

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA
THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 21, 2010

Welcome to St. Bede's Church. We're pleased that you have chosen to worship here today. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book or fill out the card in the Visitor's packet, and join the congregation downstairs in the parish hall for refreshments after the service. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The rest rooms, nursery and classrooms are located downstairs off the parish hall.

On this first Sunday in Lent the church's liturgy is designed to catch our attention, facing us with the most important issues of Christian commitment and living.

Today's scriptures present to us our solidarity with one another in Christ and with God's people through the ages. We are part of a people with a story to tell and a song to sing. That story's beginning is recounted in the first reading today in the form of the ancient Israelite confession of faith. This is not read as an interesting account of the salvation of strangers. It is the story of God's first action in our salvation. We are a part of that people, having become members in our Baptism. We are to begin our own story by remembering Abraham, our first ancestor in the faith, and by recounting the story of our brothers and sisters in the faith who were saved from Egyptian slavery.

The reading from Romans affirms our unity with the people of faith in all ages, regardless of status or race or culture.

Finally, in the story of the Lord's testing (temptation) we see Jesus as the beginning of the new Israel. The old Israel, in its wilderness wandering, failed these three tests -- temptations to use God merely as a means for acquiring food and power and riches. The scriptures Jesus quotes against Satan come from those three times in the story of Israel's wilderness experience. Israel's failure, which is part of our story, is turned around in Jesus and becomes a saving triumph for Israel, for us who are made one Body in Christ in Baptism and the Eucharist, and for those who are preparing to be baptized at Easter.

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The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno is the Bishop of Los Angeles

The Very Rev. Canon James Newman is the Rector of St. Bede's Parish & Dean of Deanery 3

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian is the Assistant • The Rev. Giovan King, D. Min. is the Associate

Mr. Frank Basile is the Director of Music

Canon Annette Graw is the President of Deanery 3, Diocese of Los Angeles

Ms. Rea Crane & Ms. Carly Portalupi are the Wardens of this Parish

Lay Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles: Annette Graw, Edmonde Haddad, Wes Hartley, Ruth Nicastro

- *Nursery care is available downstairs. We also have speakers in the patio should your child wish to go outside*
- *You are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.*
- *If you wish a pastoral call, please see a member of the Clergy or the Vestry member on duty.*
- *Items to be included in the bulletin must be at the office by the preceding Tuesday morning.*

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INTERCESSIONS

◆ We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Jon, Chester & Sergio, our bishops, for Diane & Mary, our Bishops Suffragan-elect, and James, Vicki & Giovan, our clergy; for Frank-Joaquin-Tom-RoseMarie-Michael & Jeannette, our lay staff & for the clergy & people of St. Andrew's with St. Agnes in Romford, England. We pray for Lauren, Richard and all Missionaries of the Church. We pray for reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church & the Diocese of Los Angeles. In our parish, we pray for those who minister in the committees and institutions of the Deanery & Diocese.

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *Provincede L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Most Revd Henry Kabwa Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Boga;*

◆ DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Congregations: St. Matthias (Whittier); Clergy: Dean Farrar, Judith Young Mackey, Lynn Parker, René Barraza, Fernando Gómez, Robert Kley, Paul Lawson, David Rude; Widows: Linda Burrows.]

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Arnold, our Governor; and the mayors of our cities. We pray for peace in the world and remember all those serving their countries at home and abroad, especially those we name ...

◆ We remember the **ill & those in need:** Linda, Dulcie, Michael, Edmonde, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Peggy, Kim, Frances, Kanan, Peggy, Diana, Steven, David, Kelly, Dan, Eileen, Caleb, Dennis, Max,

◆ We remember those who have **died:** ...

◆ The **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her Ya-Ya Sister Donna Lelong by Nancy Mills.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

WEDNESDAY -St. Matthias :

Acts 1.15-26; Ps. 15; Philippians 3.13b-21; John 15.1,6-16

SUNDAY – Lent 2:

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Ps. 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Luke 13:31-35

CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim

Su: 12-4 pm; M: Noon-7 pm; T: 9 am-Noon
(The Rector will be out of town beginning on Wednesday)

Mthr. Vicki

W: 5-9 pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	8 & 10 am	Holy Eucharist
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
	9.45 am	Nursery & Ch. School
	Noon	Via Media #5
	6 pm	Evening Prayer
	Tuesday	9 am
Wednesday	@ St. Andrew's Lutheran Church	
	6.30 pm	Soup Dinner
	7 pm	Lenten Vespers
	7.30 pm	Adult Forum: <i>Preparing to bear the Passion</i>
	Sunday	8 & 10 am
	<i>(Hosts: 8-Z. & E. Householder; 10- Shirin & Samira)</i>	
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
	9.45 am	Nursery & Ch. School
	Noon	Via Media #6
	6 pm	Lenten Evensong (FoM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Lent Quill* and the **February Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- Meet the Episcopal Church up close and personal – **Via Media Class (#5)** after the 10 am service.
- The **kitchen** will be CLOSED Feb. 22-24.
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:
4/19 - *The Help*, K. Stockett
5/17 - *Home*, M. Robinson

SERVING TODAY

Presiding & Preaching (8):

The Rev. Canon Jim Newman

Lay Minister (8): Annette Graw

Lector (8): Quinn Kelley

Greeter (8): Tom Ledsam

Healing Chapel (8): Sharon Arthur

Refreshments (8): Diana & Gina Turella

Presiding & Preaching (10):

The Rev. Canon Jim Newman

Music Director (10): Frank Basile

Vocal Section Leaders (10): Anita Van Tellingen;

Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery

Lay Ministers (10): Dennis Winston, Dennis Doherty, Tom

Elliott, Tom King, Liz Mohler, Kathy Russell, Alice Short,

Anita Van Tellingen

Greeters (10): Carl Townsend, Jeanette Young

Healing Chapel (10): Kim Hudson & Ina Klem

Refreshments (10): Amy Dugré & Daphne Mooté

Vestry Member on Duty: Christoph Dugré

Counters: Samira Tamer & Ruben Scott