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# St. Christopher's *e-Traveler*

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## From the RECTOR



The Rev.  
John F. Dwyer  
Rector

In some Episcopal Churches, the Paschal Candle is pierced with pins (historically, nails) as part of the Service of Light portion of the Easter Vigil, and something akin to this prayer is said during those acts: "Jesus behind us in all of our yesterdays. Jesus with us in our today. Jesus before us in all of our tomorrows, Alpha and Omega, Jesus, Ruler of all!"

There is so much symbolism in these acts, and in all of the others that take place in that one service that takes place during those Three Holy Days, called the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Easter Vigil): one service, taking place over three distinctive days. Our Prayer Book tells us that this one service, taking place over three days, is the center of all we do and all we believe.

Please see the schedule of Holy Week services later on in this newsletter, and I ask that, as a devotional and spiritually fulfilling capstone to Lent, all of us arrange our calendars to participate in this centrally important service. Our participation can be life altering in how we not only understand our faith, but how we understand and interact in this world. A world that so needs to know and see the love that God has for us, seen in these liturgies, and acted out by us as Jesus' hands, feet, eyes, and voice in the world today.

Living through these Holy Week liturgies allows us to shout that "A" word (we don't say during Lent) more loudly and with a resonant energy that can wake our very souls from lethargy to action during Eastertide. Calling us to action to help the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, the persecuted, the widow and the orphan, the homeless, and the immigrants and refugees and migrant workers who are living in all of these categories.

As we walk through these final days of Lent, and leap with the



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ecstatic joy that Eastertide can bring, I pray that our energy and resolve will lead us to mimic Jesus' life and ministry to continue to be a light to those searching in darkness, and the loving hand of Jesus to all those we meet.

Blessings,



## The Deacon Discusses



The Rev.  
Janet MacNally,  
Deacon

The routine was always the same: We would attend a week's worth of intensive study, and then the head of our MA in Liturgy program would present us with a series of topics or questions for our final papers. This particular module was "The Liturgical Year," and I had been intrigued with how many of the liturgical practices that had been formed in the earliest years of the church still remained, or in some cases, had made a reappearance.

One of the questions that caught my attention that late afternoon asked, "Is Jerusalem Revisited an appropriate description for the Triduum Services in today's church?" The term "Jerusalem Revisited" referred to the title of a small book by English bishop Kenneth Stevenson, that had been used in one of the lectures. The class discussion centered on the 4th C Holy Week liturgies of Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, and also the diaries of Egeria, a Spanish nun who traveled to Jerusalem to experience the liturgies for herself. I found the lecture to be an eye-opening experience, because suddenly I saw with great clarity the threads of liturgies from the past that had been woven into the current liturgies of our 1979 BCP. The answer to the question for my Church of England classmates would have been no; but for me I began to see that the answer could be, or perhaps most definitely was, yes.

Stevenson tells us that there are three main characteristics that identify the Jerusalem Triduum liturgies, the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter. The characteristics do not all have to be present, but at least one must be, in each of the liturgical actions. The first and most important is that the services together are unitive; the second is that they can be rememorative; and the third is that they can be representational.

The services of the Triduum begin on Thursday evening with the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. The service itself is both

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## Our PROGRAM YEAR Schedule

### Sunday:

**8:00 AM**

**Holy**

**Eucharist**

**9:00 AM**

Fellowship

**9:30-10:20 AM**

Children's  
Education

-Room 107

**9:30-10:15 AM**

Youth Education

-Youth Room

**9:30-10:15 AM**

Adult Education

-Chapel

(1st & 3rd)

**10:30 AM**

**Holy Eucharist**

**11:30 AM**

Fellowship

### Wednesday:

**12:15 PM**

**Holy Eucharist**

-Chapel

### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9 AM - 4 PM

## Food Shelf



Food shelf

remomorative and representational. The representational aspect comes in the form of foot washing as the clergy and then members of the faith community gather and allow themselves to represent the actions of Jesus that night in the washing, and allowing to be washed, of our feet. This humble and deeply moving act sets the tone for the rest of the service, which moves to Eucharist, and then to the stripping of the altar, and the removal of the consecrated sacrament from the sanctuary. All of these are remomorative; the Eucharist of the Last Supper and the rough and deliberate stripping of the altar reminds us of Jesus's treatment at the hands of Roman soldiers; and the removal of the sacrament, the removal of the presence of Christ, completes the emptying of the sanctuary. After these actions have been completed, the faith community leaves in silence; there is no dismissal for our liturgy has not ended, we are only taking a brief rest, in order to come back refreshed for the second portion of our liturgy, Good Friday.

Good Friday is a remomorative liturgy in that we enter into a darkened nave; the church is bare and feeling empty. The traditional opening acclamation is missing and in a real sense we start up where we left off the night before. This is a day of prayer, petition, and veneration. The consecrated sacrament is brought into the sanctuary and we receive Communion from that reserve. This is the only day in the church year when we do not consecrate the bread and wine. Following Communion, the reserve sacrament, the presence of Christ, is again removed. The liturgy again pauses; we leave in silence to refresh for the final and most glorious part of the Triduum, The Great Vigil of Easter.

We return on Saturday evening to a darkened, shadowy sanctuary that reminds us of a tomb. The Paschal Fire is lit, and from that we light the Paschal Candle, the Light of Christ, and it is processed into the church. We hear stories from the Bible that tell us of God's salvation for the whole of the world. Then, as the church has done for centuries, we celebrate death and rising to new life as we baptize and welcome into the community new members of the body of Christ. And if there are no baptisms, we renew our own baptismal vows. Remember that Sunday morning recalls the women finding the tomb empty, not witnessing the resurrection. At some point in the night the resurrection occurs. And remembering that, it is at *this* point in the liturgy we move to the first of our Easter celebrations. The lights come up, bells are rung, we unleash the "Alleluias" from the box they have been in since the last Sunday in Epiphany, and for the first time since Maundy Thursday, we consecrate the bread and wine for our celebration of the Eucharist. The service ends and we are dismissed into the world once more.

Soon we will enter into Holy Week and have the opportunity to walk with our Lord through the final days of his passion into His glorious resurrection. The church has given us a rich and meaningful way to walk that walk, through ancient liturgies that comprise one service from Maundy Thursday through The Great Vigil of Easter. I look forward to this liturgy, handed down from generation to generation, rediscovered and renewed every year. I invite you to join me in discovering the mystery, passion and joy that is the Triduum.

**Amen, Deacon Janet**

contributions for January and February totaled 49 pounds.

### **A Challenge During Lent:**

We encourage each family to donate 1 item which will delivered in time for Easter.

Thank you.  
Pamela Case

## **APRIL Calendar Highlights**

- 2 LENT 5**  
**8 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 AM**  
Children's Chapel-Chapel
- 4 Meals on Wheels-Offsite**
- 5 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist**  
-Chapel  
**5:45 PM Lent Soup/Bread**  
Forum-Parish Hall  
**(5:45) PM Youth Group-at Forum**  
**7:00 PM Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist**  
- Church  
**7:15 PM Parish Choir-Music Rm**
- 9 PALM SUNDAY**  
**8 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**5:30 pm Serve at First Nations' Kitchen-Offsite**



## Footprints April 2017



### News from Children's Ministries



Marion Hunner

Children's Ministries Director

#### Episcopal Church Home Outing

Many thanks to those who joined us for our annual outing to Episcopal Church Home, where we joined the residents to make Easter door hangers. Our very creative Sunday School Children made 20 door hangers to leave there for residents who were unable to join us. We concluded our afternoon with community building at Midway Pro-Bowl.

#### The Triduum

What is the Triduum? It is one service that extends from Maundy Thursday through the Easter Vigil. We break it into three parts: Maundy Thursday (7pm), Good Friday (noon), and Easter Vigil (7pm), but it is really a journey through the last days of Jesus' life, his crucifixion, and the waiting for the resurrection. Please consider bringing your children to these services - we will have special bulletins for them, and the Easter Vigil is where we release the Alleluia balloons.



**Easter Sunday** we will have our traditional Easter Egg Hunt and crafts in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service.

**Honoring our Graduates:** During April and May the Sunday School children will be tying fleece blankets for our three high school seniors who will be graduating in June.

#### Looking Ahead to Summer!

Both of these programs are designed for children in preschool through finishing 5th grade. Students who have completed 6th - 12th grade are welcome as volunteers, and adults are always needed to help. Feel free to contact Marion with questions.



**July 17-21 -Maker Fun Factory VBS** will run from 9am - noon at St. Christopher's. Here curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

**10 Monday in Holy Week**  
**5:30 PM**  
Finance Comm.  
-Parish Hall  
**7 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing**  
-Chapel

**11 Tuesday in Holy Week**  
**7 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing**  
-Chapel

**12 Wednesday in Holy Week**  
**12:15 PM Holy Eucharist**  
-Chapel  
**7 PM Tenebrae**  
-Church

**13 Maundy Thursday**  
**7 PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing**

**14 Good Friday**  
**12 PM Worship**  
**7 PM Way of the Cross and Holy Eucharist**

**15 Holy Saturday**  
**7 PM The Great Vigil of Easter**

**16 EASTER!!**  
**8 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**  
Easter Egg Hunt follows!

**17 Easter Monday**  
*Office Closed*  
**6:45 PM Vestry**  
- Parish Hall

**19 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist**



Through music, Bible stories, crafts, science experiments, games and more, we share the

message that each person is created by God and built for a purpose. More information available at:

<http://www.stchristophers-mn.org/vbs.html>

### July 24-28: Episcopal Creative Arts

**Daycamp** will run from 9am - 3pm at St. Mark's Cathedral. (PK-5th grade). For more information go to: <http://ourcathedral.org/ecad-2017>



## Youth News



Chad O'Leary

Youth Ministries Director

Happy April! As we move closer to the end of this program year, jump in and join us for the exciting events below:

### YOUTH GROUP

Please find a description of each of our gatherings below:

**April 5:** we will be joining the rest of the community to hear a guest speaker in the parish hall as part of our parish's exploration of racism in Minnesota. The presentation will begin at 6:00 PM but all are welcome to a soup and bread supper at 5:45 PM. Families are encouraged to attend with their teens. Interested youth and families are invited to stay for Stations of the Cross immediately following the presentation.

**April 12:** Holy Week! We will meet at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary to participate in the Tenebrae service. We will be done around 8 PM. Families are invited to stay and join us.

**April 19:** Pizza & What Do You Meme? Come hang out, get some food, and play what has been unanimously hailed as the St. Christopher's Youth Group's Game-of-the-Year.

**April 27:** We will help serve and clean up at the Community Dinner. Please plan to meet in the Parish Hall by 5:30 PM.

-Chapel  
**6:15 PM** Youth Group  
 -Youth Room  
**7:15 PM** Parish Choir - Music Room

**21 6:30 PM**  
 Couples Bridge  
 -Parish Hall

**23 8 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist**

**24 e-Traveler Deadline**

**25 Meals on Wheels-Offsite**

**26 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist**  
 -Chapel  
**6:15 PM Bell Choir-Balcony**  
**7:15 PM Parish Choir-Music Rm**

**27 5:30 PM COMMUNITY DINNER**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Youth Group  
 -at Dinner

**30 8 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing**  
**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing**

### Please note:

Outside group use of the building has not been listed here. Please note that we now have music lessons Monday through Saturday. Please check the calendar in the office before

**DOH! JERRY'S TREASURE IS GONE AGAIN!**

Yes, it's happened again. Jerry's lost his treasure and needs the help of our parish's youth to locate it. The first clue will be made available following the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15. A new clue will be available every Wednesday night and Sunday morning until his treasure is found. The clues will tell you what his treasure looks like. The winner will earn a \$30 gift card to the store or restaurant of his/her choice. Good luck!

scheduling a meeting or event. Our weekly building-use calendar is **quite busy!**

--  
 Much Peace on the Journey,  
 Chad O'Leary

**Schedule for Holy Week and Easter**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**  
**at ST. CHRISTOPHER'S - 2017**



**PALM SUNDAY, April 9th**

We enter triumphantly, and depart in silence to walk The Way of the Cross

8:00 AM - Gather in the Upper Narthex to begin our journey

10:30 AM - Gather in the Lower Narthex to begin our journey

**MONDAY & TUESDAY, April 10th & 11th @ 7:00 PM**



**Healing Eucharist**

Join us in the Chapel for a Eucharist with healing.

**WEDNESDAY, April 12th @ 7:00 PM**

A spoken service of light & darkness rooted in the Psalms and other readings.



**THE TRIDUUM - The Three Holy Days**

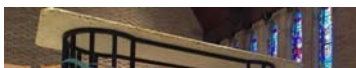


**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13th @ 7:00 PM**

We hear the Word, mimic Jesus' actions by washing each other's feet, set Reserve Sacrament in the Chapel, and Watch, and we Strip the Altar



**GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th**



**@ Noon**





Communion from Reserve  
Sacrament with Veneration of the  
Cross

**@ 7:00 PM** Service of Way of  
the Cross with Communion from  
Reserve Sacrament

**THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL,  
Saturday, April 15th @ 7:00 PM**



Come and experience the  
most beautiful and meaningful  
night of the year.

The New Fire is kindled,  
Salvation history recalled. Our  
Baptismal vows renewed.  
"Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th @ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

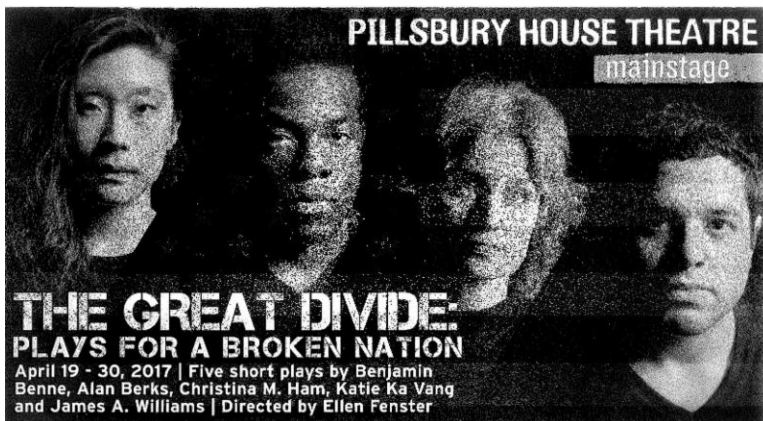


Holy Eucharist and Easter Egg  
Hunt after the 10:30 Service!



**Something to Consider:**

In addition to our Lenten study, here's something to consider  
seeing:



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# THE GREAT DIVIDE: PLAYS FOR A BROKEN NATION

By Benjamin Benne, Alan Berks, Christina M. Ham, Katie Ka Yang and James A. Williams  
Directed by Ellen Fenster

Are we entering our New Normal, or is this just a phase? Is 'whitelash' real, or just another piece of fake news? Pillsbury House Theatre commissioned five new 10-minute plays by local writers responding to the deeply partisan split on the direction of our country. *The Great Divide* is a personal, powerful and visceral response to the political and personal animosity that has become our post-election reality. Featuring Tracey Maloney, Audrey Park, Mikell Sapp, Ricardo Vazquez and music by DJ Chamun.

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WED	THR	FRI	SAT	SUN
April 19 7:30pm	April 20 7:30pm	April 21 7:30pm	April 22 7:30pm	April 23 3:00pm
April 26 7:30pm	April 27 7:30pm	April 28 7:30pm	April 29 7:30pm	April 30 3:00pm

ASL = American Sign Language  
AD = Audio-described performance  
P = Post-show discussions with the artists

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## Pulse of the Parish

Good Morning. My name is (Cindy Lee/Jan Fillmore) and I am (your Junior Warden/ on your Vestry). Today I am offering the Pulse of the Parish. The purpose of this brief update is to keep you informed of the actions taken by the Vestry at their meeting on Monday, March 20th.

- The Vestry decided that we would begin each meeting discussing a few chapters of the book, "The Agile Church: Spirit-led Innovation in an Uncertain Age," written by The Rev. Dwight Zscheile.
- The monthly financial reports were reviewed. Our income from offerings and building use are ahead of budget projections. Expenses were higher than budgeted, as there were seasonal expenses, such as snow and ice removal as well as heating costs, which will flatten out as we move into spring. Overall, our cash flow is in good shape and we remain "in the black" for year.
- The Vestry heard about an "Invite - Welcome - Connect" conference attended by a Vestry member, which was focused on evangelism and the welcoming and incorporation of new members into faith communities. One of the facts we were reminded of was that 80% of new membership has its genesis in someone being personally invited to attend a church event or service by an existing member.
- The Vestry began a deep discussion about our Goals and Dreams for this year, with a primary focus on church growth and evangelism. This discussion will be continued next month.
- The Vestry approved a Mission Opportunity Grant Request from the Director of Youth Ministries to support his time and expenses associated with planning and leading this summer's Youth Civil Rights Pilgrimage.
- The Vestry would like to recognize the following people in our "Shout-outs" for the work they have recently done for our parish:
  - Ella Snyder and Elaine Norling for coordinating the work of the Order of Mop and Dusters and for all those that volunteered their time and labor to that effort.
  - Karla Cole for her leadership on the February Evensong and all the musicians and volunteers that made that event so great.



- o Chad O'Leary, the youth group, and the parents for putting together a successful Mardi Gras Fundraiser Party.

Please be aware that the minutes of the March meeting will not be available to read online or in the library until after they have been approved at the Vestry's April meeting. I will be at coffee hour after the service. Please feel free to ask any Vestry member or me any questions you have about this meeting. Thank you for your attention.

## Green Team

*Submitted by Jean Crow*

Did you know you can track the amount of solar power our panels are generating? Visit the St. Christopher's website, and at the top of the page look for Mission and Social Justice. Hover over those words and a drop down will appear; click on Green Team. At the bottom left side of the green team page, click on St. Christopher's Solar Production. That will give you the current amount of energy the panels are generating. We continue to get lots of attention and inquiries about our solar panels!



Speaking of renewable options, Xcel offers a program called Windsource, which allows customers to pay a little extra every month to get some or all of their energy from renewable resources. If you visit the Xcel website, you can fill out a quick and easy online application. You can purchase Windsource subscriptions in 100 kilowatt-hour blocks (\$0.0085/kWh). For an average home using 800 kWh in a month, that would total to an extra \$6.80/month to be 100% Windsourced-powered. The subscription cost is added directly to your Xcel Energy bill.

Windsourced is an easy way to make a difference! Check it out for using clean energy and keeping the planet green.

## Last Words

I hope you have enjoyed the April **e-Traveler**. As I write, the sun is shining, but I'm sure more of those April Showers are on their way! (As long as I don't have to shovel them, I'll be happy!) I look forward to the many, many shades of green that are just around the corner!



Lincoln is enjoying Spring, too. Here he wakes up from his napping when I bother him;



and he watches for Fr. John to return to the office (he can hear him coming).



Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

Sincerely,  
Ruth Thillen, Parish Administrator

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