

The First Sunday in Lent

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - TURN

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, selfgiving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple (known as the catechumenate), we are pleased to present weekly teachings from Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. This resource, which ties the Easter Vigil lessons to the seven practices of the Way of Love, encourages Episcopalians and others to reflect on salvation history; walk toward the empty tomb; and embrace the transforming reality of love, life, and liberation. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Romans 6:3-11

For the ancient Church, the Easter Vigil was the night when catechumens (those who had been studying for months in preparation of their baptisms) would enter into the waters of new birth and emerge members of Christ's body, the Church.

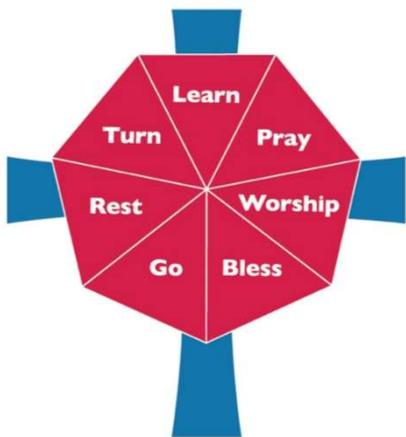
Our current baptismal practices rarely do justice to the drama that those nights would contain. We have evidence that catechumens would be asked to stand on a hair-shirt (a mark of penitence), confess their sins, and renounce Satan and all the forces of wickedness that drew them from the love of God. As they did so, they would turn toward the West – the direction associated with death, since the sun always sets over the western horizon. Then, they would TURN and face the East – the direction of new life and resurrection.

As they watched the sun begin to rise, they would make their profession of faith and walk into the large font. Indeed, the fonts would likely have been shaped as crosses or sarcophagi (a larger, more elaborate casket) to call to mind Paul's words about being buried with Christ in baptism. A jar of oil would be poured over their heads, and they would be dressed in a gleaming white garment. Finally, they would be ushered into another room where all their Christian brothers and sisters would greet them. The room was lit with the new fire of Easter, and they were invited to taste their first Eucharist.

The drama and mystery of the moment are palpable even now, and it is no wonder that this ancient rite has been adopted into our modern Easter practices and every baptism. In our baptism, we have turned from a life of sin and begun to walk the Way of Love back to God. In our baptism, we have turned from death itself and been joined with Christ in his everlasting life. And in our baptism, we have turned from living a life alone and have become one with the whole Church as members of the Body of Christ.

REFLECT:

In his letter to the Romans, Paul lays out his theological belief that baptism is the turning point in our new life with Christ. It is the time that we leave the life of sin and death behind us to be born to life that is eternal. What are the places in your life that need to be turned back to God so that new life can break forth?



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

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Girl Scouts Sunday at All Souls



No matter how Girl Scouts express their spiritual identity, *the Girl Scout Constitution notes that "the motivating force in Girl Scouting is spiritual"*. Usually celebrated in March during Girl Scout Week, Girl Scout Sunday and Sabbath provide Girl Scouts with the opportunity to learn more about their chosen faith and share in one of the oldest Girl Scouting traditions, as well as a way to thank the local faith communities for any partnership or support you've received in the last year. *This year All Souls' Church salutes all our local Girl Scout Troops with a special Sunday of prayer and celebration! All are welcome to our 10:30 Mass!*



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

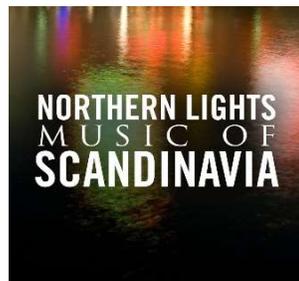
Daylight Saving begins Sunday, March 8th, 2020 at 2:00 am. Set your clocks one hour forward to "Spring ahead!"

HOSPITALITY

*If your First Name begins with E – J, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next **Sunday, March 8th**. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.*

SERAPHIC FIRE

The chill of ice and radiance of the northern lights are palpable in this concert of choral music from Scandinavia conducted by Ragnar Bohlin, director of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, founder of the professional choir Cappella SF and guest conductor of the Swedish Radio Choir. With fresh harmonies, pulsing rhythm and fantastical choral effects, the Scandinavian choral tradition is an exciting discovery. *Enjoy this great concert at All Souls' Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 15 at 4:00pm.* For tickets and information, visit www.seraphicfire.org



WE HOLD IN PRAYER †

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen †

We pray for healing for: Baby Alia, Andre, Bill, Fr. Bob, Bobby, Carlos, Rev. Dorenda, Fr. Errol, Baby Hunter, Irma, Jay, Joyce, Kailyn, Keenan, Latisa, Fr. Marty, Norman, Olga-Maria, Richard, Ruth and Samantha.

For those living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

We pray for the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

We pray for the Faithful Departed

We pray for all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

This quarter we begin a new prayer list cycle. Please remember to send an email to parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org with prayer intentions. Thanks!

10:30am Service Schedule for Greeters, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors, and Altar Guild

| Date | Greeters | Acolytes | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors 1st / 2nd Reading | Intercessor | Altar Guild | Collection Counter |
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| Mar 8 | | | | | | Malu Schiller | Michele Colson |
| Mar 15 | Carlos de Salazar Roberto Alvarez | Kathy Armbrister Brian Levey Charlie Grizzle | Kathy Armbrister Charlie Grizzle | Carlos de Salazar Patty Bartleson | Patty Bartleson | Sheila Collins | Matthew Pook |