

THE WEEKLY WORD

EPIPHANY PARISH OF SEATTLE . APRIL 7, 2014

Have You Been To Confession?

A reflection from Epiphany parishioner and pilgrim, Liz Larson

This time last year a group of Epiphanyites, were preparing to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As part of my preparation for this journey, I decided to participate in everything our Lenten season and Easter had to offer. This included participating in confession for the first time.

I really appreciated that Doyt had sent a letter to the Minyan participants encouraging us to give our confession. He listed a few different ways in which to do so, verbally or written, and other ways I can't recall. The things I chose to confess were so shameful to me that I was glad to have the option of writing it rather than saying it.

Relationship is primary to Father Doyt. Because of this our congregation has what I'll call a very familiar relationship with him, although I don't forget who he is. He is Doyt and Gracia's son, Kristin's husband, Margaret & Desmond's father, a brother, a friend. He also has a job, a vocation where he is an administrator and an employer. And foremost he is a priest in the Levitical order. He stands in Christ's stead in our lives. As does Kate. As does Peter.

This was driven home that first time when I gave my confession. I encountered the compassion, forgiveness, and love of Christ and was healed immediately. This meant the shame just slid away, shame I had held onto for decades. This was a miracle in my life.

This year when we had the opportunity to attend confession on Ash Wednesday, I did so. I kind of had to think about what I would confess as I didn't have something so dramatic to shed myself of as last year. What I did confess, laid at Christ's feet, were those things that I don't like about myself which are blocking relationships. Again I am amazed at the change that is taking place. Thanks be to God.

You will have an opportunity to give your confession on Good Friday. I encourage you to receive this gift from Christ, if you've not done so before.

*Liz Larson
Pilgrim*

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON CONFESSION FROM DOYT

Dear Epiphany,

I hear confessions often. They are part of our stories. The words from the General Confession we say seasonally on Sundays set the parameters for confession: “Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone...” (BPC p. 360). Twice a year, once after the Ash Wednesday service at the beginning of Lent and once after the Good Friday service at the end of Lent, the Church sets aside time for personal confession. As you might guess, given our Anglican ways, these confessions are prescribed and written out for us to follow in *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP p. 447). It is called the service of the Reconciliation of the Penitent.

Here is what happens. The priest sits in the sanctuary of the church on the organ side, this creates a sense of visual privacy. The Penitent comes to the altar rail and either kneels or sits in a chair placed there. They pick-up *The Book of Common Prayer* and begins to read with the Priest from page 447. Within the framework of this short service there is a place for personal confessions to be made, but it is not an obligation or necessary for absolution. To read the service of the Reconciliation of a Penitent takes 3 minutes if no specific confession is inserted. While the Penitent is at the rail, music is playing throughout the church to create a climate of prayer and a sense of auditory privacy. That is the standard operating procedure for confession at Epiphany.

But here is a deeper look into the power of confession... It is a soul cleansing and heart reorienting process. It is an occasion to deeply consider your story, to look for the things that ruminate in the shadows of your soul and to bring them into the light. It is a time to confess past hurts and places of heart hardness, to consider transgressions or parts of your life today that cause resentment or bitterness or contempt. Confession is good for us and it changes us, or should I say it returns us to the fullness of our being.

Confession, in its most productive form, is a process in which one prepares. I invite you during Holy Week to set aside ten minutes a day to prepare your confession. Write it out. Many confessions are read. Sometimes these confessions are written and not read. They are held and together, Priest and Penitent, pray over them. Sometimes I keep these confessions and burn them in the new fire at the Great Vigil of Easter. Sometimes I suggest the Penitents bring these confessions to the Great Vigil of Easter and put them in the fire themselves.

There is one final thing I would like to address about Confession. It has to do with confessing to me. Over these past five years, the nature of my relationships with individuals has become multifaceted. Given this complexity, some may feel uncomfortable making their confession to me. I understand that feeling. I also know two things from experiencing many confessions: First, I know that in my role as priest confessor, I fully function only as a conduit for the confession on its way to God. Confessions blur for me and they quickly leave my mind. Second, due to the vast number of confessions I hear in the general course of hearing peoples' stories, I also know that people are rich, wonderful and complicated. A person's story is beautifully unique, filled with the good, the bad and sometimes the ugly—" things done and things left undone."

I invite you to consider making your confession this Good Friday to someone. I will be hearing confessions after the evening service on Good Friday. Father Hollis Williams will be hearing confession before the service on Good Friday from 6:15-7:15 pm in the vesting room in the church, up the stairs behind the choir. We have invited Father Williams to join us as a way of giving the congregation more avenues through which to express a confession.

My prayer is that you let the blessing of confession cleanse your soul and reorient your heart this Lent.

Doyt+

EASTER FLOWER FUND

During our Easter services, we decorate our church with Easter lilies. You can remember a special person or event this Easter by donating to the Epiphany Parish Flower Fund. Perhaps you would like to acknowledge the birth of a baby, a marriage or a loved one now departed, to be acknowledged in our Easter service bulletins.



Contributions to the Flower Fund are also gratefully accepted and acknowledged throughout the year. Donations of any amount are welcome.

Thank you for your consideration of the Epiphany Parish Flower Fund.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.**

Name of Donor _____

Phone # _____

My check is enclosed for purchase of an Easter lily.
(Make payable to *Epiphany Parish* with *Easter Flowers* on the memo line in the lower left hand corner of your check.)

I wish to be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin,
 in memory of _____ or in thanksgiving for:

For another special Sunday during the church year: _____

Bulletin message: _____

EPIPHANY HOLY WEEK 2014

Holy Monday	Evening Prayer	6-6:30 pm, Chapel
Holy Tuesday	Evening Prayer	6-6:30 pm, Chapel
Holy Wednesday	Meditation	8:30-9 am, Chapel
	Taizé with Epiphany Choir*	7:30 pm, Church
Maundy Thursday	Agape Meal*	6:30 pm, Great Hall
	Maundy Thursday Liturgy* with Epiphany Choir & Choristers	7:30 pm, Church
	Watchnight	9 pm—Friday Noon, Chapel
Good Friday	Meditation	8:30-9 am, Chapel
	Good Friday Service	10:30 am, Park Shore
	Private Confession with The Rev. Hollis Williams	6:15 pm, Church
	Good Friday Service* with Epiphany Choir	7:30 pm, Church
	Private Confession with The Rev. Doyt Conn	After the 7:30 pm service, Chapel
Holy Saturday	Holy Saturday Service	12:30 pm, Chancel
Holy Saturday	The Great Vigil of Easter* with Epiphany Choir followed by Dessert Reception	8 pm, Church
Easter Sunday	Easter—Festival Eucharist with Brass Ensemble & Epiphany Choir	8 am, Church
Easter Sunday	Easter Brunch*	9:15 am, Great Hall
Easter Sunday	Easter—Festival Eucharist with Brass Ensemble & Epiphany Choir*	10:30 am, Church
Easter Sunday	The Great Easter Egg Hunt	11:45 am, Meet in the Great Hall

**PLEASE TAKE AN EASTER EGG FROM THE GIVING TREE
AND DONATE AN EASTER BASKET TO KIDS AT THE YWCA**



Stations of the Cross

Dates: Fridays in Lent, LAST ONE, April 11

Time: 6-7 pm

Location: Church Chancel

"Every Friday in Jerusalem, Franciscan monks take groups of pilgrims down the Via Dolorosa, the road Christ may have walked on his way to the cross. Stopping at each of fourteen locations that mark events in the final days of Christ's life, the pilgrims recall the Passion story and offer prayers for the world."

from *A Walk in Jerusalem* by John Peterson

Using John Peterson's *A Walk in Jerusalem* as a guide, we will join with Jesus in his Passion every Friday in Lent. Offering a contemplative experience as we sit with icons of the Passion and walk with Jesus in our minds, this service features scripture, guided meditation and prayers that apply the Passion narrative to today's world.

Following the service we will break our fast with a simple repast of bread, cheese, olives, nuts and water.

+TEC This Sunday, April 13

The Last Supper
A Masterpiece of Leonardo de Vinci

Presenter: William Ingham
Time: 9:15–10:15 am
Location: Great Hall



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, is one of the world’s greatest Christian artworks. In it, Christ’s disciples react with shock, dismay and surprise to his pronouncement, “One of you will betray me,” the epic, fateful event which led to the cross. In this mural commissioned by the Duke of Milan, Leonardo captures universal emotions in a scene of tense drama, with vivid portrayals of the disciples, and a Christ figure whose pathos has captured the world’s imagination for centuries. Bill Ingham, Epiphany parishioner and Northwest artist, will discuss how Leonardo created this compelling work, its composition, its design, its cast of characters, and finally the restorative efforts to save it.

We Need Your Help and Contributions During Holy Week and Easter!

+ MAUNDY THURSDAY +

This service recalls the Last Supper of Jesus on the night of his betrayal. It focuses on two major themes: Holy Hospitality and the Institution of the Eucharist.

The evening begins with the Agape Meal in the Great Hall at 6:30 pm followed by the service in the church at 7:30 pm.

We need the following

- + 3 Meatless pots of soup + 2 people
- + 3 Cheese and cracker plates *to help with kitchen clean-up*
- + 3 Bottles of Grape Juice + 2 people
- + 5 Bottles of Red Wine *to help put away tables and chairs*
- + 3 Loaves of Bread
- + 3 Plates of Olives
- + 3 Plates of Fruit

+ EASTER VIGIL +

Elaborate and dramatic, this service uses all the senses as we recount salvation history and revel in the saving power of God's great mercy. The service includes fire, water, baptisms, lights, organ and brass! The service concludes with the first festive Eucharist of Easter, followed by a sparkling beverage reception in the Great Hall.

We need the following

- + 20 Bottles of Sparkling Juice + 2 people
- + 15 Bottles of Champagne *to help during the reception*
- + 10 Desserts + 2 night owls
- + 10 Plates of Fruit *to help clean up*

+ EASTER BRUNCH +

Join us for a potluck Easter Brunch at 9:15 am, between the two morning services.

We need the following

+ **22** Quiches or Stratas

+ **12** Fruit Salads

+ **10** Plates of Breakfast Bread

PLEASE CONTACT NICKI IN THE PARISH OFFICE

AT 206-324-2573 OR

EPIPHANYPARISH@EPIPHANYSEATTLE.ORG

***TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE HOLY WEEK CALLS FOR HELP AND
CONTRIBUTIONS. THANK YOU!***

Annual Epiphany Women's Retreat Registration

Adventure in the Desert:

Exploring the Spirituality of the Desert Mothers

Facilitated by the Rev. Dorian McClannan

St. Andrew's House - Hood Canal - May 16-18, 2014

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Any need for special accommodations or special dietary requirements?

Would you like to carpool? _____

Are you willing to drive for a carpool? _____

The cost per person is \$225 for two nights.

- *This includes food, linens and a comfy bed in a lovely lodge. Space is limited*
- *If you can afford to add a little more to your check or online registration, that would help offset the costs for those who cannot afford as much.*

Contact the Rev. Doyt L. Conn if you need financial assistance.

Please mail this form (or bring to the church office) and your check (made out to **Epiphany Parish, "Women's Retreat" in the subject line) no later than May 8th to:**

Epiphany Parish 1805 38th Avenue Seattle, WA 98122

Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Or register online to pay by credit/debit card:

<http://www.epiphanyseattle.org/epiphany-annual-womens-retreat/>

Cancellation policy: No refunds may be given after May 9th

**Do you need a spiritual breather?
Do you want to connect with others in Epiphany?
Come for our weekend women's retreat!**



What is the Epiphany women's retreat like?

The annual women's retreat is purposely designed as a come-as-you spiritually-are occasion. For some, a contemplative experience is the predominant need. Quiet spaces are always available. For others, connecting with other women of the parish in an unhurried setting is primary. For some, the physical challenge of a good run or hike is important, or a massage at the nearby Alderbrook Resort before or after the retreat, or a walk in the labyrinth at nearby Harmony Hills... each and all of these things may be important to you. Having variety available to meet individual needs has been a longstanding tradition of this retreat.

General Information about the facility:

Carpooling is customary but not required. It takes about 1 1/2 hours to get to the retreat center depending on your route. St Andrews is 1/4 mile from Alderbrook Resort and easy to find. Rooms are shared, carpeted and comfortable with well-maintained modern bath facilities.

Linens are provided. Meals are excellent. Dietary restrictions are respected.

There are limited spaces for those who cannot manage stairs.

How we use the facility

St. Andrew's House is beautiful with a large sitting porch facing the Olympics Mountains. If the sunset is not spectacular, we move outside to enjoy the covered outdoor fireplace area. During free time there is hiking, yoga,

and access to beach walk. The chapel is always open for quiet contemplation and we ask for silence in the sleeping quarters so that anyone can find rest should they need. More conversational parties gather in the Great Room with its comfortable couches and indoor fireplace. The Saturday morning program is typically held in the timbered and grand Great Room. The dining room is congenial and has a lovely view.

For many women for whom much of life may be or have been taking care of others, the setting is ideal. It is well designed for mixed/ multiple needs of contemplation and sharing. One feels very cared for by the staff. Little details are provided, such as the hospitality room, which is always open with coffee and tea and a refrigerator available for any participant's use. There is a plentiful quantity of hymnals, bibles, prayer books and other materials at the house. There are reading lamps at each bed and beds are covered in handmade quilts. It all adds to a serene and comfortable experience.

The program

The program is a careful balance of discussion, study, worship, quiet and free time. Each participant is encouraged to participate at whatever level most personally comfortable.

Limited space, register soon

There is limited space for the retreat so register soon to make sure you have a place. Registration form is included in the Weekly Word, paper copies will be available in the back of the church and you may register on line here:

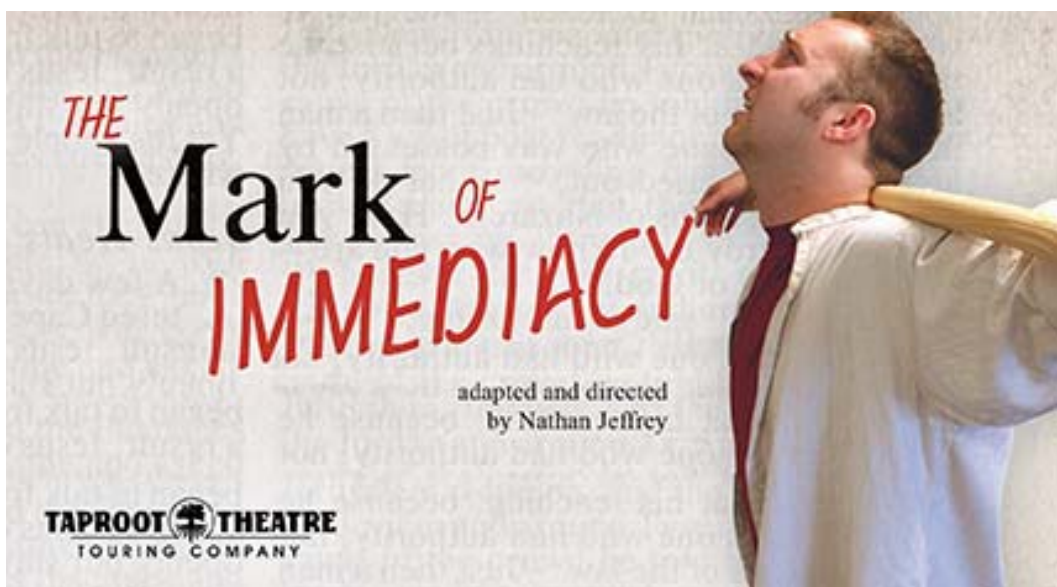
<http://www.epiphanyseattle.org/epiphany-annual-womens-retreat/>

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Lockhart at 206-328-0459 or the Rev. Kate Wesch at 206-324-2573.



Dorian McGlannan is known to many in our Epiphany family from her time here (1989-1997) when she was the founder of this, our very own Women's Retreat. A parish priest for more than 26 years, she has recently retired from St. John's in Plymouth, MI, and moved back to the Northwest. As a wife, a mother of four, a breast cancer survivor, a singer, and an outdoors lover, Dorian combines her deep understanding of contemporary women's lives with her appreciation for and knowledge of the wisdom and humor of the Desert Mothers.

Invitation from parishioner, Inez Black



Inez Black is organizing a group outing to see *The Mark of Immediacy*, a Taproot Theatre portrayal of the life of Christ adapted & directed by Nathan Jeffrey on **Friday, April 11th at 8pm**. Tickets for this performance are \$15 each (\$12 each for groups 8 or more). If you would like to attend please contact Inez at 206-322-4623.

Saturday Evening—April 12

Attention all Pilgrims and potential Pilgrims!

On Saturday, April 12, from 6-8 pm, the Seattle REI store is hosting a **free** event with the American Pilgrims on the Santiago. Come learn about walking, biking, and the many trails to Santiago. Register at www.rei.com/event/56187/session/87633—Space is limited.

Submitted by Epiphany parishioner and pilgrim, Linda Maxson

Sunday Lectionary Corner

April 13, 2014

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11,
Matthew 21:1-11 and 27:11-54, Psalm 31:9-16

MAX BLUMENTHAL SPEAKS

Max Blumenthal is an American author, journalist, and blogger. Formerly a writer for *The Daily Beast* and *Al Akhbar*, he is the author of *Republican Gomorrah: Inside the Movement that Shattered the Party*.

Now he has published his new book,
Goliath: Life and Loathing in Greater Israel.



TUESDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 PM

Saint Mark's Cathedral
Bloedel Hall

(A potluck supper begins
at 5:30 pm.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 PM

University of Washington,
Rm. 260, Savery Hall

Sponsored by SUPER (Students United
for Palestinian Equal Rights)

Books will be available for sale at both events. Cash or check payments only please.

"In his new book, award-winning journalist Max Blumenthal goes deep inside Israeli society, offering a rare and unfiltered lens into the hideous implications of Israel's commitment to Jewish supremacy - a nation infused with nationalist fervor, where mainstream political leaders routinely incite hatred against non-Jews and use the Holocaust to justify violence and discrimination against Palestinians and African migrants."

-From an interview with Raina Khalek, Truthout magazine

Sponsors include: Kadima Reconstruction Community; Jewish Voice for Peace; SUPER; Voices for Palestine; Mideast Focus Ministry; Saint Mark's Cathedral; Episcopal Bishop's Committee on Israel/Palestine; Task Force on Palestine/Israel; Palestine Solidarity Committee - Seattle; SEAMAC

For further information contact: jkolokoff@hotmail.com ph: 206-282-8023

Submitted by Epiphany parishioner, Liz Larson

PARISH PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN APRIL 6th AND APRIL 12th:

Barbara Cairns, Thad Alston, Loomis Heston, Amy Masterson, Sam Pillow, Sue Buerk, Patty Chemnick, Sherilyn Peterson, Josie Barnes, Bull Bultmann, Andrew Gladden, Philip Jolly, Dwayne King, Amy Baker Williamson, Elizabeth Gladden, and Rodger DeRoux.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Larry Mayer; Helen Maynard; Michelle McKelvey & Eric, Aidan, and Elijah Artz; Sarah & Ryan, Helen, Hudson, and Oliver McKinney; and Joan Melin. We pray for the churches of St. Michael and All Angels (Issaquah).

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR CONTINUED HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL OR GRIEVING:

Paul, Bette Sprague, Coralie Swanson, Connie Gaines, Barbara Ward, Barbara Himmelman, Naraine Baker, Ginger, Kay Schack, Piper Simmons, Yamy Xolocotzi, Bonnie, Roy Enriquez, Will Gluck, Ruth, Richard & Dolores Maxson, the Zehm family: Shelly, Atticus, Coco, & Bijou, Silas, TJ Johnson & family, Bill, Susan, Debbie, Megan, Carl Putnam, George Fisher, Rosalie, Malina, Matt, Nancy, Isla Jude, Alice, Susan, Hank Schilling, Tristram Hyde & family, Emily Coyle, Noreen, Evie Gassaway, Jeanne Edwards, Sandra, Bill & Millie Grayson, Larry Mayer, the Neville family, Phyllis Harris, Lauren Riker, Gerald Swymeler, Barbara Ryhter, George Harrington & family, Gary West, David Mattson, Steve & Liz Swift, Caroline Briggs & Tom Rohm, Marj Baker, Robert Hawking, Heather, Chance, & Zane Gehring, Gretchen & Brookes Hawkes, Holden Hughes, Rollie and Josie, Olivia, Ray Brownfield & family, Laura, Joel & Katie Artzt, Paige Cubbison, David, Eric, the Kinnard family, Eileen Riley, Carla Robinson, Stu McGee, Chris Wolf, Lauren, Cork, and Henk & Helen Simons, David, and Linda Peyton & family.

*Occasionally we review and revise the prayer list. If we have removed someone in error or you would like to have someone removed or added please contact the Parish Office. The same invitation applies for birthdays.
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