

The Herald

March 24, 2013

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

From the Rector: Of Palms and Hosannas

I can remember all the way back to my childhood the images conjured up in my mind at each Palm Sunday. I could imagine throngs of people lining the busy streets of Jerusalem, shouting hosannas almost in a frenzy as the Son of God rode triumphantly into the city on a colt (Mark and Luke use a donkey in their version); into the city only to be arrested the next day and then executed. Our very liturgy this Sunday bears out these images. Over the past several decades in New Testament scholarship, however, a new interpretation has emerged among formidable scholars, Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan just to name two.

These scholars believe that this entry of Jesus and his followers into Jerusalem was a staged protest, an act of civil disobedience, mocking the pomp and arrogance of their corrupt overlords. When, say, Herod Antipas, would enter Jerusalem, the citizenry were required to strew cloaks and palms and shout hosanna, which in the Aramaic means "Save" or "Savior", common titles for the emperor and his underlords. Josephus, a Jewish historian of the era, points this out in his work, *The Jewish Wars*; and Herod certainly wouldn't have entered the city on a colt or donkey. That would be beneath his royal station. The purpose of Empire, at least in theory, was to save the people; bring them dignity and well being. Borg points out that Jesus' ministry was principally confined to the environs of Galilee, not in Jerusalem. In fact, as to ministry in Jerusalem, Josephus gives John the Baptist much more press. His only mention of Jesus in Jerusalem is that he was crucified there for sedition. Jesus would not have been known by the general population of Jerusalem; and in Luke this is his only journey there.

So what is the point to this? I believe the Synoptic writers, Matthew, Mark and Luke are making the case that this Jesus movement is a movement that not only practices compassion, love and mercy and inclusion, but it is also a ministry of critique towards the injustices of the world, its corruption and hypocrisy, chiefly lorded by the powers that be. This is a movement that is meant to call out, call attention to what's not right in the world, and by any means necessary other than violence set things right (but we remember Peter cutting of the ear of Malchus with a sword). There was a very fine line between peaceful protest and violent insurrection. During the first century C.E. Jerusalem was a powder keg of insurrection, myriad groups bent on driving the empire out of their homeland, both by protest and violence. Finally in the latter decades of the first century the Romans had had enough and any form of protest was deemed sedition, the punishment for which was crucifixion. The fate that befell Jesus, and many others.

What does this mean for us as the modern church? I believe we are no longer to be the proverbial hospital for sinners...We are to be a staging ground for mission...the mission of salvation: healing, clothing, feeding, dignifying and bringing well-being to our world...and that requires critique and protest as a part of the process. Our worship is to nurture this vocation to which we are called, and it is the means by which we celebrate the beauty of being called to be the ones who "save". Don't be surprised on this journey we share if out of nowhere you hear a hosanna, or see the waving of palms, for our work of bearing God's love will surely be cause for the least among us to celebrate....strewing cloaks and palms...and the rocks and stones singing as well.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, Mar 20
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
9:30am Folding Palm Crosses
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
5:30pm Trinity choristers
6pm Taizé service (Chapel)
6:30pm Supper (Stirling Hall)
7pm Lenten classes
7:30pm All Sts & Trinity Adult Choirs' rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 21
11:30am Clericus @ All Saints
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, Mar 24
8:45am Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9am Trinity Holy Eucharist
9:30am All Sts Adult Xian Ed
10am All Sts Youth Xian Ed
10:30am Trinity Christian Ed
10:50am Liturgy of the Palms
11am All Sts Holy Eucharist & Confirmation
Reception following

Monday, Mar 25
7:30am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Tuesday, Mar 26
7:30am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, Mar 27
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
6pm Tenebrae Service (Church)
7:30pm All Sts Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 28
6pm Maundy Thurs. Eucharist

Friday, Mar 29
12N Good Fri. Liturgy (Church)
6pm Good Fri. Liturgy (Church)

Saturday, Mar 30
9am Holy Saturday Liturgy

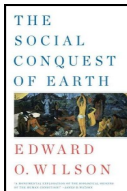
cloaks and palms...and

Thanks to all who helped at Food Share

over the weekend. We are now serving seniors (62 and over) who live in zip codes -04, -05 and -06. If you anyone in these areas who qualifies, please send them our way. The next Food Share weekend will be April 17-20.

The Beth Murray adult education class

has begun a study of E.O. Wilson's 2012 book, The Social Conquest of Earth. The class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Saad Room and all are welcome. Contact Henry Callaway at hcallaway@handarendall.com or 694-6224 if you'd like a copy of the book (\$16).



Palm Crosses will be made

this Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 9:30am in the Stirling Hall kitchen. Anyone who knows how or would like to learn how to make the special crosses that will be worn on Palm Sunday is invited to help; the more the merrier!



The last Wednesday Lenten program

is this week. It begins with a Taizé service in the Chapel at 6pm, supper in Stirling Hall at 6:30pm, and class at 7pm. There are two classes from which to choose: one on achieving balance and one on Collects and contemporary issues. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

There is still time for Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate to the Easter flower fund, there is a form in this Herald you can cut out and send in to the church office. There are also envelopes at the back of the church that can be filled out and put, with your check, in the alms basin on Sunday morning. The deadline for turning in names to be printed in Easter bulletins is Tues., Mar 26.



EYCers: There will be no EYC this weekend. Stay tuned for information about preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Family Promise guests will arrive on Easter Sunday afternoon (Mar 31). If you can help set up beds & walls or volunteer to cook or spend time with them, please let Henry Brewster know. Sign-up forms were emailed on the 18th; please sign up early. If you want to know more about the program and how you can help, please get in touch with Henry at 479-9781 or at brewster919@bellsouth.net.

Palm Sunday Schedule

Lest there be any confusion about what will be happening this Sunday, here is the schedule for All Saints (Trinity's schedule remains the same):

No 8:00am service!

Breakfast is served at 9:00am

Adult Sunday School - 9:30am

Youth Sunday School - 10:00am

ONE SERVICE ONLY

10:50am

**Gather outside the Govt St doors for
The Liturgy of the Palms**

11:00am

Procession of congregation and choir into church for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

Reception following



Holy Week & Easter Schedule of Services

Holy Week begins this Sunday with the “triumphant entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem. Breakfast and Sunday School will take place at their normal times, but there will be one service only!

The journey of Palm Sunday begins at All Saints with the Liturgy of the Palms, where the palm crosses worn by the crowd are blessed and we hear the story of Jesus’ ride into the city on the back of a donkey. Shouts of “Hosanna!” quickly deteriorate, however, into those of “Crucify him!” as we listen to the Passion Narrative, this year from the Gospel of Luke. At the end of the service, we leave in relative silence...no grand music, no singing, just the bell tolling as it is tolled at the end of a funeral. The Bishop will be here also to confirm those who choose to make the vows themselves that were made on their behalf at their baptisms. The service begins in front of the Government Street doors at 10:50am.



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, the mood remains quiet. There will be Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 7:30am Monday and Tuesday, and at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday. The readings for each day are particular to Holy Week.



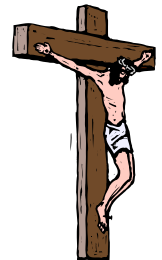
On Wednesday night this year during Holy Week, we will celebrate a service called Tenebrae, a Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadows". The service of Tenebrae derives from the ancient monastic night offices (prayer services) of the last three days of Holy Week. In the Anglican tradition we celebrate it on Wednesday in Holy Week so as to keep it a separate rite from the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Tenebrae consists primarily of the chanting of Psalms and readings from the book of Lamentations. During each of these readings, candles on the altar are extinguished, gradually darkening the church until the end when the Christ candle is extinguished and a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake and the tearing of the temple veil that occurs at the moment Jesus dies on the cross. The Christ candle is then relit, and the congregation exits to the faint but hopeful light of Christ's resurrection. This service begins at 6:00pm.



The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 6:00pm in the church. This service of Holy Eucharist is more austere than most eucharists; the sanctuary is more bare than usual; some people will kneel on the cold, hard marble floor to wash each other’s feet, to remember and re-enact what Jesus did for his disciples on this night; after the Eucharist is over, the altar will be stripped bare in preparation for the day of crucifixion and the cross will be draped in black. We will leave the church in silence.



The Good Friday Liturgy will be held at 12:00 Noon and repeated at 6:00pm. There is no Eucharist on Good Friday, no music. We will hear the Passion Gospel again, this time from St. John. We will pray the Solemn Collects. Silence is pervasive.



The Holy Saturday Liturgy, although quite brief, is also quite profound. It begins at 9:00am in the choir area of the church. Again, there is no celebration of the Eucharist. An anthem from the Burial Rite is said. It’s about waiting. And hope.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the first service of Easter Day, held at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Morning. Our service will begin outside the Government Street doors of the church at 7:30pm on Saturday night. The service consists of four parts:



- **The Service of Light.** We will light the Paschal Candle from the newly-kindled fire and process into a dark church. As we find our places, candlelight will be spread among the congregation while the Exsultet is sung.

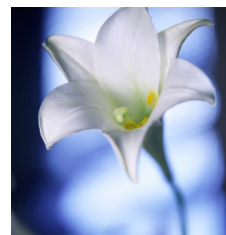
- **The Service of Lessons.** Five lessons describing God's saving deeds in history will be read, each followed by a hymn or psalm, and a collect.

- **Christian Initiation, or Baptism.** This year, an adult will be baptized! After the baptism, the Easter proclamation is made: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" The lights come on, we ring bells, and the first celebration of Easter begins!

- **The Holy Eucharist.** The Paschal feast.

- **Following the Great Vigil of Easter** on Saturday night, there will be a feast in Stirling Hall. The church will provide the meat and drinks; everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share — veggies, salads, breads, casseroles, desserts, etc. Please bring it to Stirling Hall before the service begins. Mark it with any directions such as 'keep warm' or 'refrigerate.' Enjoy!

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate all together with one service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00am. There is no breakfast or Sunday School on this day. Both our choirs will offer their wonderful voices to lead us in singing great Easter hymns. After the service, there will be a reception in the garden (weather permitting), celebrating the Queen of Feasts and the birthdays for the month of March. No need to bring anything – the food and drink will be provided this time. The Easter Egg Hunt for children through the 4th grade will also be held in the garden at this time, thanks to the EYC (again, weather permitting). Wear your Easter bonnets or seer-sucker suits and bring baskets for the eggs. What a great time to celebrate together!



Easter means flowers and greenery! If you would like to help offset the cost of the beautiful decorations for the church, please use this form to make memorials or thanksgivings for loved ones, and turn it and your donation (suggested: \$50) in to the church office. **The deadline is Tuesday, Mar 26.**

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

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The Lessons

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Luke 23:1-49](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of the swaying palms, the stones of earth and beasts of burden bear witness to your coming: lead us from the violence of empire and the collusion of crowds to a heart of flesh, a world re-made and new song for all creation; through Jesus Christ, the Crucified God. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Rosemary Williams, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard

Bread Bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley

Flower Guild: Barbara Brewster, Katharine Flowers

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Kay Montgomery, Margaret Winkler

Reception: Martha Durant

Lectors: Wyll Lewis, Sarah Frances Greene

Intercessor: Rob Gray

Chalices: Ben Harris, Ruth LaMonte

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Mark Williams, Douglas Greene, Laura Hampton Greene

Ushers: Curt Doyle, Doug Greene, Martha Durant

Music

Processional Hymn 154 *Valet will ich dir geben*

Peter Hallock – *Psalm 31:9-16*

Sequence Hymn 170 *The Third Tune*

Offertory Anthem Kenneth Leighton – *Solus ad Victimam*

Presentation Hymn 158 *Herzliebster Jesu*

Robert Powell S-129 *Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

Robert Powell S-163 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 458 *Love Unknown*

Communion Hymn *Jesus, Remember Me*

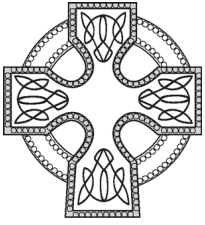
Motet Giovanni Pergolesi – *Stabat Mater*

Post Communion Hymn 164 *Bangor*

Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: Becky Price, Sarah Shields, Beth Hardaway, Amanda, Jim Haynes, Rick Hunt, Karly Dodson, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Dorothy Clark, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzel, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Sybil Wilson, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Julie Tadlock, Eleanor Mae Hunt, David Leff, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead



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Service Schedule

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