

CTK: April News 2019



When you go to a fancy restaurant, you expect a peaceful environment. The lighting, décor, music, and the wait staff seek to reinforce the peaceful atmosphere. Of course, that's not the full story. There's another room that is loud and chaotic. That room is the kitchen. Every restaurant has a kitchen. It's intentionally separate. The obvious exception is for fast food, where you can literally see them prepare your "food." It's debatable whether it's accurate to call it "food" at all.

I share this example because I often feel there is a similarity in the church. Our worship together is like a dinner. In fact, the altar is God's table. We share in this feast that Christ has prepared for us, and we seek to make the atmosphere one of reverence. Of course, that's not the full story. Every worship service relies on many people working in the kitchen—whether they are the Altar Guild, musicians, children's chapel, the Vestry, and so on.

I want to take you to the kitchen to let you know about a couple of projects that the Vestry has been working on at Christ the King. First, the old kitchen in the church is now the nursery. Yet we need to upgrade so that this room reflects how much we value our children. The Vestry is working out the details in collaboration with our Nursery Committee. I look forward to seeing this room transformed in the near future.

Also, the Vestry has been working hard on developing our vision. We dedicated our retreat to this topic and continue to discuss this at our meetings. Why? Because we want to be inspired leaders who serve Christ and the church with a clear purpose. We are working toward developing a shared vision, and I look forward to this vision coming into focus.

Yours in Christ,

Fr David

Holy Week Schedule

April 18 — **Maundy Thursday** worship 7:00pm

April 19 — **Good Friday** Noon and 7:00pm (Stations of the Cross)

April 21 — **Easter** worship 8:00am and 10:30am.

(Flowering of the cross at both services Easter egg hunt after 10:30 service).

April at a Glance

Sunday Worship

April 7, 28

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music and Children's Chapel

April 14 Palm Sunday

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music (Reception follows)

April 21 Easter Sunday (Flowering of the Cross at Both Services)

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music (**Easter Egg Hunt Follows**)

Special Services

April 18 Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 PM—Liturgy for Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing

April 19 Good Friday (Stations of the Cross)

- Noon—Liturgy for Good Friday
- 7:00 PM—Liturgy for Good Friday

Parish Activities

April 7, EYC Meeting

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM

April 14, EYC Meeting (Easter Egg Filling)

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM

April 28, EYC Meeting

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM

April at a Glance

Ongoing Meetings

April 1

- Noon—Ladies Lunch Bunch at the Union Kitchen, 59N.

April 2

- 8:00—Breakfast Brothers
- 9:30—Red Hat Society (PH)
- 5:00 PM—Kingwood Memory Café (PH)

April 11

- 7:00 PM—Daughters of the King

April 13

- 8:30— Brotherhood of St. Andrew

April 23

- 7:00 PM—Vestry



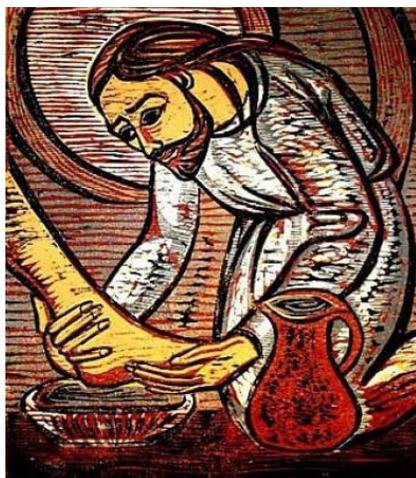
FYI

A Guide to Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday: April 14

The Sunday before Easter at which Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11a, Lk 19:29-40) and Jesus' Passion on the cross (Mt 26:36-27:66, Mk 14:32-15:47, Lk 22:39-23:56) are recalled. It is also known as the Sunday of the Passion. Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. Red is the liturgical color for the day. The observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem was witnessed by the pilgrim Egeria in about 381-384. During this observance there was a procession of people down the Mount of Olives into

Jerusalem. The people waved branches of palms or olive trees as they walked. They sang psalms, including Ps 118, and shouted the antiphon, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*" The Palm Sunday observance was generally accepted throughout the church by the twelfth century.



Maundy Thursday: April 18

The Thursday in Holy Week. It is part of the Triduum, or three holy days before Easter. It comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "new commandment," from Jn 13:34, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed." Egeria, a fourth-century pilgrim to Jerusalem, describes elaborate celebrations and observances in that city on Maundy Thursday. Special

celebration of the institution of the eucharist on Maundy Thursday is attested by the Council of Hippo in 381. The Prayer Book liturgy for Maundy Thursday provides for celebration of the eucharist and a ceremony of the washing of feet which follows the gospel and homily. There is also provision for the consecration of the bread and wine for administering Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament on Good Friday. Following this, the altar is stripped, and all decorative furnishings are removed from the church.

FYI

Why Foot Washing?

The washing of feet was a menial act of hospitality in the OT (see Gn 18:4, 19:2). It was often performed for guests by a servant or the wife of the host. The Gospel of John (13:1-17) records that Jesus washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus urged the disciples to follow his example of generous and humble service. They should wash one another's feet, as their feet had been washed by Jesus, their Lord and Teacher. Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet was a lived expression of his teaching that "*whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all*" (Mk 10:43-44). The foot-washing also expressed Jesus' "new commandment" for his disciples to love one another, as he had loved them (Jn 13:34). The washing of feet continued in the early Christian church. The requirements for enrollment on the list of widows includes the expectation that a widow would have "washed the saints' feet" (1 Tm 4:9-10). The ceremonial washing of feet is mentioned by Augustine of Hippo (354-430). The foot-washing has been associated with the Maundy Thursday liturgy since the seventh century in Spain. The foot-washing has also been associated with baptism. In the ancient Gallican rites, the feet of the newly baptized were washed by the ranking prelate after baptism.



Good Friday: April 19

The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. In the early church candidates for baptism, joined by others, fasted for a day or two before the Paschal feast. In the west the first of those days eventually acquired the character of historical reenactment of the passion and death of Christ. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross). The eucharist is not celebrated in the Episcopal Church on Good Friday, but Holy Communion may be administered from the reserved sacrament at the Good Friday service.

FYI

What's So "Good" About Good Friday?

Designating the day Jesus was crucified as "good" has long confused Christians. Some suggest the origins are in the German "God's Friday," or "Gottes Freitag." But despite the similarity in the words good and god, the two are not etymologically related. Others interpret Good Friday as good because Christ "showed His great love for man and purchased for him every blessing," on that day. But it turns out the "good" in Good Friday is actually an artifact of our language. In Old English good and holy were synonymous. This makes sense when you consider the day is known as "the Holy and Great Friday" in the Greek liturgy, "Holy Friday" in Romance Languages and Karfreitag (Sorrowful Friday) in German.

Easter: April 21

The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ. In the west, Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. Easter always falls between Mar. 22 and Apr. 25 inclusive. Following Jewish custom, the feast begins at sunset on Easter Eve with the Great Vigil of Easter.



Adapted from [An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church](#)

FYI

Bible Study

April 3, 10



Would you have killed Jesus? I'm guessing you will say no, of course not. Or like the disciples told Jesus about his betrayal, "Surely, not I Lord" (Matthew 26:22)? What if you had to chance listen to the other side of the story? After all, Jesus made a lot of enemies—Herod, Pilate, Judas, and many others from Nazareth to Jerusalem, and places in between.

What if some of the unnamed enemies of Jesus were allowed to tell their side of the story? What if they had names, backgrounds, and families? What kind of arguments might they make? Would you understand or possibly agree with them? Perhaps one way to love the enemies of Jesus (Matthew 5:44) is to listen to them.

I have written the story of Jesus told from the perspective of his enemies. It's a combination of scripture, fiction, history, and satire. During this Bible study you'll hear the stories of four characters who believe Jesus is a threat to their faith: a mother from Nazareth named Sarah, a Roman soldier named Max, a Pharisee named Aaron of Arimathea, a fisherman named Shem of Capernaum.

These characters are given a sympathetic ear. They all consider themselves to be good people who are doing the right thing. The characters interpret the words and actions of Jesus, as most of us do, in a way that fits their point of view.

My hope is that as you listen to these stories, you'll understand that Jesus wasn't always sweet, cuddly, or comfortable as many have claimed. By considering Jesus from the eyes of his enemies, I hope you will deepen your faith and your understanding of his ministry and teaching. I hope to develop this into a book that churches might use for a Lenten Bible study. I'm very excited to share this with you!

This study continues **April 3 & 10**. Each evening we meet from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** with dinner served. Nursery care is available. **Please don't miss it!**

Time to Celebrate!



April 7 Julie Langler
April 10 David Nelson
April 17 Barry Rought
April 23 Karen Schoenfeld

April 26 Katie Holmes
April 27 Matthew Lalor
April 28 Robert Keller

Happy Anniversary!

April 7 Troy and Kathy Jones-Brown
April 12 Ruben and Anna Garcia
April 16 Henry and Debbie Lee
April 18 Nicolas and Desiree Moore
April 21 Andrew and Amy Beesley



Who's Doing What?

Usher Schedule

April 7

- 8:00 – Henry Lee, Robert Keller
- 10:30 – Mike and Edie McDaniel, Saman Khalaf

April 14

- 8:00 – Ann and Rod Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Caren Thomas, Phoebe Aston, Michael McNeil

April 21

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Hilary Sellar, Steve Goodson

April 28

- 8:00 – Henry Lee, Robert Keller
- 10:30 – Bruce and Diane Newport, Paul Masters

Vestry Member of the Day and Counter

April 7 – George Ebert, John Dowell

April 14 – Lesley Exum, Billie Bailey

April 21 – Bob Keller, Andy Yee

April 28 – Ann Rodriguez, Dan Langler

Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Schedule

April 7

- 8:00 – Debbie Lee
- 10:30 – Barbara Spence (LR), Valerie Bonnie (CB1), Shawn Sanders (CB2)

April 14

- 8:00 – George Ebert
- 10:30 – Lesley Exum (LR), Lynda Rought (CB1), Lesley Exum (CB2)

April 18: Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 PM – Shawn Sanders, Theresa Reed

April 21

- 8:00 – Lyn Goodman
- 10:30 – Fiona Aston (LR), Rice Aston (CB1), Susan Lunson (CB2)

April 28

- 8:00 – Deb Tisch
- 10:30 – Billie Bailey (LR), Rice Aston (CB1), Lynda Rought (CB2)

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Vestry's Financial Summary as of February 28, 2019

| Revenues and Expenses Year-to-Date | |
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| Total Revenues | \$39,892 |
| Total Expenses | \$50,170 |
| Total Revenue Less Expenses | \$(10,278) |
| | |
| Cash Accounts | |
| Operating Account | \$46,010 |
| Capital Campaign | \$49,465 |
| Reserve | \$3,843 |
| Building | \$1,090 |
| Total Cash | \$100,408 |

Concealed Handgun and Open Carry Restrictions

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with a Concealed Handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with an Openly Carried Handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

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