

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, OR ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2009

Welcome to St. Bede's Church on this first day of Lent. Today the liturgy is intended to be a challenge to Christian people. It confronts us with the radical change in living which is the way of Christ. We are faced with sin and salvation as alternative directions for our lives—sin as separation from God, from others, from ourselves, and from the natural world; salvation as reconciliation with God, others, the natural world, and ourselves.

The liturgy on Ash Wednesday is reduced to its primary elements of Word and Sacrament. We are called to consider our mortality and, in that context, our sin and our absolute dependence on God for salvation and for life.

We may be tempted to limit our concern to our sins and our mortality, letting the ashes be the most important thing in our worship today. But the liturgy uses the ashes simply as the starting point for that which is far deeper and ultimately more important: salvation. The ashes, the penitence, the fasting—all these are but the means to the goal of Ash Wednesday, of Lent, and of all Christian living: namely, repentance, new life, and ministry to others.

“Be reconciled to God,” Paul tells us. Repentance, says the prophet Joel, opens us to the discovery of God's love and mercy. Make your prayer, fasting, and ministry the marks of an inner and fundamental way of living, day in and day out, the Lord says.

On this day, the phrase, “Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return,” is turned around into, “you shall have life, and you shall have it abundantly.” From *The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year*.

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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.*
- *Please come forward after the invitation and receive around the altar.*
- *If you prefer to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread rather than sipping from the cup),*
- *please keep the bread in your hand until the eucharistic minister takes it from your hand.*
- *If you wish to have communion brought to your chair, please inform the Ushers.*
- *If you are visiting, please either sign the guest book or complete a pew card & leave it in the collection plate or with an usher.*
- *If you wish a pastoral call, please see the Ushers.*
- *Items to be included in the bulletin must be at the office by the preceding Tuesday morning.*

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LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays: Church School (Nursery – Middle School),
9.45 - 10:45 a.m.

Via Media: a look at an Anglican way of being Christian,
Noon (thru March 14)

Tuesdays: Breakfast & Bible, 9 - 10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays: Adult Forum, 7:30 - 8.45 p.m.

home study: Communion instruction for early grade
children — see the clergy by March 1st.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

On **Wednesdays in Lent**, we will gather for an evening
service will be at 7 p.m.

It will be preceded by a soup dinner at 6:30 p.m. and
followed by the Adult Forum at 7:30 p.m.

The location schedule is as follows:

St. Andrew's: Feb. 24, March 10 & 24

St. Bede's: March 3 & 17

& in Holy Week: March 31 (Tenebrae) at 8 p.m.
(no soup or class)

This Lent, we shall be studying
“*A Crucified Christ in Holy Week*”
by Raymond Brown.

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Canon James Newman

is the celebrant & preacher.

The Revs. Joshua Elliott-McGuffie,

Victoria Mouradian & Giovan King are assisting.

Lay Assistants: Annette Graw & Michael Gallagher

Mr. Frank Basile is the organist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Late Epiphany/Lent Quill* & **February Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss:
3/15 - *The Help*, K. Stockett
- **St. Joseph Center** food collection next Sunday.
- **NYA Scholarship Dinner** – March 5 @ the Riviera Country Club. Please talk with Ruth Nicastro or Mthr. Vicki.

New to the Episcopal Church? Lost in the
 ♦ Prayer Book? Hazy about Sin & Redemption?
 Want to be confirmed or received? Meet the Episcopal Church
 up close and personal – come to the Via Media Class (8 weeks)
 after the 10 am service.
 ♦ St. Joseph Center food collection next Sunday.
 ♦ St. Bede's AIDS Ministry: May 3 at 9 a.m. at
 St. Mary's. See Jeannette Young (398-6925) for details.
 ♦ St. Joseph Center food collection TODAY.
 ♦ Today we remember those who have birthdays
 or anniversaries in May; the collection taken benefits the
 Neighborhood Youth Association.
 ♦ New to the Episcopal Church? Lost in the
 ♦ Deadline for the August Quill is July 16.

Week 1:
 Dennis Winston Roger Jayne Nancy Mills
 Week 2:
 Kyle Ferstead Denise Daclan &/or Dan Smith Dennis &/or
 Connor Winston
 Week 3:
 Annette Graw Quinn Kelley Tom Ledsam
 Week 4:
 Michael Gallagher Roger Jayne Kyle Ferstead Ron Zullo
 5th Sunday at 8 a.m.:
 Michael Gallagher Tom Ledsam

Eucharistic Visitors

Michael Gallagher & Janet Fox, Kyle Ferstead, Samira Tamer &
 Annette Graw, Annette Graw & Michael Mullins, Kyle Ferstead,
 Kathy Russell & Angus Mackay

We pray for the lay ministries of this parish, remembering
 especially this week:

- 1
the wardens, vestry officers & members, and the members of
parish committees
- 2
the Verger, lay eucharistic ministers, healing team members,
intercessors, lectors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, counters, and the
sacristans
- 3
the music director, choir, musicians, and the Friends of Music
- 4
the St. John's Guild, the Sisters of Bede, the Brothers of Bede,
the Bookworms of Bede, the Kids of Bede & the Friends of
Bede
- 5
the AIDS ministry & those who minister with the N.Y.A, St.
Joseph Center, the OPCC and the Daybreak Center & with our
NYA scholarship students Lenny, Stephanie & Jessy
- 6
nursery workers, Church School teachers, leaders of adult
education classes, and those participating in EFM and other
educational programs
- 7
those who minister in the committees and institutions of the
Deanery & Diocese
- 8
those who assist in the parish office & help maintain the Church
and the grounds.
- 9 (fifth Sundays)
those who meet at St. Bede's seeking health and wholeness from
addictions

Week 1:
 Akani Fletcher, Sharon Arthur, Christoph Dugré, Janet Fox ,
 Phyllis Morrison, Gina Turella, Reed Wilson
 James Raef, Reed Wilson

Week 2:
 Barbara Sands, Annette Graw, Steve Buck, Laird Hegamin,
 Betsy Hiteshew, Phil Schultz, Samira Tamer
 James Raef

Week 3:
 Dennis Winston, Tom Elliott, Lew Ehrich, Liz Mohler, Kathy
 Russell, Alice Short, Anita Van Tellingen
 Carl Townsend, Jeanette Young

Week 4:
 Angus Mackay, Diane Gandara, Edmonde Haddad, Kim
 Hudson, Peggy Levenstein, Michael Mullins, Ashkan Sobhe,
 Adelaide Vaughn
 Russ Harter

5th Sundays at 10 a. m.
 The lay assistants at the late service are:
 March 29, 2009: Team 3
 May 31, 2009: Team 4
 August 30, 2009: Team 1
 November 29, 2009: Team 2