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mind, and spirit.  
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## Holy Week & Easter Liturgies

Holy Week begins this year with Palm Sunday on April 13. Below is a schedule and description of our observances and celebrations. Please note which liturgies begin outside, and dress accordingly.

Palm Sunday, April 13 – 10:15 a.m. (one service only)

We begin with the blessings of the palms, then process into the church, **echoing the ancient cry “Hosanna!” We hear the story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.** Then, our focus shifts from joy and triumph to the reading of the passion of Jesus according to Matthew, which moves us into the solemnity of Holy Week. Begins outside; incense will be used.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week - April 14-16, 7:00 p.m.

Simple celebrations of Holy Eucharist in the Prayer Room.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m. This year we return to our

**“traditional” way of celebrating the Proper Liturgy, beginning with Eucharist in the nave, followed by a simple agape meal in the undercroft, then returning to the nave for the stripping of the chancel.** Incense will be used.

Good Friday, April 18

Stations of the Cross, 12 noon – retrace the journey of Jesus from his trial to the cross with fourteen brief episodes interspersed with prayer and meditation.

Proper Liturgy, 7:00 p.m. – Reading of the Passion according to John, veneration of the cross, communion from the reserved sacrament.

Holy Saturday, April 19 – 9:00 a.m.

The Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday, a brief liturgy of readings and prayers, will be read in the nave.

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 19 – 7:30 p.m.

This is the most important service of the Church year! We hear the story **of God’s saving actions throughout history in lessons from the Hebrew scriptures presented in “readers’ theatre” format, hear the ancient hymn Exultet, and moving from darkness into light, proclaim with joy Jesus’ resurrection.** We renew our Baptismal Covenant and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. There is no other liturgy like this one!

Begins outside; incense will be used.

Sunday of the Resurrection, April 20 – 10:15 a.m. (one service only)

A festive Eucharist, with special music, full sermon, and a beautifully **decorated church, celebrates Jesus’ resurrection.** Incense will be used.

Second Sunday of Easter, April 27 – 10:15 a.m. (one service only)

Episcopal visitation by the Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting, Assisting Bishop of Chicago. Bishop Epting will preside and preach; a festive **reception will occur. (“Low Sunday”? What’s that?)**

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### Our Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist — 8:00 AM

Christian Formation — 9 AM

Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing  
at both services

Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM  
(prayer room, ed. bldg.)



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## Rector's Reflection: *Living (It) to Tell About It*

As anyone who has been in the parish for any length of time and has heard me **preach on a regular basis knows, I'm really big on "telling the story". Of course,** in order to tell it, we must first know it. People of faith are always working on that goal, and numerous ways of doing so exist – the Bible Challenge comes to mind immediately but of course there are others means. One reason that the use of a lectionary (the assigned scripture readings for the Sundays and week-days of the church year) and the liturgical seasons are so important to Episcopalians is that they keep us **"on schedule", so to speak: they allow us to follow the events of our Lord's life and to study his teachings, as well as to examine and learn about our ancestors in faith, the Hebrew people, who of course were Jesus' ancestors as well. In knowing the story, we find our own place within it.**

The Greeks have a word for the special kind of remembering that this calls for: *anamnesis*. It has to do with remembering, but in a way that brings the memory **into the present. We don't just recall an event, we find a way somehow to participate in it.** In the church, this word is used most often in relation to the Eucharist as **Jesus bids us to "do this in remembrance of me"; yet at the same time we partake in that holy meal in "real time", in the here and now.**

The liturgies of Holy Week also make use of *anamnesis*. Beginning with Palm Sunday, and continuing through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, **we are given the opportunity to focus on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and burial. We don't just focus on them, however; we are invited,** through the Proper Liturgies for those days (BCP pp. 270-283), to bring remembrance forward into the present; we participate in them as living witnesses to salvation history. Finally, this culminates in the joy of the Great Vigil of Easter – the most important liturgy of the year - **as God's people move, physically, from darkness to light and sing the joyful acclamation of resurrection, a resurrection that could only happen because death occurred first.**

I once heard a story about the rector of a large parish who entered the pulpit **on Easter morning and said simply, "If you've been observing Lent and Holy Week faithfully, there's nothing I can say that will make this day any more meaningful for you than it already is. If you haven't been observing Lent and Holy Week, there's nothing I can say that will make this day mean anything at all."** **And he sat down. That was his Easter sermon. It's a bit extreme, but he made a good point.** It is by entering into the events of Holy Week – making *anamnesis* of them – that we live into our sacred story in a substantive way, one that goes beyond mere words and elevates both the meaning of those words and our understanding of them, allowing us truly to share and experience the joy of Easter. Only then can we tell that story with the kind of authenticity that engages others. I hope that you will be part of that experience at St. Giles this year; the story is not complete without you!

Faithfully in Christ,

*Cynthia+*



## April Birthdays/Anniversaries

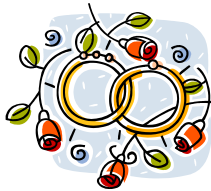
### Birthdays:

- 6 Belinda Chandler
- 7 Susie Hall
- 10 Elizabeth Hanzel
- 11 David Hall
- 13 Nancy Anderson
- 16 Anne-Marie Williams



### Anniversaries:

- 19 Melly & Mitchell Schwartz
- 27 Linda & Dan Jariabka



## April Lectionary Readings

### April 6 (Lent 5)

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45  
Psalm 130

### April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:19

### April 20 (Sunday of the Resurrection)

Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

### April 27 (Easter 2)

Acts 2:14a,22-32  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31  
Psalm 16

## *Retreat! The Vestry is Getting Away!*

**No, they're not escaping! But your vestry will be taking** some dedicated time the first weekend in April to pray, reflect, and engage in conversation and discernment regarding God's direction for the parish. A dinner in the undercroft on Friday evening will provide a quiet and sociable beginning; a day-long session at Covenant Village of Northbrook on Saturday will allow for the kind of in-depth discussion that cannot occur at monthly meetings. This is a holy time; please keep the vestry in your prayers.

## ~Music Notes~

### *SPECIAL MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:*



Palm Sunday – Let this mind be in you (Lee Hoiby)

Maundy Thursday – Ave verum (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

Good Friday – Agnus Dei, from *Mass for Four Voices* (William Byrd)

Easter Vigil – Alleluia, from Motet VI (Johann Sebastian Bach)

Easter Day – string orchestra

Alleluia, from Motet VI (Johann Sebastian Bach)

Hallelujah Chorus, from *Messiah* (Georg Frederic Handel)



## Coffee with Jesus~

That's the name of the book: **Coffee with Jesus by David Wilkie**. I had a difficult time in finding a Dewey Decimal number for it because there's no category in Dewey for Religious Comic Strips. Yep, comic strips. It consists of a series of four-panel cartoons in which Jesus has coffee with any of several people who ask questions or make statements that require a quick answer. For the Dewey number, I settled on 261 – Contemporary Christianity – **because that's what it is: Jesus discussing contemporary situations and problems**. The cartoons originally appeared on the Web site [radiofreebabylon.com](http://radiofreebabylon.com).

The participants, in addition to Jesus (who wears a business suit and necktie), are Carl, a married 44-year-old owner of a landscaping company; Ann, a divorced 34-year-old businesswoman; Lisa, a 40-year-old stay-at-home (except to have coffee) mom; Joe, a 29-year-old pastor of an unspecified denomination; Kevin, a divorced 30-year-old business executive; and – yes – **Satan. Satan doesn't have horns and a tail, but looks like the leading man in a 1940s movie**.

Typically, one of these persons appears in the first and third panel of the strip and Jesus in the second and fourth, **Here's a typical strip:**



Kevin: **I'm rethinking my faith, Jesus. Just not sure this is for me. Feels a little restrictive. Not even sure it isn't a load of man-made mythology.**

Jesus: **Far from restrictive, Kevin. It's quite liberating. Anyway, I'm sorry to hear that, but you know I'll be there when you need me.**

Kevin: **Cool. Thanks for taking it so well. If I need you, I'll give you a shout.**

Jesus: **I didn't say "if," Kevin.**

**And here's one with Satan:**

Satan: **I've got so much to do today, Son of Man. Gonna sow some doubt and fear. Plant a bunch of anxiety. Fertilize a good crop of discord.**

Jesus: **That's gonna be one ugly garden, Satan.**

Satan: **Oh, it's coming along nicely. Quite nicely indeed!**

Jesus: **You're forgetting one thing. I control the rain.**

Coffee with Jesus received some rave reviews (at least the ones printed on the back cover are raves). My favorite is from **Dan Kimball, author of a book called Adventures in Churchland: "If you don't buy this book you will be cursed. Everything will begin to go horribly wrong. You will gain weight. You will lose your job. Your car will break down and you'll learn you need a new one. Please buy this book – for the sake of your children."** Reinforcing that Required Reading mandate is the fact that the book was donated to **St. Bede's Library** by – ahem – our rector.  
–Doug Downey

## Episcopal Visitation Scheduled for April 27

The Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting, Assisting Bishop of Chicago, will be with us on the Second Sunday of **Easter. Following his retirement as Bishop of Iowa, Bishop Epting was appointed Presiding Bishop's Deputy** for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations by the Most Rev. Frank Griswold. After he had left that post Bishop Lee invited him to join the staff of the Diocese of Chicago. As is our custom for episcopal visitations, we will have one service at 10:15 on that Sunday. Bishop Epting blogs at <http://ecubishop.wordpress.com>. Follow him on Twitter: @ChrisEpting1.



# ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Campanella Choir uses the church on Sundays from 2:30 - 8:00 PM</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15 - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b> Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>3</b> Yoga, 8:30 AM Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>4</b> Office Closed  Vestry Retreat, 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>5</b> Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15 PM Vestry Retreat 9-4</p>
<p><b>6</b> 5 Lent 8:00 &amp; 10:15 AM - Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation</p>	<p><b>7</b> Office Hours by Appointment  Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM</p>	<p><b>8</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15 - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b> Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>10</b> Yoga, 8:30 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>11</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>12</b> Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15 PM</p>
<p><b>13</b> Palm Sunday Second Sunday  <i>ONE SERVICE ONLY:</i> 10:15 AM -Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Breakfast</p>	<p><b>14</b> Office Hours by Appointment  Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM  Eucharist 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b> May Bells submissions due Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15-8 PM  Eucharist 7:00PM</p>	<p><b>16</b> Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM  Eucharist 7:00PM</p>	<p><b>17</b> Maundy Thursday 7 PM: Proper Liturgy &amp; Agapé meal: stripping of the chancel  Cathedral Shelter pick-up</p>	<p><b>18</b> Good Friday 12 Noon: Stations/Cross  Proper Liturgy, 7 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b> Easter Eve 9 AM: Proper Liturgy 10:30 AM: Altar Guild set-up 7:30 PM: Great Vigil, Lighting of the New Fire, First Eucharist of Easter</p>
<p><b>20</b> Sunday of the Resurrection 10:15 AM: Festive Choral Eucharist with special music (One service only)</p>	<p><b>21</b> Easter Monday Office Closed</p>	<p><b>22</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15-8 PM  Vestry mtg, 7:30</p>	<p><b>23</b> Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>24</b> Yoga, 8:30 AM EKids, 12:45-2:45 Evening Prayer, 4:30 (Prayer Room) Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b> Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM – 12:15 <i>Trumpet/Organ Recital</i> 7:30 PM</p>
<p><b>27</b> 2 Easter <i>BISHOP EPTING, ONE SERVICE:</i> 10:15 AM -Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Forum</p>	<p><b>28</b> Office Hours by Appointment  Coffee@ Starbucks, 1-2:30 PM</p>	<p><b>29</b> Yoga, 9:00 AM Campanella Choir, 5:15 - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>30</b> Extraordinary Kids, 11:30AM-2:45 PM Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>			



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