

The Herald

April 8-15, 2012

Holy Week, Easter, 2nd Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of the Peace of Jerusalem

Traditionally on Good Friday in the Episcopal Church countrywide the loose plate offering goes to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The members of that diocese are Palestinians. Remembering that has caused me to reflect on what many of us have learned during this past Lent in our study concerning the political and therefore economic and social situation in Israel/Palestine. Alissa Wise, a Jewish rabbi and a member *The Jewish Voice for Peace*, which is an organization of Jews who support Palestinian liberation from the rigid apartheid that now exists in the region, gives an account of a number of Palestinians living in the West Bank (Palestinian territory in theory) who have in the spirit of the so-called 'occupy' movement decided to board "Jewish only" buses bound for Jerusalem...shades of the civil rights movement in the U.S....Rosa Parks comes to mind.

Rabbi Wise goes on to speak of the traditional Seder meal celebrated by Jews at the feast of the Passover which approaches as our high feast of Easter approaches. During this meal it is the responsibility of an elder to tell the story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt to their children lest they never forget that God is first and foremost a God who values freedom, liberation from that which oppresses....a God who frees us from the indignities of the world. One would think the Israeli government would be at least familiar with such a mandate since it, liberation, is at the heart of Hebrew Scripture.

Over the last several presidential administrations there has been a lot of bluster concerning the establishment of two sovereign states for Israel and Palestine. There have even been documents accepted by both sides by some leaders favoring such a solution. Sadly, however, the Israeli government still permits and encourages Jewish settlements on Palestinian land....and the Israeli government is providing military protection for these settlements that are rapidly proliferating. The government has built highways in this occupied territory meant for Jewish travel only. The map of the West Bank, the heart of a potential Palestinian state, now resembles Swiss cheese as pockets of military installations and Jewish settlements pepper the landscape....and the Palestinians in Gaza (which would also be a part of the so-called Palestinian state) are basically being starved by a horrific embargo of goods and services and utilities so that they might just throw up their hands and leave.

And yet we watch and keep silent other than superficial soundbites. The possibility of a two state solution is fading, perhaps beyond the tipping point, as the Israeli government continues to ignore international law. If this situation is not resolved justly, there will never be peace in the Middle East, as this situation has far reaching ramifications beyond Israel/Palestine...and that means, since we the U.S. have so many interests in the Middle East...It means that we will in the future be continually at war. Where are the statesmen and women...where are the ones with passion on the wings of imagination who can bring such a seemingly intractable situation to resolution? President Carter some thirty five years ago brokered a peace accord between Egypt and Israel, a peace accord many felt would be impossible. I still remember Carter, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat shaking hands, almost in tears. What is the difference between then and now?

The divided city of Jerusalem is a symbol of the persistent injustice of the region...but Jerusalem in the lore of Islam, and Judaism, and Christianity is also a symbol of hope and new life...This Holy Week, let us pray that the Holy Land truly becomes holy...Pray for the peace of Jerusalem...may those who love her prosper in security.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, April 4, Holy Week

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Michael & St Cecilia 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 (church)
6pm Good Friday liturgy (church)

Saturday, April 7, Holy Saturday

9am Holy Saturday liturgy (church)
10am rehearsal for vigil readers
12:30pm acolyte rehearsal
7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter feast following

Sunday, April 8, Easter Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast in the courtyard
9:30am Flowering the cross & Egg Hunt
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, April 9

Office closed

Tuesday, April 10

NO choir rehearsal
5pm Murray House board

Wednesday, April 11

8am Race Relations committee
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
NO choir rehearsals
6pm 15 Place board

Thursday, April 12

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem...may those

The Choirs of St Michael & St Cecelia will rehearse together this Wednesday, April 4 at 4pm in the church. Singers, please be present for both important rehearsals!

Youth Sunday School will not meet on Easter Day. Classes will return on April 15.

Our prayers are offered for Lister Thomas and his wife, Voncille, whose sister, Amelia Odom, died Sunday morning. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*

The Maundy Thursday service of Holy Eucharist (6pm) will include, as is our custom, our remembrance of Jesus' last supper, at which the Eucharist was instituted, as well as the washing of feet. All who wish to participate in this ritual are invited to have their feet washed and, in turn, to wash someone else's feet. The service will end with the stripping of the altar and draping the cross in black in preparation for the most solemn day of the year, Good Friday. The nursery is available for all the evening services this week as well as Easter Day.

The Good Friday liturgy, with solemn collects and a reading of the Passion Gospel according to John, will take place at both 12 noon and 6pm.

Holy Saturday has its own brief liturgy, which will begin at 9am. Please sit in the choir pews of the church.

The Great Vigil of Easter begins on the sidewalk in front of the Government Street doors at 7:30pm, where the new fire will be lit and the Paschal Candle will lead us into the dark church. There we will hear the ancient stories of our salvation history. After the Renewal of our Baptismal Vows, 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!

Many thanks to those who made the Palm Crosses last week. The nimble fingers of Diane Bourassa, Renee Dillard, Charlotte Hall, Amy Hamilton, Burl Ratcliffe, Wyly Stirling and Mary Hunter Slaton folded well over two hundred of them in a short period of time. Please tell them thanks for their skills when you see them!

On Saturday, April 7, at 7:30pm, we begin the Great Fifty Days of Easter with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. An Easter feast will follow the service in Stirling Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. Food can be dropped off at the kitchen before the service begins. Don't miss this fabulous event!

On Easter Morning there will be a lot of celebrating going on! We begin with the 8:00am service with music. The nursery will be open from 7:45am until after the 10:30 service is over. Come sing your favorite Easter hymns!

At 9:00, stand-up breakfast will be served in the courtyard (weather permitting, of course). Everyone is asked to bring some type of finger-food to share. Tables will be set up in the courtyard; please bring your food there.

At 9:30, we will flower the cross. All ages are asked to bring something blooming to decorate it. (It is helpful to wrap the stems in a damp paper towel and some foil.) Afterward, there will be an Easter egg hunt. If you are a young child, bring your Easter basket and join in the fun!

Do you have an Easter bonnet? If so, wear it and we'll take pictures of the All Saints' Ladies' Hat Society!

At 10:30, we will begin the morning's second celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with full choral participation. If you have not come to one of the previous services on Saturday night or earlier in the day, this is the time to come sing, to rejoice, and to proclaim "Christ is risen!" All are welcome.

Following the 10:30 service is a champagne reception! Come and join the fun in the courtyard, weather permitting.



The Presiding Bishop's 2012 Easter message



One of my favorite Easter hymns is about greenness. “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.”

It goes on to talk about love coming again. It’s a reminder to me of how centered our Easter images are in the Northern hemisphere. We talk about greenness and new life and life springing forth from the earth when we talk about resurrection.

I often wonder what Easter images come in the Southern hemisphere, and I think that the church in the south has something to teach us about that.

I was in Japan a month or so ago, and visiting the area of Japan that was so affected by the tsunami and the aftermath of the earthquake. The earth there is — was at that point — largely colorless, brown, in the middle of winter. No greenness. But at the same time the work of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Japanese church in that part of Japan, has brought a great deal of new life, life abundant for people who have been devastated and displaced, who are still mourning their loss of loved ones, the loss of their homes and employment.

New life comes in many forms, even in seasons that seem fairly wintry.

As we began Lent, I asked you to think about the Millennium Development Goals and our work in Lent as a re-focusing of our lives. I’m delighted to be able to tell you that the U.N. report this last year has shown some significant accomplishment in a couple of those goals, particularly in terms of lowering the rates of the worst poverty, and in achieving better access to drinking water and better access to primary education. We actually might reach those goals by 2015. That leaves a number of other goals as well as what moves beyond the goals to full access for all people to abundant life.

In this Easter season I would encourage you to look at where you are finding new life and resurrection, where life abundant and love incarnate are springing up in your lives and the lives of your communities. There is indeed greenness, whatever the season.

Give thanks for Easter. Give thanks for resurrection. Give thanks for the presence of God incarnate in our midst.

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

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Saturday, April 14

10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, April 15

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Breakfast

9:20am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Reception following

Monday, April 16

6pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, April 17

3:30pm St. Michael choir

Wednesday, April 4, Holy Week

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Do you like the receptions after the 10:30 services? There are several vacancies on the signup sheet for receptions after the 10:30 service. If you have enjoyed a reception, but have never provided one, now is a good time to begin! Grab a friend or the whole family to help setup, provide food, and take down the tables afterward. It's easy and fun. Nothing fancy is required. Remember: many hands make light work! Please email Jean Tucker at jwtucker@usouthal.edu whether you are a new volunteer or an old hand. Thanks!

Speaking of volunteers, one of our breakfast teams is retiring after 15 years of providing Sunday breakfast along with the other fabulous teams. Please thank Charlotte Hall, Amy Hamilton, Karen McDonald and Amy Thompson for their hard work. AND...if you would like to create a new team, or volunteer to be part of a team, please call the church office and let us know—438-2492.

Congratulations to Amy and Hays Thompson and to 'little' Hays on the birth of their son (his brother), Cade Elliott Thompson, who was born on March 29. Mother and baby are home and doing fine.



Taizé Services return Many people have mentioned that they miss having the Taizé services that were held last year during Lent. We agree! So, on April 19, a monthly Taizé service followed by a potluck supper will be offered, beginning at 6pm in the Chapel. It will repeat again on May 17, the third Thursday of the month. There will be a break for June and July, and the evenings will resume in August. If you haven't experienced a Taizé service yet, try it out! As someone said, "It's like yoga for the brain!" See you on the 19th!!

The All Saints Vestry met for a planning retreat in March and identified five key performance areas around which to focus our goals and plans of action for the next 12-18 months. Vestry members have chosen the areas in which they would like to serve and conveners for the groups have been identified as well. Now they need the congregation's help! If you would like to participate in any of these groups, forming goals and making plans, please contact the appropriate convener(s) and let them know of your interest. Even if the groups have already begun meeting, it is not too late to add your ideas and your energy!

Key Performance Areas & Conveners:

- Congregational Survey and Focus Groups
Don Mosley
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Valerie Case
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- Physical Plant and Grant for Stirling Hall
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- Communications
Diana Nichols
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Woody Hannum
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The next Vestry meeting is Monday, April 16, at 6pm. Please let the office know if you will be unable to attend. 438-2492.

The Friday Night Supper Club meets next on April 20 at 7:00pm at the home of Beth Hardaway, 6438B Cedar Bend Ct. Please call her to let her know you are coming (343-7765). All are welcome!

Attention, please!

Here are assignments for those who serve during the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter (April 1-8).
If you won't be present for your assignment, PLEASE call or email Mary Robert ASAP:

438.2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org.

Maundy Thursday, April 5

Lectionary:

[Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14](#)
[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

[Psalm 116:1, 10-17](#)
[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

6:00pm

Lectors: Molly Allison, Pete Wilson
Chalice bearer: Burl Ratcliffe
Acolytes: Boone Reeves, Dustin Reeves
Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Martha Hennessy

Good Friday, April 6

Lectionary:

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#)
[Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9](#)

[Psalm 22](#)
[John 18:1-19:42](#)

12noon

Lector: Debi Foster
Usher: Michael Morrison

6:00pm

Lector: Melissa Nissen
Usher: Henry Callaway

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 7

Lectionary:

Vigil: TBA
Eucharist: [Romans 6:3-11](#)

7:30pm

Vigil Lectors: Eric Browne, Johnna Rogers,
Pete Wilson, Diana Nichols, Melanie Peti-
thory, Thomas Locke,
Eucharistic Lector: James Hamilton
Intercessor: Danny Moreau
Chalice bearers: Frances Rouse, Thomas
Locke
Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Ben Foster
Ushers: Doug Greene, Bill Evatt, Mark Wil-
liams, Ricky Bradford



Easter Day, April 8

Lectionary:

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)
[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Psalm 118:14-17](#)
[Mark 16:1-8](#)

8:00am

Lector: Larry Hallett
Intercessor: Elyzabeth Wilder
Chalice bearer: Serena Willcox
Ushers: Pete Mackey, Harold Dodge

10:30am

Lectors: Valerie Mitchell, Lillian Carsten
Intercessor: Frances Rouse
Chalice bearers: Ben Harris, Lister Thomas
Acolytes: Ben Foster, Darrel Williams, Emily
Kelley, Kim Gray, Emily Doyle
Ushers: Michael Morrison, Henry Callaway,
Bill Hines



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).

Sunday, April 15, 2012

The Second Sunday of Easter

The Lessons

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

[Psalm 133](#)

[1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

The Collect of the Day

Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.

Those Who Serve

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

Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Beth Hardaway

Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene, Clayton Ryan

Reception: TBA

8:00am

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessors: Warren Butler

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Woody Hannum, Renee Dillard

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Michael Morrison, Valerie Mitchell

Intercessor: Bruce Barrett

Chalices: Henry Callaway, Beth Hardaway

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Mark Williams, Grace Williams, Sarah Williams

Ushers: R Bradford, H Brewster, Thomas Locke

Music for Sunday, 4/15

Voluntary Jean-Francois Dandrieu *Prelude on 'O filii et filiae'*

Processional Hymn 205 *Gelobt sei Gott*

John Rutter *Benedictus es, Domine* S-236

Richard Farrant *Psalm 133*

Sequence Hymn 194 *St. Albinus*

Offertory Anthem W. A. Mozart *Alleluia*

Presentation Hymn 206 *O filii et filiae*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens *The Lord's Prayer* S148

Jeffrey Rickard *Christ Our Passover*

Communion Hymn 242 *Jacob*

Post Communion Hymn 209 *St. Botolph*

Processional Andrew Fletcher *Alleluia! Resurrexit!*

Please keep in your prayers:

✙ For healing:

Amy Krecker

Sarah

Brian Hammond

Heather and family

Bryan Caldwell

Corey Flowers

Jason Cummins

Martha Collier

Wayne Smith

Martha Robert

Anne Wilson Wesley

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

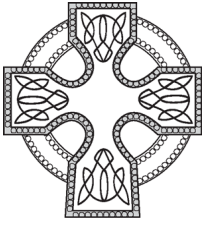
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Woody Hannum
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Don Mosley
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Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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Refugees: Martha Harris
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Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

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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)