



From the Rafters

Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

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Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

February was great fun and full of ministry and worship. We are now in the season of Lent, a penitential time of reconciliation and remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall return. One of the Psalms that I repeat often during this season of Lent is Psalm 101: "O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto thee."



With the Lenten season in mind, it is an appropriate time to remind you of our Resurrection Foundation and our columbarium. I hope we all live happy and long lives, but it is a good idea to make final preparations for our time on earth before we return to dust and to God in heaven. The Resurrection Foundation is a wonderful way for you to remember your parish in your estate planning. We created a great video about the foundation. You can view it on our church's website at any time.

(www.episcopalgreenwood.org) If you are interested in making a gift to the Resurrection Foundation, please call me. You can also be in touch with any of our Foundation Trustees: Connie Hammett, Bruce Craven, Reid Conrad, Cecily Hughes or Summer Booker, Senior Warden. We also have a brochure available in the nave and the gathering space.

As you know, we are blessed with a beautiful columbarium in our courtyard where many of our beloved parishioners are buried. We have a brochure available, as well as documents that explain everything about the columbarium. You

can always reach out to me to plan your burial or for information about the columbarium as well as Joe Fennell or Dean Faden. Any of us would be happy to help you navigate this process.

Lent is about giving up the little things so that we might grow in our ability to not give in to the larger things. It is about growing in patience with ourselves and in our relationship with God through prayer. It is about remembering God's incredible mercy and God's never-ending desire to forgive us, to forgive you, to forgive me. Grow, repent, and learn with God this Lent.

I love each and every one of you,

Mary Balfour+

Our Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team is an essential part of our ministry at the Church of the Resurrection. Caring for your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being is our mission as shepherds.

Members of our church family may be experiencing difficult personal struggles, such as sickness, pain, loneliness, or loss. We want to have an inclusive church family where each member



knows they are loved, supported, and cared for. The vestry members who have the responsibility of the shepherd team meet with Mary Balfour once a month to discuss and receive an updated list of members who would benefit from our expressed love, caring, and support. The vestry members work with the members of the Shepherds Committee to meet the ongoing needs of our congregation. The shepherds make phone calls and write notecards. It does not involve a lot of time because we share the responsibilities. Perhaps this is a ministry you have room for in your heart? Is this something you would like to be a part of?

One of the ways that we have adapted to the COVID virus is by holding “Special Delivery” events. These events are for those that would enjoy a special hello greeting and token of our love. The most recent delivery was strawberry bread for Valentine’s Day. It brings many smiles to these recipients. Many members in the congregation help with these deliveries. It is a rewarding experience for all of us. We encourage you to intentionally reach out to others in need and give of yourself with a cheerful heart. Become a conduit of God’s love and you will discover the more you help others, the more your life improves.

Please contact us if you would like to become a part of this important ministry.

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God’s Peace,
Jo Ann Brewer & Karen Whitfield

Formation Moment: The Lectionary



Many of you know that I was raised in the Southern Baptist Church. I was accustomed to a Sunday worship where our pastor chose the scripture focus each Sunday. Often the scripture he chose was just a few verses that seemed to fit a topic he wished to address. In other words, the pastor’s message was the starting point, and scripture was chosen to support it. This tradition fits well with the Baptist theology of church autonomy. But it is very unlike the Episcopal tradition of using a lectionary, and something I had to learn. I was, of course, introduced to the lectionary simply through participation in Episcopal worship. But I recall a specific event, a mistake really, that led me to study and truly understand it.

It was November 2, 2014, and I was planning the lessons for our (then three!) children’s formation classes. At that time, we used a lectionary-based formation program, and I chose the lessons that belonged with Proper 26, which is the proper¹ for the Sunday closest to November 2. Sounds like a logical choice, doesn’t it? It wasn’t until I arrived Sunday morning that I realized I should have chosen the lesson for All Saints’ Day. Our rector had chosen to use the Proper for All Saints’ Day because it was the Sunday closest to All Saints’ Day, a principal feast day for the Episcopal Church. My mistake was minor, and the children learned just the same. More important was that the occasion gave this former Southern Baptist the opportunity to learn the importance and value of our Lectionary. If you, like me, are somewhat ignorant of the Lectionary and why our church uses it, read on.

¹ A proper consists of the collects, prefaces and readings appointed by the lectionary for each Sunday. They are numbered during Ordinary Time, the liturgical season after

Pentecost. In other seasons, they are identified with the season of the church year, for example, the first Sunday of Advent or the third Sunday in Lent, etc... .

I'll start with the very basic. What is a lectionary? A lectionary is simply an outline of scripture readings. Our scripture, the Bible, is easily divided into four sections: Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament and Gospel. A lectionary organizes readings from one or more of those sections and assigns them to specific days. The organization can be thematic or chronological – *lectio continua*.

Our Lectionary (with a capital “L”) is the Revised Common Lectionary. The Protestant Episcopal Church in America uses the Revised Common Lectionary, often denoted RCL, as the framework for its Sunday scripture readings. All American Episcopal churches and most churches in the worldwide Anglican Communion read the same scripture during worship each Sunday according to the RCL. The RCL outlines scripture over the course of three years – A, B and C – such that by the end of each three-year cycle a parish will have read a significant portion of the bible. In Year A, the Gospel readings come primarily from Mathew, in Year B from Mark and in Year C from Luke. Readings from the Gospel according to John are interspersed throughout each year.

So why use the RCL, as opposed to some other lectionary? The answer to that question comes from the history of the RCL. In the 1960's, biblical, linguistic and liturgical scholars from Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Unitarian and other denominations formed an organization, the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT). It was an ecumenical effort to compile a lectionary for use by *all* Christians, for the holy catholic church. Their effort yielded the Common Lectionary in 1983. After only about a decade of use, the CCT revised the Common Lectionary to allow for a Catholic version (which sometimes uses readings from the Apocrypha) and two Protestant versions, one with the OT readings semicontinuous and one with OT readings paired

to the Gospel lesson. The revisions included more stories of women and omitted blatantly anti-Semitic readings. This Revised Common Lectionary has been in use by the Episcopal Church in America since 1994.²

In addition to its ecumenical roots, a defining aspect of the RCL is its Christological structure. The Gospel readings follow the order of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection as we proceed through our liturgical year of Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The Old Testament readings are paired with the Gospel to show their fulfillment in the life of Christ. The Psalm is meant to be a response to the Old Testament reading. The New Testament stories of the early church tell of our forebears' effort to continue the work of Christ around the world. Thus, the RCL is a deliberate effort to provide unity and ecumenism as the holy catholic church meditates upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ, its savior and redeemer.

There is much to be said for church autonomy, and I appreciated many topical sermons that shaped my faith as I grew into a mature Christian. But the use of a lectionary overcomes a trap – making scripture fit a preconceived message rather than making scripture the message. The pastor of a church is not, and should never be, the center of the show. Christ is the head of the church, and scripture provides a source of connection to Christ that no pastor could alone supply. Using a lectionary maintains our focus on Christ.

I recall a Sunday when I was visiting my parents, and my family attended my former Southern Baptist church. The worship service was comprised of approximately 50% singing of contemporary praise music printed on multiple gigantic screens, 45% preaching on 5 verses of scripture, 3% altar call, and a combined 1% of

² The Sunday readings of the RCL are not the only template for our bible reading. The Book of Common Prayer also includes the Daily Office, which is a 2-year cycle of readings covering every day of the week. If you enjoy a daily meditation on scripture, you could adopt the practice of

reading the Daily Office each day. That discipline fits well with our liturgical season of Lent, and it's never too late to start.

scripture reading and prayer. There was only one, rather short prayer! Different strokes for different folks, but I was wholly unable to worship without hearing the word of God as it has been read for centuries, even before there were Christians to hear it. We Episcopalians sometimes are criticized for our reliance on the Book of Common Prayer and our rejection of biblical inerrancy. But I wager we read more of the bible on any given Sunday than our more autonomous brothers and sisters.³

Our practice of reading scripture in worship dates back long before the birth of Christ. It was a historical Jewish worship practice to read scripture, called the *miqra*, most often one reading from the Torah, one from the Prophets and sometimes the Psalms. The Jewish community even had a lectionary, a *lectio continua* of Torah reading in, you guessed it, a three-year cycle! Hence lectionary reading was the worship discipline of the community into which Jesus was born, and we read of him practicing it several times in the Gospel, most obviously in Luke 4:16-21.

Notice also that the reading of scripture is oral. We may follow along with our bulletin, but scripture is always read aloud to us for our collective hearing. We experience the word of God in the same manner as we might experience an artistic musical performance. As a congregation, we experience the stories of our Jewish ancestors as they encountered and understood God thousands of years ago. We recite together the same words of praise, lament and supplication as our forebears did. We hear the struggle of our Christian predecessors as they built an entirely new religion. We remember the life of Jesus, his wisdom, compassion and sacrifice. Our Lectionary connects us to God, to one another and to all faithful people across space and time.

³ According to one source, 87% of the words in the Book of Common Prayer are direct quotations of scripture. Much of the remaining is a paraphrase of scripture. Add our BCP liturgy to the lectionary readings and you have yourself a



**LENTEN SERIES:
MY FAITH
JOURNEY**

*JOIN US AS WE HEAR STORIES OF
FAITH FROM OUR SISTERS AND
BROTHERS IN CHRIST*

*FEBRUARY 24TH: BRIDGE SIMPKINS
MARCH 3RD: MITCHELL FELTON
MARCH 10TH: MOOREA KNIGHTS
MARCH 17TH: TIM WOOD
MARCH 24TH: SUMMER BOOKER*

THE SERIES WILL BE FROM 6:30-7:00 ON ZOOM.
THE LINK WILL BE EMAILED OUT EVERY WEEK.



**Second
Sunday**

March 14, 2021



**Meg's
House**

**Wish List
New Items
Only, Please:**

Paper Towels	Twin Blankets	Combs
Paper Plates	Pillows	Toothpaste
Toilet Tissue	White Towels	Tooth brushes
Clorox Wipes	White Washcloths	Sweat pants
Lysol Spray	Shampoo	(all sizes)
Kleenex	Conditioner	Sweat shirts
Twin Sheets	Hair Brushes	(all sizes)

worship service that is comprised almost entirely of scripture recitation offered up to God in remembrance, prayer, praise and thanksgiving.



Altar Arrangements:

Lent: The altar arrangements are given during the season of Lent in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.

March 28 – Palm Sunday – Palms given by Mary Jo Tolbert in memory of Joe Lincoln Tolbert, Jr. and Miss Margaret Allen Gaillard.


The Presence Candle in the sanctuary burns in thanksgiving for the birth of his two new granddaughters, Mary Holcombe "Holly" McCabe and Keller Grace Yochum by Bill McCabe.

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March 2021 Ministry Schedule

If you cannot fill the position assigned, please make arrangements for your replacement, and let the Parish Office know of the change. Thank you!

	March 7, 2021 The Third Sunday in Lent	March 14, 2021 The Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 21, 2021 The Fifth Sunday in Lent	March 28, 2021 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday (See below)
Vestry of the Month	Bill McCabe and Susu Wallace			
Altar Guild	Susu Wallace (Chair), Marty Cobb, Mary Van Ellenberg, Connie Hammett, Anne Magruder, Sarah McKinney			
Readings	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Mary Bright	Deryl McGuire	Chuck McDonnell	
2nd Reader and Prayers of the People	Chuck McDonnell	Lou Wynne	Mary Bright	
Usher	John Scurry	Paul Criswell	Lou Wynne	
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Eddie Barber	Summer Booker	Ryan Floyd	
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Trisha Craven	Norm Fawcett	Gerald Brooks	
Ushers	Bob & Jo Ann Brewer	John Cobb Tom Cobb	Edward Gibson Walker Moore	

Sunday, March 28, 2021: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
One service at 10:00 AM

Crucifer: Virginia Glenn Donaghy

Ushers: Albert Merrill, Archie Booker, Walker Moore

Psalm 22:1-11: Chuck McDonnell

Passion Reading (Mark 14:1 – 15:47): Mary Balfour Dunlap, Summer Booker, Mary Woodiwiss, Karen Whitfield, Jane Merrill, Delaney Floyd, Michael Floyd, Peter Russell, Jan Puzar, Peter Marshall, Rita Marshall, John Maschoff, Rebecca Merrill, Bill McCabe, Frank Wideman, Hailey Willis, Ashley Woodiwiss,

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

Birthdays

03 - Reid Conrad
 03 – Burl Ricker
 04 – George Hyatt
 04 – Beth Wood
 05 – Whitfield Brooks
 09 – Andy Anderson
 09 – Tom Hochheimer
 10 – Anne Marie Glawe
 10 – Kim Russell
 13 – Nick Bachinski
 15 – Patrick Kinney
 18 – Beverly Wilson

17 – Trisha Craven
 17 – Kenneth Headley Downs
 18 – David DiBenedetto
 18 – Norm Fawcett
 18 - Paige Ouzts
 19 – Jon Newlon
 20 – Margaret Ann Hasting
 22 - Bette Ricker
 22 – Lisa Treeter
 27 – Gaivnion Smith
 29 – Don Bergman
 30 – Joanne Hochheimer

30 – Sandy Moore
 31 – Sue Moore

Anniversaries

01 – Deborah & and John Maschoff
 17 – Reva & Stephen Davis
 24 – Lattie & Lonnie Gillespie
 29 – Jane & Albert Merrill

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Denise Brown, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, Carol Dean, Bobby Ellerbe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, Chris Jayne, Nicholas Kent, Rebecca Long, Nancy Miller, Erich Normandía, Teedie Radford, Domer Ridings, Bridge Simpkins, Terry Wynne (Lou Wynne's brother), Jerry Carver (Diana Carver's dad), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Olive Daggett (Beth Wood’s nephew), Carolyn Devore (Dyan Webb's sister), Pat DeYoung, Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett’s mother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Jennifer Love (Renee Love's sister), Linda Love (Renee Love's mother), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright’s nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Wallace Pouncey (John Maschoff’s uncle), Mason Shirley, Brad Thomas (Libby & Henry Cary family), Lee Van Zandt (Mary Balfour’s cousin), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman’s sister) and Jack McGinn (Marilyn Bennett’s brother in law).

And for these persons: Carol Cauthen (Laura Shealy's friend), Craig Loner (friend of George Rush), and Linda Price (friend of the Brewers).

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at denise@episcopalgreenwood.org or call 223-5426.

We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Last Month	\$70,714	\$31,000	\$1,401	\$1,433	\$44,917	\$46,573
Year to Date	\$92,161	\$62,000	\$3,413	\$2,867	\$73,349	\$77,924



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Shana Southard-Dobbs
Susu Wallace
Karen Whitfield

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