



HOLY COMFORTER

Episcopal Church

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

The people of Holy Comforter joyfully welcome you to this historic church. We are happy that you are here, and we hope you will find your worship today meaningful and inspiring.

As we transition to this new/old way of being, we ask that you be respectful of the various levels of comfort of the members of our community. Because we strive to be a welcoming place to all, we want people to feel comfortable wearing a mask if they want to, kneeling or standing to receive communion, or even having communion brought to them in the pew. We will set aside space in the church for those who still wish to have social distance to sit, and we ask that when you come forward to receive communion you continue to allow for a comfortable distance from one another.

If you are looking for a church to call your own, we hope you will consider our parish. At the root of all we do is our desire to live out the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Holy Comforter has made a difference in our lives, and we believe it can do the same for you.

In peace,
The Rev. Gregory B.F. Brown, Rector

“BCP” refers to the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew rack in front of you.

During this season of Lent, please kneel for all prayers, as you are able. May our kneeling be a sign of our humble recognition of and thanksgiving to God our Lord, our merciful judge, and our ultimate hope.

VOLUNTARY

Out of the depths I cry to thee, BWV 687 (J. S. Bach, 1685-1750)

WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

✙ (10:00 only) *At this time, children ages 3 to the second grade--and any adults who wish to accompany them--are invited to follow the small wooden cross down the center aisle for children's chapel in our parish hall. Older children are welcome to participate as leaders and helpers. Everyone will return before the Peace. ✙*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE (8:00: *spoken*, 10:00: *sung*)

Celebrant, Deacon, or Cantor

People

(Each commandment monotoned) A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
 You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

KYRIE ELEISON (8:00: *spoken*)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

KYRIE ELEISON (10:00: *sung*)

Cantor or Choir Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor or Choir* Christ, have mer - cy.

All Christ, have mer - cy. *Cantor or Choir* Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel:

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to

me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 (8:00: read responsively; 10:00: sung by the choir in the setting at hymn #666)

Lector Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

People **If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, ***
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A reading from the letter to the Romans:

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION (*10:00 only*)

#457 *Thou art the way, to thee alone*

THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the

last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cat H.V. Connolly

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor In our baptism we have been called to rise from the dead and to live with Christ in the Spirit of God. Bonded to the whole people of God in baptism, let us pray for the church and for all people in their need, saying: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

For the unity of the scattered people of God: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who lead the church, and for all the baptized in their Lenten pilgrimage: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations, and for peace throughout the world: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list, especially..., and those whom we name either silently or aloud ; for all the dying, and those who grieve: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Deacon We pray for the joys and gifts of life, large and small, remembered and forgotten, especially..., and those we name now in our hearts, we pray:
Hear our prayer.

For those whose burden is too deep for words: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, and for all who are heirs of Christ's suffering and glory: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant O God, in the waters of baptism you rescue our lives from death and make us your children. Into your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVINGS

Birthdays for the Week:

3/26 Elliot McKee, Sharon Patterson; 3/27 Jane Coghill, Mary Wannamaker, Amy McKee;
3/28 Mac Redfern, Jenny Turner, Doris Meekins; 3/30 Susan Utsey, Mitchell Wickham;
3/31 Nancy Murray, Maddox McCartney

A Collect for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Anniversaries

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon these couples who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

8:00: *Andante sostenuto* (George Oldroyd)

10:00: *I will arise and go to Jesus* (setting by Robert Shaw, 1916-1999)

We invite you to express your gratitude for God's blessings in your life by bringing up your offertory gift, placing it in the collection plate, or clicking the QR code to give online.



PRESENTATION (*silence, please stand*)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,
People **and of thine own have we given thee.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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SANCTUS (*10:00 only*)

(Pope)

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FRACTION ANTHEM: AGNUS DEI (10:00 only)

(Pope)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy
 on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. For all of you here present, and all of you viewing this at home, not able to participate but in a distanced Celebration of Holy Eucharist.

PRAYER TO USE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A “DISTANCED” CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of your church where the sacrament is celebrated this day, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive you in the bread and the wine, I ask you, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart. Dwell in me, gracious Christ, in the fullness of your strength, in the depth of your peace. Renew my hope. Cleanse my body. Restore my patience. Until by your grace I can receive again, in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (10:00 only)

#309 *O food to pilgrims given*

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (when needed)

Celebrant In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist (N) will take communion to (N) today.

All **In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

**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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#665 *All my hope on God is founded*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY COMFORTER PRAYERS THIS WEEK
MARCH 26-APRIL 1, 2023**

CURRENT PRAYERS

Of thanksgiving *for births* Elizabeth Oliver Trotter, daughter of Abbott and Lizzie Trotter, granddaughter of Kathy Trotter

Of support *for parishioners* Kathy Adams

for family and friends Art Francis, Jim Sprowles and family, Lily Hennes, Ruth Benner, Thames Bundy, David Lee and family, Milia Cristou, Eleni Christou, Ginger Prisinzano, William Elder

For those who have died Glenna Jean Green, Kenneth Wayne Miller, Todd Cooke, Ann Leonard, Martha Benton Smith

ON-GOING PRAYERS

Of support for Vicky Adkins, Denise Allen, Leigh Baron, Barbara Brosnahan, Cheryl Brown, Taylor Brown, Bobbie Burnett, Linda Carr, Linda Carver, Mary David, Jean Davis, Ray Diamond, Hope Diaz, Lee Dixon, Cat Gartner, Brad Follett, Alice Forbis, Kerry Forgion, Jeffrey Freed, Connie Guthery, Angel Harris, Bryan D. Jackson, Jayne Johnson, Bernard Kane, Gayle Passons, Pete Riley, Caroline Robinson and family, Amy Samonds, Lydia Cristou Samonds, Al Sewell, Carolyn Mae Smith, Jim Smith, Linda Shuping Smith, Joey Starnes, Katharine Thomas, Tim Thomas, Margaret Wall, Betty Webb, Karen Wilson

for military service David Cavins, Stephen DenBoer, McDaniels Bell Durfee, Bryan Gamboa-Alfaro, Allen Guthery, Jeff Jones, Thomas Kissinger, Steven Parmley, Michael Sparta, Chris WarHawk

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2023 VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2023: Ed Gash, Kirt Hibbitts, Natalie Parker, John Snelsire
Class of 2024: Joyce Bott, Jason Evans, Margaret Kahn, Carlyle Knox
Class of 2025: Mary Amos, Anne Binns, Tom Cooke, Bob Murphy

March 26
**The Episcopal
Church of the
Holy Comforter**

The Sunday Spirit



This Sunday, March 26

- 8 am Worship in church
- 10 am Worship **also shown on Facebook live**, nursery and Children's Chapel
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour, HH
- 11:30 Children's Lent & Holy Week Workshop, library
- 11:30 am Jesus' Last Week, 207 Van Every
- 11:30 am Women of Holy Week, parlor
- 12:30 pm La Misa
- 5 pm EYC
- 5 pm Paul Malina recital

Servers this Week

Celebrant: Fr. Greg

Preacher: Rev. Cat

VPOD: Anne Binns, John Snelsire

Verger: Ann Moore Maxwell, Pat English

Acolytes: Olivia Kassebaum, Clay Redder, Neva Rolfes, Brandon Holloway

Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Tydings, Nancy English Johnson

Lectors: Heather LaJoie, Reid Parker, Hank & Mary Schmulling

Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Livingstone

Wednesday Bible Study meets in the Parlor each week at 4:30 p.m.



Visit our website!

www.holycomfortercharlotte.org

Altar Flower Dates

Sponsor flowers for Choral Evensong April 16 or May 21.

We have openings for: May 28; Aug. 20; Sept. 17; Oct. 22 & 29; and Dec. 11, 24 (am) & 31.

Elaine Wood at 704-517-0161 or ebwood5409@gmail.com.

Education & Worship Opportunities

Paul Malina Voice Recital Tonight

Holy Comforter Choral Scholar, tenor Paul Malina, will sing a concert of sacred and spiritual music in the church on Sunday, March 26 at 5:00 pm. Paul has sung with the Holy Comforter Choir since 2017, during his undergraduate studies at UNC Charlotte as a Vocal Performance major. Paul will graduate this spring from Winthrop University with a Master of Arts in Teaching. Paul will be accompanied by pianist Jeremy Mims, who serves as Director of Choral Activities at Winthrop. His program will include works by Handel, C.P.E. Bach, Samuel Barber, and spirituals by Burleigh and Johnson, among others.

Please note: *Hidden Figures*, originally slated for tonight, **has been postponed** so as not to conflict with the recital. More details to follow when it is rescheduled.

Children's Lent & Holy Week Workshop Today - March 26

...for children and families in the library after the 10 am service during coffee hour. Come out for a casual family gathering and take home some formation materials to work through during this most holy time of the year.

Jesus' Last Week, a Day-By-Day Journey

What does the Gospel of Mark really say about Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, and how can that refresh our understanding of the holiest week in the Christian calendar? No need to read the book ("The Last Week"), just join Mitzi Alexander & Vicki Bott in VE207 after the 10 am service. **March 26: Good Friday** ... substitutional sacrifice curiously absent in Mark.

Spring Parish Workday April 1! Bring Your Chainsaws!

Nope, this is not an April Fool's joke. Bring your chainsaws and help our campus look its best for Spring and Easter during our April 1 Parish Workday. We'll start with some coffee at 8:30 am and work until noon. Please bring gloves, tools, a spirit willing to move a mountain of mulch - and your chainsaws!

Save the Date! Concert for the Human Family Coming HERE!

Holy Comforter is thrilled to host Concert for the Human Family on April 28. This is an inspiring collaboration between award-winning musicians and The Episcopal Church leaders who believe in the power of music and storytelling to foster Beloved Community. Experience genre-bending original music that bridges jazz, hip-hop and bluegrass, performed by a multicultural team led by Nashville pianist and composer Kory Caudill. All woven with sacred stories to launch conversation around reconciliation, healing and justice in the communities we call home.

It's the power of music, for the sake of love.

Ticket information will be available soon. For more information, contact [Beth Hardin](mailto:Beth.Hardin). Take less than 3 minutes to let us know how you might be able to help at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2nvcv9>



More Education Opportunities

Women of Holy Week

This Sunday at 11:30 in the parlor, join Rev. Cat for a book discussion group based on 'Women of Holy Week' by Dr Paula Gooder. We will hear the story of a woman connected with Jesus during Holy Week, followed by time for questions and discussion.

Lunch with the Pastors of Park Road

Share lunch on Wednesdays at noon with the Park Road clergy. Bring your own lunch; drinks and dessert provided.

- March 29 - Woodlawn Community Fellowship - Tom Stinson-Wesley.

THE LAST LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT!

The last movie in our Lenten series is this Thursday and it's "The Shawshank Redemption." We'll begin with a meal at 5:30 pm in Van Every 207.

Common Morning, Common Prayer

Our tradition of praying in the community continues this Lent in the following locations:

- Mondays, 10 am, Caribou Coffee at Park Road Shopping Center, led by Mary Cox.
- Tuesdays at 7:30 am, Community Matters Cafe, 821 West 1st Street, Charlotte, 28202, led by Mark Becker and Susanne Shaw.

Imagining With Scripture

Continues April 2, from 3:00-5:00 in the Parlor at Holy Comforter and on Zoom at:
<https://tinyurl.com/5h26cuns> Password is hoco

The Bible As It IS will Resume After Easter

The Bible As It IS will resume the Sunday after Easter, April 16. We had a wonderful series of conversations on The Holy Spirit, and we are looking forward to holding similar discussions on matters pertaining to Scripture and things relevant to our faith and the Bible.

Worship Opportunities

Overnight Prayer Watch Signup

Sign up to spend an hour in prayer following the Maundy Thursday service and leading into Good Friday. This is a powerful time to center yourself leading into the holiest days of our faith. To sign up: Contact Jessica at jessicad@holycomfortercharlotte.org.

Pentecost Readers Needed

Help us share the Pentecost Gospel in your

language. Readers are wanted to read the Gospel in multiple languages - you may read it in place from your seat in church. Contact Hank Schmulling to participate.

It's Time to Order Easter Lilies

To place an order for the flowers that will decorate our sanctuary this Easter and to honor or remember a loved one, see a member of the Altar Guild Member. The Cost is \$20 - payable in cash or by check.

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Fellowship Opportunities

We need ONE MORE PERSON to have breakfast with us this Thursday at "Stacks Kitchen"! (11100 Monroe Rd, Matthews at 8:30 am) Follow the scent of spilled coffee... it's where Fr. Greg is sitting.

Community Dinners - Schedule and Signup!

We will host a dinner every Wednesday (through the end of Lent). The dinners will be from 5:45-7:00 and be a suggested donation of \$5/person or \$20/family with dietary restriction alternatives if requested. **Register:** <https://forms.gle/Vo6yeQaaEvdKGYb6>
Register to help at: <https://tinyurl.com/5ee5yn3u>

Ministry Opportunities

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Folding Palm Crosses

If you are interested in helping fold palm crosses to be distributed at the Palm Sunday services, please contact Jane Crutchfield. We will meet at the church on Saturday morning, April 1, starting at 9:00 a.m.; come when you can, stay for as long as you can.

We NEED People Who Have Been Blessed!

A few weeks ago, Fr. Greg asked the congregation who has been blessed - and, as you can see, the response was overwhelming.

Now we need some folks who want to help encourage others to generously share their blessings in our Blessings, Gratitude and Generosity Circle Group. Among the goals of this group are to explore how we have personally been blessed and how to make stewardship (time, talent and treasure) part of our vocabulary all year long. Email Trish for the Zoom link and join us, Monday, April 3 at 7 pm.

Looking for Inspirational Easter Basket Fillers?

Parishioner Mary Ann Archer is offering a special through Comforting Treasures Book Shop on her adorable new children's book, which is the second in the series. From Palm Sunday through Eastertide you can combine any two of her books - Zeesha's Tale or her new Zeesha's Journey - for \$20. Stop by the gift shop and browse for these and other inspirational items for Easter!

Beyond Our Walls / Outreach Opportunities

Lunch Bags needed for Roof Above Lunches

We are looking for parishioners to supply 1-gal clear plastic lunch bags (sliding closure preferred) with a bottle of water **and a piece of fruit or a fruit cup, and a snack (e.g. granola bar or cookies)**. Sign up for batches of 10 for March 25: <https://tinyurl.com/4hchxkn>

