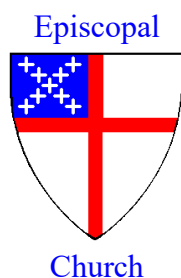


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April 5, 2022

Dear Friends,

In last Sunday's sermon, read by Barbara Crane at Emmanuel and Steve Pekich at St. Alban's, I wrote about how Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary each honored Jesus in their own unique way. Shortly after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead he was invited to their home for dinner. Lazarus honored Jesus by inviting him and serving as host. Martha honored Jesus by cooking and serving dinner for at least 14 men (counting Jesus' disciples). Mary honored Jesus by anointing his feet with a very expensive perfume and then wiping them with her hair. (Note, Mary is not the same woman as the sinful woman in Luke's story of a dinner at the home of Simon the Pharisee.) Jesus accepted Lazarus' invitation, ate Martha's food, and allowed Mary to anoint him. The three siblings honored our Lord in very different, yet equally moving ways.

What no one else at the table knew yet was that the next day Jesus would enter the capital city of Jerusalem in the manner of a Jewish king and set in motion the events of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday at the end of the service we will read in parts the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Why do we do this? Why not just wait until Good Friday? The Church, in its wisdom, knows that many Christians do not attend the services of Holy Week. Good Friday is one of the least attended services of the year. It would do no good to go from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the Alleluias of Easter and bypass the crucifixion. We follow a crucified and risen Lord. The Christian life is not all Hosannas and Alleluias. Following Jesus is neither automatic nor easy. For some Christians around the world the sacrifice of their life because of their faith is an ever present danger. We who do not have to worry about bodily harm as a result of our faith still are called to a life of sacrifice.

Think of sacrifice as offering a gift to God. In Jesus' case he offered the gift of his life. In response to Jesus' offering of the gift of his life we are called to offer our "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving," as the Eucharistic prayer says. We do that by offering our money and our time. We offer to God the sacrifice of our money. I have tithed since my first job because that's what my parents did and taught me to do. There are many fun ways my husband and I could spend ten percent of our paychecks over the years, but that money belongs to God. I've never been to Europe, but I have been to the mountaintop of prayer. And when my son's medical expenses were very high somehow the money was always there to pay the bills. I know that not everyone is fortunate enough to have good jobs with health insurance. Some people cannot pay the rent in full, let alone tithe their income. In such cases God gladly accepts whatever financial sacrifice you honor him with. The size of the gift doesn't matter; it's the size of your heart that counts.

We also are called to offer God the sacrifice of our time. Through corporate worship, private prayer, Bible reading and study, and other forms of study we give our time to God. We also offer our gift of time through service to others. In America we say that time is valuable. When offered to God it is valuable indeed.

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Holy Week is April 10-15



Palm Sunday Services

Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion

Holy Tuesday: Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. (codes on last page)

Holy Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at Emmanuel at 3:00 p.m.



Maundy Thursday

East Side Episcopalians at Emmanuel

DINNER CANCELED

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, with stripping of the altar

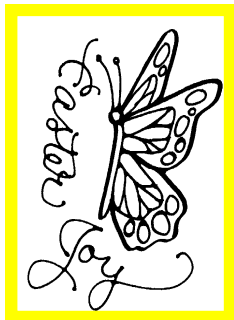
Good Friday

Service from The Book of Common Prayer at Noon

In person at St. Alban's and on Zoom



EASTER WORSHIP



April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel

The First Service of Easter

With Organist Erick Kroll and Trumpeter Bert Bookhout

April 17 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Alban's and on Zoom

Easter Morning Service

With Organist Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas,

Trumpeter Bert Bookhout and Janelle Bookhout on Oboe

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During Holy Week it is especially important to offer the sacrifice of your time to God. The events of the holiest week of the Christian year are meant to be experienced together in worship. The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are particularly crucial to the observance of our faith. Make whatever arrangements you need to and come to worship. Like Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, will you honor our Lord?

God bless you,
Mother Julie+

Family Update: My husband, two sons, and I have been ill with COVID. Fortunately my husband and younger son have a mild case because my older son and I were quarantined in our bedrooms and wore masks when we went to the kitchen, decreasing the viral load in the air. Given how awful I felt in the beginning I can't imagine how much worse it would have been had I not been vaccinated and boosted. Thank you for all your prayers for us!

To the Homebound Members of Emmanuel and St. Alban's

I had hoped to bring Holy Communion to each of you in the week preceding and following Easter. Given that I am recovering from COVID that will not be possible during Holy Week. I will visit as soon as I am able.

- Mother Julie+

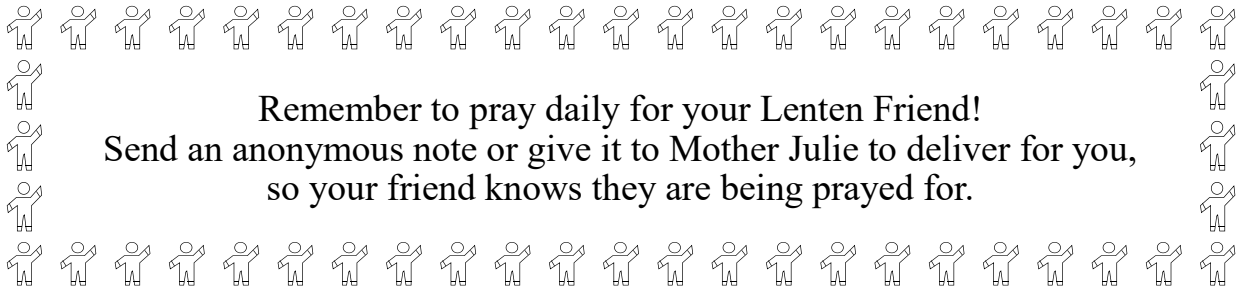
Lenten Food Drive Continues Until Easter

Items to be given to InterFaith Works' 20+ pantries in underserved areas



Pasta
Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Dried or Canned Beans
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Tuna or Chicken
Vegetable Oil
Oatmeal
Cereal
Walnuts/Almonds
Juice
Flour
Rice
Shelf Stable Milk



Remember to pray daily for your Lenten Friend!
Send an anonymous note or give it to Mother Julie to deliver for you,
so your friend knows they are being prayed for.

Thursday Evenings on Zoom - Lenten Book Study

6:00 p.m. Gather and share dinner from your home
6:30 p.m. Book Study: Jesus, by Marcus Borg

Zoom Codes: 861 7759 3272 and 295096

No Book Study on Maundy Thursday, April 14

Emmanuel

Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.
at the church.



St. Alban's

Wednesday, April 20
at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

In Person Schedule for Holy Week: All are welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	Coffee Hour: 4:15 p.m.	Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	St. Alban's	*Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:30 a.m.	*Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Emmanuel	*Bible Study: 2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: 3:00 p.m.	
Thursday	Emmanuel	East Side Episcopalians *Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar: 7:00 p.m.	
Friday	St. Alban's	*Good Friday Service: Noon	

* Also on Zoom

Please Note: As long as Onondaga is "high"
on the CDC county map masks are required at both churches.

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **835 9000 0245 & 562087**

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's Holy Eucharist: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial **1-646-558-8656**

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

First number#

Second number#

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **824 6993 1403 & 680299**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**

Thursday: April 7

6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat: **861 7759 3272 and 295096** 6:30 p.m. Book Study
(Zoom codes for Maundy Thursday, April 14 will be provided by St. David's.)

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy: **854 5834 2555 & 802443**