

The Herald

March 21, 2010 Fifth Sunday in Lent

From the Rector Of Faith and Trust

I had a good conversation yesterday with my former sister-in-law. That sounds so cold....former. Just because she is divorced from my brother doesn't mean that we don't still have a relationship. I'm glad of that. She is in the process of going to seminary in the Fall with the intention of becoming an Episcopal priest. She called me for some advice. She's in the hardest place right now, I'm remembering from my own experience of leaving home for a new life...that in-between time wherein one can see what one has known as the world passing away before one's eyes, and then the certainty that what's next is unknown. It's like dying in a way.

She had just been to the Commission on Ministry of the diocese and they had given her some disturbing news. Because of the financial plight of the diocese they simply can't give her as much financial support as she had anticipated. The news brought to the surface her doubts and fears about this proposed new life ahead of her. She told me that she had been stuck on the interstate for over an hour because of a multi-car accident. Sitting there at a stump stop she reckoned that her predicament was an apt metaphor for her life situation...just stuck with nowhere to go...and I asked her to tell me more about the metaphor...she asked what I meant...and I said well what finally happened out there on the interstate, and she said that eventually and all of a sudden, out of nowhere, traffic started moving and she found herself on her way home. Trust your metaphor, I said.

Is it possible that the roadblocks and obstacles we face inevitably on our life journey end up a vital part of our formation?...the purifying fire the ancient scribes call it....See I am making all things new says a voice from heaven...and the old must die, and sometimes hard; but the promise is that new life comes on the wings of eagles, quite without warning; so it is for us to trust the signs of this coming, pay attention to the metaphors around us, outward and visible signs of God's gracious favor.... There comes a point for each and every one of us when we must act as if this grand vision handed down across the generations were true. Trusting and acting as if it were true...that's my definition of faith...so may my sister in the faith trust her way forward into this life that unfolds before her...the signs graciously pointing the way...and may we as well, trust the way ahead... forever on our journey home.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, March 17
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
6pm Evensong (Chapel)
6:30pm supper & Lenten program (Stirling Hall)
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 18
7:30am L'Arche (Smith Rm)
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, March 20
10am Recovery 2day (Smith Rm)

Sunday, March 21
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
6pm Potluck supper and program:
'Re-entry Transition' with Danny Moreau

Tuesday, March 23
3:30pm Training Choir



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Christian Living Today adult education class will take a break from its regular book discussion for the next two weeks to focus on Easter-related topics.

This Sunday, March 21, the class will listen to an interview on NPR's *Fresh Air* with a leading Jesus scholar, Dominick Crossan, about Jesus' crucifixion. Crossan discusses:

- * Crucifixion as state-sponsored terrorism and why the Roman authorities used it
- * The roles of the Jewish crowds, the temple authorities, and Pilate in Jesus' execution (not what you may think)
- * His reaction to Mel Gibson's film *Passion of the Christ*
- * the likely scenarios after Jesus' death and whether the Christian understanding of resurrection is dependent upon Jesus' bodily resuscitation

On Palm Sunday, March 28, the class will discuss the chapter on Palm Sunday from Marcus Borg's and Dominick Crossan's book *The Last Week*. Borg and Crossan provide the historical context necessary for a full understanding of Palm Sunday. They describe Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a carefully planned counter-demonstration to the parade of imperial Roman troops entering the city of God. Some excerpts from the chapter:

...Pilate's procession embodied the power, glory and violence of the empire that ruled the world. Jesus' procession embodied an alternative vision, the kingdom of God. This contrast--between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Caesar--is central not only to the gospel of Mark, but to the story of Jesus and early Christianity.

...Two processions entered Jerusalem that day. The same question, the same alternative, faces those who would be faithful to Jesus today. Which procession are we in? Which procession do we want to be in? That is the question of Palm Sunday and the week that is about to unfold.

All members of the congregation are welcome to these sessions, which begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Walter K. Smith room. If you want a copy of the Palm Sunday chapter, email Henry Callaway at hcallaway@handarendall.com.

Thanks to all who helped make the garage sale a big success last weekend. The Girls' Choir and the EYC will both use the money that was made to help fund their summer trips: the girls to sing in Florence, Italy and the EYC to help rebuild post-Katrina New Orleans.

If you left an "IOU" at the garage sale, please come to pay for your treasures and pick them up sometime this week!

Are you interested in helping out in the church office as a volunteer or a substitute volunteer? If so, please call Mary Robert at 438-2492.

Potluck Supper & Discussion

Imagine, if you will, what it would be like to be released from an incarceration that has left you physically, emotionally and psychologically scarred. You probably have developed a substance abuse habit in the interim. After 3 or 4 years of working in one of the prison industries you've probably earned about \$100. They give you a bus ticket home (subtracted from what you earned), point you toward Mobile and tell you to stay out of trouble. Is it any wonder why we have a recidivism rate of nearly 70%?

This Sunday, March 21, at 6pm in Stirling Hall there will be a potluck supper and discussion on **Re-Entry Transition**, led by Danny Moreau, a member of All Saints and a Probation Case Officer in Mobile. His goal is to look at the feasibility of assisting inmates in transitioning back into society. "This ministry would not be about saying prayers and handing out bibles. It needs to be more," Danny says. "There are faith-based assistance grants available from the Feds. Let's use them. The problem we're facing is big, but there are enough smart people at All Saints that a solution can be found. Our biggest asset will be thinking outside the box."

Please bring a dish to share and join us for this very worthwhile discussion.

Food Share Weekend

The March Food Share event will begin with the food delivery on Thursday, March 25. On Friday, March 26, food bags will be packed at 5:30pm in Stirling Hall, and food distribution will be on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 8am. Everyone is invited to help.

Please note: The Azalea Trail Run will also be held on that Saturday morning; many of the streets around the church will be blocked to traffic. If you are going to help with the distribution of food, please be sure to come early enough to avoid the barricades or plan an alternate route.

Palm Crosses will be made in the kitchen of Stirling Hall on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 10am. Everyone is invited to help, and it is not too hard to learn! Please see note above concerning the Azalea Trail Run traffic.

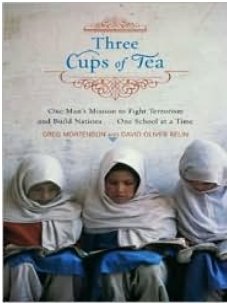


Lenten Program continues!!

Only 2 more Wednesdays to go:

— March 17 and March 24 —

beginning at 6:00pm with Evensong in the *chapel*
followed by supper and book discussion
from 6:30-7:30pm



Study Book:

Three Cups of Tea:

One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time

by Greg Mortenson

If you need a book, we have some available for \$10 each. Call the church to reserve a copy.

If you have your book, **please read chapters 13-18** for this week's discussion.

It's never too late to join in!

The All Saints Acoustic Music Concert

Series, featuring the Claire Lynch Band, was a great success! Held last Saturday night, the church was full of enthusiastic fans of great bluegrass music and we were able to raise a good amount of money for our Community Ministries. Many thanks to Mark Williams and Doug Greene for their work in making this possible!

IHN Week begins Easter Sunday!

Sunday, April 4, is the beginning of All Saints' next week to host Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise families. The week begins with supper on the evening of the 4th and concludes with breakfast on Sunday, April 11. If you would like to help with this important ministry, email Henry Brewster at brewster919@bellsouth.net or call him at 338-0630.

Our prayers are offered for the family and friends of Nell Rutherford, who died on Saturday, March 13, at the age of 97.
Let light perpetual shine upon her.



Prayers are also offered for the family and friends of Sara Lee, who died Tuesday, March 16. Holy Eucharist will begin at All Saints at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 20, followed by a reception in Stirling Hall. *May her soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

Would you like to give Easter flowers in memory or in thanksgiving for loved ones? If so, please turn in this form and your donation (suggested: \$50) by putting it in the offering plate or by sending it to the church office by the deadline of Monday, March 29, at 4pm.

Please PRINT the name(s) as you would like them to appear.
Check M (Memorial) or T (Thanksgiving)

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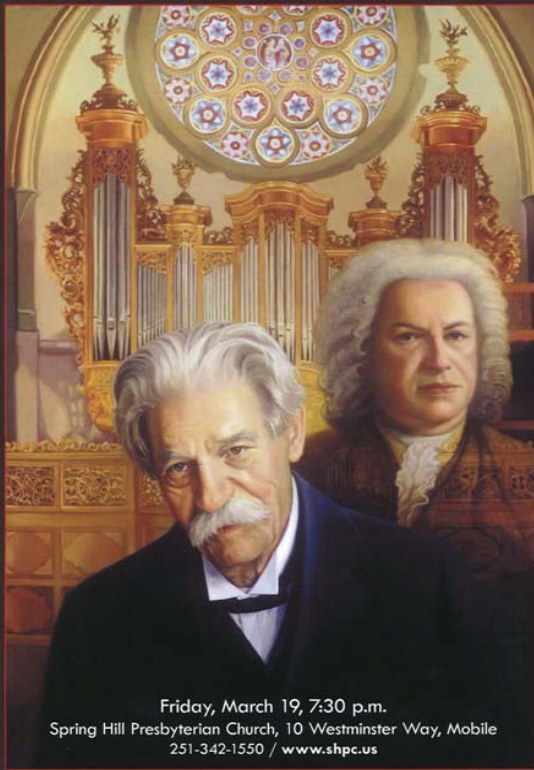
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"Words of Albert Schweitzer and Music of J. S. Bach"

a multi-media musical dramatization by Thurston Moore



Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, 10 Westminster Way, Mobile
251-342-1550 / www.shpc.us

Free admission

Reader-Actors: Harvie Jordan, Bryan Reed, Vera Lynn Sheets

Organists: Jeff Clearman, Kevin Davis, Paul Hanebuth,
Colleen Kelsey, Randall Sheets

Coffee and sweets served in the Fellowship Hall prior to the performance
Sponsored by the Religious Arts Committee of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church



The Archives Corner

A potpourri of interesting stories about All Saints through the years, The Archives Corner will appear periodically in *The Herald*.

The Parable of the Missing Dress

Ruth Wright, Mrs. Henry Wright, was a tall, lovely lady who was Choir Director and often a soloist. She also taught Sunday school and was well-loved.

In those days, All Saints did not have air conditioning, and the beautiful stained glass windows were not in place yet, so on warm days the outside doors and windows were opened wide. The ladies attended church wearing hats, gloves, stockings (and also a slip). (If a lady attended church wearing slacks, you knew she must be visiting from out of town and did not live in Mobile.)



The ladies in the choir vested in the big back room of the church, now used for the acolytes, and in summer, changed out of their clothes before putting on their vestments. One warm Sunday after the church service, the ladies of the choir were dressing in their street clothes and

Ruth Wright came in to dress. She was often the last one as she had to gather all of the choir music left from the service. She was walking around in her slip and said after looking around – “my dress is not here.”

Everybody began looking and her dress was missing. What a surprise! Someone had come in the open back door and stolen her dress. Several weeks later, the dress was returned with lots of pins still in it. The thief either couldn't make it fit, or had a guilty conscience!

Thanks to Suzanne Drew, a member of All Saints since she was 5 years old, for this memory!

Musica Sacra Chorus, under the direction of Christopher Uhl, will have its Spring concert on Friday, March 26 at 8:15 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Works by Palestrina, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Josef Haydn, Franz Biebl, Gabriel Fauré, Charles Villiers Stanford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and William Harris will be performed. Organ works by Herbert Howells and Louis Vierne will also be performed by Jeff Clearman, organist and chorus master of *Musica Sacra*.

Coming Next Week:

Watch the Herald next week for a complete listing of all the service schedules, rehearsal schedules and people who are scheduled to serve during Holy Week, plus additional activities. It will be important to be sure that everyone who is listed to serve will be present, or will find a substitute.

Holy Week Service Schedule:

March 28-Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8am-Liturgy of the Palms; Holy Eucharist

10:30am-Liturgy of the Palms; Holy Eucharist



March 29-Monday in Holy Week

7:30am-Holy Eucharist, chapel

March 30-Tuesday in Holy Week

7:30am-Holy Eucharist, chapel

March 31-Wednesday in Holy Week

12N-Holy Eucharist, chapel

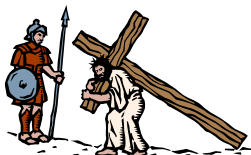
April 1-Maundy Thursday

6pm-Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, church

April 2-Good Friday

12N-Good Friday Liturgy, church

6pm-Good Friday Liturgy, church



April 3-Holy Saturday / Easter Eve

9am-Holy Saturday Liturgy, church

7:30pm-The Great Vigil of Easter, church

Agape Meal following, Stirling Hall



April 4-Easter Sunday

8am-Holy Eucharist

9am-Breakfast in the courtyard

9:30am-Flowering of the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am-Holy Eucharist

Reception following

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“Defending my light and wandering,
Where have I been?
Sleeping, lost and numb.
So glad that I have found you,
I am wide awake and heading home.”
— Tool

This week we heard the old story of the prodigal son, who leaves home with his inheritance, squanders it and returns home to be welcomed by his father. And then there is the “good son.” The one who asks, nay demands, that his father explain why he is welcoming home the worthless son who squandered his fortune. As Jim stated in his sermon, this is a story we are all familiar with, so much so that most probably stop listening as soon as they realize what lesson is being read, confident that they could recite the story themselves and need not listen.

I have always been fascinated by the story of the prodigal son, particularly its placement within Luke’s Gospel, right before Jesus is turned over to be crucified. I have always thought that Jesus was using the story to give a hint as to his feelings about his coming crucifixion. Jesus is the “good son” in the story, and humanity is the “prodigal”, while God is represented by the welcoming Father. Jesus looks to the Father and asks why he is welcoming back humanity, who have done nothing but squander everything they have been given, while he done all that has been asked of him and now has to pay a terrible price. Since Jesus cannot openly talk to anyone about what is coming, he expresses his feelings through a parable that his audience will view as a teaching moment and not think about the double meaning.

MARCH 21st

Meet at the church for Sardines and other games (as requested by Laura Hampton and Trevor)

5:00 - 7:00

Dinner will be served.

MARCH 28th

TBA

APRIL 4th

IHN is staying at the church and we will be playing games and having dinner with the families.

Times TBA

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Sunday Lectionary: Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[John 12:1-8](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Burl Ratcliffe, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler

Flower Guild: Betty Bentley, Stella Hester

Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Hannum, Betsy Schneider

Reception: Frances Rouse, Kathy McKenzie

8:00

Lector: Keith Winkler

Intercessor: Serena Willcox

Chalice bearer: Ray Hester

Ushers: Preston Bolt, Joe Basenberg

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Clayton Ryan 2) Claudia Zimmermann

Intercessor: Elyzabeth Wilder

Chalice bearers: Catherine Tucker, Andy Mitchell

Acolytes: Hendrik Snow, Nyirou Kuot, Bobby Roach

Ushers: Andy Mitchell, Mark Williams, Doug Greene, Henry Brewster

Music for Sunday, Mar. 21

Voluntary Johannes Brahms *Herzliebster Jesu*

Processional Hymn 448 *Deus, tuorum militum*

David Hurd S-86 *Kyrie eleison*

Plainsong Tone I.1 *Psalm 126*

Sequence Hymn 422 *Cornwall*

Offertory Anthem John Goss *O Saviour of the World*

Presentation Hymn 474 *Rockingham*

David Hurd S-124 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

David Hurd S-161 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 337 *Unde et memores*

Motet Richard Farrant *Hide Not Thy Face*

Post Communion Hymn 473 *Crucifer*

Processional Johann Sebastian Bach *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 1100)*

Pantry Items

Many thanks to those who have donated items to the Refugee Pantry.

Here are some of the items we still need: **shampoo, paper towels, laundry soap, toilet paper, hand & body lotion.** Please bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks!

Please keep in your prayers:

Karly Dodson

Dorothy Evatt

Martha Welborn

Judy McKee

Ted Kelley

Jane English

Louie Skipper

Dick Wellington

Brynn Woods

Mitch Price

Gale Lambright

Sara Lee

Joel Danley

Celeste Taylor

Cintra Pemberton

Larry Hall

Tim Holston

Bill & Lida Bowman

Linda Irby

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Sean Paul Naylor

Joseph Willcox

Steven DeWeese

William Wesley Pollard

Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.





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Susan Meztista
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Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:20 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)