

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church



March 10, 2024 - Lent 4

We welcome you to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. We are blessed that you have chosen this community as your place of worship this morning. If you do not have a regular church family, we invite you to make Prince of Peace your spiritual home.

Each year the Church invites us to the observance of a holy Lent. For six weeks we are encouraged to take a long, loving look into our own lives, reflecting on our values and priorities, and on God's desires for us. The Prayer Book speaks of self-examination and repentance, of prayer and fasting, and of meditating on God's holy Word. How these various spiritual practices, or others we might name, will fit into, and speak into, each of our lives is a personal question. So Lent is an opportunity to be creative about our own spiritual growth. If you need some ideas for your Lenten observance, asking God to inspire you is a good place to start!

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Mission Statement

*Prince of Peace Episcopal Church is called to know,
love and serve Jesus as Savior and Lord, to share
His healing and transformation with all people.*

FOR VISITORS: Consider yourself our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the collection plate. Please join us for coffee on the patio after the service.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY: Welcome to children in Nursery, Preschool and Kindergarten to Grade 5. Lil' Lambs Nursery is open every Sunday at 10am providing loving care for children up to age 3. A children's area is available in the Chapel and activity bags are available for children in the Narthex (church entrance). Sunday School for Children in Preschool meets in the Preschool Room. Kindergarten to Grade 5 meets in The Reasoner Family Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY invites Middle School and High School students to join in fellowship with Christian friends and learn more about God while being in a safe environment.

HOLY COMMUNION: All persons who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion. The ushers will direct you. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Gluten free wafers are available as well. Wine is offered in the common cup. You may receive the wine either by intinction (bread will be dipped in the wine and placed in your mouth) or by drinking from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive communion, we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you wish to receive a blessing only. Communion is celebrated weekly: Wednesdays at 8am and Sundays at 8am and 10am.

PASTORAL CARE: If you or someone you know has a pastoral need, please contact the church office at (818) 346-6968.

PRAYER REQUEST slips (yellow) and Thanksgiving and Praise slips (blue) are in the pew racks. You are invited to place completed cards in the collection plate.

HEALING MINISTRY welcomes those seeking healing of body, mind or spirit to come to the Chapel for prayer at the conclusion of the weekly 8am and 10am Sunday services.

To show reverence to God, and in consideration of all who are worshiping today, please turn off all cell phones.

Tolling of the Bells and Call to Worship

(The Congregation gathers in silence)

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. Encourage us by the presence of your Holy Spirit. As we gather to hear your Word and celebrate the meal you have called us to, may we be your light to point the world toward you, and your salt to bring your flavor to the earth.

Opening Hymn

Thou whose almighty word

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Priest: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

(Please kneel)

People: Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: We have sinned in weakness: We have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us for our Savior Jesus Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Kyrie

Mathias Mass

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - - - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50: 4 - 9

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence is observed.)

Gospel Hymn

Thine arm O Lord in days of old

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Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 9: 1 - 41

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

The Rev. Canon Rand Reasoner+

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

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

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of Life, we lift our voices to you in prayer for our needs and those of others, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your Church, that we may be renewed and restored by our journey through Lent. Teach us the meaning of true repentance and fill us with a generosity of spirit that leads us to forgive others as you forgive us, and to love others as you love us. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: We pray for the people and places afflicted with warfare and violence, and especially for the peace of Israel and Palestine. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God who opens the eyes of the blind, so too open the hearts of all who bear responsibility to lead and govern this nation, and all the nations. Give them clarity to see the needs of the people under their rule, and the courage to work diligently for the welfare all, that we might live and prosper in peace. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, just as you made your presence known to the Samaritan woman at the well, we pray you would be present in your goodness with all who carry the cross of hunger, fear, injustice, or any kind of trouble. Come to their aid, we pray, and give them hope. And strengthen us to serve you by serving those most in need of your loving care. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God who heals: We pray for all who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit. (*Silence*). Touch them that they would know your healing presence and would be enabled to live lives of wholeness and abundance. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who have died. (*Silence*) As you raised your servant Lazarus to new life in you, raise them up also into the eternal light of your glory. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for all the blessings of this life. Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Controversy

Why is he blind? Did the parents sin?
Only that God's glory be revealed to men.
Is this not that beggar? He just looks like him.
I am he, the one whose eyes were dark and dim.
Tell us how he did it. He put clay in my eye;
I washed, I see, I think it means the Lord is nigh.
Tell us where he is for we would see him too.
I don't know, I can't tell you.
He cannot be from God, Heal on the Sabbath day.
Tell us how a sinner could show a sign this way.
He can't have been born blind. What do the parents say.
He is our son, he was born blind. More, we won't say.
"For judgment I came down, to give the blind their sight;
Those who will not believe will never see the light.
Were you the one born blind, you would of guilt be free.
But as you say 'we see' your guilt is plain to me."

Doxology (*As the offerings are brought to the altar, please stand and sing*)

**Grant, O thou blessed Trinity; Grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and thy praise!**

The Holy Communion

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mathias Mass

Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(Please kneel as you are able)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Mathias Mass

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

Communion Music

Bell Trio

Post Communion Hymn

Word of God come down, Verse 3 only

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Post Communion Prayer

Priest: Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Lenten Blessing

Priest: Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

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The congregation will depart in silence

CALENDAR

Sunday: March 10

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

8am and 10am Eucharist

9am *Isaiah Course* - Guild Room

10am Nursery in Paisley Hall

10am Sunday School in RFC

11:30 March 10 –Newcomers' Brunch

Tuesday March 12

6:00 pm Dinner and Session 4 of

Lenten Course, *Being Disciples*

Wednesday March 13

8am Eucharist

Continental Breakfast in RFC

9am-10:30: Session 4 of Lenten

Course, *Being Disciples*

Thursday March 14

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday March 16

Sunday March 17

8am and 10am Eucharist

9am *Isaiah Course* - Guild Room

10am Nursery in Paisley Hall

10am Sunday School in RFC

11:30 Blood Pressure screening

Looking Ahead

- March 21 2pm Robert Munro Memorial
- March 23 ECW Intake baked-goods
- 9am March 23 Altar Guild making crosses
- March 24 **Palm Sunday:**
8&10am Eucharist
ECW Candy Sale following both services
- 8am Communion during **Holy Week**
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- **Maundy Thursday:** 12pm in Chapel
6pm Dinner/Foot washing/Communion
- **Good Friday:** 12pm in Chapel, 7pm on
YouTube only
- **Saturday, March 30th** 8pm:
The Great Vigil of Easter
- **Sunday, March 31st** Festal Choral
Eucharist at 8 and 10am - Easter Egg
Hunt following both services
- **April 1** Office Closed, Easter Monday

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

CELEBRANT 8am: Rand Reasoner+

10am: Kathie Clark+

MUSIC DIR. 10am: Boude Moore

DEACON: George Packer+

8am

CHALICE Rosemary Stewart

USHERS Sandi & Larry Totter

HEALING Cara Gordon

Joyce Prescott

10am

CHALICE Ray Perkins

Nancy Porter

USHERS Stu Finke, Mahala Jory,

Josh Stambaugh

LECTOR Bryant Iriele

BELL TRIO Lydia Lee-Chin

Stephanie Kren

Boude Moore

ALTAR Lydia Lee-Chin

GUILD Diana Kajibago

Katie Palmquist

Pat Workman

Sandi Totter

CLERGY/

PRAYERS OF

THE PEOPLE

HEALING

PRAYER

WELCOME

MINISTRY

COFFEE

CAMERAS:

COACH:

MOTION

PICTURE

HOME

Paul Bishop

Donna Houchen

Marc Miller

Joyce & Bill Prescott

Neria Arinda

Ray Lowe

Hans Arinda

George Packer+

Christine Lehman

LENTEN/EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

The Outreach Committee has chosen RIP Medical Debt as the Prince of Peace Lenten/Easter Offering this year. This is the 10th Anniversary for this organization! They were established in 2014 for the sole purpose of reducing the medical debts of low-income individuals. For every \$10 you give, - you eliminate \$1,000 of medical debt. For many people, RIP is the only way they can get immediate relief from their medical burdens. Please look for the glass jar as you come up for communion or write a check made out to POP, Memo Line: Lenten/Easter 2024. Your donation will make a difference in someone's life!

*Open the eyes of my soul, to see the gifts you have put before me this day.
In all things, may we open our hearts and give You thanks.*

NEWCOMERS BRUNCH If you have recently joined our community, you are warmly invited to join us. This is an opportunity to get to know the pastors and some members of the congregation, share a bit of your story, and tour the church and facilities. We would love to see you there! **TODAY, Sunday, March 10th after the 10 o'clock service.**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) Invite all the Prince of Peace community to join us in our outreach service project - We are sharing God's love with women incarcerated in the Los Angeles County jails by **writing letters and providing paperback books and games for prisoners.** As part of Prism Restorative Justice, the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles advocates on behalf of the most marginalized and disenfranchised in our society. Your letters and gifts of books and games will be carried into the jails by the Prism team, and delivered to incarcerated women and their children. Please begin your note with "Dear Friend," and sign it with your first name only. Boxes to receive your donations are in the Narthex and in the office. Please call or text Ann Gillinger (818-903-8121) or Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson (818-203-2230) for more information.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will take place in the Guild Room following the 10am service on March 17. Come take advantage of this location-friendly opportunity!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) invite your participation in their annual Easter time Bake and Candy Sale to be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th following both services. Intake of homemade goodies will be on Saturday, March 23rd from 12pm to 2pm. Plan to bake and bring your goodies on Saturday and Sunday be ready to enjoy everyone's treats! This bake sale supports the Kathie Clark Scholarship.

Worship and Discipleship Worship and Discipleship

Rides provided and rides needed: If you need a ride to worship, or to one of the events coming up for Lent, please call the Office and we will do our best to help you with transportation. If you can offer a ride to a parishioner, please let the church know as well.

ANOTHER LENTEN OFFERING: Each Sunday during Lent, **at 9am**, between services in the **Guild Room**, N.T. Wright will lead us in a series of video classes focusing on the Prophet Isaiah's proclamation of *The Servant King*.

Maundy (command) Thursday fellowship dinner begins at 6pm in the Family Center. If you plan on attending dinner, please sign up by emailing or calling the office. Worship follows at 7pm in the sanctuary (you do not need to sign up for worship).

"Watch with me" Vigil in the chapel. Following the Maundy Thursday service, there is an opportunity to sign up for a one-hour time slot to follow Jesus's instruction to his disciples while he is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane to "watch with me one hour." The Vigil takes place in the chapel from 8pm Maundy Thursday until noon on Good Friday. A signup sheet is in the Narthex (entry to the church). Contact any of the clergy if you have questions

PLAN YOUR HOLY WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

- **March 24: PALM SUNDAY**, 8 and 10am. (10am worship begins outdoors).
- **March 25-30: HOLY WEEK**
 - **March 25-27: Daily Communion**, 8am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
 - **March 25-29: Stations of the Cross** may be walked Monday through Friday. The church and chapel will be open from 9am to 2pm. The stations will be placed along the walls of the chapel and church. A written guide on how to walk the stations will be available.
- **March 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY:**
 - 12pm, **Communion** in Chapel
 - 6pm, **Supper** in the Family Center **followed by Communion/ Foot washing** and the **Stripping of the Altar** (in the Sanctuary)
 - 8pm until Good Friday at noon, **"Watch With Me"** prayer vigil (Chapel)
- **March 29, GOOD FRIDAY:** 12pm service in Chapel, 7pm on YouTube only
- **March 30, HOLY SATURDAY:** 8pm: **The Great Vigil of Easter**
(Lighting the New Fire / Baptism / Communion)
- **March 31: EASTER SUNDAY, THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**
 - Festal Choral Eucharist, 8 and 10am
 - Easter Egg Hunt following both services

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY: Worship Through Art this Sunday (March 10 at 10am) Wyatt Jackson, a nationally known autistic artist, with his mom, Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson will once again lead us in worship and watercolor painting. We will be painting the "Resurrection".

BIG FILL IN 3 WEEKS! Please bring goodies for the Easter Eggs the next 3 weeks. We need them by March 24 – Palm Sunday so we can fill the eggs.

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US IN FILLING THE EASTER EGGS AT THE REASONER FAMILY CENTER AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE on PALM SUNDAY.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS given by **NANCY ALSPAUGH -JACKSON** is scheduled for **APRIL 6, 2024** from 9 - 12 PM in the **REASONER FAMILY CENTER**. **PLEASE** sign up on the poster in the Narthex This class is sponsored by the ECW.

In Memoriam

We send prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Robert Munro. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held at Prince of Peace on **Thursday, March 21 at 2pm** with a reception following in the Reasoner Family Center. The Parish is invited to attend.

In Memoriam

We send prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Elsie Lyons. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held at Prince of Peace on **Saturday, April 13th at 11am** with a reception following in the Reasoner Family Center. The Parish is invited to attend.

PRINCE OF PEACE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 1, EASTER MONDAY

- **Readings for Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

Deut. 6: 20 – 25; Psalm 86; John 4: 31 -38

- **Readings for next Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Isaiah 52:13 – 53: 12; John 11: 1 - 45

Hymns for next Sunday, March 17, 2024

#142 Lord who throughout these forty days; ##455 O love of God;

#715 When Jesus wept; #335 I am the bread of life

