

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

2 Kings 2:8

Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!

Psalms 50:5

For it is the God who said, "Let the light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:6

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:9

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit (3x)

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.

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Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 779

"How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?"

Prayer for Wholeness

Liberation is work.

Clearing the path to something new
without the machinery of empire.

Creating friction by refusing to do what is expected.
Earning rewards slowly, with great effort.
And in the meantime, all that wandering.

But as Moses reminds the Israelites,
there is one who is working to make a way for us:

"Do not be afraid, stand firm,
and see the deliverance that God
will accomplish for you today."

O God, we pray for courage.

We pray for endurance.

We pray for deliverance,

in us and through us.

Amen.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

Minute for Mission

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

"No Turning Back"

+Hymn 783 (v. 1, 3, 4)

"When We Are Tested"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Credo

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

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+Sending Hymn 748 (2x)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

I only know that from wherever it is that we're going there can be no turning back.

Anya Seton

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

Marie Robinson

When there is no turning back, then we should concern ourselves only with the best way of going forward.

Paulo Coelho

Just turn your back to the wind, and give it a go.

Brian Champie

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the Price family fund

Opening Prayer & Prayer for Wholeness

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+Hymns

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Sunday 14 • Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Monday 15

12:00 p.m. Moral Monday via Facebook Live!

Tuesday 16

7:30 p.m. Virtual Memorial Service for Duane Alexander via Facebook Live!

Wednesday 17

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday virtual service via Zoom

Thursday 18

10:00 a.m. Listening Group via Zoom
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (10-12 grade) via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Parish Care committee via Zoom

Saturday 20

8:30 a.m. Men's Virtual Breakfast via Zoom

Sunday 21 • First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

"ASH" WEDNESDAY (and more!) SERVICE OF ANOINTING via Zoom. **February 17, 7:00 p.m.** Join others in the SPC Community for a time of prayer, reflection, singing, and anointing in this special "pandemic-focused" service on the first day of Lent. Participants are invited to use whatever elements are available and meaningful to them as symbols of mortality: ashes, soil, melted snow, oil, etc. Our Scripture focus will be on the anointing of Jesus at Bethany as he prepares for the final days of his life (Mark 14:3-9). **LISTENING GROUP** This is a time of prayerful listening and reflecting in community using poems, readings, and psalms. All are welcome! **SUNDAY SEMINAR 2021** continues our exploration

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tions of racism and racial justice by reading *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram Kendi. Books are at Four Seasons Books. The book costs \$24.56 with tax & discount but make sure you tell them it's for SPC to include the discount. Feb. 21 will cover Chapters 7 & 8.

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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 14, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Going Back

The night turns slowly round,
Swift trains go by in a rush of light;
Slow trains steal past.
This train beats anxiously, outward bound.

But I am not here.
I am away, beyond the scope of this turning;
There, where the pivot is, the axis
Of all this gear.

I, who sit in tears,
I, whose heart is torn with parting;
Who cannot bear to think back to the departure platform;
My spirit hears

Voices of men
Sound of artillery, aeroplanes, presences,
And more than all, the dead-sure silence,
The pivot again.

There, at the axis
Pain, or love, or grief
Sleep on speed; in dead certainty;
Pure relief.

There, at the pivot
Time sleeps again.
No has-been, no here-after; only the perfected
Silence of men.

D. H. Lawrence

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