



The Herald

April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of Sin and Salvation

This past Sunday in my sermon I quoted Oscar Romero and many of you have asked for a copy of it...Here it is: *"The church is obliged by its evangelical mission to demand structural changes that favor the reign of God and a more just and brotherly (sisterly) way of life. Unjust social structures are the roots of all violence and disturbances. ... Those who benefit from obsolete structures react selfishly to any kind of change."*

Oscar Romero was a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in El Salvador during its brutal civil war that began in the late nineteen seventies. Romero spoke out publicly against the oppressive tactics of the ruling military junta

knowing that he would pay dire consequences. Sure enough, at a Sunday mass while he was celebrating, assassins with automatic weapons entered the cathedral and gunned him down, drowning the frontal and the reredos with blood. The frontal was burned with his body, but the blood on the rear wall has been preserved for all to see to this day. Last Thursday was the thirty-first anniversary of his martyrdom.

Romero was a part of a theological movement which began in Central and South America in the early nineteen fifties called Liberation Theology. This is of course an oversimplification, but it held to two chief tenets: First, that sin the way scripture speaks of sin, is structural, embedded in the status quo protected and guarded by the powerful; much less important are our personal sins; much more important are the unjust structures that demean and oppress societies, not just persons... an insidious corruption that almost silently makes its home among the powers and principalities of our world....and second, that salvation is structural as well...that salvation is first and foremost concerned with the liberation of the human community from the structural sin of the world.... "called to freedom" was their mantra. In this awareness we discover that salvation isn't personal but intimately connected to the world around us....If there are those suffering from indignity in any part of the biosphere we call earth then our own salvation is incomplete, compromised. Salvation then is the life of the Spirit among people of conscience and faith that would call out the sinful structures of our world and seek imaginatively and peaceably to set them right... A lifelong vocation to say the least. Salvation not something to possess, but work to do.

Of course this theological paradigm deeply divided the Roman Catholic Church. Some Liberation Theologians supported Marxist regimes as protest against first world hegemony. Some liberation theologians who were priests were deposed and excommunicated. The only way Liberation Theology kept its voice alive was through the tactful support of Pope John 23rd.... who coined the phrase that God's first preference in the plan of salvation is for the poor.... poverty in the myriad ways poverty is manifest.

Perhaps the greatest value of Liberation Theology is that it speaks of a God passionately active in our world...a God incarnate with God's people in practice of an enlightened faith. It stands against the neo-deism of the twentieth century that cloistered, imprisoned God in the heavens, leaving humankind to its own devices....a century in which there was unprecedented violence and the accelerating desecration of the planet....We would do well to heed the Liberation Theologians' call....that we are called to freedom....not just ours, but the freedom of all, because Jesus' saving work is not complete until all are saved....until all are free at last.



Icon, Oscar Romero by Robert Lentz

On the Calendar:

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

Sunday, April 3
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
EYC Bake Sale
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
9:25am Hot Mats, Stirling Hall
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception & EYC Bake Sale following

Tuesday, April 5
11:30am serve lunch @ 15 Place
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels choir

Wednesday, April 6
9am Lenten Bible Study (chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir
6pm Taizé service & supper
7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 7
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Continuing Lent Events

Our programs for Lent continue on Wednesdays through April 20. Morning Prayer begins at 9am, followed by Bible study in the chapel. At noon, Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the chapel. At 6pm, the chapel is the location for the Taizé service, followed by supper in Stirling Hall. A nursery is provided at 6pm. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all of these activities.

Altar Frontal to be dedicated

This Sunday, April 3, a new/old altar frontal for the chapel will be dedicated at 9:30am in memory of Sara Lee, a long-time parishioner who died in March 2010. Sara loved all kinds of needlework, especially lace, and she sought out pieces of lace at flea markets, estate sales and antique shows. Once, she found a piece of lace with Christian symbols in it, but it did not fit the church altar so she put it away in her treasure box. After she died, Betty Bentley found the piece, repaired it and made it into a frontal for the chapel altar. Please join us as we give thanks for Sara, her 'old' gift and for Betty, who made it 'new.'



Palm Sunday Crosses will be made beginning at 10:30am after the bible study on Wednesday, April 13. If you've always wanted to know how those things are put together, this is your chance to learn how! Everyone is invited to meet in the kitchen of Stirling Hall.



We need one more group of volunteers

to prepare the meal for the last Lenten supper on Wednesday, April 20. You don't have to be an "official" All Saints group; grab some friends or neighbors who would like to prepare something simple and easy, and call the church to sign up: 438-2492.

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!



Our prayers go to...

the family and friends of Betty Torbert, who died March 23.

Greg House, his family and friends at the death of his stepfather, Wayland Smith, on March 24.

Bernard Gaillard, her family and friends at the death of her husband Pete Gaillard, also on March 24.

Shannon Miller, her family and friends, at the death of her grandmother, Frances Morgan, on March 28.

May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Silent Retreat, *Living Life Abundantly*, will be offered April 28-April 30, 2011 at the Visitation Monastery in Mobile, Alabama. "Come away to a quiet place" during this holy season of Easter to rest and be renewed in the presence of the Risen Christ. The meditations will be based on the words of Jesus in the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. "Jesus said, 'I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly.' (John 10:10)." Beth Wilson will be the retreat leader and The Rev. Marshall Craver will be the retreat coordinator and worship leader.

Space is limited. Brochures with registration forms are available on the Parish Hall bulletin board, or by contacting Carmen Kimmons at 850-434-7337 or at staff@diocgc.org. Registration deadline is April 26, 2011.

Two Fundraisers for the EYC Mission Trip will be held the next two Sundays. This Sunday, April 3, there will be a bake sale between services and after the 10:30 service during the reception. On Sunday, April 10 there will be a fish fry in Stirling Hall immediately following the 10:30 am service. The menu includes fried fish, cole slaw, cheese grits and bread for \$8 per plate. Desserts will be offered for sale also.

In addition to a wonderful meal on the 10th, there will be live entertainment, featuring Doug Greene on guitar, and William Kelly's band, The Next. Come and join us for fish, fundraising, fun and frolick!



Godly Play Training

Over this past weekend, I spent 2½ days in Atlanta listening, watching and learning to tell the great stories of the program that is Godly Play. Based on the Montessori method of religious education, Godly Play was developed by Episcopal priest Jerome Berryman, and it has been in use for over twenty years all over the country and around the world.

Its focus is the spiritual development of children. The goal of Godly Play is to show how to be open to the Holy Spirit, the Creator, and the Redeemer all at once and all the time in every place. Godly Play encourages participants to make meaning for themselves by inviting

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them into stories and providing the opportunity for them to connect the stories with their personal experience. Although it was originally developed as a resource for children, Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups in a diversity of settings.

I have to say that I am totally “pumped” about this program, not just for our children but for all of us who care to learn about God. Stay tuned for more to come. There will be some introductory sessions for all adults to learn how the program works. I hope everyone will want to come see how we can make meaning for ourselves through the wonderful stories of our spiritual heritage!

-Mary Robert

Tri*lo*cue

MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND CHRISTIANS – TOGETHER

INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM

The Sacred Call to Justice

Thursday – April 7, 2011

Spring Hill College
Byrne Memorial Hall 7:00-9:00 pm

The pleasure of your company is requested for this gathering of Muslims, Jews, and Christians from the Mobile area as we continue to learn from one another through interreligious dialogue.

*For this event our Tri*logue will be enriched by a speaker from each of the Abrahamic faiths who will draw upon the perspectives of their scriptures in reference to the evening's topic. Table conversation will follow, as usual.*

We hope you will join us for this event.

RSVP (251) 380-4458

**Requested—though not required (for the sake of planning only)
Admission is Free**

Light refreshments served which meet religious dietary restrictions.

A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

by Archbishop Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back
And take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
It is beyond our vision

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of
The magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
Which is another way of saying
That the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection...
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
Knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything
And there is a sense of liberation realizing that.
This enables us to do something,
And to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results...
We are prophets of a future not our own.

MOBILE SYMPHONY

Scott Speck, Music Director

Ode to Joy



Beethoven's NINTH SYMPHONY

plus
Schubert's
UNFINISHED SYMPHONY

Saturday, April 9 @ 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 @ 2:30 p.m.

Mobile Saenger Theatre

Sponsored by



Jim & Vivien Harmon

**All Saints Episcopal
Church Members -**

**20 % OFF TICKETS
Call 432-7080
for tickets!**

The programs of Mobile Symphony are funded in part by the Alabama State Council on the Arts,
with assistance from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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. The deadline is Monday, April 18, at 4pm. The check should be made out to *All Saints Episcopal Church*.

Please PRINT the name(s) as you would like them to appear.

Check M (Memorial) or T (Thanksgiving)

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The congregation of All Saints is invited to join the Mobile Symphony

at their performance on either April 9 or 10 and receive a 20 percent discount on the seat of their choice. Children can attend for free on Sunday with a paying adult.

For questions, please don't hesitate to call Laura Smith, Director of Marketing, at 432-2010. Tickets sales should be directed to the box office at 432-7080.

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

- \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500
- \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 Other \$_____



Please make checks payable to **Episcopal Relief & Development.**
Mail to **P.O. Box 7058**
Merrifield VA 22116-7058.

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Expiration date

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All gifts are tax-deductible.

EYC NEWS

During Sunday School, come to Stirling Hall to make 'Hot Mats for Mexico'. Anyone is welcome to join. It is an easy and fun project!

Sunday, April 3rd

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



Change of Date: Sunday, April 10th

Fish Fry. We will be having a Lenten Fish Fry as a fundraiser for the mission trip. It will immediately follow the 10:30 service. There will be live music and a large lunch!



Sunday, April 17th

Mulherin Home. We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the residents, coloring and baking cookies. Meet at the church at 2 and we will be back by 4:30.



Sunday, April 24th

Easter Egg Hunt. After breakfast the EYC will be hiding easter eggs and helping the children on the hunt.

COMING IN MAY.....

- Saturday, May 7: Yard Sale
- Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day Brunch
- Sunday, May 15: Mulherin Home
- Sunday, May 22: Youth Sunday

Contact Info

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Sunday Lectionary: 4th Sunday in Lent

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)
[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

[Psalm 23](#)
[John 9:1-41](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, April 3

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel
Flower Guild: Clayton Ryan, Jean Tucker
Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Hannum, Betsy Schneider
Reception: Richard Coarsey, Danny Moreau

8:00

Lector: Larry Hallett
Intercessor: Warren Butler
Chalice bearer: Keith Winkler
Ushers: Woody Hannum, Renee Dillard
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Charlie Bailey 2) Laurie Bailey
Intercessor: Melanie Petithory
Chalice bearers: Henry Callaway, Beth Hardaway
Acolytes: William Kelly, Brendan Williams, Douglas Greene
Ushers: Don Mosley, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday, April 3

Voluntary George Shearing *Amazing Grace*
Processional Hymn 493 *Azmon*
James McGregor/Hans Leo Hassler S-89 *Kyrie eleison*
plainsong, Tone VIII.1 *Psalm 23*
Sequence Hymn 466 *Jacob*
Offertory Anthem Benedetto Marcello *Give Ear Unto Me*
Presentation Hymn 429 *Old 113th*
David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus*
Bob Chilcott *Peace Mass, Agnus Dei*
Motet Giovanni Pergolesi *Stabat mater dolorosa*
Motet Mary Plumstead *A Grateful Heart*
Post Communion Hymn 599 *Lift Every Voice*
Processional Johann Sebastian Bach *Christus, der usn selig macht, BWV 620*



Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

the people of Japan
Leder Stokes
Randall & Susan
John Stevens
Ken
Sarah
Shannon Reeves
Debbie Phillips
Linda Coarsey
Jerry
Martha Mason
Sylvia Spann
Richard Melton
Hank Caddell
Martha Murdock
LaNiece Bland
Lamar Elledge
Sharon Cleverdon
Danny Moreau
Mike Downing
Celeste Taylor
Pauline Oliver
Cheryl Peach
Pauline Danner
Butch Boyington
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
Wes Parks
Jonathan Carter
Todd Jolly

★ **Refugee Pantry Items** We need items such as **laundry**
★ **soap, toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels, adult-size**
★ **toothbrushes, dish soap, bath soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put
★ them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!
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Pete Mackey
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Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

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Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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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)