



The Signpost Weekly

March 20, 2016

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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Calendar

Palm Sunday, March 20

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15
- Bible Study, 9:15
- Sunday school, 10 a.m.
- Sunday school Teacher meeting

Holy Monday, March 21

- Monday morning Yoga, 9 am.

Holy Tuesday, March 22

- Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 24

- Soup and bread dinner, 6:30 pm
- Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30 pm

Good Friday, March 25

- Liturgy for Families, 4:30 pm
- Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, March 26

- Holy Saturday Service, 10 a.m.
- NO Eucharist at 4
- Easter Vigil, 9 pm

Easter, March 27

- Eucharist, 8 am and 10:15 a.m.

Our Preacher This Morning

I would like to thank our own, the Rev. Ken Swenson for preaching this morning. *Miriam*

Please Note

Today begins the most sacred week in the Christian year—Holy Week. Today Palm Sunday focuses on two things. First the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Second, the mood then quickly shifts to the reading of the Passion Narrative. Please remember that you can't get to Easter without first experiencing the passion and death of Jesus. Please make note of all our services—they are rich in tradition and a special way of walking with Jesus through the last week of his earthly life. If you can't make it to the services you can still follow the story. See the outline of readings below. Parents, I

encourage you to read these stories with your children! *Miriam*

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Spend Holy Week with us!

*See for yourself.
Visitors welcome!*

Palm Sunday, March 20

Services at 8 a.m., and 10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m., supper; 7:30 p.m., worship

Good Friday, March 25

4:30 p.m., Children's Family Service

7:30 p.m., Later Service

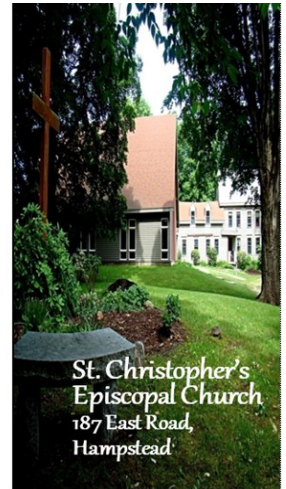
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The Holy Week Story

Sunday	Luke 22:24-27	Who is the greatest?
Monday	Luke 22:7-20	The Last Supper
Tuesday	Luke 22:47-53	Jesus is arrested
Wednesday	Luke 22:54-62	Peter denies Jesus
Thursday	Luke 23:13-25	Pilate condemns Jesus
Friday	Luke 23:33-49	Jesus is Crucified
Saturday	Luke 23:50-56	Jesus is Buried
Easter	Luke 24:1-12	The Tomb is Empty

From the Archbishop of Canterbury

Evangelism – sharing the Good News of Jesus – is not a survival strategy for the Church. It is not a way of getting our numbers up. It is integral to being a Christian. There are two things that every single Christian should do. . . Not out of a sense of duty, but out of the overflow of God's love. One is to worship, and the other is to witness. And you could say that apart from those two, everything else is decoration. *Archbishop of Canterbury*

Group Spiritual Direction

The next round of Group Spiritual Direction sessions will begin the week of April 4. A signup sheet will be put out next Sunday. We hope to

Practice gratitude . Encounter the Lord each day. Be present to others. Resist overwork. Nurture friendships. Give more. Make a difference in your parish community. Consider living more simply. Get healthy. Don't give up. Turn to the Lord.

provide two day time sessions and one evening session. If you have any questions please speak to Wayne Trombly, Ken Swenson, Barbara Hughes or me. *Miriam*

Episcopal Bishops Issue A Word to the Church



"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."

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Ten Talents Yard Sale Donation/Collection Dates

Please keep these dates in mind when doing Spring Cleaning! The drop off location for donations for the Spring Festival Yard Sale is still to be determined, we hope to use Hampstead Self Storage. The dates and times are: Saturday, April 9, 1 pm to 3 pm; Sat. April 23; Sunday, April 24, after services; Sat. May 7. Please note: we are unable to take large appliances, computer monitors and older electronics. Please check with us before bringing large pieces of furniture as we may have other means of storage for those items. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure! Contact Kathy Trombly or Dianne Copeland.

"Estate Planning for Everyone" Save the Date Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting an evening focused on estate planning, so save Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 pm on your calendars. In addition to a very well qualified presenter in Dave Caruso: we will also offer dessert for all. The thought of estate planning can be intimidating but it is important for everyone to consider. Come to the event and learn the basics that everyone should understand. Some questions that will be addressed include:

- Who needs a trust?
- What do trusts do?
- Are your assets in the right name?
- Do you really know who your beneficiary & contingent beneficiaries?
- How do I protect my assets if I become incapacitated?

The 2015 tax season will have just finished (thankfully!) and you will have the opportunity to start thinking about the future. *Terry Copeland*

Save the Date: Lay Leadership Institute, May 6 and 7, 2016 The Lay Leadership Institute is our annual opportunity to learn the basics of vestry life, how the Episcopal Church works in New Hampshire, or to explore our call to Lay Ministry. During this season of annual meetings and vestry elections, we hope you will add these dates to your calendar: May 6 and 7, 2016. The daylong training will be held on Saturday, March 7 at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH. ON Friday evening, March 6, we will host a dinner featuring a "Ministry Moth" program of lay ministry storytelling. Go to our Events Calendar for more details.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for **Dawn Hodges** a friend of Terri McDermott; Deb Pothier's granddaughter **Ellie Laura McCabe**; prayers for the repose of the soul of **Laura Lee Meehan, Deb Pothier's** mother and grandmother of **Nick Pothier** and **Jess McCabe**; for Terry and Joan Stevens' daughter-in-law **Theresa**, who has Stage 4 breast cancer; **Quinton Collins** Robin Flynn's **father**, diagnosed with cancer, for **Zach; Bill Steinhoff** going through chemo; **Liz Naters-Gamarra**, Miriam's daughter; **Diane Kolbe; Ann Donovan; Carmen Acevedo; Jess; Kate; Joan and Ron Ruggiero, and Josephine Herbert**; 2 year old **Brayden; Matty; Ian; Joan Fettes**; for Christine's friend **Christine**; for **Cheryl**; for **Linda** mother of Ruth Ann who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Jean Porter's grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric** who with God's grace is in safe hands.

Serving in the Military: Please pray for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**, for **Paul**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Scott, Jamison and Jackson Webster; Andrew and Carolyn Weir; Patricia Wright; Ruth, Madeline and Trevor Woodworth

Attendance

Tuesday, 3/8, 5, WBS

Thursday, 3/10, 7

Saturday, 3/12, 4:00 Service, 10;

Sunday, 3/13, 21, 10 a.m. Service, 62

Ask much of us. Expect much of us. Enable much by us. Encourage many through us.

May we dedicate our lives to your glory. Amen.

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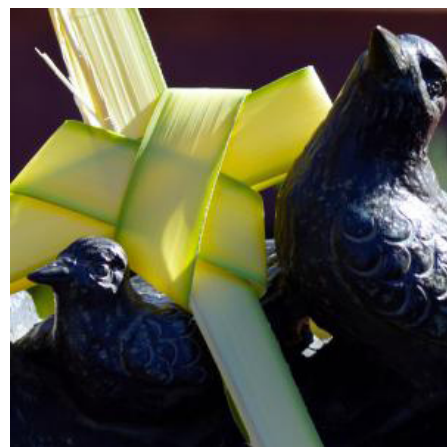


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PALM SUNDAY

“Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.”

Today is the first day of Holy Week and the last Sunday in Lent, known as Palm Sunday or the Sunday of the Passion. The day begins by marking Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many churches participate in the Liturgy of the Palms, first offered in The Episcopal Church in the 1960 *Book of Offices*. In this liturgy, the celebrant blesses palms or other branches, and, following a reading from the Gospels, leads the congregation in procession into their church—often singing “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” or “Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!”



Grace and St. Stephen’s, Colorado Springs

This liturgy evokes the early observances of Palm Sunday. According to Armentrout and Slocum’s *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church* (Church Publishing, 2000), by the year 381, the faithful would process from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem, waving palm or olive branches. As they processed, they sang songs from Scripture – including the exultant antiphon of Psalm 118 sung also at Christ’s entrance into the city: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

When the Palm Sunday service includes the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Palms is followed by the salutation and the collect of the day. Afterward, the tone of the service shifts noticeably. In contrast to the earlier song of joy, Psalm 31, appointed for today, cries, “For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.” The Gospel reading is likewise sorrowful, recalling the events of Jesus’ Passion (that is, the events and suffering before and during his death). Still, we are reminded throughout the difficult days ahead that this is not the end of the story.

Despite the Savior’s death on the cross, he promises to rise again. The Man of Sorrows remains the one at whose name, “every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [and] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:10-11).

Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

This prayer is a contemporary version of the collect for “The Sunday next before Easter” in the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*. The day was not referred to as Palm Sunday in an official capacity until the 1928 Prayer Book added “Commonly called Palm Sunday” to the prayer’s title. The doxology at the end of the prayer was appended in the 1979 Prayer Book.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 219).