

NEWSLETTER

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News and Notes

Newcomer's Dinner March 13

New to Christ the King? Fr. Matt and the Mission Committee would like to invite you to a special dinner at the Warren home to welcome you to our parish family. This will be a time to meet other newcomers as well as serve as a comfortable setting to ask questions about Christ the King and the Episcopal Church. Please RSVP with Fr. Matt by March 10th if you would like to join us!

Family Films on Faith Continues March 19th

That "Blockhead" Charlie Brown and friends stop by St. Giles' Hall on Saturday, March 19th. Our monthly Family Films on Faith series continues with "The Peanuts Movie." Following the movie, we'll be discussing topics like self-confidence, kindness, and friendship. The movie starts at Noon, so families can enjoy the Soroptimists' Easter Egg hunt.

A Journey With Jesus

*Meditating on
discipleship and Holy
Week*

Our goal as Christians is to become disciples of Christ—to follow where Jesus would lead our lives.

This desire to not only follow, but wholly imitate, Jesus' footsteps is magnified by the events of Holy Week. The story of

Jesus' final hours, the institution of the Eucharist at a meal with his friends, his prayerful vigil in the garden, and his subsequent arrest, betrayal, and crucifixion has inspired generations of Christians to travel the Stations of the Cross for centuries. Where some Christians have been fortunate to walk the *Via Dolorosa* ("the path of sorrow") in Jerusalem—retracing the historic route where Jesus was lead from his trial to his crucifixion atop Golgotha, others have reenacted these events by following the retelling of the events of Good Friday along the Stations of the Cross in their local context.

Given the profundity of the events of Good Friday, this desire to follow the path that Christ trod makes sense, for I think it draws the enormity of salvation down to a personal scale.

"A perfect sacrifice for the whole world"

When I was in Fourth Grade, our church had a children's bible study led by two Episcopal Nuns. One week, we were asked to draw two pictures: one depicting a story from the Old



Journey With Jesus in Holy Week

Fr. Matt has prepared a special program for Holy Week entitled "Journey with Jesus" to introduce the events and importance of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday to families.

Our Palm Sunday service will follow our Children's Church format with a kid-friendly sermon and shorter prayers.

Later in the week, children are invited to participate in our Maundy Thursday service. This is a dinner program, where we eat foods Jesus and the Disciples may have enjoyed. There will be foot washing and Communion at this service.

On Good Friday, children are invited to stay after the 3PM Good Friday service for a special Children's Stations of the Cross. Tentatively scheduled from 4-4:30, this service will help children understand the importance of Good Friday as we look towards Easter Morning.

We hope to see you then!

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Interested in helping teach Lego Sunday School? Please let Fr. Matt or Kristy know, we're looking for more volunteers to help in this important ministry.

Testament, and another from the New Testament. On the left side of the paper, I drew a picture of God's hand stretching down from heaven—not to touch Adam with the Divine spark as Michelangelo had, but to grab Abraham's hand before he sacrificed Isaac. On the right side, I drew Jesus' hand nailed to the cross. I called it "A perfect sacrifice for the whole world."

To this day, I have no idea what inspired me to draw that—except that even at ten years old, there was a part of me that needed God's salvation to be completely self-giving. Abraham was incredible in his faith...but what if I wasn't as faithful—would God reckon me as righteous? The only way God could make me perfect was if God didn't have to rely on my imperfections. For I believe, then and now, that God had to perform the hard work... it's up to us to accept that most gracious gift.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world"

When we participate in the events of Holy Week, and especially when we pray the Stations of the Cross, what are we doing?

I believe that we are being drawn closer to God in gratitude for the saving acts of Christ. It is in retelling this story, in recreating these events, that we marvel at how God was able to bring us closer, to reunite humanity with the Almighty. As we move from Maundy Thursday through Good Friday, there is almost nothing that humanity gets right. Judas and Peter both betray Jesus, the disciples scatter and flee in fear—none of that matters. It isn't by our own merits that we are reconciled to God, it is only through the divine self-giving that God restores us.

As Holy Week invites us once more to ponder these events, we will do our best to share these stories with our parish family. This year, we will lead a special program "Journey with Jesus" during Holy Week. Beginning with a Children's Church service on Palm Sunday, "Journey with Jesus" will continue with a Maundy Thursday meal which explains the importance of Communion, before concluding with our traditional Good Friday Service and a special Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

In sharing these stories, it is my hope that a new generation of Christians can greet the joy of Easter morning with the secure knowledge that we are each God's children.

-Fr. Matt+

Prayer List

Birthdays:

Theresa

Anniversaries:

For those expecting a child:

In thanksgiving for newborns:

For those in the hospital:

For those in need of healing:

- Linda
- Chris
- Margaret
- Torrey
- Klytia
- Leila
- Robin
- Joseph
- Betty

For those who have died:

For those in need:

For those who travel:

- The Hecks
- Emily

Special Concerns:

Christians in the Holy Land

For those about to be Baptized

CTK Mission Priorities

St. Giles' Hall Renovations:

The St. Giles' Hall Use Application is now available on our website. If you have a group that would like to meet in St. Giles' Hall, please see Fr. Matt or download and submit the form.

Weekly Attendance:

Here is a comparison of our February attendance reports from 2015 and 2016:

Monthly Attendance	February 2016	Previous Year
Week 1	22	15
Week 2	19	9
Week 3	20	10
Week 4	11	13
Year to Date	184	117

Anglican/Episcopal Brand Awareness:

Fr. Matt will be starting a monthly "Episcopal 101" class before church on the Second Sunday of each month. Each class will have two components: A Q&A session where Fr. Matt will answer topical concerns about faith and religion, followed by a brief introduction to Anglican/Episcopal history and traditions. We hope to see you at our first meeting April 10th!

Budget Update:

To help keep parishioners informed of our parish finances, we will be providing monthly updates in the parish newsletter and weekly bulletin announcements.

	January 2016	February 2016	Monthly Budget	YTD +/- Budget
Plate Donations	\$147	\$51	\$150	-\$102
Pledges	\$2770	\$2513	\$2700	-\$217
Designated	\$160	\$245	\$0	
Totals	\$3077	\$2809	\$2850	-\$319

March Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Sunday School	Lessons
March 6 Lent IV	Gimbel	Gimbel	Way	Warren Prodigal Son	Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32 II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 13 Lent V Daylight Saving	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Crews Lazarus	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
March 20 Palm Sunday Children's Church	McNett	James	Hood	Croft Palm Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
March 24 Maundy Thursday 5:30PM	TBA	TBA			Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1, 10-17; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 25 Good Friday 3PM	TBA				Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
March 25 Good Friday 4PM Stations of the Cross					
March 27 Easter Sunday	Way	Way	Warren	Warren Easter	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Easter Flower Donations

At Easter, Christ the King invites parishioners to make a donation to the Altar Flower Fund. Donors will be recognized in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and gifts may be made in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for family. If you would like to make a donation to the Altar Flower Fund, please return this form, along with your donation to the Church Office by Wednesday, March 23rd.

Name: _____

I would like my donation to be

In Thanksgiving for:

or

In Memory of:
