

TRINITY



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TRINITY ICON BY KELLY LATIMORE

SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026

Worship Leaders May 31, 2026

Presider The Rev. Nic Mather

Musician. Riki Davis

Acolyte

Altar Guild Becky Edmiston, Lisa Harrington

Reader. Rob Sudar, Mary Hoover

Greeter. Cheryl Karr

Chalice Bearer. Lloyd Solon, Bev Finlay

Usher. Greg Moore

Verger. Lisa Sudar

Vestry Presence. Greg Moore, Bill Reade

Coffee Hour Toshe Big Eagle

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to respectfully **acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to **welcome all people just as God created you**. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!



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Please leave your name and email/phone number and Fr. Nic will connect with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on us!

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Come, thou almighty King

The Hymnal 1982, #365



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,



help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-
our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy
in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in



at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Words: Anonymous, ca. 1757, alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

Fine

prais - es! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

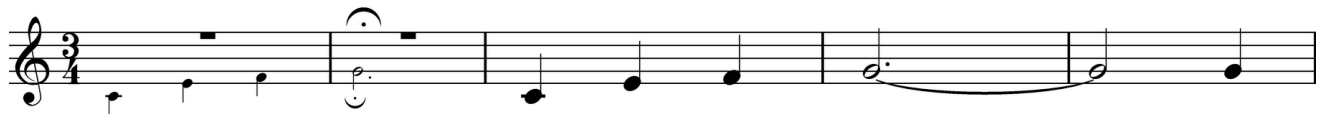
God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.


These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

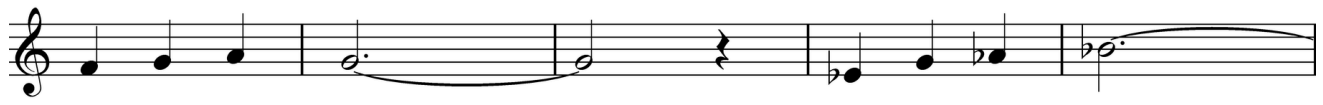
S236 Canticle 13: *Benedictus es, Domine*




1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord




God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;




glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____




_____ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will



praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____



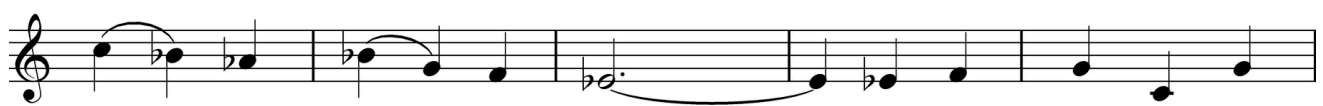
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your




tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
depths; _____ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Corinth 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession (before reading) & Recession (after reading)
(Please stand in body or spirit)



The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew 28:16-20
Glory to you, O Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of our Savior
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily--The Rev Nic Mather

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or spirit

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Celebrant: Let us lift up the intentions and hopes of our deepest selves to God as we offer our prayers, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: God of Wisdom, give to your people discerning minds and open hearts that they may inhabit fully the body of Christ and join together to fulfill your will.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Justice, grant to the leaders of this nation and of all nations a love of peace and a yearning for reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, bring an end to all wars, freedom for the oppressed, food for the hungry, and safety for the endangered.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, open us to perceive the joys and sufferings in our midst that we may celebrate with and share the tears of our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God almighty, give strength to those who fear, stand with those who are alone, bring healing to those who are afflicted, and hope to those who are hopeless. We especially pray for Ron & Harriet Byrnes, Marge Ofstun, Holly Spieth, Newt Phillips, Mike Deltman Sr., Lyle McKey, Jacob, for the victims and families of the Nippon disaster, and those you now name either silently or aloud. *pause.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God eternal, hold in your care all those who have died, especially Arlene Claxton and those lost in the Nippon disaster, and grant that they and we may one day rise on the day of new Creation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving relationship is the very being of God, and you have made us in your image so that through relationship with you, and one another, we might know abundant life. We ask these prayers now in the name of the the Son who with the Father and Holy Spirit reigns over heaven and earth and across all ages, forever. **Amen**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(please kneel in body or spirit)

**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.**

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

THE PEACE & OFFERTORY

The Peace of the Risen Lord be with you and remain with you always.

And also with you!

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Anthem

"Let It Rain"

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Joe Jencks

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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, Ho - san - na,



Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est.——



Bless - ed is the one

Music: Jonathan Dimmock (b. 1957), from *Missa Appalachia*. Copyright © 1996 Jonathan Dimmock.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by the lyrics 'Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with 'who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.' and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

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.

*You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please let the priest know so that they may intinct in a separate chalice reserved for this practice. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request. **All whom God calls to the table are welcome here on this day.***

For those joining via Live-Stream:

A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
we, though man - y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4, Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
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Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor

We offer a prayer from our community to those who are unable to join us as we send the sacrament to them carried by a minister of the church

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. **AMEN.**

Postcommunion Prayer *(please stand in body or spirit)*

**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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

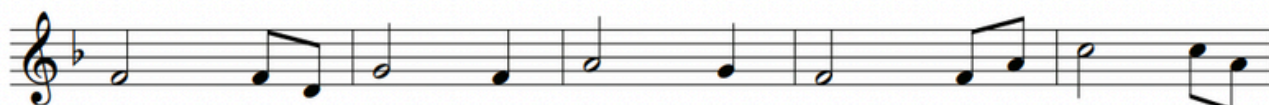
Closing Hymn

**The Reading of a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Phil LaBelle
Bishop Diocesan, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia**

How Wonderful the Three-in-One



1. How won - der - ful the Three - in - One, Whose
 2. Be - fore the flow of dawn and dark, Cre -
 3. The Lov - er's own Be - lov'd, in time, Be -
 4. Their E - qual Friend all life sus - tains With
 5. How won - der - ful the Liv - ing God: Di -



en - er - gies of danc - ing light Are un - di -
 a - tion's Lov - er dreamed of earth, And with a
 tween a cra - dle and a cross, At home in
 green - ing pow'r and lov - ing care, And calls us,
 vine Be - lov'd Em - pow'r - ing Friend, E - ter - nal



vid - ed, pure and good, Com - mun - ing
 car - ing deep and wise, All things con -
 flesh, gave love and life To heal our
 born a - gain by grace, In Love's com -
 Lov - er, Three - in - One, Our hope's be -



love in shared de - light.
 ceived and brought to birth.
 bro - ken - ness and loss.
 mun - ing life to share.
 gin - ning, way and end.

Community Invitations

90th Birthday Celebration honoring Judy Krausch

Sunday June 7 Coffee Hour

You are invited and encouraged to wear a fancy church hat today!



St. Stephen's Parish Summer Picnic Potluck

June 13 @ Noon, Willow Grove

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Provided!

Please bring a side dish or dessert to contribute as able!

Games & Fellowship for ALL!



SquirrelFest Tabling and Volunteers Needed!

Join us at SquirrelFest on Saturday August 22!

Volunteers needed to help man our table from 9am-5pm!

Multiple shifts available!

Come and help us spread the Good News of St. Stephen's in our Community!

See Katherine Beauregard for details!

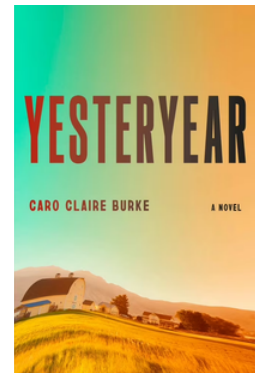


Summer Book Club: Yesteryear

You are invited to join host Lauren Henricksen in reading a New York Times 2026 Best Books of the Year (so far) selection, *Yesteryear*. Lauren is inviting those who are interested in reading this novel to join her for discussion and potluck dinners according to the following schedule:

- June 17, chapters 1-19
- July 8, chapters 20-57
- July 29, part 3 + epilogue

These gatherings will start around 5:30pm with the potluck dinner and head into book discussion. Contact Lauren for more information and to sign up! 206-354-1272 or lhenric@gmail.com



Summer Book Reading: Jesus & the Disinherited

Join us in reading Howard Thurman's seminal text: *Jesus and the Disinherited* as our Summer Reading Text.

We will gather on Wednesday August 12 @ 6pm at Roland Wines to discuss this work and our reflections on it.

Contact Fr. Nic to RSVP and if you need help ordering the book.

