



The Chimes

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MARCH 2016 — THE SEASONS OF LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

From St. Paul's Priest in Charge

Friends,

I am writing this month to encourage you to make your plans now for a wonderful Easter celebration. First things first, I hope you have it marked on your calendar as it comes early this year — March 27th. Secondly, recognize that an extremely effective way in having a deep, faithful experience of Easter comes about by walking the full path of Holy Week. Think of the systems, organizations, families, etc... that help define who you are. Most certainly there are some highly regarded rituals that are part of those systems/organizations/families, some rituals being more specifically defined than others — but all meaningful never the less. For Christians, especially Christians who honor the historic traditions of every generation of Christians who have come before us, our most basic, most solemn, most holy rituals of all take place in the final week leading up to and including Easter Sunday. Of those groups/families/systems that truly help define you, can you imagine skipping out on their basic rituals or their most important annual reminders of who they are and who you are as a member? I hope you will see and appreciate Holy Week at St. Paul's with such regard. For we truly cannot fully live into the reality of what Easter means for us without walking through and recognizing the presence of the Cross that comes before it.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and includes worship for the entire week leading to Easter Sunday, but most particularly the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Celebrations, especially that of the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening and carrying through the Easter morning celebrations. The fancy church word for these three days is the Triduum (from Latin, literally meaning three days). And while the celebration covers three days (Remember, Easter beginning with the Easter Vigil of Saturday evening), the worship itself is one continuous liturgy, as noted by the reality that there is no dismissal on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday which would normally indicate the conclusion of worship.

With Palm Sunday, also known as The Sunday of the Passion, we recall Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem where the shouts of "Hosanna in the Highest" quickly turn to "Crucify him!". The liturgy of Palm Sunday is a paradox, which in fact gives it its strength. The liturgy begins in triumph as we all remember and join in the waving of palm branches and ends in contemplation of the crucifixion as we recall the Lord's Passion. Note that this year, we will actually read the Passion reading at the end of worship to heighten this paradox. For our 10:30 service, those who are able will gather outside and process into the church reenacting the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

On Thursday we gather for Maundy Thursday — from the Latin mandatum, which refers the new commandment/mandate given by Jesus in the 13th Chapter of John: "I give you a new commandment...just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." In response we take part in the foot washing and in the celebration of the Eucharist. As with the Eucharist, everyone who wishes to do so may participate in the washing of feet, some may choose not to take part of the washing. Actually we all take part in it whether we actually wash/have our feet washed or not, for witnessing this moving experience alone will draw us into a deeper understanding of Christ's mandate that we love one another AS he loved us. Watching as well as participating will be a powerful experience. The liturgy ends with the stripping of the altar, reminding us of Jesus being stripped away from his disciples as he is arrested. The consecrated sacrament (apologies for the redundancy) is then taken to the altar of the repose in St. George's chapel where you will have the option of praying and sitting with Christ as you so choose. Please look for more information about the vigil/watching over the presence of Christ in the sacrament throughout the night and into Friday morning.

Our Good Friday worship includes both a very simple version of the Stations of the Cross and moving into the very solemn worship of Good Friday and the veneration of the cross. If you have carried the prayer nails over the course of Lent, you are invited to bring them to this service and lay them at the foot of the cross. Remember, the resurrection would not have been the event that it is had Christ not been carried upon the cross. This is a meaningful opportunity to come and reflect upon that act willingly offered by Christ on our behalf.

Saturday (Holy Saturday) is a day of quiet and preparation, as Christ still rests in the bowels of the tomb.

As evening approaches, having walked with Jesus in his final days, we are now prepared to celebrate in his resurrection. Our Easter celebration begins with the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening. Baptism or a remembering of our own Baptism is at the center of this event, along with the retelling of the story of the people of God through multiple readings of scripture. Moving into worship, still in the darkness of the tomb, incense lifts up to the rafters, as do our hearts and prayers of thanksgiving for the act made by raising Christ. At the Easter Acclamation, the lights come on and we are transported into the light of Christ, raised from the dead. Easter morning continues our Easter celebration with flowers and hymns, omission of the confession and an encouragement to stand, raised, for our prayers and worship.

A word about Children and Holy Week. Children "get it." Children often see the world through the eyes of imagery, metaphor and imagination. They truly do soak in the wonderful images that the very rich and expressive liturgies of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil & Easter morning provide. It is not lost on them. So, bring your children. Let them experience the richness of what Holy Week is about. Over the years I have been moved to tears when a small child approaches the water basins on Maundy Thursday to wash the feet of an adult. Powerful stuff!

So, please prepare for Easter. Prepare by setting the time aside right now on your calendars for our experience of worship. It is easy to set them aside given the many, many things which demand time on your calendar. But I can promise you that having walked through Holy Week, your Easter will be given a deeper context.

Peace,

Fr. Brad +

WORSHIP TIMES AT ST. PAUL'S

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist.
- 8:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast.
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour.
- 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir.

Our Sunday service is broadcast live on our website each week: www.stpaulschatt.org

Weekdays: Monday - Friday

12:05 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist.

Are health issues keeping you from church on Sundays?

Join our weekday Eucharists in the chapel at 12:05 Monday through Friday. The brief service is a good option when you do not have the stamina for an hour's worth of church. Or let us know if you need Communion at home.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday until 9 a.m. Good Friday

The gospels tell us that after the "Last Supper" Jesus led his friends to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where he was soon to be arrested. Jesus told his closest disciples, "I am deeply grieved, even unto death, remain here, and stay awake with me," and then went by himself to struggle in prayer about the coming ordeal telling. He came back later only to find that the disciples had fallen asleep. He gently chided them saying, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour? Keep awake and pray..."

This year, we will keep awake and pray with Jesus by holding a Prayer Vigil throughout Maundy Thursday night into the morning of Good Friday. Parishioners are invited to sign up to come and sit before the reserved sacrament for an hour — or more if they desire. There are one hour spots available for at least two people at a time from Maundy Thursday evening until Good Friday morning.

We are holding the Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil as another aid for your spiritual preparation for the Paschal Feast of Easter. We will keep the church open (and secure) for as long as "two or three are gathered together." For safety reasons, we need to be sure there are at least two people present for every hour. **Sign up on the schedule in the Narthex today or on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/qJxWkx>.**

Holy Week & Easter

AT SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 20 — THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

- 8:00 a.m. The Blessing of the Palms and The Passion Sunday Eucharist.
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education (until 10:05 a.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. Gather outside on the front lawn for The Blessing and Procession of the Palms to The Passion Sunday Eucharist.

MONDAY - THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK: 12:05 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist.

MARCH 24 — MAUNDY THURSDAY

Nursery available beginning at 5:30 p.m.

- 12:05 p.m. The Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.
- 6:00 p.m. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar.
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil until 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday (sign up for an hour!)

MARCH 25 — GOOD FRIDAY

Nursery available beginning at 10:45 a.m.

- 11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross. Incense.
- 12:00 p.m. The Liturgy for Good Friday.

MARCH 26 — HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Gather to decorate the Nave.
- 11:00 a.m. Pause for the brief Liturgy of Holy Saturday.

MARCH 26 — EASTER EVE, THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

Nursery available beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil with Holy Baptism, Choirs, Instruments, and Organ. Incense. Reception follows.

MARCH 27 — EASTER DAY, THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

- 9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist with Choirs, Brass, Timpani, and Organ. Flowering of the Cross.
- 11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist with Choirs, Brass, Timpani, and Organ. Flowering of the Cross. Incense.

Easter Memorials & Thanksgivings

Please return this form to the Church Office or place it in the Sunday offering plate with a check payable to St. Paul's (with the memo *Easter Lilies* or *Easter Music*) for \$20 per name no later than Monday, March 21. *(Please print clearly.)*

Easter Lilies

Easter Music

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

DonorName _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Vestry Highlights

At the February regular meeting...

Rev. Whitaker introduced article recommending new Vestry have established norms and led brief discussion; this would make a good topic for the joint Vestry/staff retreat which he is planning for April/May to get everyone on the same page; Hank Hopping added that he particularly liked the key points focusing on confidentiality and balance with transparency.

Treasurer Bobby Crates presented the chart showing designated offerings in the past several years, noting that the biggest shift has been the Christmas Eve amounts going towards operating funds to help reduce expected deficits. He moved and Hank seconded that the highlighted items, with the addition of the Elewana Project, be definitely continued- motion approved. Other offerings will be decided as needed.

Brad presented the draft of a Marriage Event Fee Schedule; he explained the rationale of revising fees to be more hospitable in offering this service to members and non-members, while also covering costs. He clarified that the policy continues to cover children and grandchildren of members. In response to question from Herb about flexibility for smaller services, Brad agreed to look at adding to the policy. Members can send any further suggestions to Brad before voting on the policy at the March meeting.

After noting the inclusion of other Committee and staff reports, Brad turned meeting over to Assoc. Rector Quinn Parman and new Minister to Children, Families and Youth Hope Hutchins. Quinn introduced Hope in terms of the qualities he has already found in her work: enthusiasm, energy, and ability to have ideas and get them done; he noted these stem from a love of Jesus, youth and children work and the Episcopal Church. He's also appreciating that she's organized and communicates well with parents and volunteers. Hope introduced herself, focusing on a lifetime of involvement in the Episcopal Church, including college ministry and programs on the Diocesan level, an area both Quinn and she want to expand. She reported that already parents are indicating desire for programming beyond Sunday nights, possibly including parents' night out. Quinn added quarterly meeting with parents of young children, Summer Special with a theme and summer socializing, planned mission trip, Arts Camp and possible addition of Vacation Bible School as other program areas. Members expressed particular support for both the parent dinners and theme for summer special.

Junior Warden Ed Barels added to his written report concern about the area of the sanctuary near St. George's Chapel where the flooring indicates problems under the church; he will be examining the problem later this week and asked that people let him know about other things that need fixing.

Ed then moved to report on the Stewardship Annual Giving Campaign; he noted that while there have been further pledges since recent calling efforts, results are below last year and even more from where they had wanted to be. Stewardship committee will be looking at the timing of the giving appeal and what year-round giving means to St. Paul's.

Since the Capital Campaign is also short by \$40,000, Tom White suggested getting back to the congregation about what is being done and what work remains, with a reminder to keep pledges current.

Treasurer Bobby Crates presented the year-end summary. He reported that the \$12.6 K deficit was less than budgeted and noted the deficits over recent years. He added that the line of credit was not used last year. He said that budget options are being looked at for 2016; in light of pledge reductions, a substantial deficit could require both cuts and increased use of endowment funds to address. He moved and Herb seconded a motion for approval for a line of credit up to \$100,000, with provision for initial withdrawal up to \$50,000 as needed.

Bobby next presented draft resolutions concerning the In-As-Much Mission; he outlined the history of the Mission, which is now basically a fund that is used for outreach purposes (primarily Metropolitan Ministry) through St. Paul's. The resolutions would dissolve the Mission fund and provide for the money to be placed into endowment restricted funds in the EEC account to be used for outreach. The Vestry will need to approve these resolutions and will consider with a vote in March.

Donations Needed for St. Catherine's Shelter

In this season of Lent, let us remember those who receive safe lodging within our church home — the women in St. Catherine's Shelter. Linens wear out; food for quick and sustaining meals runs out; and some basic necessities of personal care are always needed. **The following donations are needed for the shelter:** new pillows, towels, sheets, pop up campers, women's body wash, hangers, Q tips, and for the pantry — cans of soup, coffee, creamer, sugar and food storage containers. Please place your donations in the box in the King Parlor. Your Outreach Committee will also cook breakfast for the parish on Sunday, March 13. All proceeds will go to St. Catherine's. Plan to join us on that day and help fund our the needs of St. Catherine's.

Trotter Community Service Scholarship

Through the blessings of the Scholarship Program honoring W. Henry and Charlotte L. Trotter, 118 awards have been made to students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate studies who have evidenced a commitment to community service beyond the church. Scholarships will again be awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year. Awards are competitive and the Trotter Scholarship Committee is charged with awarding a limited number of scholarships. **Applications are available by confidential contact to Gail Winterbauer: winter@stpaulschatt.org or 602-5662. Deadline for completed applications: Friday, April 8.**

Habitat for Humanity 'Build Day'

All parishioners 16+ are welcome to participate in our monthly Habitat Build Days! **Our next date is Saturday, March 19 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)** We will continue our partnership with Rotary to team up each Build Day. The goal is to provide a team of volunteers quarterly. Think about adding this date to your calendar now for a great day of helping Habitat families build their homes! Contact Pat Daniel: danielp1345@yahoo.com.

EYC Parents' Dinners Return Next Month

Our EYC Parents' Dinners return next month on Sunday, April 17! Parents will enjoy dinner at a restaurant while EYC meet from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Please contact The Rev. Quinn Parman for more information: parman@stpaulschatt.org.

Youth Mission Trip: July 27 - August 1

This summer, the youth group will be headed to Houston, Texas for their mission trip! Mission Trip Houston is open to all current 6th-12th graders and is scheduled for July 27-August 1st. If your child plans to attend, we will need a \$65 deposit as soon as possible. Please contact Hope (hope@stpaulschatt.org) if your child plans to attend or if you have any questions!



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Special Events

AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sunday, March 13: YAMs Second Sunday Lunch

On Sunday, March 13 — St. Paul's Young Adults (YAMs) will head out to lunch at **FIVE Chattanooga (200 Manufacturers Rd #101)** following the 10:30 Eucharist. Plan to gather in Key-Andrews Hall after the Eucharist and we will walk or carpool to FIVE for great fellowship and a tasty meal!

Spring Cleaning Day: March 19



All are invited to invest their *sweat equity* in the parish on Spring Cleaning Day – Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We will focus on making the Church *spic n' span* as

we prepare for Holy Week! Continental Breakfast will be available in the Narthex (complimentary). Come for an hour; come for the morning; or come for the day — we will put you to work! Sign up are in the Narthex on Sundays or contact Patty at the Church Office: patty@stpaulschatt.org or 619-9572.



MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Friday, April 22 — 7:30 p.m.

WAYWARD SISTERS

This Naxos-Early Music America award-winning early music ensemble presents *A Restless Heart: Music of Exiles, Emigres,*

and Nomads, featuring Baroque composers Matthew Locke, Biagio Marini, Francesco Geminiani, James Oswald, Georg Muffat, and even Johann Sebastian Bach. Since 2009, they have dazzled audiences across the United States, bringing “distinctive freshness” (*Early Music Review*) and intimacy to music from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The ensemble’s “polished and spirited playing,” and “alert, stylish performances” (*Chicago Classical Review*) have earned it appearances on concert series coast to coast. Tickets at the door: \$15 General, \$5 Students.



Join the fun at St. Paul's Arts Camp, June 6-10 from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Open to all children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Camp activities focus on music, visual art, dance, and more! Cost: \$70 per child (scholarships are available). Register at www.stpaulschatt.org or contact hope@stpaulschatt.org.