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## Rector's Ramblings

*The Doors! The Doors! In wisdom let us attend!--Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.*

The Deacon's exhortation quoted above is not about the rock band responsible for "Riders on the Storm", but literally about closing the doors of the Church before the recitation of the Nicene Creed.

Today, let us attend to the doors in wisdom for there is a proclamation made in metal.



Notice, first the horn motif mentioned last week.

Secondly, if polished (and that is a task that is a near impossibility) the brass "rivets" combined with the handles form the Alpha & Omega a symbol for Jesus Christ.

We first find the reference to Alpha and Omega (the first and

## The Good News

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### Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Men of the parish are preparing a traditional meal of pancakes and sausage for everyone on Tuesday, February 9th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come celebrate Mardi Gras (or for those of us who do not use fluent French - Fat Tuesday) with friends and family of the parish.

### Bible Study

Returns for the Lenten Series which on February 10. We will meet before the 7PM Ash Wednesday service.

During Lent we will study the lives of the Apostles after Pentecost. Each evening will begin at 6PM with soup and salad and conclude at 730 with Compline.

### The Guild of the Holy Rosary

Several of our members have formed a guild for the promotion and praying of the Rosary. The Guild has put together a devotional manual that they are eager to share with anyone who wishes. They meet at 5:30 PM each Wednesday to pray together, and invites all members of St. Matthew's to join them in prayer. Please join the Guild in prayer for our Church, our Parish, our clergy, and each other.

### Parish Mission Trip

the last letters in the Greek alphabet) in Revelation 1:8 and it is an important motif through the book confirming the identity of Jesus Christ as God. In Rev. 21:6 John the Revelator reports, "And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." Yet, the reader of Scripture should not be surprised to read this in Revelation. The idea of God as first and last is found in Isaiah, "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god." (Isa. 44:6) And again, "Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last." (Isa. 48:12)

This identification of Jesus with YHWH, the God of Israel, is communicated with the location of the Alpha and Omega on the door. In one of Jesus' controversial statements in the Gospel of John he states, "I AM the door of the sheep." This use of I AM is a direct claim to continuity and identity with the God who revealed himself to Moses in Exodus 3.14, "God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM". For Jesus' hearers this would engender controversy.

Jesus, however, does not stop there, he continues in Joh 10:9, "I AM the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

Jesus is the door and only by entering through him can we be saved. Our very own Church door makes this proclamation in metal. Would it surprise you to discover that this proclamation is as controversial today as it was during Jesus earthly ministry?

Dave+

If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave. The trip will leave the week of June 27 and return on July 8. The cost of the trip is \$1500 (inclusive).

The goal of the trip is 1) to build relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and 2) to rebuild a roof at St. John Church, Owia, St. Vincent.

No shots are required, but a passport is. All ages are welcome and you don't have to know how to swing a hammer.

### **Local Mission Opportunities**

ITEMS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016-The old year goes and the new year comes, but the need never ends. The Salvation Army is always there to help; and we can all help this fine, historic organization feed, clothe, and shelter those in need by donating food for the Safe Harbor Shelter and the Army's food pantry. Please place supplies and imperishable foods in the Outreach baskets in the narthex and the hallway beside the fireplace. We bless and thank you!

Here are some suggestions from The Salvation Army: Ketchup--Mayo--Hot Sauce; Italian & Ranch Dressing; Butter, Sugar & Syrup; Coffee & Kool-Aid; Fruit Juice & Tomato Juice; Jell-O (not pudding); Cereal (hot or cold) & Grits; Canned Meats; Canned Fruits/Vegetables; Boxed Meals; Mac-N-Cheese; Cereal; Crackers.

**Outreach Committee** - next meets on Sunday, February 21, 8:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall

### **Good News Daily**

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

### **Readings & Music for February 7, 2016**

Hymns: #135, # 381, #134, #137

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PS I will be migrating my personal (and most often checked) email from gmail to [frhalt@protonmail.com](mailto:frhalt@protonmail.com) over the next month or so. The Church email for me ([rector@stmattsblm.org](mailto:rector@stmattsblm.org)) will continue to be "live".

## Service Schedule for the week of February 7, 2016

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
10:00 AM

Evensong 4:30 PM

### Other Services:

Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM

### Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday 7:00 AM  
and Thursday 7:30 AM

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

### Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday  
at 12:40 p.m., and Thursday at  
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

### Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

1 The Lord is King;

let the people tremble; \*

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; \*

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool; \*

he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

### 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened.

Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,

they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

### **Ministry Assignments for February 7 & 14**

7-Feb

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.:

10:00

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Shadow: Sean

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Leighton Family

14-Feb

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Ann Nadakavukaren

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Dedee Champion

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter Alley & Devan Roberson

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Shadow: Daniel

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Ingersoll Family

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries February 5 - 21**

Ora & Rutger Bachmann

Kathie & Loren Dyson

Donna Dyson

June Gault

Matthew Owens

Payton Owens

Julaine Ingersoll

Abbv Larson

Jarod Roberson  
Marisa Owens  
Kenneth Barling  
Matthew Nadakavukaren  
Ron Gordon

### **Collect for Sunday, February 7th**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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