April 2012



The Good News

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

The last Sunday of Lent is known as Palm Sunday. This is when Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem where he was greeted warmly by the crowd. In the words of St Matthew: Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road. and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And this is where the basis of

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the Palm Sunday procession lies. The first reference to the Palm Sunday procession is found in the travel journal of Etheria, the nun from northwest Spain. She made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century. She referred the day to be the beginning of the Paschal Week. In the Western Church the procession was reportedly adopted first in Spain, possibly in the fifth century. And it had not been before the twelfth century

when the procession was held in Rome. In the United States. the Messiah Lutheran church in Philadelphia revived an old Palm Sunday custom. There an ass is led down the center aisle accompanied by the pastor and two costumed members of the congregation. Meanwhile the entire church body sings, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." In Episcopal churches, parishioners are given palm leaves at the end of the service. Continued....

Special points of interest:

- Ash Wednesday
- Look Who's Driving
- Vestry Members
- Pancake Supper

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday—April 1

8:00 AM	Holy	Eucharist			
10:15 AM	Holy Hall	Eucharist	starting	in	Douglas

<u> Tenebrae—April 4</u>

7:00 PM

<u>Maundy Thursday—April 5</u> 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing 8:00 —12am Vigil

<u>Good Friday—April 6</u>

NoonStations of the Cross7:00 PMGood Friday Liturgy with Holy
Eucharist from Reserve

<u>Easter Vigil—April 7</u>

8:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday—April 8

8:00 AM	Holy	Eucharist
10:15 AM	Holy	Eucharist





JOIN THE THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY CLASS LED BY FR. MARK USING FREDERICK BUECHNER'S BOOK "WISHFUL THINK-ING: A THEOLOGICAL ABC". THE CLASS IS HELD IN STEW-ART LOUNGE (IN ST. MARK'S) BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES FROM 9:00 TO 10:00.





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Holy Week, continued

Presently the day is meant for a nice get together of all churches: Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Lutheran.

<u>The Holy Monday &</u> <u>Tuesday</u>

Monday of the Holy Week is not a major feast. The cleansing of the temple in the Holy City of Jerusalem is thought to have taken place on this Monday. This was when Jesus overturned the tables of the moneychangers, saying to them: " It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; But you make it a den of robbers". [Matthew: 21:13] The Tuesday of the Holy Week is the day when the famous incident between Jesus and Pharisees is thought to have taken place. This was when the churchmen tried to trap Jesus into making a blasphemous, or, anti-god remark. This day is important also on another count. Jesus discoursed to his disciples on the Mount of Olives about the destruction of Jerusalem and the

signs of the last day.

Spy Wednesday

On the Wednesday the tempo of the Holy Week increases. This is the day widely known as "Spy Wednesday". –for it is the day when Judas Iscariot, a disciple turned betrayer agreed to show the chief priests where they could easily capture Jesus.

<u>Tenebrae</u>

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy. If your expectation of Christian worship is that it should always be happy and exhilarating, you won't appreciate this service until the second time you attend it.

The service was originally designed for Good Friday, but it can be used for Maundy Thursday as well. Both services have long scripture narratives, which for this service are divided into seven, eight, or nine parts,

each one assigned to a different reader.

The service may include other parts, such as solemn hymns, a sermon, and Communion, but the core of the Tenebrae service works like this: It starts out with the church in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are readings, plus a white Christ candle. The readers go up one at a time, read their assigned selections, and extinguish one of the candles. until only the Christ candle remains. Then someone reads the first part of Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted on the cross. Then the Christ candle is put out, leaving the congregation in near total darkness—and near total devastation. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and the people leave in silence. (The lights are turned up but remain dim so that people can see their way out.) continued.....



Holy Week, continued

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

Maundy Thursday

The Thursday of the Holy Week is associated with the Last Supper. The day is known as Maundy Thursday, or, Holy Thursday. It is the day before crucifixion. On this day Jesus had his supper, his last course, with his disciples. In the words of St Matthew: ...Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying," Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Good Friday

The Friday of the week is the Good Friday. This is the day on which Jesus was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem, at the top of the Calvary hill. And the Christian belief says that Jesus sacrificed himself for the men's sins, to be died crucified.

This day is marked by solemn observations in memory of Jesus' crucifixion. For, Christians believe that by dying Jesus accomplished a reconciliation between God and man. And ac-

cordingly the crucified image of Jesus or, the Cross itself, came to be regarded as the main symbol of faith for the Christians.

Roman Catholics observe the day usually through fast and abstinence to commemorate the pains and sufferings Jesus underwent on the cross. It is since the 4th century that Good Friday came to be observed as a separate occasion. Before this, an annual celebration was held as Christian Passover, or, Pascha, to mark both Christ's death on Cross and the Resurrection.

Easter Eve (Vigil)

The day following Good Friday is the Holy Saturday. This is usually called Easter Eve in Anglican churches, and is held as a traditional time for baptism services. Presently, this day is primarily a Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, as well as Anglican observance. Roman Catholic churches observe this with the blessing and lighting of a tall Paschal candle. The candle is placed on the altar on the Holy Saturday. While blessing, five grains of incense are fixed in it, representing the five wounds of Jesus and the burial spices with which his body was anointed. The candle is lit and remains on the Gospel side of the altar until Ascension Day. This day comes at the end of forty days which mark the period through which Christ showed up himself of and on following the crucifixion. *Continued*.....



Holy Week, continued

On Ascension Day Christ is believed to have ascended to heaven.

And Easter

Easter Sunday is the day of the feast. This day, the third since crucifixion, the Christ is believed to have shown up himself. And not just that, Jesus also joined his disciples on a meal! Easter comes at the end of the six days of the Holy Week which came to be associated with the life of Jesus before the Resurrection. This is when Christ is believed to show himself up after his death through crucifixion. He had risen up from his tomb that was guarded by the sentries. And met his disciples to get them prepared to carry out his works in his absence. For more, read the story of Resurrection.

http://www.kencollins.com/answers/question-39.htm

http://www.theholidayspot.com/easter/holy_week.htm







How to make a Palm Cross...... http://www.kingofpeace.org/palmcrosses/



SOUP'S ON, WELCOMES & CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Soup Ministry

Homemade soups in the freezer are available for parishioners and friends that are sick, shut-in or need some TLC. Feel free to give soup to someone you see at church that is hurting, or take soup to someone you are going to visit. The soups are in the freezer on the east wall of the kitchen.





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The Transfiguration Book Club

Monday, April 27th from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

The book is: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

All are invited to join in on this fun and interesting group ladies AND gentlemen!

Even if you have never come to any of the meetings before, please come....and bring friends!

Please bring a snack and drink to share

If you have question or concerns, email Shelley Black—Shelley_Black@att.biz Kit Snyder—snyderkit@hotmail.com

May's book will be announced soon.





Anointing and Healing Prayers

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Mark and the Daughters of the King during the 10:15 service on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to come to the front of the church after communion for this special offering. This month the prayers will be on February 26th.

Morning Prayer Service

sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM in the church. Everyone is invited to attend. Please feel free to walk the Labyrinth after.

Evening Prayer Service

also sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Joseph. The next Evening Prayer services will be February 13th and 27th.



HAPPENINGS





DALI ON TOUR A TRAVELING EXHIBITION ON LOAN FROM THE DALI MUSEUM IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

JANUARY 27–MARCH 1 Center for the arts evergreen



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Needs List-April 2012

Sugar Instant Mashed Potatoes Canned Pork & Beans Spaghetti Sauce Canned Chili & Stew Laundry Detergent Dish Soap Toothpaste Boxed Pasta Spaghettio's Paper Products Canned fruit (esp. pineapple) Tooth Brushes Canned Meats



Cold Cereal Bath Soap & Deodorant Shampoo/Conditioner

Other Items for St. Raphael's House*

Winter outdoor living equipment: tent, sleeping bags, camping gear, wool

**Children's Coats **New Underwear & Socks for all **Snow Pants—Adult and Children Men's Work & Snow Boots Men's Shoes **Men's Jeans Space Heaters

Pots & Pans

Sweaters Area Rugs **Women's Snow Boots King & Queen bedding ** Clean Winter Clothing for All Bath towels Kitchen gadgets &silverware (can openers) Drinking Glasses

*<u>Donations appreciated during regular business hours only</u>! We no longer accept donations after hours due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.

> Volunteers Always Needed! Call: 303-670-1796 Evergreen Christian Outreach P.O. Box 1515 Evergreen, CO 80437

News from your Treasurer—Bill Braun



April Birthdays

April Anniversaries





April 2012

SUNDAY	молдау	TUESDAY	WEDNES-	THURS-	FRIDAY	SATUR-
1 PALM SUNDAY 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	2	3	4Tenebrae 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA	5 Maundy Thursday 9-3 EDSE 7 PM Supper and Foot Washing 8 PM Service	6Good Friday 10 am -7 pm Kitchen Use Noon—Stations of the Cross 7 PM - Service	7 Easter Eve 8 am AA Vigil Service—7 PM
8 Easter Sunday 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	9 9-3 EDSE 5:30—Evening Prayer	10 9-3 EDSE	11 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm AA	12 9-3 TDST	13 10 am -7 pm Kitchen Use	14 8 am AA 9 am Lectio Dívina
15 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	16 9-3 EDSE 4-5 Property Committee	17 9-3 EDSE 7-10 Board Meeting	188am Morn- ing Prayer 9-3 EDSE 9-12—EChO 7 pm Choir	19 9-3 EDSE	20 10 am -7 pm Kitchen Use	21 8 am AA
22 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	23 5:30 pm Eve- ning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 6:30-9 Book Club 6:30-Vestry	24 6-9 pm Friend- ship Bridge 9-3 EDSE	25 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	26 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir— please check with Bob Coursen	27 10 am -7 pm Kitchen Use	28 8 am AA
29 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist with Healing	30 9-3 EDSE 5:30—Evening Prayer					Church Douglas Hall St. Mark's Meadow Chapel

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Have something to add to the newsletter?!?! Please contact Stephanie (see contact information to the left).

Upcoming ideas for pages: recipe exchange, community coupons, trivia and games

ALL IDEAS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED!!!