

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA  
THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 14, 2010

**W**elcome 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.

This Fourth Sunday in Lent has often been called "Refreshment Sunday." It always includes the theme of eating and drinking as signs of God's love and of the rejoicing of God's people in the Eucharist and in God's kingdom. This theme finds its expression in today's collect, which describes Jesus as the "true bread which gives life to the world."

In the Old Testament reading, we hear about the first Passover celebrated by the Israelites in the promised land. On that occasion, the manna which sustained them in their wilderness journey ceased, and they lived on the "fruit of the land." God's people, washed and adopted in Baptism and sustained in this world by Holy Communion, will likewise enter God's kingdom and be nourished by God's life.

Thus, in today's Gospel reading of the story of the prodigal son, the culmination of forgiveness is a banquet and feast. This parable, which describes the totality of forgiveness and God's eagerness to be reconciled with us rebellious children, bears in it the promise which is fulfilled in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist and, above all, in our Easter rejoicing.

This sacred meal is the sign of our return to God, of God's unlimited forgiveness, and of the feasting of God with all the redeemed in the kingdom. In our Lenten self-denial we are reminded that our pilgrimage in this life is like Israel's wandering in the wilderness, and that our ultimate goal is the promised land of God's kingdom, the life of which is foreshadowed in the Holy Eucharist.

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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 the Verger, lay eucharistic ministers, healing team members, intercessors, lectors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, counters, and the sacristans.

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Hong Kong Island - (Hong Kong) The Most Revd Paul Kwong;*

◆ DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *World Mission Companions: The Diocese of El Salvador: Misión San José (El Congo, Santa Ana); the Diocese of Belize: St. Joseph's Mission Church (Punta Gorda), St. Cuthbert's Mission (Punta Negra); Congregations: St. Patrick's (Thousand Oaks), St. Joseph's (Buena Park); Clergy: David Baumann, Michael Griffith, Gregory Richards, Forest Riek, Jr.; Widows: Charlotte Moore Ruby Bishop.]*

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Arnold, our Governor; & the mayors of our cities. We pray for peace in the world & 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 Marilyn Printup and her daughter Shari Alyne Shields and son Gerald Edward Mills by Nancy Mills AND in memory of his mother Mary Zullo by Ron Zullo.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### WEDNESDAY- Patrick of Ireland :

Ezekiel 36.33-38; Ps. 97.1-2,7-12; 1 Thessalonians 2.2b-12; Matthew 28.16-20

### SUNDAY – Lent 5:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12.1-8

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim

T: 9am-4pm; W:10 am-9pm; Th: 10am-6pm; Sa: Noon-6pm

Mthr. Vicki

T: 9 am - Noon; W: 5-9 pm

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	8 & 10 am	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
	9.45 am	Nursery & Ch. School
	Noon	Via Media #8
	3 pm	Needlers of Bede
	6 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Tuesday	9 am	Breakfast & Bible
Wednesday	9 am	AIDS luncheon (meet @ St. Mary's)
<b>@ St. Bede's Episcopal Church</b>		
	6.30 pm	Soup Dinner
	7 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
	7.30 pm	Adult Forum: <i>Preparing to bear the Passion</i>
Saturday	9am-1pm	Lenten Day of Reflection
Sunday	8 & 10 am	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Hosts: 8-???, 10- Tonna, Diane, Carly, Rea & Penny)
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
	9.45 am	Nursery & Ch. School
	6 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Lent Quill* and the **March Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- Today we remember those who have **birthdays or anniversaries** in March; the collection taken benefits the **Neighborhood Youth Association**.
- **Lenten Quiet Day:** Sat., Mar. 20, 9am-1pm
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:  
4/19 - *The Help*, K. Stockett  
5/17 - *Home*, M. Robinson

## SERVING TODAY

**Presiding & Preaching (8):** The Rev. Vicki Mouradian

**Assisting (8):** The Rev. Giovan King

**Lay Minister (8):** Kyle Ferstead

**Lector (8):** Lew Ehrich

**Greeter (8):** Dennis &/or Connor Winston

**Healing Chapel (8):** TBA

**Refreshments (8):** Vestry

**Presiding (10):** The Rev. Giovan King

**Preaching (10):** The Rev. Vicki Mouradian

**Music Director (10):** Frank Basile

**Vocal Section Leaders (10):** Anita Van Tellingen;

Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery

**Lay Ministers (10):** Akani Fletcher, Sharon Arthur,

Christoph Dugré, Janet Fox, Phyllis Morrison, Reed Wilson

**reeters (10):** James Raef, Reed Wilson

**Healing Chapel (10):** TBA

**Refreshments (10):** Vestry

**Vestry Member on Duty:** Carly Portalupi

**Counters:** Russ Harter & Diane Gandara