

The Herald

April 1, 2012

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

From the Rector: Reality Check

Pardon my curmudgeonly attitude; I would probably feel better had I not been paying attention to the news media over the past several weeks. Last night I was watching an interview by Piers Morgan with presidential hopeful Ron Paul. They at one point were talking about health-care in this country, which as we speak, is being considered by the U.S Supreme Court, and Piers Morgan, being from England, was utterly befuddled that post industrial America, unlike its European and Canadian counterparts, (not to mention Cuba) lacked the political will for a comprehensive universal health-care solution, whether it be through the government, the private sector, or some combination thereof. Paul's answer was the old tired one: It would be too expensive and we would cease being the leader in health-care in the world; we would have to settle for lower quality. First of all, American health-care costs are already exponentially the most expensive in the world; and our quality of care and access to that care is falling behind at an alarming rate compared to other industrialized countries who provide universal care. With a bipartisan will for the greater good of this country this issue is solvable, but powerful stakeholders like pharmaceutical companies, insurance carriers, HMO's and the medical providers also have to operate under the rubric of "greater good" for any progress to be made...alas, the intransigent profit motive... otherwise known as greed.

I read also yesterday morning that Mike Hubbard, speaker of the Alabama House announced that the new draconian immigration law of our state will be amended in the upcoming legislative session so that it will be more readily understood and "enforceable." The possibility of repeal is now off the table...a bad law about to be made worse...And then how is it possible that the issue of contraception is now a topic for discussion in the media...Have we forgotten the incredible liberation and empowerment "the pill" brought to women? Do we not realize that the world without it would be dangerously overpopulated, much more so than it already is? Can't the Roman Church's hierarchy consider the invention of safe contraception to be a very gift from God? (which of course would be admitting they are wrong...slim odds) Is it me who's crazy?

Thomas Friedman of the New York Times, with whom I often disagree, wrote an insightful Op/Ed piece just yesterday in which he noted that what the Middle East needs, instead of protracted warfare costing untold billions, is education (literacy), empowerment of women, access to health-care, and an equitable means to share wealth. This includes and demands, perhaps at the heart of the matter, a just peace between Israel and Palestinian Arabs. These are our issues at home for us as well; but somehow the art of statesmanship, the art of diplomatic conversation has been rendered impotent within the nihilism of post modernity....an acute stenosis of fear perhaps....What of Roosevelt's New Deal, a coming together of common interests for the good of the whole; Johnson's "Great Society," a consummate bipartisan effort to provide economic stability for retiring Americans, and health-care (universal care, and this was in the sixties!) for our elderly; the voting rights act...bipartisanship at its best...Nixon's triumph of foreign policy befriending the Chinese backed by a rallied international American conscience; Reagan's artful diplomatic efforts and awareness during the collapse of the Soviet Union, which could have brought terror and violence, but was brokered in peace. Are we falling back into former old ways...or worse, are we falling forward into a renewed and dangerous form of militaristic self interest, the likes of which we have not seen...I fear the latter.

I shan't go on....and I don't really have any answer to the insidious intractability we face at home and around the world. We went to sleep here in Alabama while the immigration law sailed through. I would say that we must keep awake, let our legislators know that we are paying attention....Let corporations know that we are aware of their profit motives that thwart the good of the whole....like John Deere, for instance, building special machinery designed to destroy dwellings of Palestinians in the West Bank....Keep awake...pay attention...and act...those are in my opinion the three critical rudiments of prayer, not the pious folding of hands, but intentional and enlightened action....so let's get real...pray....even if in the streets.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, March 27

NO St Michael choir today!
6pm Lenten Supper & Program
7pm Musica Sacra rehearsal

Wednesday, March 28

9am Palm Cross making (Stirling Hall)
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Michael & St Cecelia Choirs
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 29

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, March 31

6:30pm The Chat & Chew Supper Club

Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:20am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, April 2, Holy Week

7:30am Holy Eucharist (chapel)

Tuesday, April 3, Holy Week

7:30am Holy Eucharist (chapel)
12N Golden Circle
NO St Michael choir today!
7pm Musica Sacra rehearsal

Wednesday, April 4, Holy Week

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Michael & St Cecelia Choirs
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, April 5, Holy Week

12N Al-Anon
6pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist
7pm AA

Friday, April 6, Good Friday

Office Closed
12N Good Friday liturgy
6pm Good Friday liturgy

Palm Crosses to be made Have you ever unfolded your palm cross after church on Palm Sunday, and then tried to re-fold it, but couldn't?? Come to Stirling Hall on Wednesday morning, March 28 at 9am and learn the special art of folding palm crosses. They will be blessed and worn by all who come to services this Sunday morning as we observe the Sunday of the Passion.



The Choirs of St Michael & St Cecelia will rehearse together on March 28 and April 4 at 4pm. Singers, please be present for both important rehearsals!

What do we do when we celebrate? No matter what kind of celebration it is, almost every one of them involves eating together! At Easter, we celebrate not only the Paschal feast, but a feast for the body as well! No more Lenten fasting!

There will be a feast in Stirling Hall following the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night, April 7. The church will provide the meat and drinks; everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share — veggies, salad, bread, casseroles, dessert, etc. Please bring it to Stirling Hall before the service begins. Mark it with any directions such as 'keep warm' or 'refrigerate.'

On Easter day, we eat breakfast and have the reception as usual but everyone is being asked to please bring some finger food to share. Tables will be in the garden for both events (weather permitting); bring your food directly there.

The Easter egg hunt and flowering of the cross will take place in the garden at about 9:30. (There is no Sunday School on Easter morning.) Bring an Easter basket and some flowers (preferably wrapped in something to keep the stems wet for awhile). Let's enjoy this Queen of Feasts!

The last performance of *The Chat & Chew Supper Club* in the All Saints kitchen will be held Saturday, March 31 at 6:30pm. This is your last chance to see it locally; after this you'll have to go to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival! Don't miss this fun event with our own



Elyzabeth Wilder! For tickets, go to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/221748>. Bring a friend and a bottle of wine.

Golden Circle will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 12 noon in Stirling Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Speaking of food...there are several vacancies on the signup sheet for receptions after the 10:30 service. If you would like to setup, provide food, and take down for a reception, please email Jean Tucker at jwtucker@usouthal.edu. Find a friend to help and both of you can sign up. Remember: many hands make light work!

If you would like to donate Easter flowers to decorate the church, please use the enclosed form to send the name(s) of people you would like included in the Easter service bulletins. Make your check to All Saints and mark it for 'Easter flowers.' The deadline is Monday, April 2 at 4pm.

It's time for Easter flowers and greenery! If you would like to help offset the cost of these 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 Monday, Apr 2, at 4pm.**

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

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Steadfast Hope The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

Tuesday, March 27 is the last night of our Lenten 2012 program. It is still not too late to come!! Join us in our study of the relationship between Palestinians and Israelis, led by Ed and Ruth LaMonte. Supper begins at 6pm and discussion ends at 7:30pm. A nursery is available.



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE to participate!!!!
Tues, March 27 is the last program.
Come at 6pm for supper and discussion.**

Lent / Holy Week / Easter Schedule

- Mar. 27 Lenten Program: *Steadfast Hope—The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace* Supper is at 6pm, followed by program. Nursery is provided.
- Mar. 28 9am Palm Cross making in Stirling Hall
4pm St Michael and St Cecelia choirs rehearse
- Apr. 1 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 2 7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Apr. 3 7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
12N Golden Circle
- Apr. 4 12pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
4pm St Michael and St Cecelia choirs rehearse
- Apr. 5 6pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist in the Church
- Apr. 6 Office closed
Good Friday liturgy at 12pm and 6pm in the Church
- Apr. 7 9am Holy Saturday liturgy in the Church
7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter, and feast to follow
- Apr. 8 8am Easter Eucharist with music
9am Breakfast in the courtyard
9:45am Flowering the cross & Easter Egg Hunt
10:30am Easter Eucharist with choirs
Reception to follow
- April 9 Office closed





Distinguished Speakers Series

Presents

Dr. Richard Leon Chambers

Associate Professor Emeritus of Turkish Language and Civilization
Department of Near East Languages and Civilizations
The University of Chicago

Safe Haven in the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey 1492-2012

One of the more positive, but virtually unknown, chapters of European/Middle Eastern History is the safe haven offered by the Ottoman Empire for refugees fleeing political, ethnic, or religious oppression. This began in the 15th century and includes Jews thrown out of Spain in 1492; Jews fleeing pogroms in Eastern and Central Europe; Protestants seeking freedom from Catholic oppression in the Hapsburg Empire; Muslim refugees entering Ottoman territories as lands in the Balkans were lost to Russia; thousands of Jews, Kurds, Iraqis, Iranians and others fleeing Nazi-dominated Europe; and those seeking asylum due to warfare and revolutions in Iraq, Iran and now Syria.

Monday April 16, 7:00 PM

USA Library Auditorium

Dr. Chambers is former Director of The University of Chicago's Center for Middle Eastern Studies and a former President of the American Research Institute in Turkey. He grew up in Brundidge (Pike County) Alabama. Dr. Chambers has held both elective and appointive positions in the Turkish Studies Association and the American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages. He was a Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Summer Intensive Turkish Language Program at Bosphorus University in Istanbul. His education includes the University of Alabama (B.S. and M.A. in History) and Princeton University (Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies).

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The Lessons

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

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

[Mark 15:1-47](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord, your love is broken open among cheering crowds and traitor's coins, deserting friends and hands washed clean, the mockery of power and the baying mob: as we follow your way of passion, give us the faith to bring our weak and divided hearts to the foot of the cross and the door of the guarded tomb that they might be opened, astonished and healed; through Jesus Christ, who carries the weight of the world. *Amen.*

Those Who Serve

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

Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Clayton Ryan, TBA

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

Reception: Jean Tucker

8:00am

Lector: Mary Hunter Slaton

Intercessors: Larry Hallett

Chalice: Lee Van Dyke

Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Bill Case

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Hays thompson, Jim Ayres

Intercessor: Martha Hennessy

Chalices: Brewer Ayres, Louie Wood

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Douglas Greene, Emily Doyle, Sarah Greene

Ushers: Don Mosley, Chris Conte, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday, 4/01

Processional Hymn 154 *Valet will ich dir geben*

Plainsong Tone VII.3 *Psalm 31:9-16*

Sequence Hymn 160 *Cross of Jesus*

Offertory Anthem Malcolm Archer *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Presentation Hymn 158 *Herzliebster Jesu*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica, Sanctus and Benedictus*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica, Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 168 *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Motet Felice Anerio *Christus factus est*

Post Communion Hymn 164 *Bangor*

PLEASE NOTE:

The second service this week begins at **10:20am** in front of the Government Street doors for the Liturgy of the Palms.

Please keep in your prayers:

✚For healing:

Amy Krecker

Sarah

Brian Hammond

Bryan Caldwell

Corey Flowers

Jason Cummins

Martha Collier

Wayne Smith

Martha Robert

Anne Wilson Wesley

David Powers

JoAnn Pappas

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Jami Salac

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Ethan Fisher

Logan Barnhart

Becky Boulter

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

Laura

✚For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Jonathan Carter

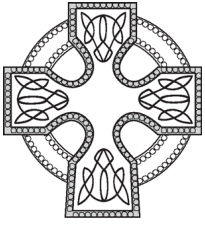
Kyle Metcalf

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Jordan Caturia

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Henry Callaway, Sr Warden
Valerie Case
Harold Dodge
Elizabeth Doyle
Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Liz & Scott Kirby
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratchliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
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Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Ricky Bradford
Refugees: Martha Harris
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Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

All Saints Episcopal Church

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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)