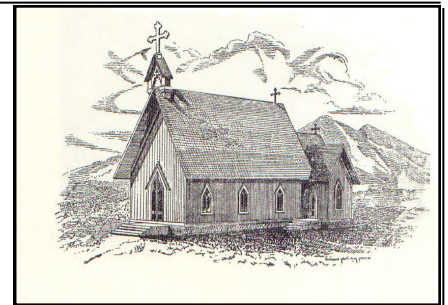




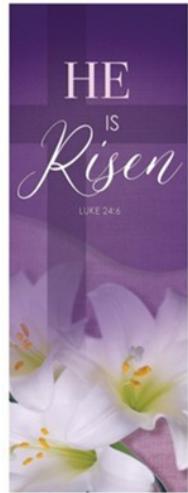
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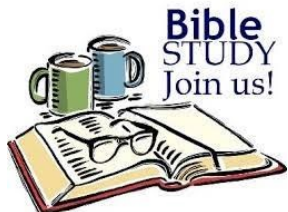
The Vicar's Moment...

by the Rev. Taylor B. Clark



Good morning, and welcome to another Vicar's Corner.

I am sitting in the library, watching the stream rushing by. The sun is peeking out from our winter haze, and some snow is on the bridge's edges. It is nippy out there, but it is quiet and warm here, with no interference to writing. I came to the library this morning to gain another perspective on the presence of this season of Lent in my mind and heart. Things have been busy this last week with trips to Ontario and Boise and gearing up for Lent. I am so grateful for this season. It helps me center on what is important in my life. Lent has historically been a time of reflection and internal dialogue between me and my relationship with God and my neighbor. I guess I become more focused on the practice of my life, and more especially my spiritual life. During these 40 days prior to Easter, we can more diligently focus on what our relationship with Jesus is and what we might do to connect more closely.



Fridays at 11:00 am

There are some options for us that the season calls for. Increased intimacy with our lord through reading scripture, maybe Christian fiction, books, and audio files. Sometimes, I have found articles about centering from magazines, YouTube, presentations on the internet, and re-reading books that have put me in a receiving space. There are several that I have found that lift my perspective. 'Man's Search for Meaning' by Victor Frankel, Hiding Places written by Corie Ten Boom, A.W. Tozer, and anything written by CS Lewis. Each Wednesday during Lent, we have our soup supper with the service of Compline. We meet in the chapel with others who are also finishing their work day. Compline offers a period of peacefulness with purpose. We give thanks for the day and ask forgiveness for those things that we have done amiss. We ask that what has been done during the day, let it be, and those things that are not done, to be at peace with our efforts. We then come to a simple meal of soup and bread. What a way to regain our sense of community and renew our strength for the rest of the week.

We still have three weeks till Easter. There are several church services that are available for you and your family until then. This Sunday, we will have Morning Prayer rite 2. The next week is Eucharist, rite 1, and then Holy Week with services on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. We will have a Eucharist and foot washing. It is a humbling and freeing experience. There will be the Triduum Easter service on Holy Saturday evening with the kindling of the new flame of Christ's presence. The next morning, we will have a baptism for Kimberly and a renewal of our own baptismal vows. It is a glorious time as we come into our resurrected Lord's presence, renewed, refreshed, and empowered to go forth in the power of the spirit. Come see.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

I am your grateful Vicar and Priest,
Taylor.

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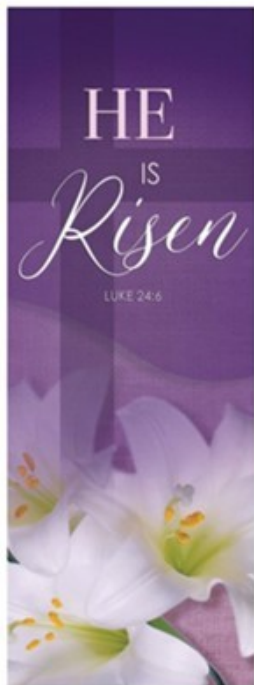
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Mar 3	Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am	3 Lent
Mar 10	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	4 Lent
Mar 17	Holy Eucharist I @ 9 am	5 Lent
Mar 24	Palm Sunday – Holy Eucharist I @ 9 am	Palm Sunday
Mar 30	Easter Eve Service - Time to be determined	Easter Eve
Mar 31	Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist I @ 9 am	Easter Sunday
Apr 7	Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am	2 Easter
Apr 14	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	3 Easter
Apr 21	Holy Eucharist II @ 9 am	4 Easter
Apr 28	Morning Prayer II @ 9 am	5 Easter