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Looking to the Cross, Looking to Resurrection

As we all know, there are two major cycles in the Christian year: Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. The first cycle brings Jesus into our midst, but the second cycle tells us why that matters. This year, we experience half of Lent, all of Holy Week, and Easter during the month of March – which makes this a very theologically rich time.

It all boils down to what's called the "Three Great Days" (the Triduum in Latin). That's the time from Good Friday, through Holy Saturday to Easter morning. Good Friday is the day of crucifixion on the cross, and Easter morning is when the disciples discover that Jesus is no longer in the tomb. Subsequent encounters between Jesus and various disciples made it clear to them that he was alive in new ways.

Some religious communities concentrate their focus on Good Friday and the cross. Others pretty much ignore the cross and go right to Easter and resurrection. Anglicans and Episcopalians highlight both events, but individuals among us will tend toward one or the other.

If your life has been marked by oppression, trauma, neglect or other negative experiences, you will naturally identify with Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified for no reason other than that he threatened the status quo. If, however, your life has been one of relative good fortune and abundance, you may zero in on resurrection and new life as the message you take to heart.

Those who focus on crucifixion need to hear the message of resurrection. They need to know that death is not the end, and that there is new life right around the corner. Those who put Good Friday out of mind, dwelling only on the promise of new life, need to recognize that crucifixion is real for many of our brothers and sisters. In fact, new life comes only after something has died. Crucifixion and resurrection are two sides of the same coin; one does not exist without the other.

Lent is a gift of the Church year – a time for us to examine our lives and figure out how crucifixion and resurrection draw us into the

story we all share: that God loves us so much that God puts up with our forgetfulness, our willfulness and our arrogance again and again and again. Can you imagine being so forgiving?

May your Lenten practices prepare you to walk with Jesus right up to the cross and then meet him anew on Easter morning.

Pastor Christine +

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

March 3

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 3:1-15
PSALM 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
PSALM: 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21
PSALM: 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 24

Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
PSALM: 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

March 31

Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43
PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

Holy Week Schedule

March 24	8:00 and 10:00am	Palm/Passion Sunday
March 25	5:30pm	Monday in Holy Week
March 26	5:30pm	Tuesday in Holy Week
March 27	5:30pm	Wednesday in Holy Week
March 28	5:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	6:45pm	Maundy Thursday Liturgy
March 29	12:00noon	Good Friday Liturgy
	6:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
March 30	7:00pm	Easter Vigil and Baptism
March 31	8:00 and 10:00am	EASTER
	9:00am	Combined Coffee Hour
	11:30am	Easter Egg Hunt (bring a bag)

Easter baptisms

Easter, and especially Easter Vigil (the service on the night before Easter) is one of the most appropriate times to perform the sacrament of baptism. If you or a family member would like to receive that sacrament, please speak to Pastor Christine as soon as possible.

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At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Bible Study	Tuesday 7:00pm
Lenten Program	Thursdays 4:30pm
	Evening Prayer 5:30
March 5	Empty Bowls 11:30 or 12:30 River City Food Bank
March 9	Anti-Racism training
March 14	Lunch Bunch 12 noon
March 15	Anchor Deadline
March 16	Veteran Family Support
March 24	Holy Week commences See Schedule on Page 2

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 2	Ian Knox
March 5	Johnny Griffin IV
March 12	Naomi Rubenstein
March 17	Matt Honeycutt Gail Sullivan
March 18	Gerald Smith
March 19	Sarah Moridi
March 23	Steve Menser
March 25	Esther Sullivan
March 27	Sherry Stults
March 30	Sarah Sullivan

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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How holy is Holy Week?

It is the holiest week of the Christian year, but often pretty much ignored. Last year we offered simple services every day of Holy Week. It was a lot of CHURCH in one week. But our Lord Jesus did a lot of living and dying in that one week.

So, we will again offer a nightly service of Eucharist – except on Good Friday – throughout Holy Week this year. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week (March 25, 26, 27) we will have short Eucharists (no music) at 5:30 pm. Stations of the Cross will be said on Thursday, March 28 at 5 pm. Traditionally, on this day we end our Lenten disciplines. That same day, Maundy 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. On Good Friday, there will be services at noon and at 6 pm., both using the Prayer Book liturgies.

Then, on Saturday, March 30, 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 any 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, the “first day of the week” when Jesus’ disciples realize that the tomb is empty. We may have baptisms at this service, too. The choir entralls with

beautiful music. We enjoy a combined and festive coffee hour at 9 am and an Easter Egg Hunt for children after the 10 am service.

Holy Week and Easter blessings,

Pastor Christine +

Marching on with The Bible Challenge

Those of us who started The Bible Challenge (for the first or the second time) on January 7 (day 1 in our diocesan schedule) have finished the gospels of Matthew and Mark. More significantly, we have read Genesis and Exodus and struggled through Leviticus and its detailed prescriptions of animal sacrifice for various transgressions. Difficult passages have come before and will come again, along with tedious genealogies. We don’t have to read every word to get the gist, so if you are getting into a repetitive cycle give yourself permission to skim! It’s not cheating, because you *are* skimming. What you want is to retain an overview of what various sections are about.

That said, I would like to hear how you are doing, what you are learning or sensing and what you think God is telling YOU through this reading.

Vestry Changes

At our Annual Meeting of the Parish on February 3 Terry Sandhoff and Matt Suhar were elected to three-year terms on the Vestry. Retiring Vestry members were Randy Grimwood and Bobbie Keill, although each had more years available on their terms. Ken Dunham resigned from the Vestry in February. Subsequently Randy Grimwood agreed to continue his term.

The Vestry spent six hours on February 18 in a team-building retreat, facilitated by The Very Rev. Ray Hess, dean of the Southeast Deanery.

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

Lenten Program Thursdays at 4:30 pm

Our Lenten study program began Thursday, February 21, and continues on Feb. 28, and March 7, 14, and 21. The first session was very enthusiastically received by the participants, but you can join any time. We are using as thematic material the book "A Practical Christianity" by The Very Reverend Dr. Jane Shaw, dean of Grace Cathedral, but you don't have to read it. Everything you need is presented when we meet.

The program lasts one hour, and in the last few minutes we review where we are with The Bible Challenge. At 5:30 pm a short Evening Prayer service is offered in the church.

We Sang in the Spirit!

Our program to honor Black History Month was a wonderful success! Thank you to Carole Maxson for the inspiration, to the choir for their hard work, to our band – David Bridges on guitar, Kevin Maxson on drum set, Carole Maxson on piano and synthesizer, and Paul Sunderman on electric bass. Thank you to our guest singers – Jennifer Green, Katye Stewart, and Sandra Watson. Thank you to our marvelous orator, Ray Albritton. Thank you to our Mayor Linda Budge. Thank you to Victoria McKinney and her two models, Buna and Jada, for the beautiful African fashions. Thank you to Pastor Ron Johnson from Cordova Baptist Church and their support of the event. We had a great and appreciative turn-out. Lots of attention was also given to the quilts, the old family Bible and other memorabilia.

Lunch Bunch meets Thursday, March 14

Harry and Pat Shippy are preparing Corned Beef and Cabbage, as our date is close to St. Patrick's Day. A call to the office to say you're coming is always helpful.

Did you know we've been doing Lunch Bunch for seven years as of this May? New people keep coming and giving it energy.

Veteran Family Support March 16

On Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 5 pm we are hosting a gathering of veterans in Terry Sandhoff's service dog classes – along with their families – in the Parish Hall. We'll serve some hearty snacks, and offer activities for children while parents socialize and learn tips for integrating a service dog into family life. This event is offered as part of our ministry as a Veteran Friendly Congregation.

A little – just a little – help would be useful in food preparation and serving, and in children's games and conversation. Children need to know that they are not the cause of their parent's problems with PTSD.

Terry Sandhoff is the event coordinator. Pastor Christine will help and attend. A few others who have military service in their background could help as hosts. However, the male veterans know each other from their classes, as do the female vets from their (separate) class.

Note: As most St. Clement's folks know, Terry Sandhoff is passionate about helping military veterans with PTSD by providing them with trainable service dogs, and training dogs and masters. The training has been conducted at St. Francis, Fair Oaks, but as of mid-April the space they have rented will no longer be available. Terry is looking for other locations, and St. Clement's might be a possible site. The Vestry is studying this.

Empty Bowls March 5

This is the big annual fund-raiser for River City Food Bank. There are two seatings for lunch, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$30, available online at www.rcfb.webconnex.com/emptybowls, or from the Cathedral Bookshop. You'll have your choice of different soups from the area's top chefs AND a hand-made ceramic bowl to take home.

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church March 2013

	SUNDAY March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent	SUNDAY March 10 4th Sunday in Lent	SUNDAY March 17 5th Sunday in Lent	SUNDAY March 24 Palm Sunday	SUNDAY March 31 Easter Day
Altar Guild	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt	Jennifer Yee Stephen Soulman	Deidra White Kara Magdalena	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt
Ushers	Randy Grimwood	Irene Grant	Randy Grimwood	Irene Grant	Randy Grimwood
8:00 a.m.					
Ushers	Kent Ransom	Ray & Sherry Stults	Bill Murray	Jennifer Jones	Pam Quarles
10:00 a.m.					
Acolytes	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
8:00 a.m.					
Acolytes	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbi Honeycutt
10:00 a.m.					
Lectors	Marj Heineke	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy	Jim Wash
8:00 a.m.					
Lectors	David Bridges Bill Murray	Mike Chapman Muriel Murray	Chuck Maxson Kent Ransom	Bobbie Keill Pam Quarles	Mike Chapman David Bridges
10:00 a.m.					
Intercessors	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Harry Shippy
8:00a.m.					
10:00 a.m.	Chuck Maxson	Ray Stults	Davidid Bridges	Kent Ransom	Mike Chapman
E.M. (Chalice)					
8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash
E.M.(Chalice)					
10:00 a.m.	Sharon Burke-Polana	Debbi Honeycutt	Deidra White	Debbie Popp	Muriel Murray Bobbie Keill
Coffee Hour	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather Phyllis Rayburn	Jim & Chris Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood	Janelle Fallan Ken Dunham
8:00 a.m.					
Coffee Hour	Betty Chapman Sherry Stults	Marla Bridges	Pam Quarles Mickey Boughton	Bobbie Keill	All hosts / hostesses
10:00a.m.					
Counters	Kent Ransom Harry Shippy	Ray Stults Bill Murray	Sharon Burke-Polana Muriel Murray	Stephen Soulman Guido Polana	Kent Ransom Harry Shippy
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8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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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First Class

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Have you checked the Church web-site lately?
David Bridges posts to a blog there (the blog
is at the far right on the menu bar).