

EXODUSⁱⁿ Our Time

Pondering the
questions raised
in the Book of
Exodus and how
they apply to us,
here and now

Christ Church Cathedral
Christian Formation
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Exodus in Our Time

An Introduction

As a church and as a culture, we are at a time when the questions that the Book of Exodus raises are pertinent. *What does it mean to be a stranger in a strange land? What does it mean to leave behind all the things we thought we knew? What does it mean to see our communities change?*

To carefully consider these questions and the intricate issues that they bring to the fore, we at Christ Church Cathedral will be joining in the comprehensive, seven-month diocesan wide “big read” of the Book of Exodus. We will engage in this study in an effort to open ourselves up, as our Bishop Tom Breidenthal says, “to our essential mission of following Jesus into our neighborhoods.”

We will begin Sunday, August 27, when both the readings and preaching will focus on Exodus and when our first adult forum on Exodus kicks off. Our study will conclude on Saturday, April 7, when Old Testament scholar Terence Fretheim will guide us in reflecting on what we have learned.

The bishop decided to lead us in the reading of Exodus after asking a team of clergy and lay people to consider formation opportunities across the diocese. The consensus of this team was to engage members across the diocese in scripture more deeply through a “big read.” The team choose the Book of Exodus because its themes are so timely.

Along with the outline of our study of Exodus, you will find within this brochure a full range of Christian Formation offerings this year at the cathedral. These offerings are designed to take you deeper into your own Christian spiritual journey as you grow more fully into your humanity as God calls.

For more information about any of these Christian Formation programs, contact the Rev. Canon Manoj M. Zacharia, Sub-Dean, at 513.842.2054 or mzacharia@cccath.org. For more information about the diocesan “big read,” go to adsobigread.org.

Exodus Convocation

Enjoy a day of discovering, dreaming, and discernment — all offered in conjunction with the diocesan “big read” of the Book of Exodus. Learn to leave behind what holds you back and journey toward where God is calling you. Join your fellow Episcopalians across the diocese at the Exodus Convocation, Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the Procter Center. There is no charge, but registration is required.

To register and for more information, go to diosohio.org/convocation.

Cincinnati Community Intergroup Seder

Sponsored by the American Jewish Committee

Thursday, March 22, 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM
Mayerson Jewish Community Center
8485 Ridge Road, Amberley Village
For information, call AJC at 513.621.4020 or email cincinnati@ajc.org.

Exodus and Journey

We will read and meet to discuss the Book of Exodus on Sundays immediately following the ten o'clock worship service throughout the coming year. The following syllabus outlines the suggested readings for each of our Exodus forums, along with suggested supplemental readings. The supplemental readings will be drawn from three texts — *Exodus & Leviticus for Everyone* by John Goldingay, *Exodus* by Terence

E. Fretheim, and *Exodus* by Carol Meyers. (See the descriptions of these texts and their authors on the following page.)

Along with our residential clergy, teachers will include Rabbi Abie Ingber, Rabbi Daniel Bogard, the Rev. Susan Lehman, the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, and the Rev. Anna Olson.

Study Schedule

Sunday, August 27
Introduction to Exodus: Miqra
Oral reading of Exodus

Sunday, September 3
The Rise of a New Empire, a People in Bondage, and Civil Disobedience
Suggested reading: Exodus 1 & 2
Optional reading: Goldingay 6-14; Fretheim 23-50; Meyers 32-45

Sunday, September 17
The Call
Suggested reading: Exodus 3 & 4
Optional reading: Goldingay 14-27; Fretheim 51-81; Meyers 46-60

Sunday, October 1
Encountering Pharaoh
Suggested reading: Exodus 5:1 – 8:7
Optional reading: Goldingay 27-40; Fretheim 81-117; Meyers 61-80

Sunday, October 15
Plagues
Suggested reading: Exodus 8: 8 – 11:10
Optional reading: Goldingay 53-64; Fretheim 133-160; Meyers 101-123

Sunday, October 29
Passing-Over and the Consecration of a People
Suggested reading: Exodus 12- 14:31

Sunday, November 5
A Journeying People in Transition
Suggested reading: Exodus 15:1 – 17:7
Optional reading: Goldingay 64-71; Fretheim 161-190; Meyers 124-140

Sunday, November 19
The Birth of a Leadership Structure
Suggested reading: Exodus 17:8 – 18:27
Optional reading: Goldingay 71-82; Fretheim 191-238; Meyers 141-160

Sunday, December 3
Mishpatim – The Law
Suggested reading: Exodus 19 – 23:33
Optional reading: Goldingay 82-89; Fretheim 239-251; Meyers 161-180

Sundays, December 10 & 17
Exodus and Incarnation
Sr. Shane Phelan and Sr. Elizabeth Broyles, forum leaders (See page 14.)

Sunday, January 7
The Covenant as Vocation
Suggested reading: Exodus 24-27:21
Optional reading: Goldingay 89-102; Fretheim 252-271; Meyers 181-200

Sunday, January 21
The Art of Worship and the Golden Calf
Suggested reading: Exodus 28-31
Optional reading: Goldingay 102-112; Fretheim 272-278; Meyers 201-220

Sunday, February 4
Tablets for an Out of Control People
Suggested reading: Exodus 32, 33, & 34
Optional reading: Goldingay 112-126; Fretheim 279-310; Meyers 221-240

Sunday, February 18
Obedience as Turning Towards God
Suggested reading: Exodus 35-40
Optional reading: Goldingay 126-129; Fretheim 313-316; Meyers 241-60

Sunday, March 4
Reading Exodus and Political Theory
The lens of Michael Walzer's *Exodus and Revolution*

Sunday, March 18
The Call to Liberation and Action
An introduction to Daniel Berrigan's *Exodus: Let My People Go*

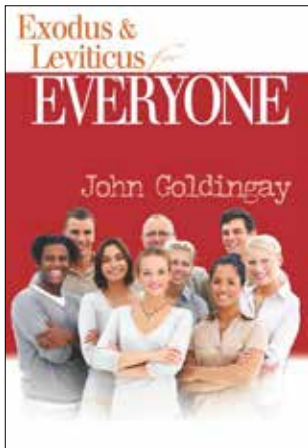
Saturday, April 7
Diocesan Wide Capstone Event (Venue, TBD)
We will be joined by Old Testament scholar Terence Fretheim as we end the Exodus Project and summarize what we've learned.

Sunday, April 22
On the Road to Liberation
Trip to the National Underground Railroad and Freedom Center

Sunday, May 6
The Joyful Celebration: Food and Culture



Supplemental Texts

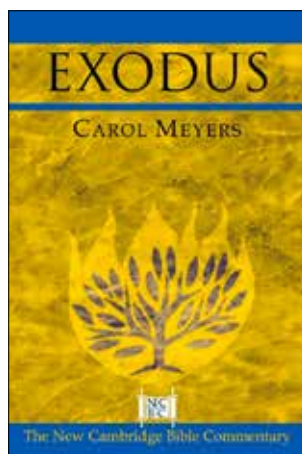


Exodus & Leviticus for Everyone by John Goldingay

This text is part of a very successful series aimed at people new to reading scripture, hence “for everyone.” The commentary on Exodus and Leviticus is very accessible — the Exodus portion of the text is just over 100 pages — focusing on one or two chapters of the Biblical text at a time. The text grew out of the author’s experience as both a pastor and teacher. The author is an Episcopal priest and the David Allan Hubbard Professor of Old Testament at the School of Theology for Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

Exodus by Terence E. Fretheim

This text is part of the series *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*. The author provides an insightful and very readable commentary and reflection on the second book of the Torah. He explores the ways that Exodus incorporates and elucidates a theology of creation, various images for God, and the meaning of Exodus as a paradigm for liberation. In doing so, he offers a wealth of insights that have the power to stimulate thought, prayer, and discussion. The Elva B. Lovell Professor Emeritus of the Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, exhibits a wonderful gift for incorporating the best in biblical scholarship into a volume that is clear and easy to understand.



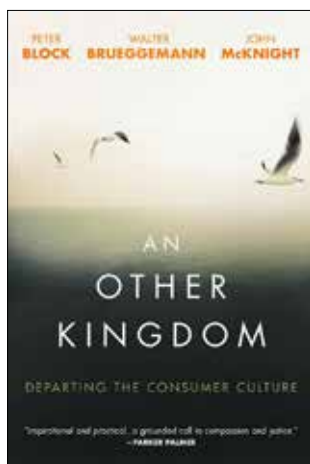
Exodus by Carol Meyers

This text incorporates both the complete New Revised Standard Version of Exodus and the author’s jargon-free commentary. She prefaces the volume with a 20-page introduction that offers an excellent summary of recent scholarship on Exodus. She also provides a wealth of supplementary materials that provide valuable backgrounds for the text, the narratives, and the cultural context in which the stories are set. Her extensive work over many years as an archaeologist, a biblical scholar, and a highly respected expert on the role of women in ancient Israel enable her to incorporate into this book a variety of insights that can help to stimulate both thought and discussion on the significance of Exodus for the world today. She is the Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita of Religious Studies at Duke University.

Exodus and Journey continued

Additional Reading

In addition to the texts listed on the previous page, which will be used as the point of discussion for our forums on Exodus, the following books are in the cathedral library and are presented here as additional reading.

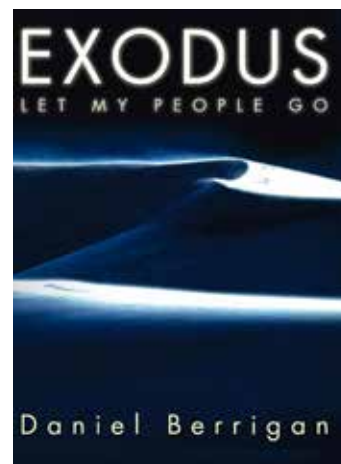


An Other Kingdom: Departing the Consumer Culture by Peter Block, Walter Brueggemann and John McKnight

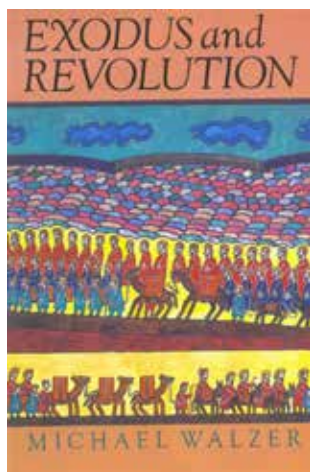
This book is an invitation to depart from our consumer market culture, with its constellations of empire and control. The authors present an alternative set of beliefs that have the capacity to evoke a culture where poverty, violence, and shrinking well-being are not inevitable and to portray a culture in which the social order produces enough for all. They ask you to consider this other kingdom and to participate in this modern exodus towards a modern community. In constructing a future outside the systems world of solution, *An Other Kingdom* outlines a new possible journey.

Exodus: Let My People Go by Daniel Berrigan

This book is a prophetic interpretation of the story of a people's liberation from slavery, contagious violence, and the shocking actions of an ambiguous god, with clear lines drawn to our own pharaohs. The Jesuit priest, award-winning poet, and internationally known author of over fifty books has spoken for peace, justice, and nuclear disarmament for nearly fifty years. He spent several years in prison for his part in the 1968 Catonsville Nine antiwar action and later acted with the Plowshares Eight. Nominated many times for the Nobel Peace Prize, he lives and works in New York City.



Exodus and Revolution by Michael Walzer



This book is a moving meditation on the political meanings of the biblical story of Exodus — from oppression to deliverance to the promised land. The author is one of America's foremost political thinkers, who has written about a wide variety of topics in political theory and moral philosophy, including political obligation, just and unjust war, nationalism and ethnicity, economic justice, and the welfare state. He has played a critical role in the revival of a practical, issue-focused ethics and in the development of a pluralist approach to political and moral life. His books include *Just and Unjust Wars* (1977), *On Toleration* (1997), and *Arguing About War* (2004). For more than three decades, he served as co-editor of the political journal *Dissent*. Currently, he is working on issues having to do with international justice and the connection of religion and politics, and also on a collaborative project focused on the history of Jewish political thought.

The Bible Challenge



In our cathedral bicentennial year, which incidentally is also the 500th anniversary of the Christian Reformation, we offer a challenge. The Bible is our primary source for the development and cultivation of our faith. It is from the Bible that our corpus of tradition and liturgy have evolved. As Anglicans, we read scripture through the lens of reason and tradition.

The challenge is to read the entire Bible in one year. In order to aid in this, we recommend using *The Bible Challenge* edited by Marek Zabriskie. This text is available through Forward Movement.

We will launch our Bible Challenge in October (Reformation Month), gathering on the first Saturdays of the month (October 2017 through October 2018) to unpack our readings together.

How to Take the Challenge

Step One: Sign up at the church reception desk or email Crystal Jones at cjones@cccath.org by September 15 and asked to be placed on the registration list.

Step Two: Make arrangements to purchase *The Bible Challenge*. You may pre-order the *The Bible Challenge* at a discounted rate of \$14. Pre-ordered books will be distributed on September 24. To pre-order, submit your payment by check, payable to Christ Church Cathedral (write "The Bible Challenge" in the memo line), and leave it at the reception desk (or mail it to the cathedral) for the attention of Judy Hering.

Step Three: Join in the group meetings to reflect on the scriptures with others. The monthly meetings will be held on the first Saturdays of the month, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Meeting dates will be as follows:

October 7	May 5
November 4	June 2
December 2	July 7
January 6	August 4
February 3	September 1
March 3	October 6
April 7	

Step Four: Join the celebration on completing the challenge on Sunday, October 7, 2018.

Bible Studies

We have three groups that meet regularly for Bible studies. You are invited to participate:

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 8:00 AM
For more information, contact Steve Gerdsen at sgerdsen@gerdsen.com.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays, Noon
Group meets September through May.
For more information, contact the Rev. Susan C. Lehman at sclehman@fuse.net.

Today's Bible Readings, Sundays, 9:00 AM
For more information, contact C.K. Wang at charlestonwang@wanglaw.net.

The Quest: An Invitation from The Dean

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church



Our annual Quest class for adults will begin on Sunday, November 12. Who should participate? Quest is for adults who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or welcomed into the Episcopal Church from other Christian traditions. Quest is an excellent class for those who want to go deeper in their own spiritual formation. Quest is also recommended for adults who may have experienced a significant life change such as a marriage, the birth of a child, a career move, or the death of a spouse.

We are very excited about this year's Quest class, and we want to specifically invite *you* to participate.

Weekly gatherings will occur on Sundays just after the 10:00 AM service for approximately 90 minutes. Our time together will include a light lunch, teaching by the clergy of the cathedral, and plenty of time for you to ask your own questions. Regular attendance is important, but don't hesitate to sign up even if you know you will miss a couple of sessions. The clergy will be happy to help you get up to speed for the next class.

The class will end on March 11, with Baptisms for adults occurring at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, March 31. Confirmations, reception to the Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of faith will occur either at the Bishop's visitation or at a regional service.

If you plan to participate, please contact Kathy Noe at 513.842.2051 or knoe@cccath.org.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail" followed by a small cross symbol.

Gail Greenwell, Dean



Baptism for Infants and Children

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body of the Church. It is a public statement of one’s intentional decision to follow the way of Jesus. It publicly proclaims what is already true, that we are loved as God’s own, that we are part of a larger family than the one into which we were born.

In our tradition, the congregation’s presence is an important part of any Baptism. By coming together in celebration of the sacrament, our congregation is able to affirm, through its prayers, our collective commitment to Jesus Christ. For this reason, we baptize new members on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the Easter Vigil, the Feast of Pentecost, and All Saints’ Day (as well as the Sunday following All Saints’).

In the case of infant baptism, it is the parents’ declaration of their intent to raise a child in the way of Jesus. The bond that God establishes in baptism is indissoluble, so baptism is only administered once. When you choose to be baptized yourself or to have your child baptized in The Episcopal Church, it means you are choosing to live out the Baptismal Covenant in the context of an Episcopal church community, taking your part in the worship, mission, and ministries of the local parish.

If you feel called to be baptized, or to have your child baptized, the first steps are to attend the worship services at the cathedral regularly and to talk to the clergy about baptism. Baptismal preparation is a requirement and enables the baptismal candidates to undertake some intentional preparation.

Baptism can be regarded as the beginning of a spiritual path and not the culmination of one. It is not necessary that a candidate for baptism fully understand nor be comfortable with every word of the Christian creeds and doctrines from the outset,

but rather be ready to embark on the rich path of discovery into the way, truth, and life of Jesus Christ.

For more information, contact the Rev. Canon Manoj M. Zacharia, Sub-Dean, at 513.842.2054 or mzacharia@cccath.org.

2017-18 Class Schedule & Baptism Days

Class	Baptism
October 21, 2017 9:00 AM – Noon	All Saints’ Day (observed) November 5, 2017, 10:00 AM
	Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord January 7, 2018, 10:00 AM
March 24, 2018 9:00 AM – Noon	Easter Tide (Easter I) April 8, 2018, 10:00 AM
	Pentecost/Whitsunday May 20, 2018, 10:00 AM



Theology Uncorked

2017-18 Schedule and Topics

Theology Uncorked is an opportunity to have conversations about theological topics in a casual setting. It's God talk with refreshments. Our 2017-18 meetings are scheduled at 4:30 PM, many before our services of Choral Evensong at 6:00 PM, so you will be able to take advantage of both offerings

Sunday, September TBA, 4:30 PM

**Dealing with Multiple, Valid Land Claims:
An exploration of pluralism and its implications for the
Israel-Palestine conflict**

The Rev. Canon Manoj M. Zacharia, discussion leader



About Canon Manoj Zacharia

The Rev. Canon Manoj M. Zachari, Sub-Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, graduated from Vassar College (B.A. in political philosophy) where he served as president of the Virginia A. Smith Debate Society and editor for *Real Politik*, a student-run political science journal. He earned his first master's degree

in theology (the equivalent to a Master of Divinity) at the Mar Thoma Theological Seminary in Kerala, India, and was ordained through the Mar Thoma Syrian Church (an Anglican Communion partner). He then attended the General Theological Seminary of The Episcopal Church where he obtained his Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M) with a concentration in Christian Ascetic Theology. He is currently writing his doctoral dissertation at the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto (Ph.D., ABD.)

His area of academic-theological interest is the methodology of inter-religious dialogue. Among his life experiences are stints working in politics, business-economic development, and the financial field. He has also served as a lecturer in philosophy, English, and Anglican theology. He is trained in leadership and community organizing. Most recently, Manoj completed a Fellowship at the prestigious Hartman Institute (Shalom Hartman) through the Clergy Leadership Initiative Project sponsored conjointly by Hartman and the American Jewish Committee.

Sunday, October 1, 4:30 PM (tentative)

**The Land Claim View from Another Angle:
The role of Moses in the Islamic perspective**

Amina Darwish, discussion leader

(Choral Evensong to follow)



About Amina Darwish

Amina Darwish is a content development coordinator for the Muslim Youth of North America and pursues Islamic studies at Qalam Institute under Sheikh Abdul Nasir Jangda. She is currently working towards a doctoral degree in chemical engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

Her activities include serving on the board of the Islamic Association of Cincinnati and Cincinnati's Ronald McDonald House, and she is the advisor for the Muslim Student Association at the University of Cincinnati. She has also served as a youth director, youth speaker, and youth advocate in the Muslim community in Cincinnati.

November 5

**The Challenge of Exodus:
Unpacking Pharaoh's economy for our times**

The Rev. Canon Rob Rhodes, discussion leader



About Canon Rob Rhodes

The Rev. Canon Robert R. "Rob" Rhodes, Canon Missioner of Christ Church Cathedral, works specifically with mission and outreach efforts in the Greater Cincinnati area.

He also carries his share of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care of the cathedral congregation. His work in the city with seekers and the marginalized is enhanced

and supported through his relationships inside the congregation.



Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri, sponsored his ordination and contributed to his already urban orientation and understanding of ministry. He received his seminary training at the General Theological Seminary of The Episcopal Church, while also serving as assisting deacon at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York’s Times Square. For more than a decade, Rob practiced ministry in parishes in the Dioceses of Missouri, Louisiana, and Newark, nearly eight years of which were as parish rectors. During those years, he was engaged in a variety of ministries from teaching techniques of prayer to hosting large, community-oriented animal rescue and blessing events.

Rob’s passions beyond mission work itself include the deep structures of liturgy and how they relate to mission, intentional Christian communities, and understanding and rethinking our relationship to food and its production. He finds God’s presence in unexpected places — ordinary neighborhoods, coffee shops, street corners, and movie houses. He sees God’s hand in secular works and atheist philosophies. While committed to Anglican Christianity, he seeks out connections with other religious traditions, including that of non-Christians. His working class roots in St. Louis, Missouri, and his undergraduate work in fine arts taught him how to look closely and carefully for beauty and truth in the world around him.

December 3

Looking Back: Situating the historical, political, and theological contexts of Luther’s reforms with an eye towards understanding the process of reformation today

Dr. David Mengel, discussion leader



About Dr. David Mengel

Dr. David Mengel became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Cincinnati’s Xavier University in 2016 after serving as an associate dean who worked closely with the university’s honors and interdisciplinary programs. His commitment to fostering innovative approaches to teaching,

learning, and research has been informed by his work as founding faculty director of the school’s Center for Teaching Excellence.

As a professor of history, David has focused his research on medieval Europe, especially in the city of Prague under the rule of Emperor Charles IV (1346-78). His interests include cultural and religious history, urban history, topography, and the cult of saints. Both his teaching and his research have been informed by an interdisciplinary background in the study of the Middle Ages, first at Vanderbilt University, then at the University of Cambridge on a British Marshall Scholarship, and finally at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned his Ph.D. from the Medieval Institute. In the course of his doctoral studies, he also spent a year studying in Prague and another in Germany. For more about his research, including select recent publications, see his profile at xavier.academia.edu/DavidCMengel.

Sunday, March 4, 4:30 PM

The Journey to Freedom: The role of Moses and the Hebrew people as an archetype for liberation

Dr. Adam Clark, discussion leader

(Choral Evensong to follow)



About Dr. Adam Clark

Dr. Adam Clark, an associate professor of theology at Cincinnati’s Xavier University, is committed to the idea that theological education in 21st century must function as a counter-story, one that equips students to read against the grain of the dominant culture and inspires them to live into

the Ignatian dictum of going forth “to set the world on fire.” To this end, Adam is intentional about pedagogical practices that raise critical consciousness by going beneath surface meanings, unmasking conventional wisdoms, and reimagining the good.

During his tenure at Xavier, Adam has received several distinctions in teaching, including a Teacher of the Year nomination by the Alpha Sigma Nu International Honor Society and The Faculty Support Award by the Black Student Association. His courses on Black Theology, Jesus and Power, and Faith and Justice and Religion and Hip Hop contribute to the Jesuit practice of educating students in the service of faith and the promotion of justice. He currently serves as co-chair of the Black Theology Group at the American Academy

of Religion, actively publishes in the area of black theology and black religion, and participates in social justice groups at Xavier and in the Cincinnati area.

Sunday, May 6, 4:30 PM

Forming identity: What does it mean to be a people shaped by the Exodus event?

Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp, discussion leader
(*Choral Evensong to follow*)



About Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp

Rabbi Miriam Terlinchamp, a native of Seattle, Washington, joined Cincinnati's Temple Sholom as the spiritual leader in 2010. She received her Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters in 2008, and was ordained as a rabbi in 2010 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles. She

received her bachelor degree in the philosophy of religion and studio art from Scripps College in Claremont, California, and received additional studio art training at the London Slade School of Art.

Previous to joining Temple Sholom, Miriam served as chaplain at both the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail and the Los Angeles Home for the Aging, and as a rabbinic fellow at Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Seattle, Washington. She was also a national Kol Tzedek Fellow for American Jewish World Service. Currently, Miriam serves as the president of The Amos Project, the largest faith-based organizing body in Ohio with 55 Cincinnati-area congregations. She is active in Ohio Organizing Collaborative and serves on several boards and committees within the Cincinnati Jewish community.

Retreats

Cathedral Center for Spirituality

Men's Spiritual Retreat

We will hold a retreat for men Friday through Sunday, November 17-19, at Transfiguration Spirituality Center in Glendale, Ohio. The book, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, S.J., will be used as a source for prayer, study, and reflection both alone and in fellowship. The men will consider how they can further their own Christian discipleship.

Along with a group of committed lay leaders, retreat leaders will include Dean Gail Greenwell, Canon George Hill, and Canon Jason Leo.

The cost of the retreat, which includes overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday and meals from Friday evening through Sunday brunch, will be \$175. Commuters are also welcome. The fee for commuters, which includes meals, will be \$45.

To register, send a check as your non-refundable deposit of \$50 (overnight), \$25 (commuter), payable to Christ Church Cathedral (write "2017 Men's Retreat" in the memo line), and leave it at the reception desk (or mail it to the cathedral) for the attention of Kathy Noe.

Scholarships are available to those with demonstrated need. For more information or to apply for a scholarship, contact the Rev. Canon Manoj M. Zacharia, Sub-Dean, at 513.842.2054 or mzacharia@cccath.org.



Advent Retreat

Our Advent retreat this year will be led by the Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan and the Rev. Elizabeth R. Broyles of the Companions of Mary the Apostle. The retreat will take place in Centennial Chapel on Saturday, December 9, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be provided through the day. To register, please contact Kathy Noe at 513.842.2051 or knoe@cccath.org.

See page 14 for information on the retreat leaders and for information on the Advent Series.

About the Companions of Mary the Apostle

The Companions of Mary the Apostle is an ecumenical community open to people of all genders. Companions hold in common a covenant that reflects the values of love: love of God, love of creation, love of one another. While they foster transformative leadership in all whose lives are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, they respond particularly to a special call to nurture women's leadership. With Mary Magdalene, they live on the border between what has been and what is emerging. To learn more about the Companions of Mary the Apostle, go to cincinnati.cathedral.com/advent-retreat-2017.

Lenten Retreat

We will present a Lenten retreat in 2018 that will be led by the Rev. Jason Prati, SCP. The retreat will take place in Centennial Chapel on Saturday, March 3, from 9:30 am to 3:00 PM. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be provided through the day. To register, please contact Kathy Noe at 513.842.2051 or knoe@cccath.org.

See page 14 for information on the Lenten Series.



About the Rev. Jason Prati, SCP

The Rev. Jason Prati, SCP, currently serves as rector of All Saint's Episcopal Church in New Albany, Ohio. A liturgist firmly within the rich tradition of the Church, Fr. Prati has been instrumental in creating the All Saint's Breviary. He describes himself in the following way:

"I am a teacher by nature, loving to share the Good News of Jesus Christ by my life and witness not only as a priest, but as a Christian on fire! I come from an Italian-American family, so people, faith, and love are my passion! I am beyond blessed to be called to serve as priest."

2017 Advent Series

Our 2017 Advent Series, scheduled for Wednesday evenings, December 6, 13, and 20, will focus on the nexus between the liberation event in Exodus and the theology of Incarnation. We will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:05 PM, enjoy dinner together at 6:30 PM, and being learning together at 7:00 PM. The evening will conclude with Compline at 8:05 PM.

Our theologians-in-residence, the Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan and the Rev. Elizabeth R. Broyles, will lead the series. They will also share in the liturgical and preaching duties at the cathedral during the month of December.

Sr. Shane and Sr. Elizabeth are founders of The Companions of Mary the Apostle. (See more information about the Companions on page 13.)

Meet the Companions . . . in their own words



Sr. Shane Phelan: “I earned my Ph.D. in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. From 1988 to 2000, I taught political philosophy and women studies at the University of New Mexico and wrote on lesbian and gay politics. I am a teacher through and through, and I have been doing recovery work since 1985. I love leading retreats and small groups and love preaching. I led spirituality groups at a teenage therapeutic community while living in an Episcopal women’s community in New Jersey from 2000 to 2009. During that same time, I served as a pastoral assistant at a local parish with a large population in recovery, as well as many members who were gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender. I love to listen for what God is doing in the lives of other people. I love to pray and to help others pray. That led to my interest in spiritual direction. I was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2009 and served a parish in New Jersey for three years before cofounding the Companions of Mary the Apostle in 2013.”



Sr. Elizabeth R. Broyles: “I have been reveling in living the life of a Companion of Mary the Apostle since co-founding the community in 2013. I came to ordained ministry in response to an ache from the need of God’s life-giving presence while working with teens with autism, in the foster care system in New Jersey (where I grew up), and finally as a counselor at a soup kitchen in Manhattan. As a priest for the past 20 years, I have had the lifelong joy and challenge of seeking God in body, mind and spirit. I first heard God’s whispers about monastic life at age 17, and had the special blessing of being in residence at Holy Cross Monastery for five years during a life-changing time. Wonderful guides in the Christ’s Way, and those of other faiths, have encouraged me to journey through prayer and spiritual companionships. I learn through singing, movement, and study; through wandering in the woods; and through times of silent retreat. I love being a spiritual director and retreat leader, and delight in accompanying others in their lives of faith.”

2018 Lenten Series



Our 2018 Lenten series, scheduled for the Wednesday evenings of February 21 and 28, and March 7, 14, and 21, will focus on the journey from bondage to liberation – traveling from Exodus to resurrection. We will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:05 PM, enjoy dinner together at 6:30 PM, and being learning together at 7:00 PM. The evening will conclude with Compline at 8:05 PM.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, our diocesan bishop, and the cathedral clergy staff will lead the series.

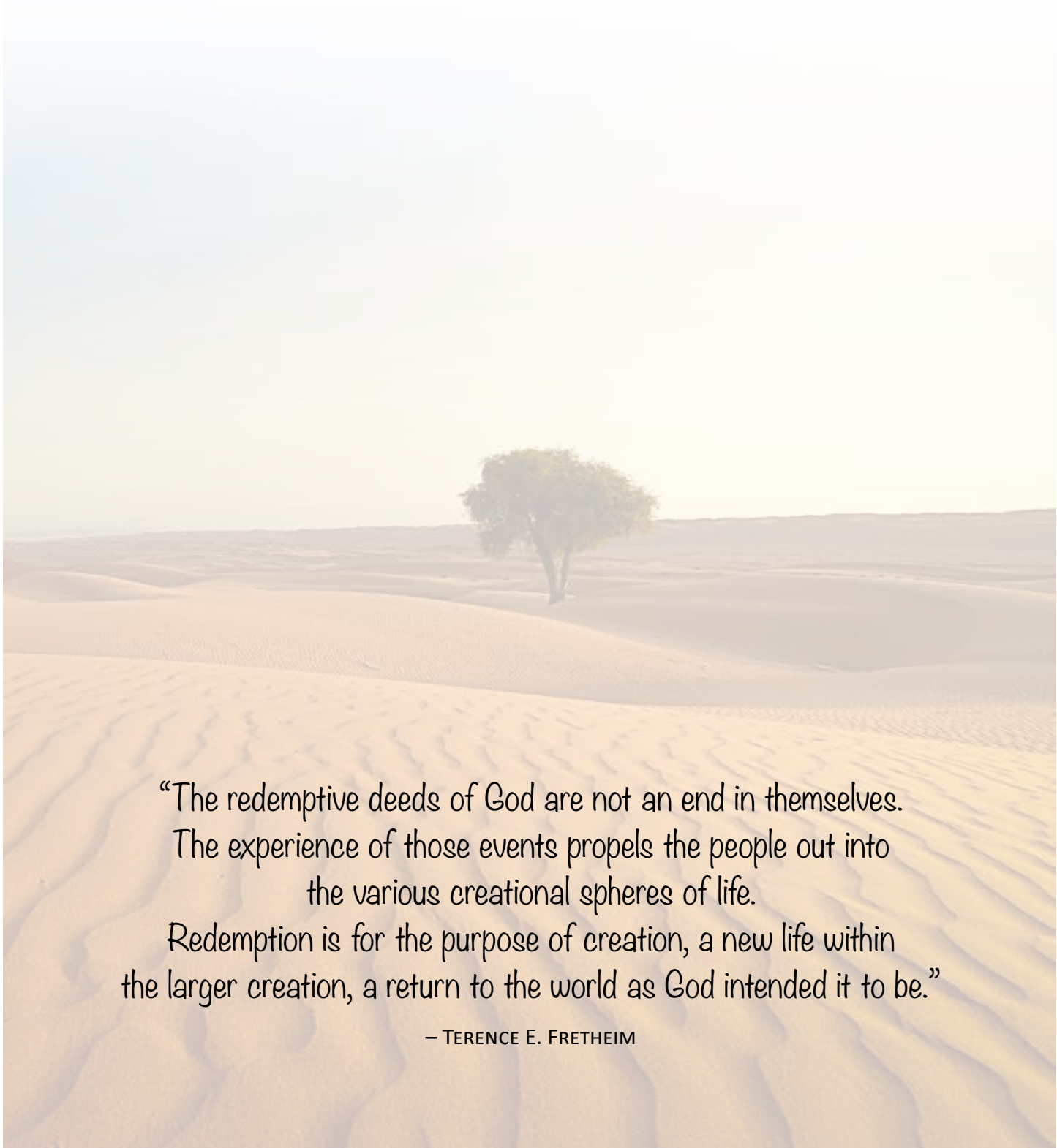




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“The redemptive deeds of God are not an end in themselves.
The experience of those events propels the people out into
the various creational spheres of life.
Redemption is for the purpose of creation, a new life within
the larger creation, a return to the world as God intended it to be.”

— TERENCE E. FRETHERM