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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague is the preacher and celebrant today.

VOLUNTARY

Les doux yeux

*Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420

When in our music God is glorified

*Engelberg*

1. When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!
2. How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
3. So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!
4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, Alleluia!
5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia! Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*The Officiant then continues*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

**Glory to God**

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the**

**Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Officiant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20**

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length

of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:1-8

R. Goodson  
(1655-1719)



- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
—do not utterly forsake me.

## A READING FROM THE 1st LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God**

## SEQUENCE HYMN 635   If thou but trust in God to guide thee

*Wer nur den lieben Gott*

1. **If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love. builds on a rock that nought can move.**
- 2 **Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,  
and trust his word, though undeserving; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Gospeler*        Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:21-37.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*Gospeler*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague

*A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We raise up to you all those who are in need of our prayers, especially those on the All Saints' prayer list, and those we name either silently or aloud. *Silence*

*Intercessor* We thank you for our many blessings and give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially those we name either silently or aloud. *Silence*

*Intercessor* We lift up to you those we love but see no longer, and those we name either silently or aloud. *Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*A Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The Peace is then exchanged*

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM    **O for a Closer Walk**      *Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;*

*A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;*

*I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;*

*So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 304    **I come with joy to meet my Lord**      *Land of Rest*

1.    **I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.**

2.    **I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.**

3.    **As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*          **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant and People*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION MOTET

**Love bade me welcome**

*David Hurd (b. 1950)*

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,  
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lack's anything.  
A guest, I answered worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I?  
Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat, so I did sit and eat.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

1. **Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**
2. **Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;**
3. **so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.**

## **A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 347 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace** *Litton*

- 1. Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in his kingdom we behold his face.**
- 2. Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
his love supplies the grace and power we see.**
- 3. Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.**
- 4. Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**VOLUNTARY**

**Sortie**

*Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)*

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CANOPY IN THE JENSEN COURTYARD.***



**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)  
MEETING**

The meeting for ECW will be today, February 12,  
at 12:00 in the Parish House to plan their agenda.  
All the women of All Saints are invited to attend.

**Please join us online or in person each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. for our  
WEDNESDAY HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE  
WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023  
THIS IS THE COMMEMORATION OF THOMAS BRAY**

**Please join us in person or online each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our  
VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE I  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023  
THIS IS THE COMMEMORATION OF  
CHARLES TODD QUINTARD**

**DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES 2023**

The sign up for 2023 dedication of Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Candles is now available online or contact the office to schedule a special date. The donation for Altar Flowers is \$100; and during Advent, it is \$30 for the Altar Greens. Flowers are not used during Lent. The Sanctuary Candle is \$15 for each week.

A special thank you to everyone for their support of our Flower Guild which adds to the beauty and enrichment of our Church.



The Altar Flowers are given this week to the Glory of God and thanksgiving for Mother Leslie's recovery from COVID, and in joyful celebration of her birthday this week!

The Sanctuary Candle this week is given to the Glory of God and in memory of my son Tony on the 53rd anniversary of his birth, by Joe Staiano.



**CELEBRATING THIS WEEK: February 12-18**

**Birthdays** Manuel Barredo, Diana Bloss, Martin Culbreth,  
Curtis Dodgen, Mark Gutierrez, Leslie Hague,  
Roberta Helsom, Chris McDougald  
**Anniversaries** Janet and Ray Wincko  
Carolina and Islei Rojas

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**LAUNDRY LOVE SOUTH FLORIDA MEETS THIS COMING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, FROM 4-7 P.M. AT THE LAUNDRY SPOT (THE LAUNDROMART), [1410 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020.](#)**

What a better way to honor love on Valentine's Day than to volunteer at Laundry Love! We hope you might consider volunteering on February 14 with us. Please contact Rich Markiewicz through [office@allsaintsfl.org](mailto:office@allsaintsfl.org) if you'd like to volunteer.

We have recently experienced a steady increase in the number of families who come to Laundry Love and the amount of clothing they need to clean. We now average almost 7 loads per guest vs our normal average of half that amount. Thank you to our volunteers and to all those whose donations of funds and supplies make this ministry flourish.



**Next Peanut Butter and Jamboree will be in held**

**February 26th, after the 10:30 service**

The outreach committee would like to invite everyone to our next Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwich making event. We will be making sandwiches for The Jubilee Center in Hollywood. The center freezes them and gives them to their clients as needed. The event will take place Sunday, February 26 after the 10:30 service in Neaverson Chapel. We need the following supplies: creamy peanut butter, white bread, grape or strawberry jam( it spreads better) parchment paper, sandwich bags , and paper grocery bags with handles to transport the sandwiches. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## WELCOME OUR NEW WARDENS AND TREASURER!

As our new Vestry started their term, we now have new Wardens and Treasurer.

Our Senior Warden is Alyson Hardin; our Junior Warden is Tony Catka. I met with the new Wardens this week, and Alyson and Tony are going to be a tremendous team as the Vestry leads the parish in visioning for the growth of ministry at All Saints. Thank you to Alyson and Tony for your energy and commitment to All Saints!

One of the first tasks for the Vestry is to envision a new way to handle Buildings & Grounds. We have been incredibly blessed with recent Junior Wardens to have parishioners with the skills and time to be, in essence, our facilities manager. Given the size of our beautiful parish plant, it is asking a great deal of a volunteer to do what is a part-time or full-time job. When I asked Tony to consider being Junior Warden, we knew that it was to help us put together a team of volunteers to do the organizing and hands on work of caring for the facilities at All Saints. If you are interested in being on the newly reconstituted Buildings & Grounds team, please send an email to [office@allsaintsfl.org](mailto:office@allsaintsfl.org) or speak with me or one of the Wardens.



Our Treasurer, Rick Vaughan, finished his term following the Annual Meeting. First as Assistant Treasurer then as Treasurer, Rick provided leadership through a complex time. He was always an incredible communicator to the Vestry and to the parish. Rick—thank you for your skilled attention to stewardship of the financial resources of All Saints, always with a sense of dedication and grace!

Our Assistant Treasurer, Rich Clarke, now steps into the role of Treasurer. He and Rick have been a true team over the last several years, and this transition will be seamless. Thank you, Rich, for your ongoing ministry!

**"And a column of fire from her head":**

**Storytelling, Power, and Prayer in the Lives of the Celtic Saints**

*A Wednesday Night Lenten Series at All Saints Episcopal Church*



**Wednesdays in March 2023: March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29**

**6:30 pm – Soup(er) Supper under the canopy**

**7:00 pm – Program led by the Rev. Dr. Robyn Neville and the Rev. Leslie Hague**

Beyond the margins of the Roman Empire, and far beyond the watchful eye of the early medieval Roman Church, Christians crafted an authentic piety that flourished in the context of their own language and culture. So-called "Celtic" Christianity is one example of a number of early forms of Christian belief and practice that took on distinctive qualities, heavily influenced by native tradition. In this five-part Lenten series, we will explore the unique and sometimes startlingly refreshing perspectives that arose from early medieval Christianity in the Atlantic Isles of Europe (Ireland, Britain, and beyond). This series will appeal to anyone looking to craft his or her own authentic spirituality, and especially to persons seeking to deepen their Lenten devotion by discovering new perspectives on piety, power, and prayer.

Each weekday in Lent, Rev. Robyn will offer the story of a Celtic saint or a Celtic prayer by email to the parish and on Instagram as part of our journey with the saints.



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**DUST TO DUST: LIFE PLANNING FOR MIND, BODY, SPIRIT  
A SUNDAY MORNING LENTEN SERIES IN MARCH**

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words, offered on Ash Wednesday during the imposition of ashes, are a profound reminder of our mortal nature. But while we might acknowledge the truth of this, it can seem more daunting to think about and plan for our death as it affects disposition of our worldly goods (mind), our physical body (body); and our soul (spirit).

During Lent this year we will have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of creating a plan for the end of our minds, bodies, and spirits. For each Sunday in March, following the 10:30am service, expert speakers will provide information and guidance on how to create plans that address financial, health/medical care, and spiritual issues at the end of life. Look for more information about each session next week.

## APPEAL FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Episcopal Relief & Development is mobilizing with long-term partners after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, as well as a 7.5-magnitude aftershock, in Turkey and Syria on Monday, February 6, 2023. The earthquake killed over 20,000 people and caused widespread damage across the region.

Working through [Action by Churches Together Alliance \(ACT Alliance\)](#), Episcopal Relief & Development is rapidly responding to the disaster through existing networks. The organization is also in contact with other local partners as they assess the needs of their communities.

Episcopal Relief & Development's partner [Action by Churches Together Alliance \(ACT Alliance\)](#) has:

- Distributed 40,000 winterization kits that include blankets, pajamas and mattresses

- Provided over 230 buildings, including church halls, mosques, schools and municipal halls, for shelters

- Begun setting up child friend spaces, assisting in family reunification and providing emotional support for unaccompanied children

The local network of partners had supplies and staff prepositioned throughout the region, which allowed for rapid mobilization in the midst of complex weather and transportation conditions. Local partners are continuing to prepare for a long-term, sustained response.

Please continue to [pray](#) for those who have been affected by the earthquake. Donations to the [Turkey-Syria Earthquake Response Fund](#) will help the organization to continue to respond to communities impacted by this disaster.



To make a donation to ERD for Earthquake relief, you may send a check to All Saints Episcopal Church marked "Earthquake relief" or donate online at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/syria-turkey-earthquake>. We will also be taking a special collection for earthquake relief in church on Sunday, February 12.