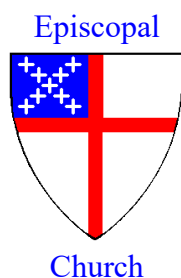


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March 5, 2024

## Dining and Worship with East Side Episcopalians

### Tuesday Lenten Book Study at Emmanuel, March 12

5:30 p.m. Dinner (\$5)  
5:45 p.m. Eat and Chat on Zoom  
6:15-7:00 p.m. Book Study (also on Zoom)

### 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 details above; St. Alban's provides the dinner.

### 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

The Gospel Lesson appointed for today in Lent begins: Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

It continues with the parable of the wicked servant, whose astronomical debt was forgiven by his master when the servant begged him for mercy. That same servant leaves the master's presence and runs into a fellow servant who owes him a much, much smaller debt. The fellow servant begs for mercy, which the first servant refuses to grant, and has him thrown in prison until the debt is paid up. Those who witnessed the arrest of the fellow servant report the matter to the master. The master summons the wicked servant and says to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

Here's Jesus' punchline: So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

This parable reminds us that God has forgiven us for a lifetime of sinning - an astronomical debt only payable by Jesus' death on the cross. Having been forgiven such an enormous debt requires us to forgive those who have sinned against us. We are to acknowledge this every time we pray the Lord's Prayer: Forgive us our trespasses, just as we forgive those who trespass against us.

A few reminders about forgiveness:

- God takes human sin so seriously that he sent Jesus the Son and dealt with it head on.
- There is no sin that the cross does not cover.
- Forgiveness is often hard, but necessary work.
- God's forgiveness has no limits and neither should ours.
- Forgiveness does not cancel out the consequences or harm the sin caused.
- Forgiveness does not mean that the sin never happened.
- Forgiveness does not mean you have to remain in an abusive relationship.
- Forgiveness creates within you a clean heart.

I close with the fourth verse of hymn 486:

But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast, Eternal! bid thy Spirit rest;  
and make our secret soul to be a temple pure and worthy thee.

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

January - March

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

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**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**

