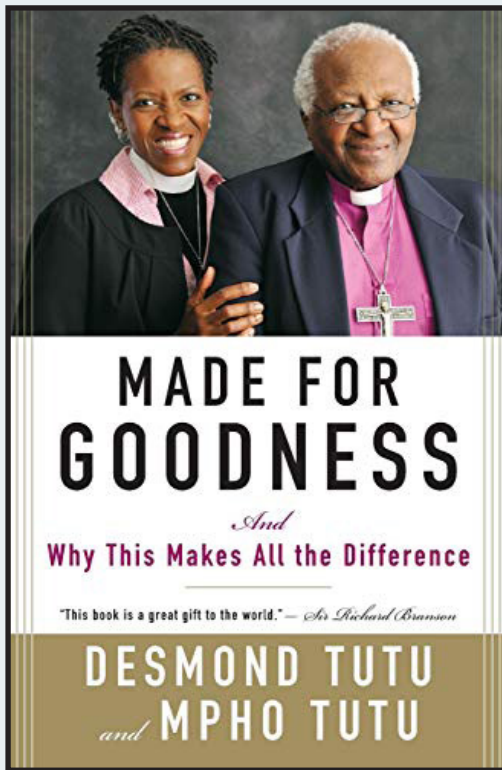
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (in Grace Chapel)
12:00 noon	Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Choir (this service will be livestreamed)

LENTEN OFFERINGS

LENT MADNESS

Join fellow parishioners in the annual "madness!" Lent Madness is the "saintly smackdown" in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo during the season of Lent. Through friendly competition, learning, and

humor, participants will be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. To participate, donate \$20 for outreach and submit your completed bracket to the Church Office **by Shrove Tuesday, March 1**. Bracket sheets and instructions are available online and at the Narthex coffee table. There will be a small prize and bragging rights for the winner. Join the Lenten fun, learn about the saints, and support our outreach ministries—all at the same time!



MADE FOR GOODNESS

As he spoke to audiences around the world, the late Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu would frequently be asked how he kept his joy, knowing first-hand the world's injustice and cruelty. In the preface to *Made for Goodness* he wrote: "What these questioners really want to know is, What do I see that they're missing? How do I see the world and my role in it? How do I see God? What is the faith that drives me? What are the spiritual practices that uphold me? What do I see in the heart of humanity and in the sweep of history that confirms my conviction that goodness will triumph? This book is my answer."

Join David and Kelly to explore Bishop Tutu's answers in a Lenten study of *Made for Goodness*, the book he wrote with his daughter Mpho Tutu van Furth. To accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we are offering both a daytime and an evening class. Beginning March 9 and 10, we will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. You choose the meeting time that will work best for you. Classes will meet weekly through the month of March. Register online or by calling the Church Office.



Participants won't want to miss St. Peter's April 6th showing of *Desmond Tutu: Peacemaker, A Conversation with Desmond Tutu and John Allen*. Mark your calendars!

LENTEN DRIVE - SHOE & FOOT CARE

The Trinity Food Pantry community has needs in addition to food. Most unhoused people walk everywhere they go, and usually wear out a pair of shoes in a month. During Lent, St. Peter's is collecting new MEN'S tennis shoes (the unhoused population Trinity serves is predominantly male) as well as foot care items. Please drop shoes or items in the baskets in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the Church Office during the week. **The final collection day is Palm Sunday, April 10.** Our goal is to collect 100 pairs of shoes! Thank you for helping to make someone's journey a little bit easier!



ITEMS NEEDED:

- MEN'S TENNIS SHOES SIZES 10 - 12
- GOLD BOND FOOT LOTION & POWDER
- TOENAIL CLIPPERS



LENTEN PRAYER BOWL

Pray for fellow parishioners by drawing a name (or a few!) from the St. Peter's Lenten Prayer Bowl. As you come forward to receive communion on Ash Wednesday and Lenten Sundays, simply pick a name each week, or pray for one individual or family during all of Lent. During Eastertide, consider sending a note to let them know you've been praying for them! Access parishioners' addresses using Realm, our membership database.

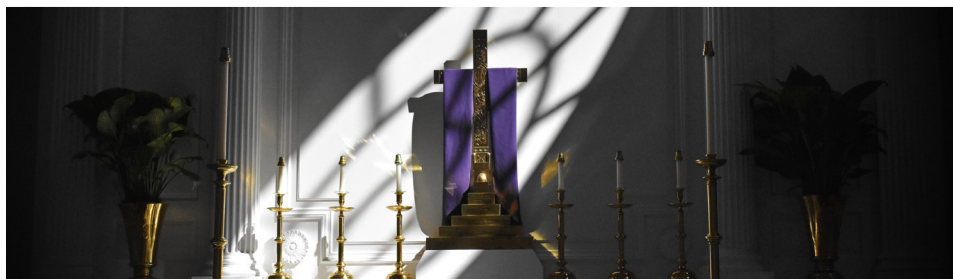


INVOKE 30

GOING BEYOND THE PULPIT

SUNDAYS IN LENT

After worship each Sunday, please join us for 30 minutes of learning, connection, and stewardship as we begin our INVOKE 30 Lenten series, **Life Together: The Power of Christian Community**. Each week we will hear from Christian leaders who have dedicated their lives to serving their community in profound ways. INVOKE 30 will meet in the Undercroft each Sunday in Lent at 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Coffee and light refreshments provided.



RESOURCES

Daily email devotional from Living Compass - Living Well Through Lent 2022: Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind
• Visit livingcompass.org/lent

The **40 Days of Gratitude Lenten Journal** from the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church, designed for at-home use for adults to deepen their spiritual practice of gratitude during Lent. Each week, they will focus on practicing gratitude for a specific topic based on scripture. There are also **at-home lesson plans and activities for children** available to download.
• Visit <https://unitedthankoffering.com/lent/>

Episcopal Relief & Development's **2022 Lenten Meditations** will focus on the organization's three priorities: Women, Children and Climate, and those whose lives have been touched by our disaster response and resilience work.
• Visit episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHORAL EVENSONG SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for this traditional Anglican service of scripture, prayer, and music led by the St. Peter's Singers. Music by Alice Parker, David Ashley White, and Craig Philips.



LENTEN QUIET MORNING "LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: DREAM V. REALITY"

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Join David and Kelly from 9:00 am. to Noon in the Elliot Room for to reflect on the expectations we place on Christian community and how they differ from the relationships to which God calls us in Christ. We will conclude our morning with a brief journey through the Stations of the Cross. To RSVP online, or call or email the Church Office.

TRINITY HOT LUNCH SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Join us on Sunday, March 27, at Trinity Episcopal CWE from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parishioners are needed to help prepare and serve meals for those in need. Contact Bill Gilbert at turkgobble@aol.com if you can help!

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 2



Join us from 9:00 am. to Noon to spruce up the church grounds for Easter! Coffee and donuts will be served. Please bring your garden gloves, rakes, hedge trimmers, and more to help make our campus beautiful! In case of rain, the event will be held on April 9th. For more info, contact Keith Boris at keithboris@gmail.com.

ST. PETER'S PRESENTS... *DESMOND TUTU:* *PEACEMAKER* WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Join us on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. for a movie (for the grown-ups) in the Undercroft! We will be showing *Desmond Tutu: Peacemaker, A Conversation with Desmond Tutu & John Allen*. Popcorn and beverages will be served. Please join us for this 45 minute film and conversation to follow. You may RSVP online or email Janet Rouse at janetr@specstl.org. Hope to see you there!



HOLY SATURDAY EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Children ages ten and younger are invited to hop on over to the front lawn at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt. Be sure to join us there!



HOLY WEEK + EASTER



PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 10, 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter, remembering both Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his Passion. All are welcome to worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST — 5:00 P.M.

Ancient antiphons and chants combine with more recent poetry in this service meditating on Jesus' Passion. The juxtaposition of these ancient words and music for Holy Week with newer elements can speak to us afresh, and help us to hear the power and the mystery of the Passion story in different ways.

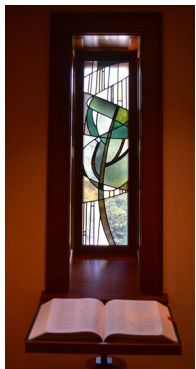
MAUNDY THURSDAY — APRIL 14, 6:00 P.M.

A service of Holy Eucharist will be held at 6:00 p.m. remembering of Jesus' institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper. This service, which will include the washing of feet, will be livestreamed.



VIGIL INTO GOOD FRIDAY — APRIL 14-15

For centuries, Christian disciples around the world have marked this night by staying awake, watching, and praying with Jesus in the hours leading up to his crucifixion and death. St. Peter's is holding an overnight vigil in Grace Chapel, from immediately after the Maundy Thursday worship service to the Good Friday worship service at Noon. There will be prayer books and other resources available. Look in upcoming editions of *News from the Rock* for a sign-up schedule.



GOOD FRIDAY — APRIL 15, 12:00 P.M.

There will be a Liturgy at Noon, with communion from the reserved sacrament. The offering will support the mission and ministry of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This service will be livestreamed.



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17

6:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service - Laird Garden
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II

(9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services will be livestreamed)

Child care will be available for infants through 5-year-olds from 8:45 a.m. through Noon.

Additional parking will be available at MICDS.

The Easter Offering will support our Outreach Ministry efforts. Please use the offering envelopes in the pews or clearly designate your gift for the Easter offering.

