

THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Rector's Reflections

If I were to pick a favorite sentiment of mine that some might say borders on the heretical, it would probably have to be the quote from the end of John Keats' poem, "Ode on a Grecian Urn":

Beauty is truth, truth beauty, – that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.

Lent might seem an odd season to be quoting from English Romantic poetry, let alone sharing questionable mind-sets. But I've always been struck by this idea of truth-bearing beauty. However, we ought not reduce this concept to that which is merely "pretty" to our immediate biases and preferences. The authentic perception of true beauty calls for the *work* of our whole, growing personhood. Such work calls us out of the hurried mode of existence in which we "see" without seeing, "hear" without hearing – and can receive only what, at the time, we think we like. Recovery of simplicity now requires discipline. "Quietness...silence, and slow time" no longer just happen for us. Such thinking may not be out of step with Lent, after all.

For our Study Group this month we will offer a three-week series on the work of Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), another English poet -- and Jesuit priest. Hopkins, too, was concerned with the apprehension of core realities. I find his writing a delight. Our own Betsy Guyon and I will co-lead these sessions. Details on the series are found in this issue of *The Call*. The Group reading pace will be much more modest than sometimes is the case. Poetry is meant to be savored, after all. I look forward to seeing a number of you there.

I've mentioned before that I'm glad that our central Christian celebration (Easter) is not tied to a fixed date, but moves about with lunar cycles. This is primal and feels very appropriate. However, as Easter comes so early this year, it is likely almost to catch us by surprise. It's worth it, then, to be deliberate about Lent – so it doesn't pass us by. In particular, looking at our calendars, to make room in our schedules for Holy Week, might not be a bad idea. We perceive Christ, the Beauty of God, in faithful wholeness, not

only in the glories of Easter Sunday morning, in all its exultant brilliance (as wonderful as this surely is). Rather, we are given a complete (and sometimes very difficult) Beauty, also, in the Washing of the Feet, the Stripping of the Altar, the Watch, pondering of the Sacrifice, and – in the midst of darkness – Lighting of New Fire.

Such vision, received in spirit, changes those who perceive.

Blessings on our journeys. May they be in grace.

Yours in Christ,

Adam †

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Monday - Thursday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Friday is Fr. Adam's usual day off. Always feel free to contact him in the event of a hospitalization or a pastoral emergency at the office (392-8168) or at home (605-1883).

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Holding the Center

The Lenten Season is traditionally a time for confession. So, in the hopes that you will be free, if needs be, to seek out my counsel, or to request an ear for your admissions, I wish to take this opportunity to open the conversation with a confession of my own. I *love* reading Stephen King novels.

My current stack of readings is a surprising mix of history, theology, poetry, and creepy. I'm enjoying my journey into the Elizabethan English of Richard Hooker. With apologies to Father Adam and Mark LeTourneau; while I have been unable to attend most of the sessions on *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, I am, nonetheless, trying to attend to Mr. Hooker on my own. My reading stack also contains a Pulitzer Prize winning novel on African-American history, a revisiting of C.S. Lewis' *Abolition of Man*, a Dickens novel which had somehow escaped my earlier reading, an analysis of the presidency, a worn copy of poetry, and a new examination of St. Paul's life. I mix and match throughout the week, whenever time and student essays allow. Oh yes, there is one other book in my stack... whatever I haven't read by Stephen King.

I have, with great pleasure, begun King's *Dark Tower* series. King considers these books his life's work and he has been giving this epic tale to his readers, piece by piece, for the last thirty years.

King weaves a tapestry in which kingdoms fall because the structural integrity of the worlds characters live in, is collapsing. The past becomes fluid, memories change, Time runs backwards and forwards and in all directions in a single stream of consciousness. Things that were once considered advancements no longer work. People adopt names and terms which once stood for noble ideas, but use those names and terms to promote the further collapse of their worlds.

While I've always believed that reading a variety of literature is a great way to stretch the mind and heart, I have wondered occasionally about the larger thought strands that connect all the literature each of us finds appealing. I see one such connection in my stack of books. Whether St. Paul, Dickens, Hooker, Lewis, history, politics, or yes, even King – one theme keeps emerging. Brutality, deceit, and hatred create both chaos and constant in our worlds. We live in the midst of hailstorms where empires rise and fall based on power and intrigue. But the Good, the Noble, the Selfless, continue on throughout it all.

We are exhorted by St. Paul to be part of 'a new creation' based on justice and peace. Christ calls us to push aside the old ways where the center collapses. Instead we are to build our lives as a community, embracing the Good, the Noble, the Selfless.

Histories shift, empires change, and evil transforms itself. The hunger for power and control goes on, and the structural integrity of our own world strains from it. But, it is in our shared worship, our shared prayers, our shared meal, the center continues to hold. Jesus, by His life and message threatened the status quo. Can we dare to do less?

Blessings,

Claudia †

Adult Sunday School

We continue our conversations on the award-winning PBS series, *The Question of God*. Dr. Armand Nicholi compares and contrasts the views of Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis. Please join us in Tuttle Hall at 9:30 on Sundays. The schedule is as follows:

February 27	Session 6: <i>Why Believe?</i>
March 6	Session 7: <i>Miracles</i> , Part A
March 13	Session 8: <i>Miracles</i> , Part B
March 20	Session 9: <i>Love Thy Neighbor</i> , Part A
March 27	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Easter)
April 3	Session 10: <i>Love Thy Neighbor</i> , Part B

A Lenten Journey through the Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins with a Writer and a Priest

Hopkins, a 19th century Roman Catholic priest and Classics scholar, left behind a delightful collection of poetry and essays. Join us for a three-week journey into works by a master of original style, an innovator in poetic language and rhythm, and one of the most 'powerful and profound of our religious poets.' (W.H. Gardner)

Classes will be led by Rev. Adam Linton, Rector at Good Shepherd, and Betsy Guyon, fiction writer, and literary enthusiast. Copies of Hopkins' *Poems and Prose* are available in The Attic. Study Groups meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and Thursdays at 12:45pm at Good Shepherd.

March 1 & March 3
Introduction and Biography
"God's Grandeur" and "Binsey Poplars"

March 8 & March 10
Sprung Rhythm and Falling Feet: The Music of Poetry
"Henry Purcell" and "The Windhover"

March 15 & March 17
Inscape and Instress
"Carion Comfort" and "Pied Beauty"

The Attic

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden

Gifts ~ Books ~ Jewelry

Open Sundays 9:00am - 1:30pm
Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm
Thursdays Noon - 1:00pm

Holy Week Services

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

12:15pm Holy Eucharist

**7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Washing of Feet
Stripping of the Altar**

(Following this service you are invited to spend an hour in quiet meditation and reflection at the church. We would like to have someone keeping watch in the church at all times until the first service on Good Friday. Any number of people at any time are welcome and encouraged to share in this powerful experience. A sign up sheet is located on the board by the office.)

Friday, March 25

12:15pm and 7:00pm

The Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday, March 26

7:00pm

The Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday, March 27

Easter

8:00am Holy Eucharist with Hymns (Rite I)

10:30am Festival Choral Eucharist (Rite II)

The shawl knitting group is going strong with new members and new knitters joining us all the time.

Please join us!

We will meet Wednesday March 2 at 7:00pm and Saturday, March 19 at 10:00am.

Acolyte Schedule - March 2005

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, you are responsible for finding someone to fill in for you. Please let Steve or Barbara know of any changes. Thanks.

March 6

8:00 John Kunkel
10:30 Server: Kelly Garner
Crucifer: Alex Bray
Clergy Cross: Jeffrey Hales
Torches: Zachary Bray, McKenzie Bray
Matthew Hales, Tiffany Arnett

March 13

8:00 Dan Johnston
10:30 Server: Betsy Guyon
Crucifer: Sarah Guyon
Clergy Cross: Erica Peters
Torches: Alexx Unsworth, Sarriya Hill
Riley Thomas, Nolan Peters

March 20

8:00 Bonnie Taylor
10:30 Server: Haylee Hennessy
Crucifer: Alaina Kelly
Clergy Cross: Taryn Kelly
Torches: Dani Hall, Samantha Hall
Connor Lay, Shayn Moss

Holy Week Services: Please contact Steve or Barbara

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a memorial or a thank offering this Easter, please contact Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381. The lilies are \$20, and orders are due by **Friday March 18**. Your offering or memorial will appear in the bulletins for the Easter services, and the flowers will be used to decorate the church. Please make checks payable to Altar Guild, and remit to Nancy Arnett.

To provide altar flowers for thank offerings and memorials at any time in the year, or to contribute to the keeping of the sanctuary lamp, please contact Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381. The cost is \$30 for flowers, or \$5 per week for the lamp. Again, make checks payable to "Altar Guild."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of more people to serve as Lay Eucharistic Ministers. These are the folks who take out the boxes on Sunday to shut-ins or those in the hospital. We have an abbreviated service and training is quick and easy. If you are interested in serving in this very important ministry, please contact Deacon Nancy. Thanks.

March 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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

1. Amanda Coy, Roxanne Pierce, Mat Wallace
2. Bill Kyle
3. Stella Packard
5. Bertie Jesser
6. Tricia Dirks
7. Mason Cox
8. Russ LeBaron, Ruby Miller
18. Roberta Mauterer
19. Ian Harden
21. Helen Cox
23. Bill Bangert, Jacque Bergstrom
24. Betsy Guyon
25. Linda Harden
27. James Gillespie
28. Sue Bauter, John Kunkel
30. Belle Schwarzenbach
31. Brian Davis, Karyl Otten, Brooke Roylance

March Anniversaries...

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen (BCP)

1. Kevin & Lori Merchel
7. James & Bettye Gillespie
9. Dick & Darlene Nelson

Attention Episcopal Women

Please join St. James' ECW and the Rev. Gwyneth MacKenzie Murphy for a Lenten Quiet Day. We will share a meal, prayer, and reflections on our Lenten journey. This is an opportunity to pause in the busyness of daily life, to be renewed in prayer and in community with other women. Please bring paper and pen. Rev. Murphy is a hospice chaplain, retreat leader, spiritual director and is associated with All Saints Episcopal Church.

Date: March 12 – 11:00am - 3:00pm
 Place: St. James Episcopal Church
 7486 S. Union Park Avenue, Midvale
 RSVP by March 5 to Shari Mann, 523-2030 or
Skimann@burgoyne.com

A \$10 donation is recommended but not required.

Around the Diocese

“Each diocese shall make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons...”
 (The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church)

The Questions Jesus Asks

All Saints Church, Salt Lake City
 5 week nights in Lent – 7:00pm
 Presenter: The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish

Lent is a season when the church invites us to free ourselves from other attachments and engagements that we may walk with Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. Knowing what we do now, what do we think and feel about reenacting this journey in our lives? What will we talk with him about on the way? What are the challenges he presents to us still?

At 7:00pm on four Thursdays (Feb. 17, March 3, 10 & 17) in Lent, Bishop Irish will lead a study and reflection program for members of our churches in and near the Salt Lake area. The content will be very much like that presented at the Washington Cathedral Pilgrimage Retreat.

Please call Julia Packard at the Diocesan Office to register and for further directions. 801-322-4131 or 800-343-4756.

The Right Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish, Bishop
 The Rev. Adam S. Linton, Rector
 The Rev. Claudia D. Seiter, Associate Rector
 The Rev. Nancy L. Groshart, Deacon
 The Rev. L.E. “Pete” Poggemeyer, Jr., Deacon

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THANKS~ Betsy Guyon, editor.