

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

A Servant Church in the Heart of the City

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019 • 5 p.m.

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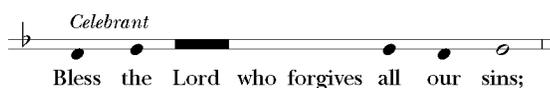
Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

SERVICE NOTES

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).

Thank you for observing silence.

* OPENING ACCLAMATION



SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel, as able*

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

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

All Amen.

* SONG OF PRAISE #S86: "Kyrie eleison"

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The Word of God

* THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Lector From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Cantor Happy are they whose transgressions are for|given, *
and whose | sin is put away!

All Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes | no guilt, *
and in whose spirit | there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered | away, *
because of my | groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day | and night; *
my moisture was dried up as | in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my | sin to you, *
and did not | conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to | the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the | guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of | trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from | trouble; *
you surround me with | shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you | should go; *
I will | guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under|standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they | will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the | wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who | trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in | the Lord; *
shout for joy, all | who are true of heart.

GRADUAL VERSE



"I will arise and go to my Father and will say ▲ to him: * Father, I have sinned against heaven / and before you."

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before

you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

MEDITATION

* THE NICENE CREED

All

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

Presider Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Silence

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Presider God of mercy, make us new. Change our hearts, mend our lives, and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

* OFFERTORY HYMN #603: "When Christ was lifted from the earth"

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

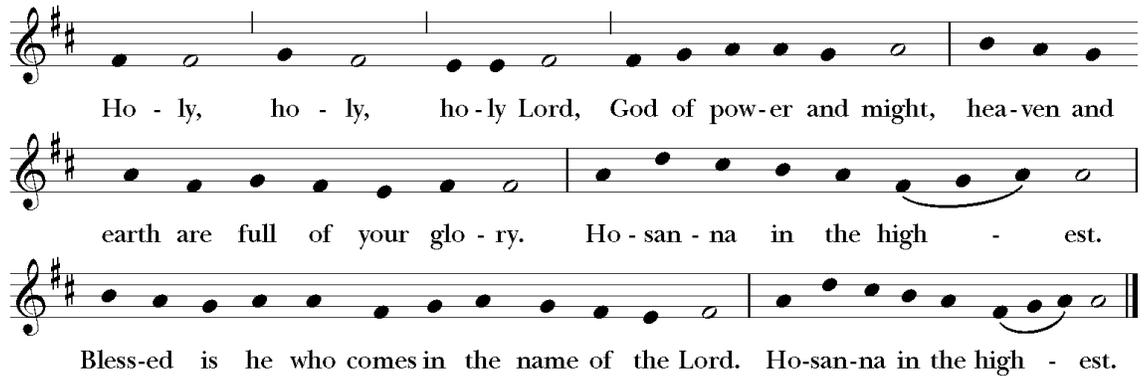
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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:

All



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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Presider 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 many 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,

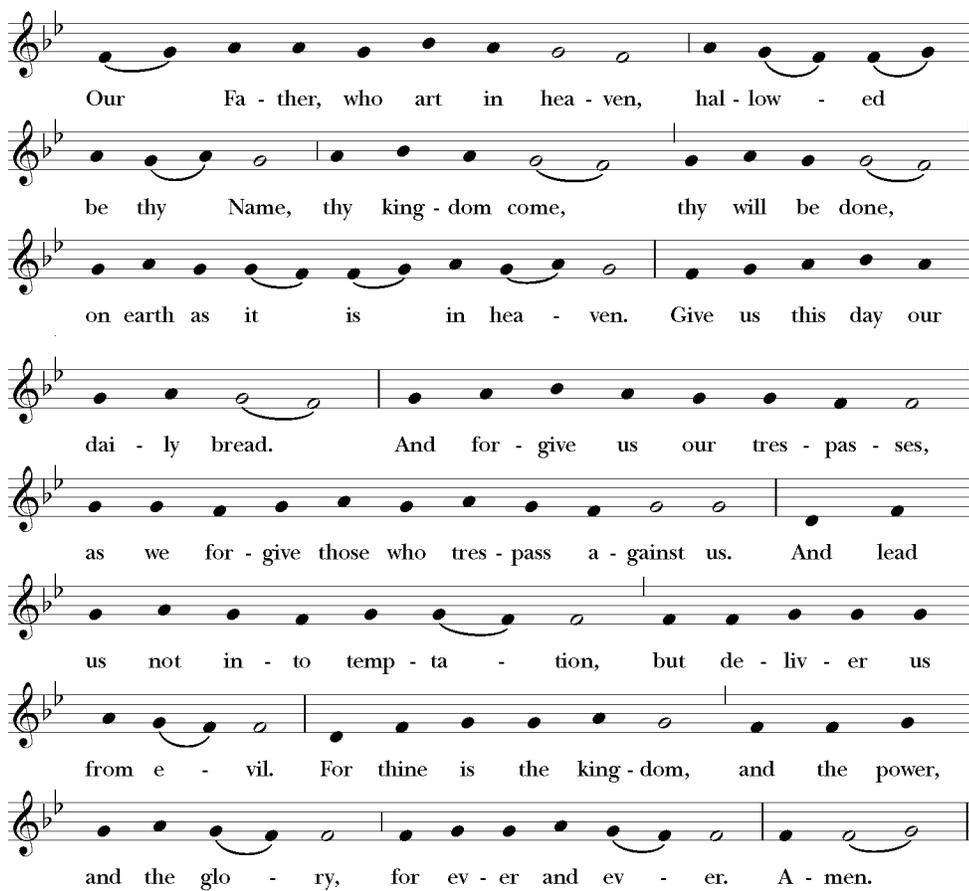
People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.**

Presider 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. **Amen.**

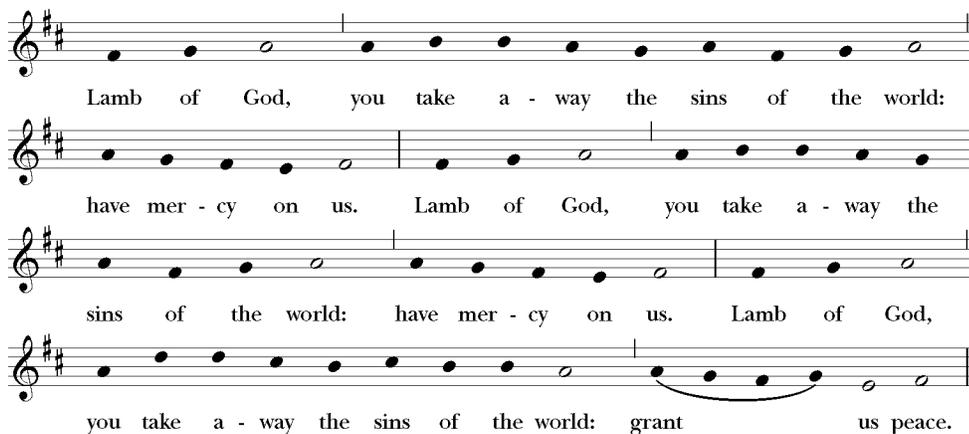
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Breaking of the Bread



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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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

- *All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*
- *For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.*
- *For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All 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.

* BLESSING

* SENDING HYMN #559: "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

* DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Ron Verhaeghe, *Presider & Preacher*
Dr. Paul Meier, *Organist*
Renee Neff-Clark, *Lector & Eucharistic Minister*
Lindsey Lang, *Cantor*
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The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Evelyn Hornaday, *Interim Dean*; The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*; The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*; The Rev. Marco Serrano, *Young Adult Coordinator*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Julie Brogno, *Coordinator for Children's and Family Ministry*; Alexandra Connors, *Youth Minister*; Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Janet Sweeting, *Office Assistant*; Melissa Scheffler, *Communications Coordinator*; Richard Wolf, *Finance Manager*; Angie Graham, *Property Manager*; Mike Guidry, *Assistant Property Manager*; Kristy Moore, *Sacristan*; Ken Stewart, *Cathedral Bookstore Manager*.

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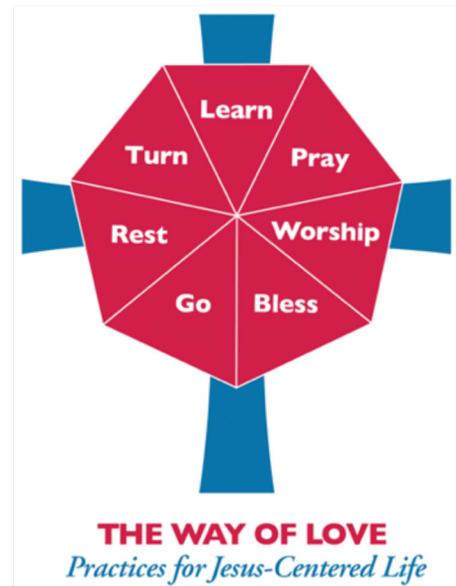
Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - Bless

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Ezekiel 36:24-28

In the passage from Ezekiel, we see that God *blesses* the Israelites through the act of sprinkling them with clean water. This reading reminds us that we, too, are blessed by God through the waters of baptism. Some congregations practice asperging (the sprinkling of holy water on the people) in the Easter Vigil after the renewal of baptismal promises.

As noted, a major element in the ancient rite was turning from sin and renouncing the things that draw us from the love of God. We are called to renounce the idols we worship in place of God. Now, from our modern viewpoint, we might not think we worship idols; however, idols are not simply images of other gods. Rather, an idol is anything to which we assign ultimate value in our lives – those things we spend our time, talent, and treasure serving other than God. Our job, power, money, reputation, certain relationships, or anything that pulls on our heart more than God – these are idols.



While idols seem momentarily satisfying, they eventually harm our relationship with God and limit our capacity or willingness to live for others. Often, we cling to idols out of an attitude of scarcity; we desire what we think we do not have. When our hearts are focused on an idol, they are bound up and clenched shut like a heart of stone. Only when we turn to God will our hearts be opened so that we can, in turn, open our hearts in blessing to others. When we realize that there is enough of God's love for us, we no longer cling to the idols of old that can never give us that sense of abundance. Once we are secure in that abundance, we will leap to bless others with our stories, our money, our time, and our hearts.

REFLECT: *Blessing* is necessarily relational, an affirmation of our belovedness as fellow children of God. Take a few minutes to consider what you have spent the most time, money, or worry on in the last week. What amount of attention or time do they take relative to resources spent in direct relationship with God? Did these things keep you from blessing others? Or are they a blessing?



Wednesday Evenings

Through April 10

Contemplative Eucharist • 5:30 p.m. • Nave

Simple Supper • 6 p.m. • Founders' Hall Café

Learning Opportunities • 6:30 p.m.

The Way • Founders' Hall Café—Led by Deacon Marco Serrano.

Counterfeit Gospels • Common Room—Led by Professor Bill Stancil, coordinated by Deacon Jerry Grabher.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, through April 12 • 5:15 p.m.

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

April 5: Service held at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

April 12: Service held at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Adult Forum: *The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*

Sundays, through April 14 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

*Deacon Marco Serrano leads this class using Ben Myers' book *The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*.*

Palm Cross Workshop

Sunday, April 7 • 9 & 11:30 a.m. • Founders' Hall

Noisy Offering

Sunday, April 7

Volunteer at HappyBottoms

Saturday, April 13 • 9 a.m. • 303 West 79th Street, Kansas City, MO 64114

Volunteers in this position will be preparing food for the week's lunches.

Volunteers under 14 should have proper supervision (one adult for 2 kids) and no volunteers under 10 years old.

Praying and Walking with Christ: An Evening in Preparation for Holy Week

Saturday, April 13 • 6 p.m.

This will be a contemplative, interactive experience in the Nave, where we'll explore some of the history and tradition behind Holy Week, prepare our hearts for the days ahead and anticipate the joys of the Church's Easter celebration. Afterwards, we will gather in Founders' Hall for refreshments.

For all the details about these events, please visit the Cathedral website, kccathedral.org/lent-2019.