

The Herald

March 27, 2011

Third Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of the Apocalypse

On a recent news airing on NBC Brian Williams held up a copy of Newsweek Magazine. On the cover was this massive breaking wave with the title in an ominous font that read *Apocalypse Now*, and a sub-caption that read something like this: earthquakes, tsunamis, nuclear radiation, outbreaks of wars, financial woes...what the *blank* is next? I didn't read the article, but certainly the implication is the question as to whether we are living in the end times...Journalism now based on hyperbole

and sensationalism...The writer of the piece surely doesn't remember the so-called Cuban missile crisis in the sixties during which relatively sane people built bomb shelters, stored up food to weather the possible nuclear winter...My aunt bought stores of sardines and spam (before Sam's Club) and kept them in her basement. That was frightening unto itself. School children were taught to crouch under their desks in the event of a nuclear attack. Our own citizens were suspect for being in league with the dark powers of communism. Thousands of African Americans were killed or beaten during this time in our history, because of their quest for civil rights. And then just decades earlier fifty to seventy million dead during World War Two...and Newsweek calls these days apocalyptic!?

In the second and first centuries B.C.E. there arose a genre of literature in Jewish culture called apocalyptic. (The Book of Daniel is an example; Revelation is a later manifestation.) The word apocalyptic literally means final revelation...the end of times. In those two centuries the scribes (journalists of the era) saw great calamity befalling the people of Israel, particularly centered on Jerusalem. Antiochus Epiphanies, the despot ruler of Selucia (southern Syria), ran herd over the Jewish people, slaughtering thousands and desecrating the Temple of Jerusalem...and then the brutal Roman occupation...Jesus himself predicts the fall of the Jewish Temple, which is in effect the symbolic destruction of a culture.

We may look at any period of history in any part of the world and say, "apocalypse now." Wars, rumors of wars, plagues, famine, drought, natural disaster...such is the way of things. The point is: we always live on the edge of destruction and of new life. On the edge of despair and unknowing, and of hope and revelation of the truth, on the edge of undoing and remaking. We believe as Christian people that there is life after death...that in a certain end is surely a beginning...Ours is to embody such a predisposition and stand against the fear that the prophets of doom would foist upon us...We know in our maturity as people of faith that in spite of the ills of our world there is also beauty, and the potential of beauty made new... and God calls the whole of it good...because in it, life is.

If one cries, "Apocalypse Now," then let our answer be: "never fear for all things are being made new...as they always have been, and as they ever will...The Temple will be forever built back in three days."

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, March 22

12N Golden Circle

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels choir

Wednesday, March 23

9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel)

12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)

4pm St Cecelia choir

6pm Taizé service & supper

7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

11:30am Clericus meeting

12N Al-Anon

7pm AA

Friday, March 25

7pm African Children's Choir,
Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 27

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Breakfast

9:25am Adult Christian Ed

9:25am Arts & Crafts for Children

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Reception following

Tuesday, March 29

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels choir

Wednesday, March 30

9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel)

12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)

4pm St Cecelia choir

6pm Taizé service & supper

7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 31

12N Al-Anon

7pm AA



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Lenten Bible Study Class will begin this Wednesday, March 23, in the chapel. The session will start at 9am with an Order of Morning Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*, and continue with Bible study until around 10:30am. Everyone is welcome!

We need volunteers to prepare the meals for the Lenten Wednesdays of April 13 and 20. Flower Guild? Altar Guild? Weber Guild? Layweebers? EYC? Ushers? How about it? Call the office to sign up: 438-2492.

A Taizé service in the Chapel **begins at 6pm** and continues with supper. Nursery is provided. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

The Christian Living Today class is discussing Karen Armstrong's new book, Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life. The class meets in the Walter K. Smith room on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., and new members are welcome. Call Henry Callaway at 694-6224 if you'd like a copy of the book (\$13.90).

Hot Mats for Mexico is a project of the Sunday School children who are making potholders and selling them for \$5 each to raise money for the EYC mission trip to Mexico this summer. Weaving happens in Stirling Hall after breakfast between services. Come join this fun and easy project!



The African Children's Choir will perform a concert at Central Presbyterian Church, 1260 Dauphin Street, on Friday, March 25, @ 7pm. Everyone is invited. There is no charge for admission. A free-will offering will be taken to help support the efforts of the choir back in Africa.



Thanks to all the Family Promise hosts and helpers who made this a very successful week: Danielle Juzan, Pete Mackey, Mark Williams, Doug Greene, Matt McDonald, Jean Tucker, Allan Tucker, Amy Hamilton, Penny Coleman, Trevor Thiel, Hannah Williams, Laura Hampton Greene, Allison Clearman, Sarah Frances Greene, Pam Ayres, Jim Ayres, Chloe Ayres, Brewer Ayres, Wyatt Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres, Catherine Mackey, Lee Van Dyke, Karen McDonald, Rosemary Williams, Jim Clark, Woody Hannum, Elizabeth Doyle, Curt Doyle, Mary Robert, Frances Rouse, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Beth Hardaway, Yvonne Ross, Barbara Caddell, Hank Caddell, Martha Hennessey, Don Mosley, William Kelly, Clark Kelly, Tom Hewitt, and Sheri Hewitt, not to mention all our great St Mark and Trinity volunteers! -- Henry Brewster

Following the catastrophic 9.0 earthquake and tsunami that struck off the coast of Sendai, Japan, on March 11, Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting the Nippon Sei Ko Kei (NSKK; the Anglican Communion in Japan) by being in contact with NSKK leadership and by sending an initial contribution. The Church in Japan is dealing with an extremely serious situation that is constantly changing, and communications are limited. We will continue providing additional support as the NSKK assesses its needs and makes longer-term recovery plans. Currently the NSKK is already engaged in organizing relief and volunteer support teams.

Enclosed is my gift to assist people affected by the Japan earthquake and tsunami.

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The Most Rev. Nathaniel M. Uematsu, Primate of Japan and Bishop of Hokkaido, said, "What we can do right now... is pray. Prayer has power. I hope and request that you pray for the people who are affected, for those who have died and for their families. Pray for the people involved with the rescue efforts, and in particular pray for Tohoku and Kita Kanto dioceses and their priests and parishioners during this time of Lent." If you would like to support the Church in Japan once a response has been developed, please fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check or credit card information. Visit www.er-d.org for updates.

Catherine Mackey, Director of Youth Ministries, recently returned from a two-month trip to India. Here are some of her reflections:

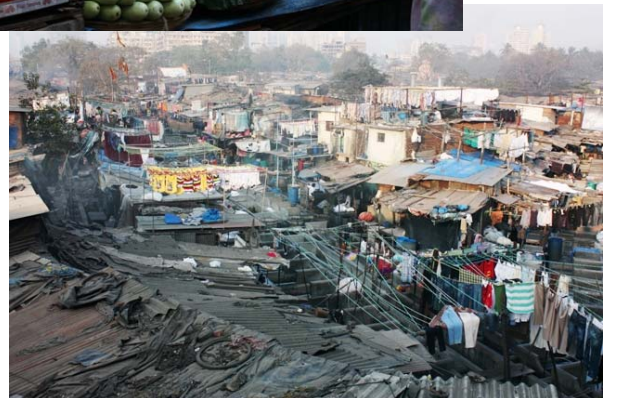
India is a place unlike anywhere else in the world. It has the second largest population behind China. After spending an entire month in the city of Kolkata, I learned what it was like to live in close proximity with 15 million people. The streets were lined with fruit and vegetable vendors, children bathing, people brushing their teeth, cows roaming freely and trash everywhere I turned. Before going on this trip, people asked me why I would ever want to go to a place like that. My answer was always as simple as "why not?" After returning home my answer had changed. It changed from the simple love of cultures and travel to the learning experiences that challenged me each day. The things it taught me were more than can be put into words and I am so grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful trip.

Rotary International sponsored our Group Study Exchange Team and while we were there we visited projects that the local clubs sponsor. The most common projects were schools and hospitals. To put things into perspective, a child in a village can go to school, buy uniforms and supplies for \$30 a year. These small villages were within 10 miles of the city, but because of the roads they took hours to reach. Child labor and no education were serious issues in these areas. It was hard for me to fathom the idea that my parents would send me to sell food on the streets, to beg or to sell crafts alone at the age of 4 or 5. In the United States that just doesn't happen.

I saw the Taj Mahal, the Andaman Islands, Hindu temples and the Himalayas. Those things were all amazing and great, but the most amazing part about traveling is always the people I meet, whether they be other foreigners or the locals. The highlight of my entire trip this time was Sila, the 8 year old little girl I met on the beach in Goa. She walked around on the beach selling peanuts to tourists. She walked straight up to me and stuck out her hand to introduce herself. She had incredible English. I was slightly caught off guard. She sat down in the sand and began chatting with me and asking questions. After sitting down she forgot about the peanuts she was supposed to be selling. We talked for an hour until her grandmother finally came by to see why she had a full basket of peanuts. She acted like she was selling them to me and since her grandmother didn't speak English I made it look as if I were interested. I couldn't get past the idea that this child was 8 years old and she was working. I questioned whether she went to school and asked all about her family life. When it was finally time for her to go, I gave her 100 rupees, the equivalent of \$2 USD. Seeing her face light up made it all worth it. I wanted to bring this little girl home with me. Something about our conversation made a real impact on me. My heart hurt for this beautiful child that should be receiving an education instead of being out earning money. After telling her I was leaving the next day, her final comment to me was "See you next year!"

While at schools we would pass out stickers and pencils and you would think we had passed out iPods. It really


changed the way I think and value the things in my life. Each day in India was a constant reminder of the little things I take for granted at home: never-ending hot showers, washing machines, clean public restrooms, cheeseburgers, wi-fi and the list goes on. None of those things are necessities. Not a single one. However, they are things I have grown accustomed to and taking them all away at once throws me out of my element. India is a country rich with culture. Amongst the dusty, crowded streets, covered in trash, I saw one of the most beautiful places in the world.





April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4th Sunday in Lent 3 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 9:30 Dedication of Altar Frontal (Chapel) 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	4	5	6	7	8	9
		3:30pm St Michael choir	9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel) 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 6pm Taizé service & supper following 7:30pm Adult Choir	12N Al-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm		10:30am PFLAG EYC Fish Fry Fund-raiser
5th Sunday in Lent 10 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	11	12	13	14	15	16
		3:30pm St Michael choir 6pm 15 Place Board	9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel) 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 6pm Taizé service & supper following 7:30pm Adult Choir	12N Al-Anon 7pm AA	5:30pm Food Share preparation	8:00am Food Share distribution 
Palm Sunday 17 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:20am Liturgy of the Palms 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	Monday in Holy Week 18 7:30am Holy Eucharist (chapel) 6pm Vestry mtg	Tuesday in Holy Week 19 7:30am Holy Eucharist (chapel) 12N Golden Circle 3:30pm St Michael choir	Wednesday in Holy Week 20 9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel) 12N Holy Eucharist 4pm St. Cecelia choir 6pm Taizé service & supper following 7:30pm Adult Choir	Maundy Thursday 21 12N Al-Anon 6pm Holy Eucharist w/ Washing of Feet 7pm AA	Good Friday 22 6pm Good Friday Liturgy	Holy Saturday 23 9am Holy Saturday Liturgy 7:30pm Easter Vigil w/ Agape Meal afterward
Easter Sunday 24 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast (garden) 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 No choir	27 12N Holy Eucharist No choir	28 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	29 5:30pm Wedding rehearsal	30 5:30pm Wedding

April Birthdays

1 Will English
 2 Anna Mary Shields
 4 Connie Flowers
 5 Jayne Chiepalich
 8 Rob Gray
 9 Richard Flowers
 10 Dottie Dunnam
 11 Sandra Lee, David Rahm
 14 Mitch Powell
 15 Laurie Owen, Hendrik Snow

18 Betty Bentley, Elizabeth Slaton
 19 Caroline Mosley
 21 Chris Hume
 22 Susan Moore
 23 Melanie Petithory, Barbara South
 25 Savannah Wesley
 26 Lucy Perkins
 27 Stephen Chiepalich
 29 Elaine DeLaney, David Powers
 30 Olivia Kelley

EYC NEWS

I am glad to be home and I look forward to seeing you all.

We have a busy spring planned for EYC, as well as preparation for the mission trip in July!

I know this is a busy time of year, but I encourage you all to participate as much as possible!! We are going to try having lunch and EYC following church, so you can all stay after the 10:30 service and not have to come back in the afternoons.

Change your calendars to May 7th for the Yard Sale!

All current 9-12 graders are able to go on the mission trip.

Sunday, March 27th

Painting. 12- 1:30. The EYC room is in the process of receiving a makeover with a lovely new paint job. We are only 1/3 of the way done. We will finish it up on this day after church. Lunch will be provided.



Sunday, April 3rd

Bake Sale. There will be a bake sale between services, as well as after the 10:30 service.

Sunday, April 10th

15 Place. We will be serving lunch to the homeless at 15 Place downtown. Bring a change of clothes to church and we will ride down there together following the 10:30 service. We will be back around 1:30.

SATURDAY, April 16th

Fish Fry. We will be having a Lenten Fish Fry as a fundraiser for the mission trip. More details to come!



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Sunday Lectionary: 3rd Sunday in Lent

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)
[Romans 5:1-11](#)

[Psalm 95](#)
[John 4:5-42](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, Mar. 27

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Bill Evatt
Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Becky Wilson
Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Robert Rodriguez
Reception: Beth Hardaway & Jean Tucker

8:00

Lector: Jeff Clearman
Intercessor: Larry Hallett
Chalice bearer: Serena Willcox
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Joe Basenberg
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Clayton Ryan 2) Hays Thompson
Intercessor: Martha Hennessy
Chalice bearers: Bruce Barrett, Skeeter Robertson
Acolytes: Rebecca Brewster, Emily Doyle, Sarah Frances Greene
Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Marion Elledge, Thomas Locke

Music for Sunday, Mar. 27

Voluntary Herbert Howells *Master Tallis's Testament*
Processional Hymn 523 *Abbot's Leigh*
James McGregor/Hans Leo Hassler S-89 *Kyrie eleison*
plainsong, Tone II.1 *Psalm 95:6-11*
Sequence Hymn 456 *de Tar*
Offertory Anthem Julian Wachner *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Presentation Hymn 495 *In Babilone*
David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus*
John Erickson *Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 343 *St. Agnes*
Motet Herbert Howells *My Eyes for Beauty Pine*
Post Communion Hymn 690 *Cwm Rhondda*
Processional Paul Manz *Cwm Rhondda*

Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for the safe return of Zack Hadley and Jamie Pontious from deployment!

Many thanks to Stella and Ray Hester and their team of guides for All Saints, which was included in the Historic Homes Tour last weekend: Suzanne Drew, Clayton Ryan, Melanie Petithory, Katharine Flowers and Oakleigh neighbors Linda and Mike Stringer. All Saints looked magnificent!

Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

the people of Japan
John Stevens
Ken
Sarah
Shannon Reeves
Debbie Phillips
Linda Coarsey
Jerry
Frances Morgan
Martha Mason
Sylvia Spann
Richard Melton
Pete Gaillard
Hank Caddell
Martha Murdock
LaNiece Bland
Lamar Elledge
Sharon Cleverdon
Danny Moreau
Mike Downing
Celeste Taylor
Pauline Oliver
Cheryl Peach
Pauline Danner
Butch Boyington
Betty Torbert
Devanie Ellison
Barbie Driver
Patsy Childress
Debbie Davis

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Glenn Foster, Jr.
T. J. Sherman
Haley Jones
Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.
Daniel Taylor
Charley Taylor
Daniel Robert
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Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

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Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
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Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
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Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
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Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)