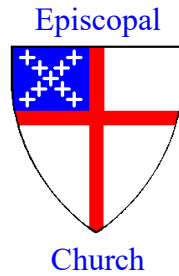


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March 12, 2024

Dining and Worship with East Side Episcopalians

Tuesday Lenten Book Study at Emmanuel, March 12

5:30 p.m. Emmanuel provides the dinner. (\$5)
5:45 p.m. Eat & Chat on Zoom
6:15 p.m. Book Study

Second Thursday at St. Alban's, March 14

6:00 p.m. Chinese Take Out (\$7)
7:00 p.m. Healing and Holy Eucharist (also on Zoom)



Sunday, St. Patrick's Day at St. Alban's, March 17

10:30 a.m. Corned Beef Boiled Dinner (free will offering)

Tuesday Lenten Book Study at Emmanuel, March 19

See above. St. Alban's provides the dinner. (\$5)

Maundy Thursday at Emmanuel, March 28

6:00 p.m. Lamb and Chicken Dinner, with help from St. Alban's & St. David's
6:45 p.m. Foot Washing (optional), Holy Eucharist, with Stripping of the Altar
(also on Zoom)



Good Friday March 29

12:00 p.m. at St. Alban's with Mother Julie
7:00 p.m. at St. David's with Father Dan

Emmanuel
Vestry meets
Wednesday,
March 20
at 3:15 p.m.



St. Alban's
Vestry meets
Tuesday,
March 26
at 6:30 p.m.

From Mother Julie: Reflections on the Lenten Book Study

Roughly thirty East Side Episcopalians are reading together Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants. One of the things that strikes me time and again is the power of our origin stories. Such stories are "a source of identity and orientation to the world. They tell us who we are." (p.7)

The origin story of Judeo-Christian culture is the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In this story the man Adam is created first, then God plants the Garden of Eden for Adam to live in. "Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food." Then the Lord God decided that "it is not good that the man should be alone" and determined to make Adam a helper as his partner. Out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal and bird and brought them to Adam, who gave them names, but a partner was not found for Adam. Only after Eve is created from one of Adam's rib is a true partner for Adam made by God. However, after sin enters into the world Adam and Eve are exiled from the garden and no longer have a reciprocal relationship with the rest of creation where humans tend the garden and the garden offers them food and shelter. The ground becomes cursed and in sweat and toil Adam and Eve will live. Today, the land shows the bruises of an abusive relationship as a result of our Judeo-Christian legacy.

In the indigenous origin stories humankind is created last, not first. As the youngest member of creation we have much to learn from the plants and animals of the earth. In the Native ways of knowing humans are often referred to as the "younger brothers of Creation. We say that humans have the least experience with how to live and thus the most to learn - we must look to our teachers among other species for guidance." (p.9) In each chapter Kimmerer reveals how the earth takes care of us and how we are to take care of the earth. Each thrives when the other is cared for.

Rather than a world to subdue, humankind enters a world of interconnectedness. Rather than an economy of money, there is an economy of gifts, given and exchanged. Native practices such as never take the first one and never take more than half are anathema to a capitalistic society. Rather than human arrogance there is humility in our approach to all God's creation. Kimmerer asks, "How, in our modern world, can we find our way to understand the earth as a gift again, to make our relations with the world sacred again? I know we cannot all become hunter-gatherers - the living world could not bear our weight - but even in a market economy, can we behave 'as if' the living world were a gift?" (p.31)

"One of these [origin] stories sustains the living systems on which we depend. One of these stories opens the way to living in gratitude and amazement at the richness and generosity of the world. One of these stories ask us to bestow our own gifts in kind, to celebrate our kinship with the world. We can choose. If all the world is a commodity, how poor we grow. When all the world is a gift in motion, how wealthy we become." (p.31). We can only hope it's not too late.

**Winter Mission Project at Both Parishes
InterFaith Works Food Drive
For 25+ Local food pantries**

Ends April 6/7

Pasta and Sauce
Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Vegetables
Soups/Ramen
Ensure
Cake mix/frosting



Canned Tuna or Chicken
Vegetable Oil
Cereal/Oatmeal
Baby formula
Pancake mix/syrup
Flour and sugar
Mayo

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

- Wednesday Emmanuel * 2:00 p.m. Bible Study
- Saturday Emmanuel * 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour
5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Church School on Feb. 10 & 24
- Sunday St. Alban's * 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study
* 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m.: Confirmation Class (March 3, 10, 17)
- * also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **825 2837 9378 & 695433**
9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **849 7442 6644 & 031228**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**