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# The Anchor

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## How holy is Holy Week?

Ask a faithful Christian what is the most important observance of the Church year and you will hear one of two answers: either Christmas or Easter. The correct one is really Holy Week, the entire period from Palm/Passion Sunday to Easter morning. Of course it is too much “church” for the Christmas and Easter folks, but this Holy Week time is what gives meaning to both Christmas and Easter. If it were not for what happened during those few days the other events would have been long ago forgotten.

If you, also, think Holy Week is too much “church,” I do sympathize. It’s a lot of church for pastors, too. We church people seem to be fighting a losing battle against secular priorities– or maybe we lost it for good somewhere in the last century.

But I seem to be willing to take up challenges lately. I accepted The Bible Challenge – to read the entire Bible from Lent to Lent – and many of you have joined me. That feels really positive. We check in every Sunday in church. I love the company, and I’m on schedule, because we’re doing this together.

In a similar fashion, I have accepted the challenge of a Lutheran professor to be fully present for all of Holy Week – that is, fully present with services available in the church. I’ve asked our worshippers if any were inclined to join in a daily worship schedule during Holy Week, and I was truly gratified at the responses. Maybe I’m the only one who has missed the boat these many years.

I have to say that all of this is a bit of a turn-around for me. Typically, I get disheartened at the low turn-out – except for our ever-faithful choir – on Easter Eve/Vigil. Every year I say that we will eliminate that service next year, even though it is the most beautiful one in the whole year. So, now I’m doing the exact opposite – adding services. I know they won’t attract more than a handful or two, but I’m looking beyond that. At St. Clement’s this year we are going to pay attention to Holy Week with all our heart and mind!

What will that look like? On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week (April 2, 3 and 4) we will have short eucharists (no music) at 5:30 pm. On Thursday, everyone is invited to a soup supper in the Parish Hall at 6 pm, with the traditional Maundy Thursday service beginning at 6:45 pm in the church. This service will include optional foot-washing and eucharist. Stations of the Cross will be said on Thursday at 5:00 pm. Traditionally, on this day we end our Lenten disciplines. On Good Friday, there will be services at noon and at 7 pm., both using the Prayer Book liturgies.

Then, on Saturday, April 7, we will offer the glorious Great Vigil of Easter at 7 pm. This service begins with lighting the “new fire” from which we light the Christ candle. We process into the church in darkness, and the ancient hymn “the Exultet” is sung. We hear some stories from the Hebrew Bible – stories that tell of God’s abiding love for creation. After those wonderful accounts we baptize those who are new to the community, joining with them in reaffirming our own baptismal vows. And THEN, we celebrate Christ’s resurrection and shout “Alleluia.” Liturgical chaos is acceptable!

After that, it’s kind of a normal eucharistic service, except that we’ve turned the lights up from the earlier darkness and we are really in a celebratory mood. A little champagne or other sparkling quaff afterward would be perfectly appropriate.

Easter morning is next, and it is not a let-down at all. It’s just the next day, the “first day of the week” when Jesus’ disciples realize that the tomb is empty.

The entire message of Holy Week can be summarized in a variety of pithy messages. This year I’m going with this one: “Behold, I make all things new!”

I could stand to be made new. Couldn’t you?

Holy Week and Easter blessings,

Pastor Christine +

# Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year B

April 1

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

Isiah 50:4-9a

PSALM: 118:1,2,19-29 and  
31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 11:1-11 and

Mark 14:1-39(40-47)

April 8

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

PSALM: 118:1-2,14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

April 15

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

PSALM: 133

1 John 1:1-22

John 20:19-31

April 22

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

PSALM 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 29

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

PSALM: 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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## At a Glance

Saturdays Thrift Store open 9-

Tuesdays Lectionary Bible Study  
7:00 pm

Fridays Lectionary Bible Study  
10:30 am

Holy Week Events - see schedule

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April 15 Anchor Deadline

Vestry Meeting 1:00pm

April 27-28 Bishop's Conference

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 6 Margaret Alley

April 11 Debbi Honeycutt

Patrick Thrasher

April 12 Len Honeycutt

April 13 Kara Magdaleno

## Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call the church office(635-5282) or  
send an e-mail to the church

(st.clements@hotmail.com) if you would like  
communion brought to you or a family  
member.

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## Training for Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers – March 31

Do you watch our acolytes and eucharistic ministers and wish you could do these tasks? It is not hard, but it does require a little training. Acolytes can be enrolled at the congregational level. Eucharistic Ministers, who handle the sacraments, need to be licensed by the Bishop. Pastor Christine does the training at St. Clement's and requests licenses every two years – because the licenses last two years.

We need more dedicated acolytes and eucharistic ministers. If this ministry is calling to you – or if you need to renew your current license – please plan to attend our training on Saturday, March 31 at 1 pm. There will be separate sessions for acolytes and eucharistic ministers.

## *Do You LOVE Flowers?*

The St. Clement's Vestry has been exploring the idea of developing a community garden. There are a lot of considerations. So, for a first step we would like to plant a flower garden to produce blooms for use in floral arrangements in the church. We will probably need to put this on a drip system. First, however, we'd like to invite experienced gardeners to help plan this effort. Are you someone who can help? Please speak to Pastor Christine.

### **NO LUNCH BUNCH IN APRIL**

Please come to the Soup Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 5, at 6 pm. Lunch Bunch will resume in May.

## Music and Poetry of Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 1, at 4pm the choir will present The Music and Poetry of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is rich with history and symbolism. It is the day we remember the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection. Some 450-500 years earlier, the Prophet Zechariah had prophesied, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.” Matthew records the fulfillment of that prophecy. The donkey, though seemingly humble, was chosen most likely because it was seen as a symbol of peace as opposed to the horse which was considered a symbol of war.

The program will be presented in three sections. The first part of the program will be focused on the triumphal entry. The second part of the program will focus on the road to sacrifice and help to prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week. It is interesting that the same crowds that on Palm Sunday were crying out “Hosanna” were crying out “crucify Him” five days later. And the last part of the program is Jesus' premonition of glory. We hope that you will mark your calendars for this event, a Lenten gift from your choir.

Carole Maxson

### **Rebuild the Cathedral in Haiti!**

Let's wrap up our congregational contribution of \$1,000 by Easter. We are half-way there, with pledges or donations of \$500 as of March 20. Every congregation in the diocese is holding fund-raisers and promoting this effort.

Do you have a will?  
Have you remembered the Church in  
your will?

## 2012 Bishop's Conference

Renewing the Church: Building up the Body of Christ in Love

Shown here is a tentative agenda

Friday, April 27th

5:00 pm Check-In & Hospitality

6:00 pm Conference Dinner

7:00 pm Keynote Presentation – The Rev. Thomas Brackett

8:30 pm Compline – St John's, Petaluma

Saturday, April 28th

8:00 am Check-In & Hospitality

9:00 am Opening & Welcome – The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner

9:15 - 9:45 am Morning Prayer – St. Mary's, Elk Grove

9:45 - 10:30 Keynote Presentation – The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell

“A Biblical Image for the Missional Church: The People of God in Exile”

10:30 - 10:45 am Break

10:30 - 11:45 am 1st Workshop Options

- Presentation – The Rev. Thomas Brackett

- Implications for the Church as the People of God in Exile – the Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell

- Communication Strategies for Large Congregations – Keri Lopez, Director of Communications

- Lay Ministry Licensing Training – Catechist

- Spotlight on Outreach – Susan Swift, Episcopal Community Services

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch (w/Noonday Prayer)

1:00 - 2:15 pm 2nd Workshop Options:

- Presentation – The Rev. Thomas Brackett

- Communication Strategies for Small Congregations – Keri Lopez, Director of Communications

- Soul Collage – Karen Lawler

- Discerning the Deacon in Your Congregation – the Rev. Deacon Cookie Clark, Archdeacon and the Rev. Canon Tina Campbell

- Beyond performance – paperless music-making for formation in community – the Rev. Donald Schell

2:15 - 2:30 Break

2:30 - 3:45 pm 3rd Workshop Options:

- Forming Disciples, not Running Committees – the Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell

- Building Programs – The Very Rev. Cliff Haggenjos, the Rev. Mark Allen, the Rev. William “Mac” McIlmoyl and the Rev. Richard Yale

- Contemplative Spirituality and Worship – Kayleen Asbo, the Rev. Daniel Green and the Rev. Donald Schell

- Lay Ministry Licensing Training – Evangelism Facilitator

- Total Ministry

3:45 - 4:45 pm Closing Plenary – the Rev. Tom Brackett

5:10 pm Closing Eucharist: Trinity and Incarnation Musicians – the Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, preacher and celebrant

## Lay Ministry Schedule April 2012

	SUNDAY April 1	SUNDAY April 8	SUNDAY April 15	SUNDAY April 22	SUNDAY April 29
Altar Guild	Deidra White Kara Magdalena	Kathleen Gallagher Stephen Souلمان	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee Phyllis Rayburn
Ushers 8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	Ray Stults Sherry Stults	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Chris Wash	Ken Durham	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Mike Chapman Pam Quarles	Sarah Moridi Bobbie Keill	David Bridges Quintilla Wells	Bill Murray Chuck Maxson	Muniel Murray Mike Chapman
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Saralu Methven	Ken Durham	Janelle Fallan
10:00 a.m.	David Bridges	Chuck Maxson	Ray Stults	Bill Murray	Bobbie Keill
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Harry Shippy	Chris wash
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Bobbie Keill	Debbi Honeycutt Muniel Murray	Deidra White Jim Wash	Debbie Popp Irene Grant	Bobbie Keill Janelle Fallan
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	One coffee hour between services	Chris Wash	Randy Grimwood	Ken Durham
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Pam Quarles Mickey Boughton	all hosts and hostesses	Bobbie Keill Sherry Stults	Kathleen Gallagher Betty Chapman	Caecil Cartwright
Counters	Muniel Murray Sharon Burke-Polana	Harry Shippy Ray Stults	Sherry Stults Bill Murray	Guido Polana Stephen Souلمان	Ray Stults Harry Shippy
PIE 8:00 & 10:00	Muniel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton	Muniel Murray

# APRIL 2012

## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE



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**2012 Bishop's Conference is on Renewing the Church**

***April 27-28, Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento***

Every spring the Bishop's Conference focuses on a topic relevant to congregations large and small, and this year is no exception. We are all eager to keep our churches alive in mission and spirit. The Bishop's Conference, to be held at the end of April, takes this concern very seriously. The full conference begins with dinner at 5 pm Friday, and ends at 6 pm Saturday.

The Rev. Thomas Brackett, the Episcopal Church's mission for church planting, ministry redevelopment, and fresh expressions of church. To get a flavor of his style, check his blog "Church Planting Central." The Rev. Canon Neil Michell will also be a guest presenter.

There will be many workshop sessions offering specialized trainings. The complete schedule is available on the diocesan web-site ([norcalepiscopal.org](http://norcalepiscopal.org)). Attendance at the conference requires advance registration and a fee of \$55, which covers dinner Friday night and lunch on Saturday, or \$25 for Friday or Saturday only.