

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

The Confession and Absolution

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

People **Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

+The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

*The Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lesson, *all seated*

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, *read by Michael Haynie at 8:00 am
and by Alice Trowbridge at 10:30 am*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27, *all chant*



T = treble (higher) voices L = lower voices

- T** *The LORD* is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I / fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I / be afraid?
- L** When evildoers came upon me to eat up my / flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who / stumbled • and fell.
- T** Though an army should encamp a- / gainst me, *
yet my heart shall not / be afraid;
- L** And though war should rise up a- / gainst me, *
yet will I put my / trust in him.
- T** One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I / seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days / of my life;
- L** To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD *
and to seek him / in his temple.
- T** For in the day of trouble
he shall keep me safe in his / shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high up- / on a rock.
- L** Even now he lifts up my / head *
above my enemies / round about me.
- T** Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great / gladness; *
I will sing and make music / to the LORD.
- L** Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call; *
have mercy on me and / answer me.
- T** You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my / face." *
Your face, LORD, / will I seek.
- L** Hide not your face from / me, *
nor turn away your servant / in displeasure.
- T** You have been my helper;
cast me not a- / way; *
do not forsake me, O God of / my salvation.
- L** Though my father and my mother for- / sake me, *
the LORD / will sustain me.

T Show me your way, O / LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because / of my enemies.

L Deliver me not into the hand of my adver- / saries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who / **speak** malice.

T What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the / LORD *
in the land / of the living!

L O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your / heart; *
wait patiently / for the LORD.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1, *read by Leann Carpenter at 8:00 am
and by James Sangree 10:30 am*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn, *all standing*

Kind maker of the world, O hear

Hymnal 152

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Children's Sermon, *all seated*

After the children's sermon, children who wish to participate in The Children's Word (Sunday School) may follow the leaders to the undercroft; they will return at the Peace to rejoin their families. Parents are welcome to come along.

The Sermon, *all seated*

The Reverend Thelma Smullen

The Nicene Creed, *all stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, *please let us face each other across the aisle*

*Led by Judy Sabalauskas at 8:00 am
and by Nicete Moodie at 10:30 am*

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, wait patiently for the Lord. Trusting our merciful God to hear us, we pray. Almighty God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Show us your ways, O Lord, and give us the strength to stand firm. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

People **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Intercessor Forgive us, gracious God, for the violence and anger in our own hearts. Open our ears and hearts to listen to your prophets and heed their call to repentance. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

People **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Intercessor We long, O God, to behold your fair beauty. Open our eyes to the beauty all around us. Inspire our hearts to sing out and make music to you. We give thanks for _____. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

People **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for all those who have no place to call home. In their day of trouble keep them safe in your shelter; hide them in your dwelling. May they find housing in this life and find their home in your heart forever. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

People **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, you desire to gather your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Be the light and salvation of those who are lost and alone. May all in need know your goodness and mercy, remembering _____. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

People **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, in the fullness of time make all things subject to yourself and transform us, with all your saints, that at the last we might be conformed to your glorious likeness. We remember the departed, especially _____. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

People **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Intercessor Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+Offertory Acclamation

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

*Offertory Anthem, *all seated* *Behold the Savior of mankind* Allen Orton Gibbs (1910-1996)

*Behold the Savior of mankind
nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that him inclined
to bleed and die for thee!*

*Hark, how he groans! while nature shakes,
and earth's strong pillars bend;
the temple's veil in sunder breaks,
the solid marbles rend.*

*But soon he'll break death's envious chain,
and in full glory shine:
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
was ever love, like thine?*

*Offertory Hymn *O God of gentle strength* Wonder, Love and Praise 770

Great Thanksgiving, *all standing* Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, *contemporary*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, *followed by silence*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*For the Agape Meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Grant that we who share this food and drink, may receive the sustaining life of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Instructions for Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. At St. B's we offer the sacrament of Holy Communion for those on site as well as the Agape Meal for those off site. Each meal is unique but each gives us the chance to share a meal and to be "in communion" with Jesus and one another no matter where we are!

To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. Please assist the Chalicists by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) is available in a small silver bowl in the back and at the altar rail.

At the time of the Eucharist, individual prayers for healing and the laying on of hands will be available for anyone in the congregation. At the 8:00 am service, those who wish such prayers should proceed directly to the back of the Church before receiving communion. At 10:30 am, those who wish such prayers should go directly to Trinity Chapel where they will receive both prayers and communion.

If you choose to receive a blessing instead of communion, please place your arm across your chest.

If walking to the altar is difficult or painful, please stay seated during communion.

The ministers of communion will gladly serve you in your pew.

+*Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Agnus Dei

8va bassa ———— Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, —
— you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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*Communion Hymn

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Hymnal 337

+Prayer of Thanksgiving, *all standing*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving, *all standing*

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church – wherever that may be, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. No matter how we have received you today in our meal of communion, whether by sacrament or otherwise, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us in your grace, Holy Spirit, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us – now and always, wherever we are. Amen.

The Blessing

The Commissioning, *please face the open door*

Deacon As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and mission as a congregation:

People **We will, with God's help, be a vibrant faith community that is a blazing beacon of God's transforming love in the world. God is calling us to take righteous risks. We accept this call, and will respond by seeking and serving Christ in ALL people.**

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

Improvisation on "How firm a foundation"

Thank you.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We pray that you were spiritually edified and blessed.

If you are visiting, please feel free to join us again and/or connect with any of our members.

May you have a delightful and blessed week!

Memorials and Thanksgivings

The *candles* are given in thanksgiving for the 33rd birthday of Brooks Ann Lawler.

The *bread and wine* are given in thanksgiving for the 60th Anniversary of Inez Haynie Dodson and her family worshipping at St. Bartholomew's.

Make a Pledge or give to St. B's online!

Use the link below or scan the QR code
with your smartphone camera to make an online donation:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stbs-md>



Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...

Please join us in praying for those in our parish undergoing surgery or other acute challenges: Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Mary Buchanan; Wayne Pulliam; Brian; Ronnie Clarke; Chilton Knudsen; Vince Marsiglia; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Sandra DeSilva; Bill Wacker; Vivian Thompson and family.

And for those who need our continuing prayers: The Rev. Sandye Wilson; Jason Terrell; The family of Yana Anderson; James Cooper; Kimberly Hayes; Tom McNeil; Vivian Morton; Leslie Hohn; Karen Johnson; Beth Schlegel; Grace; Kathy; Lucy Marshall; Tijon Cox and family; Debbie McClellan; Bryce Kaspar; Charles Tucker; Irene Hardy; Larry Brown; Phoenix DeVale; Earl Shaneor; Robin Blackburn; Dorris McElroy; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; Nathan; Jean McElroy; Bernice; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed; the unhoused; and all people touched by war and other forms of violence worldwide.

Join Us for a Transformative Lenten Journey: Witness at the Cross

During the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to embark on a profound journey of reflection and discovery with us. Join our Lenten Study series on Amy-Jill Levine's enlightening book, *Witness at the Cross*. This is a unique opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Passion narrative and explore the diverse perspectives of those who witnessed the crucifixion.

Event Details:

- Stations of the Cross: 5:45 pm
- Potluck Supper: 6:00 pm
- Study Session: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

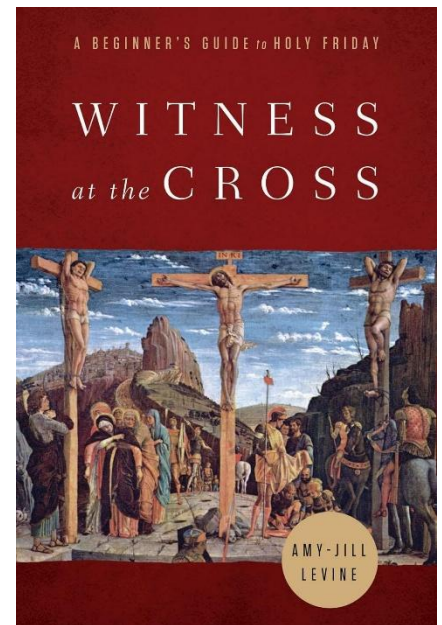
When: Every Wednesday during Lent, starting **March 12** and concluding the week before Palm Sunday (**April 9**).

The program will take place in the Parish House, but Zoom will also be available. Each evening will begin with the solemn Stations of the Cross, setting the tone for a reflective and meaningful experience. Following this, we will share a simple supper, offering a time for fellowship and community. Our study session will then delve into Levine's compelling insights, encouraging thoughtful discussion and personal growth.

This series offers a great opportunity for us to enrich your Lenten journey. Don't miss this chance to engage with the powerful narratives that continue to inspire and challenge us. We look forward to sharing this sacred time with you.

Please feel free to invite friends and family to join us in this enriching experience. If you'd like to read the book but don't have a copy, you're welcome to borrow one from the office. Please return it when you're finished so others can enjoy it as well. We're excited to explore this journey together!

P.S. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers from each committee to help set up and clean up during for the Lenten suppers, starting at 5:00 pm. Please contact Sharon Selleck to let her know you can help, or with questions. Thank you!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning March 16, 2025



- Sunday** We celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in the Church. You can also join us for worship at 10:30 on [Zoom](#).
- D-Group**, for youth entering 6th through 12th grade, meets in the Youth House at 9:15 am. Join us today for food, fun, fellowship, and faith!
- Faith Forum** begins at 9:15 in the Parish House and on Zoom. Join Joe Twist in Conversation with Father Al Risdorfer. Father Al is the pastor of Our Lady of Undoer of Knots Parish, an inclusive Catholic community. The parish is a member of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), which is independent of the Roman Catholic Church. They worship Sunday evenings at 6:00 in our sanctuary. Come and hear what should be a fun and free-flowing discussion and learn more about Father Al, this community, and the mission Our Lady of Undoer of Knots.
- Child care** is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through Noon. Please stop by the Cribbery and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.
- Monday** The **Handbell Choir** will rehearse at 7:00 pm. New members are welcomed and may contact Willis Keeling at 410-947-5507 for additional information.
- The **Hope Harbor Board** will meet in the Parish House at 4:00 pm.
- Tuesday** There will be a **Vestry meeting** at 6:30 pm.
- There will be a meeting of the **Daughters of the King** at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- Wednesday** The **Classics** will begin at 11:00 am in the Parish House. *See more information below.*
- Stations of the Cross** begins at 5:45 pm, followed by the **Lenten Program** (see page 13).
- Thursday** The **Choir School of West Baltimore** begins at 5:30 pm.
- Compline** begins at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please contact Brigit Molony (brigitmolony@msn.com) for the Zoom link and more information. Compline will return to Wednesdays after Easter.
- At 7:30 pm, the **St. Bartholomew Choir (older youth & adults)** practices in the Undercroft.

Community Notes . . .

Please send all **annual reports for the Annual Meeting booklet** to adam@stbs-md.org by April 1.

Our Lenten program continues this Wednesday, March 19. (See more information elsewhere in the bulletin.) *Please bring a soup, salad or bread to share for the light supper.* We still need committee members to help set up and clean up on March 26, April 2, and April 9. Please speak to Sharon Selleck if you can help.

Lenten Offering Folders - A Lenten Discipline: Lenten folders are a way to engage in a daily discipline of almsgiving during the 40 days of Lent. Each day, participants are encouraged to put \$1 or 25 ¢ (or any amount they are able) into the folder. This simple act of generosity serves as a reminder of the season of sacrifice and reflection. The collected funds will be used to help cover the cost of coffee hour, providing fellowship and community for all who attend. Your contributions, no matter how small, will help nurture the spirit of community. Please feel free to take one and return it at the end of the Lent by placing it in the collection plate.

Come to the Classics on March 19 at 11:00 am to hear about Baltimore's At-Risk Buildings!

Baltimore's buildings and spaces disappear. Some are too costly to maintain or repurpose. Some are a threat to health, safety and welfare. Some are even removed by mistake! It can be surprising to discover

buildings that required so much energy to create can easily become “at risk”. They become “Dead Buildings Standing”. Baltimore-based architect Jerome Gray uses field sketches and biography to reveal our city's history and future. Jerome curates the sketches on an Instagram feed @jcgarch. The talk will be informal and shine a light on: Who created Baltimore’s buildings and spaces. What are their past and current uses? When were they created? Why do they matter? Where are they located? After the program, we will have lunch together - so bring your lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Classics welcomes adults ages 50 and up and requests a donation of \$2.00 per person each month to fund our Classics budget. For further information, or to volunteer to bring a dessert for the group, please call Barbara Yeager (410-465-0407).

There are several **opportunities to offer candles, bread or wine in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one** on the Sundays of March. Please contact Glorius Sullivan to list your offering.

Battery recycling: Deposit used printer ink cartridges, lithium button batteries, and rechargeable batteries for tools and electronics, and alkaline batteries in the collection box in the Tower Room. St. B's gets money for ink cartridges!

Please continue to wear your nametags while Mario and his family learn everyone’s name. If you need one, please contact Adam Barner at adam@stbs-md.org.

Mario’s email address is mario@stbs-md.org. **His mobile number** is (240) 319-3917.

If your **contact information** has changed, please inform the Parish Office (office@stbs-md.org) as soon as possible. Please also send us your **birthdays and wedding anniversaries** so we can update our records accordingly. Thank you!

Monday through Saturday at 12:00 Noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Adam Barner (adam@stbs-md.org).

Thanks for your continued donations of food to 40 West! We are in need of SMALL containers of mayo, ketchup, mustard, and cooking oil. We also welcome gently used winter coats and sweaters during the cold winter weather. Thank you!

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

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| April 1 | Deadline for Annual Report submissions |
| April 7 | Deadline for Easter flower memorials |
| April 13 | Palm Sunday |
| April 20 | Easter Day |
| April 27 | St. B's Annual Parish Meeting (one service only, at 9:30 am) |

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, office@stbs-md.org, or visit our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>.

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Opening Hymn

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Sequence Hymn

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est
 3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -
 5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - ya tear poured forth by all the
 2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
 3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry
 4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,
 5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
 2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
 3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.
 4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
 5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

Words: St. Gregory the Great (540-604); ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *A la venue de Noël*, melody from *Fleurs des Noël*s, 1535
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Offertory Hymn

1. O God of gen - tle strength, your love em -
 2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have claimed us
 3. And when life's chal - len - ges e - clipse our
 4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The path may

bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness of your care
 as your own. As mem - bers of one bod - y, we
 minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom spark a flame
 be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of things un - seen

1. 2. 3. 4.
 my heart rests will - ing - ly.
 shall nev - er be a - lone.
 to drive the dark - ness out.
 will keep our foot - ing sure.

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Communion Hymn

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt.
 Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Closing Hymn



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.

Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929)

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