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March 30, 2021



Tuesday, March 30, 10:00 AM
First Lutheran Church, Grant Street, Downtown
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell, Preaching
Bishop Kurt Kusserow, Presiding

The service may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/wO-c33g4y3E>

When Nothing Else Could Help, Love Lifted Me

Dear Beloved,

We have entered Holy Week and are turning our attention to the cross, Christ's crucifixion, and ultimately His triumphant victory over death in his resurrection. Once a year, we remember this amazing event that happened over two thousand years ago. We recognize that Jesus is unconditional love, and before we can get to the victory cry of Easter, we must mourn what happened the prior Friday morning. We mourn that hate lifted love up on the cross.



Hate is alive today. We wait with fear and trembling as the George Floyd case begins. Black America in particular is bracing itself for yet another moment of hate to go unpunished and injustice to be upheld in the courts. Will that be the case this time? Many are finding it hard to embrace a hope that can vision a day when America declares that black lives finally matter.

We see, and must not quickly forget, that hate claims all people, and the hate of racism has recently claimed the lives of several Asians unto death. Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Soon C. Park, Hyun J. Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong A. Yue, are the names of those who lost their life during the massacre in Atlanta. Since the pandemic, Asians are experiencing increased violence in America. How has America responded, and how will it respond? Will Asian American victims of hate find justice in America? How will the church respond? How should we respond?

Read the rest of this at:

<https://www.episcopalpgh.org/when-nothing-else-could-help-love-lifted-me/>

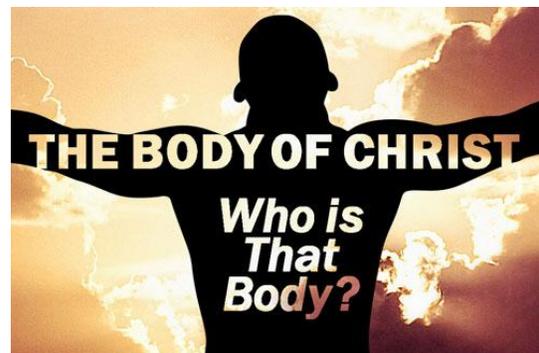
A note from Bishop McConnell:

Please follow the link above to this important and moving statement from our diocesan Beloved Community Initiative, calling us all to continue confronting the sin of racism, and particularly mourning the recent upturn in violence against Asian- Americans.

At the beginning of this Holy Week, I ask us all to be joined in prayer and action, to do everything we can to lift up the vision of the Beloved Neighbor embodied in Christ Jesus our Lord, that we might truly become the Beloved Community.

The Body of Christ: Who is that body?

Join the Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh and the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall for a diocesan-wide Eastertide conversation about the content of two important documentaries: *The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song* (<https://www.pbs.org/show/black-church/>) and *A Time for Burning* (<https://bit.ly/3rogS43>).



Black expressions of the Christian church developed largely from nationally encouraged racial segregation. It has been noted that Sunday morning in America is the most “segregated hour,” where black, brown, and white bodies meet for worship in separate spaces. Where will these faithful expressions of Christianity meet? Let’s watch these critically acclaimed documentaries to enter a conversation about the Body of Christ. Who is part of that Body? Where does the wider, integrated Body meet?

Our three-part discussion series will help us approach the discussion with grace about how God might break open ways in which our bodies could be the Christ’s, together.

- **The Black Church (Part I): Thursday, April 15 from 7:30-9:00 PM**

- **The Black Church (Part II): Thursday, April 22 from 7:30-9:00 PM**
- **A Time for Burning: Thursday, April 29 from 7:30-9:00 PM**

Please watch the section of each documentary ahead of each discussion. Questions will be provided for conversation. You are invited and welcome to bring friends along, too, both in and beyond the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83455559145?pwd=d0ZpUDZlTmEwMU5tWUwvV216YjhRdz09>

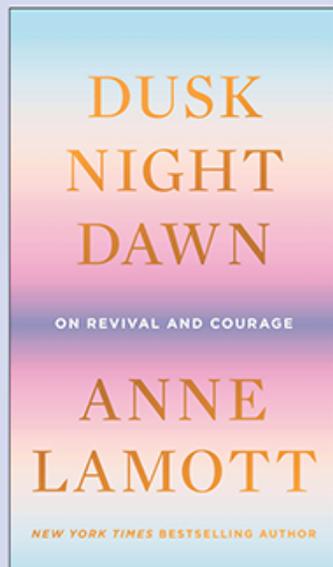
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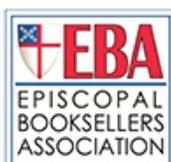
The Bookstore at Calvary, as a member of the Episcopal Booksellers Association, is hosting a series of **Zoom Conversations with Authors** in 2021.

Join the next Live Zoom Conversation on
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. EST
with New York Times bestselling author
Anne Lamott

Your purchase of the book from the Bookstore at Calvary helps to support our ministry.



– Registration for the Zoom Conversations is open to all –
Follow the link on the Bookstore at Calvary's webpage at
www.calvarypg.org



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Anti-Racism Training

Friday & Saturday, May 14 & 15, 2021

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has scheduled a diocesan anti-racism workshop, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, and we ask for your support in encouraging participation from your parish.

The commission restructured the workshop for a virtual experience for its November, 2020 training and it was quite successful.

The next training will take place on **Friday evening, May 14, and Saturday, May 15.**



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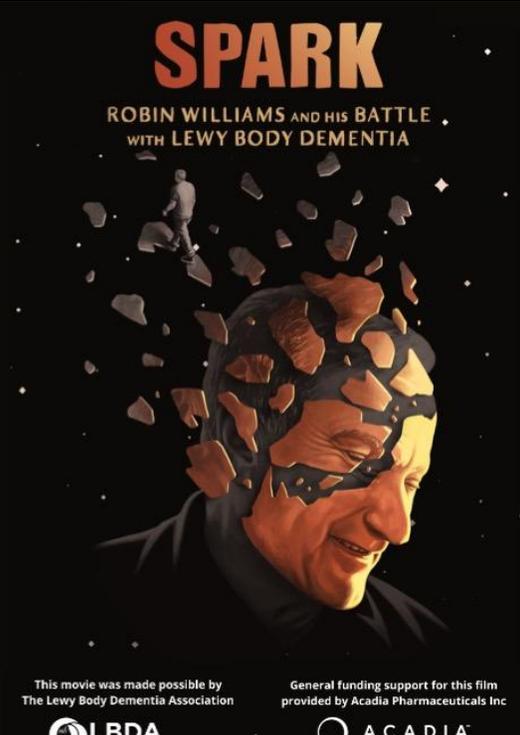


University of Pittsburgh | Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

The University of Pittsburgh ADRC is hosting a virtual educational event featuring a free public viewing of the documentary, **SPARK: Robin Williams and his Battle with Lewy Body Dementia**, followed by a Q&A panel by a group of our experts and affected families.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

To register, click on link the below:
<http://bit.ly/3v5LwT7>



SPARK
ROBIN WILLIAMS AND HIS BATTLE WITH LEWY BODY DEMENTIA

This movie was made possible by The Lewy Body Dementia Association

General funding support for this film provided by Acadia Pharmaceuticals Inc



A recently released feature movie, *Robin's Wish*, reveals the true story about Robin Williams and his battle with undiagnosed Lewy body dementia (LBD), receiving wide public acclaim.

From that movie, the Lewy Body Dementia Association (LBDA) and the producers of Robin's Wish created a 45-minute documentary adaptation, *SPARK: Robin Williams and his Battle with Lewy Body Dementia*. [View the SPARK trailer here.](#)

The University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center is working with LBDA to host a virtual community event on Wednesday, March 31, from 2 – 4 pm. During this time, the film *SPARK* will highlight key messages that can enhance learning and understanding of LBD, improve diagnosis and detection, and offer LBD families a way to feel connected to resources and support. After viewing the film together, learners are encouraged to discuss the films' content, key themes and important messages. To encourage this discussion, after the film is viewed a select group of speakers will present about the disease and then will facilitate a Q & A session.

This presentation may be of particular interest to those involved in Stephen Ministries. Seating is limited so please register here <http://bit.ly/3v5LwT7> by Monday, March 29, 2021.

Important Reminders: 2020 Parochial Reports and Annual Reports Are Due

Remember, the deadline for filing **2020 Parochial Reports** was **March 1** with several reports still outstanding. File online at <https://reports.dfms.org>.

In order for the diocesan office to continue to have up-to-date information, please complete the **Annual Meeting Report Form** in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) at your earliest convenience following your parish's annual meeting.

Around the Diocese



Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

- April 4:** Trinity Cathedral (Easter)
- April 18:** St. Peter's, Blairsville
- April 25:** All Saints, Brighton Heights
- May 2:** St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

Note: The diocesan offices will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Parting Shots

The Rev. Jonathan Jensen, Rector of Calvary, East Liberty, was interviewed as part of a video series on YouTube entitled, *What They Believe*. The creator and interviewer for the series is an atheist who does an excellent job encouraging religious leaders, of various traditions, to tell their story in their own words.



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