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**CHRIST CHURCH** 

Parish Hall and Office 37497 Zach Fowler Road

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite

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#### Holy Saturday, April 20th

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6:00 p.m.—The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Eucharist

#### Caster Sunday, April 21st

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Hymns and Trumpet

10:00 a.m.—Festival Eucharist with Choir and Trumpet

> 11:00 a.m. Caster Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour

New friends are ALWAYS welcome!

#### Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry's Easter Message

The Rt. Reverend Barbara Harris was the first woman ordained and consecrated a bishop in The Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion. In her memoir, entitled *Hallelujah, Anyhow!* [she] quotes an old Gospel hymn that says it this way:

Hallelujah anyhow/Never let your troubles get you down/When your troubles come your way/Hold your hands up high and say/Hallelujah anyhow!



When I get to Heaven, I want to meet one person, and her name is Mary Magdalene. Because if ever there was another Hallelujah, Anyhow sister, it was Mary Magdalene. And her life, and her example, tells us what it means to follow in the way of Jesus, in the Way of Love. Mary Magdalene showed up when others would not. Mary Magdalene spoke up when others remained silent. Mary Magdalene stood up when others sat down. John's Gospel tells us that when many of the disciples fled and abandoned Jesus, Mary Magdalene stood by him at the cross. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

Against the odds, swimming against the current, Mary Magdalene was there. John's Gospel says in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

They went to the tomb when it didn't make any sense. They went to the tomb when the evidence was against them. Jesus was dead. They knew that. The power of the Empire had crushed the hope of love. They knew that. And they got up in the morning and went to the tomb anyhow. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

But more than that, John's Gospel says it was dark. It was dark. That's not just the time of day in John's Gospel. The darkness in John is the domain of evil. In John's Gospel when Judas leaves the Last Supper to betray Jesus, John inserts a parenthetical remark. When Judas leaves to betray him, John says, "And it was night." The darkness is the domain of wrong, of hatred, of bigotry, of violence, the domain of sin and death and horror. And early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, Hallelujah, Anyhow.

The truth is, she didn't know that Jesus was alive. She was just doing what love does. Caring for her beloved, her Savior, her friend, in his time of death, to give him the last rites of burial. And when she got to the tomb, and the other women with them, they eventually discovered that Jesus was alive, and in the silence of the night, in the moments of despair, in the moments of the worst darkness, God had done something incredible. God had raised Jesus from the dead. The truth is, nobody saw Jesus rise from the dead, because God had done it secretly and quietly, when nobody was looking.

When I was in high school, I learned a poem composed by James Russell Lowell. He wrote it in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in one of the darkest periods in American history, when this country was torn asunder by the existence of chattel slavery in our midst. In this great land of freedom, there were slaves being held in bondage. And this nation literally went to war, tearing itself apart, trying to find the way to do what was right. And James Russell Lowell wrote, in the midst of this darkness, in this dark hour:

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone and strong ... Though her portion be a scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own

Hallelujah, Anyhow. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen, indeed.

God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

#### PARISH NEWS

**<u>The Annual Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt</u>** will be held on Easter Sunday, April 21st at the church's cemetery immediately after the Rite II (10:00 AM) service. In the event of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will move indoors to the parish hall. <u>THIS EASTER EGG HUNT IS OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN!</u>

As in previous years, a "special" area will be roped off for our youngest Easter Egg hunters. Easter baskets/bags/buckets will be available for egg-hunting children who don't bring one themselves.

# <u>Yard Sale 2019...A Huge Success</u>! Thank you to all who volunteered, donated items, or came shopping for treasures and bargains. This year's yard sale earned \$1706.80! Proceeds will go to help offset the Youth Mission Trip this summer. Special thanks to Keith Owens for Chairing this fundraiser.

**<u>New Forward Day by Days</u>** (for May, June, July 2019) are available in the back of the church. This is a great daily devotional tool.

# <u>Bulletin and Newsletter Deadline</u>—Please forward any announcements and prayer requests to Fr. Chris (frchris@cckqp.net) by Wednesdays at 3:30 pm for inclusion in the weekly newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

**Anglican Rosary Workshop** on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. Come and learn how to make and pray the Anglican Rosary. This form of prayer is portable, helps to calm anxiety and stress, can be done on your schedule, and is practiced by countless Anglicans around the world!

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

4/21—Easter Sunday 5/4—Patuxent Voices Concert at Christ Church (7:30 pm) 5/19—Strawberry Festival 5/31—FNF All Parish Year End Picnic

#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Flower Mart—ECW Booth

Washington National Cathedral Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4 Starting at 10:00 a.m.

#### BAKED GOODS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Contact: Karen Cassedy at (301) 675-9990 or kcassedy@yahoo.com

#### **THE LITURGY IN EASTERTIDE**



This period of the year, from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost, is the oldest part of the Church Year. It is derived directly from the fifty-day period in the Jewish calendar that begins with Passover and concludes with Pentecost, the Greek term for fifty days. The Lord's death and resurrection took place at Passover, and its completion (the empowering of the apostles by the Holy Spirit) took place on Pentecost. These are the Church's original feast days, which in very early times were both moved to the Sundays following the Jewish festivals due to the early Church's intense reverence for the first day of the week as the Lord's Day, the Day of Resurrection. The early Christians considered every Sunday to be a celebra-

tion of the rising of Christ and of the coming of the Holy Spirit – a repetition of Easter and Pentecost.

At an early date, the Great Fifty Days came to have a number of liturgical characteristics that set them apart from the remainder of the Church year. Many of those were lost in later generations of the Church, but others are still very much a part of our liturgy, including some that have been revived by many of the liturgical churches in recent years. Some of the more notable of those Eastertide liturgical notes are described here.

#### **ALLELUIA**

This word, derived from the Hebrew word *hallelujah*, means literally, "Praise to Yahweh." In Jewish worship, it is particularly characteristic of Passover. In the Seder meal, the entire group of psalms called the "*Hallel* Psalms" is sung (Psalms 113–118). As a result the *Hallel* Psalms themselves have been of particular importance in the Christian Passover, that is, Easter. (Psalm 114 is always sung at the Easter Vigil and Psalm 118 on Easter Day.) As early as the time of the writing of the Book of



Revelation, *hallelujah* has an important place in the Church's worship as can be seen in the description of the worship in heaven in that book. One notices in the liturgies during Eastertide that the word "alleluia" is used not only in its usual places, but also in many hymns and other parts of the liturgy.

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#### **REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS THE DAY OF RESURRECTION: EASTER SUNDAY—YEAR C**



This Sunday is the Feast of the Lord's Resurrection. On this day, the Church completes its three great days of celebrating redemption. Since Maundy Thursday, we have been involved in an extended liturgy which will be brought to its conclusion today.

This is the celebration of the Passover of Christ from death to life. It is also the celebration of our own Passover in Holy Baptism in which "we were buried with Christ in his death and raised with him."

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the first reading on Sundays is from the Acts of the Apostles rather than from the Old Testament. These weekly readings from Acts describe the life of the first Christians and their proclamation of Christ's resurrection. Today we hear a portion of the sermon Peter preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian. The second reading is Paul's reflection on the meaning of the resurrection. Jesus has won out over death. Death is to be destroyed.

The Gospel reading is the account of the women at the tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene.

As we rejoice in our new life in the risen Christ on this day, he comes among us and is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. We, like the women at the tomb and like Peter and the others, are sent forth to tell the world of his resurrection.

Please feel free to join us in this celebration of God's victory over death. May you find in this gathering the assurance that God is even now raising you to new life.

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#### **CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

#### Please let the office know of updates to the prayer list.

<u>Pray for Parish Members</u>: Caroline Baldwin, Dorothy Pecson, Jane Cooper, Doris Goode, Mike Moore, Michael Sirk, Martin Hailey, Gail Edger, Susan Tyner, Jennifer Bryant, Sharon Montillo, Virginia Raley, Karen Owens, Dan Donahue, Bill Edger, and Fred Wyant.

Also pray for: Richard Griffith - Colton; Bob Whitlock, Sharon Miller, Marvin Jones, - Donahue; Kay DesMarais - Kauffman, Frances Clemenos - Edger; Carl Thoburn, Myra & Ken Fitch - Fitch; Jakkie Dickey, Karletta Magura -Smith; Scott Peabody - Heflin; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Carli Trost, Gilbert Murphy, Pat Valladingham - Sirk, Shophi Grace, Nicholas - Schuhart; Ron Wong, Bobby Stahl -Redmond; Jennifer Peacock - Rocheleau; Ben Pecson - Pecson; Joann McGilloway - Tyner; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling, Diane Byram, Dennis Webber, Jim Blanche, Anne Keeley, Russ Cisco - Cooper; Dianne Henwood, Melissa Henwood, Sister Teresa Irene (Episcopal Carmelites) -Jubinski; Pam Chaney, Pam Jones, Carolina Montillo - Montillo; Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin - Westerfield; Holly Budd, Keith Harless, Chuck and Jake – Loker; Cheryl Stubbs – Eaton; John Bernier, John Gradwell - McCubbin; Jessica Higgs - M. Oliver; Linda Dickerson, Jonathan McAdams - Graves; Moe Mozingo, Cindy Young; Philip Quade, Tim Butler - Burch; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson, Frankie Tippett, -Simmons, Hope Brouwer-Ancher, The Werth Family, Baby Dorothy Rice, Eddie Gerlach-Wright; Barbara Carlton - Shupe; Joe Fuller, Verna Kooker - Fuqua, Doris Anne Bradburn, Thad Hickey, Barbara Ward-Nelson; Donna Bayes - Leukhardt, Maura Sullivan -Penk; Heather Payton, John Russell and their children – S. Barber; Irma Graves – Franklin; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis – T. Oliver. Recently Departed: Ray Partenheimer (Friend of Debs Szymkowiak)

#### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER-EASTER SUNDAY

#### Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this week:

- All Parishes in the Diocese of Washington
- All Parish Altar Guilds of the Diocese
- International Earth Day (April 22) Pray for the Good Stewardship of the Earth



The Intercessory Prayer Group of Christ Church

Invites you to workshop about

## **THE ANGLICAN ROSARY**

# Wednesday, Apríl 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Come and learn how to make and pray the Anglican Rosary. This form of prayer is portable, helps to calm anxiety and stress, can be done on your schedule, and is practiced by countless Anglicans around the world!

#### **APRIL 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
31 4 LentLaetare Sunday Bishop's Visitation 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 10:00 AM Coffee Hour	1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872 Parish Office Closed 1:00 PM Line Dancing	2 James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876 10:00 AM Lenten Book Study 7:00 PM Lenten Book Study 7:00 PM Zumba/Flaunt	3 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253 6:30 PM Pastoral Caregiver Training 7:00 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee	4 Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968 6:10 PM Meditative Music in Church 6:30 PM Way of the Cross 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM NA	5 Pandita Mary Ramabai, Prophetic Witness and Evangelist in India, 192	6 Daniel G. C. Wu, Priest and Missionary among Chinese Americans, 1956 8:00 AM Yard Sale		
7 5 Lent 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 11:00 AM Coffee Hour	8 Parish Office Closed William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877 1:00 PM Line Dancing	9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor and Theologian, 1945 10:00 AM Lenten Book Study 7:00 PM Lenten Book Study 7:00 PM Zumba/Flaunt	10 [Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Scientist and Military Chaplain, 1955] William Law, Priest, 1761 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch 6:30 PM Pastoral Caregiver Training 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	11 George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878 6:10 PM Meditative Music in Church 6:30 PM Way of the Cross 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM NA	12 [Adoniram Judson, Missionary to Burma, 1850] 6:30 PM Friday Night Fellowship	13 8:00 AM Parish Workday 7:30 PM SMTMD Contra Dance		
14 PALM SUNDAY Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 11:00 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Hall Rental	15 Monday in Holy Week Parish Office Closed 1:00 PM Line Dancing	16 Tuesday in Holy Week 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Zumba/Flaunt	17 Service of Darkness Wednesday in Holy Week 7:00 PM Tenebrae	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY Maundy Thursday 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM Agape Supper, Holy Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar 7:00 PM NA	19 GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 PM Friday Night Fellowship 7:00 PM Way of the Cross	20 Easter Vigil Holy Saturday 6:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter		
21 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 11:00 AM Coffee Hour 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt	22 Parish Office Closed 1:00 PM Line Dancing	23 [George, Soldier and Martyr, c. 304] [Toyohiko Kagawa, Prophetic Witness in Japan, 1960] 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Zumba/Flaunt	24 [Genocide Remembrance] 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer GroupPraying the Anglican Rosary	25 St. Mark the Evangelist 6:10 PM Meditative Music in Church 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM NA	26 [Robert Hunt, Priest and First Chaplain at Jamestown, 1607] 3:30 PM SMTMD Fiddle Workshop 7:30 PM SMTMD Concert	27 [Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894]		
28 2 Easter 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 11:00 AM Coffee Hour	29 Catherine of Siena, 1380 Parish Office Closed 1:00 PM Line Dancing	30 [Sarah Josephine Buell Hale, Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879] 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Zumba/Flaunt	1 St. Phillip and St. James, Apostles 6:30 PM Pastoral Caregiver Training 7:00 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee	2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 6:10 PM Meditative Music in Church 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM NA	3 6:30 PM Friday Night Fellowship	4 Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387		

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#### **THE LITURGICAL GUIDE**

#### THE NEWSLETTER APPEARS WEEKLY. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019.

Liturgical Day & Color	April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday	April 28, 2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	May 5, 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	May 12, 2019 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Lectionary Readings	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u>	<u>Acts 5:27-32</u>	<u>Acts 9:1-6</u>	<u>Acts 9:36-43</u>
	<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</u>	<u>Psalm 150</u>	<u>Psalm 30</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>
	<u>1 Corinthians 15:19-26</u>	Revelation 1:4-8	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17
	<u>John 20:1-18</u>	<u>John 20:19-31</u>	<u>John 21:1-19</u>	<u>John 10:22-30</u>
8:00 a.m.	Rite Two	Rite Two	Rite Two	Rite Two
LEM	John Deatrick Robbie Loker	Kathy Cooke	Keith Loker	Robbie Loke
Lector	Brad Reeves	Ebie Cooper	Jim Westerfield	John Deatrick
Greeters	Mary & David Simmons	Patti & John Harhai	Donna & Brad Reeves	Mary & David Simmons
10:00 a.m.	Rite Two	Rite Two	Rite Two	Rite Two
LEM	Eddie McDonald	Greg Penk	Herb Redmond	Susan McQuilkin
(2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice)	Donna McDonald			
Lector	Carol Jubinski	Keith Owens	Ava Ciabottoni	Beth Fitch
Greeter	Amy & Mark Topolski	Donnie Morgan Conner Morgan	Karen & Keith Owens	Helen & Monty Wright
Altar Guild	Mary Simmons & Susan Tyner	Mary Simmons & Susan Tyner	Donna Reeves Helen Wright	Donna Reeves Helen Wright
Coffee Hour	Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt	Potluck	Potluck	Potluck

#### **SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH**

#### **SUNDAYS**

8:00 am—Holy Eucharist 10:00 am—Organ & Choir / Holy Eucharist

#### **THURSDAYS**

6:10 pm—Meditative Music on the Piano 6:30 pm—Way of the Cross (Lent)

Baptisms, Weddings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment FR. CHRIS JUBINSKI Office: 301.884.3451 Cell: 410.253.3664 frehris@con.net



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To see the readings for the next four Sundays, click on the links at the top of the schedule on this page or visit <u>lectionarypage.net</u> THE WAY OF LOV

# THE WAY OF LOVE IN LENT 2019

Practices for Jena-Contend Life						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Reflections from <i>Living the Way of Love</i> by Mary Bea Sullivan (Church Publishing, 2019). Used with permission.		March 6 TURN How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big	7 LEARN Practice lectio divina with this scripture.	8 PRAY What are you thankful for?	9 WORSHIP What is most meanin- ful to you in worship?	10 LENT 1
		mistake? Luke 15:18	Luke 15:17-24	1 Chron. 29:15	BCP prayer, p. 281	
11BLESSWhat challenges are you facing today?Job 11:18	12 GO Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45	13 REST What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3	14TURNWhat relationships do you need to mend?Isa. 55:8-9	15 LEARN Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God? Ps. 119:105	16 PRAY Listen to the daily office today at www. missionstclaire.com Ps. 55:17	17 LENT 2
18WORSHIPHow do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. 1:3-4	19BLESSIntentionally smile at least ten times today.Phil 4:4	20 GO Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt. 5:4	21 REST How do you incorporate rest in your life? Jer. 6:16	22 TURN Where do you find joy and passion? Luke 24:32	23 LEARN What passage of scripture is important to you Why? Isa. 40:8	24 LENT 3
25 PRAY Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention. Isa. 2:3a	26 WORSHIP In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6	27 BLESS Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7	28 GO Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world? Isa. 48: 6b	29 REST How can you incorpo- rate rest from technol- ogy today? Matt. 11:28	30 TURN Today, intention- ally listen devoutly to another. Mark 4:23	31 LENT 4
April 1 LEARN How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52	2 PRAY Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1	3 WORSHIP How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? John 1:12-13	4 BLESS Who has taught you to life a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught? 2 Cor. 4:16	5 GO Create a prayer repre- sentimg how you seek to serve God and fol- low Jesus. Matt. 5:15.	6 REST How might you con- nect with others in the spirit of renewal? 1 Kings 19:11-12	7 LENT 5
8 TURN How might you share what brings you great joy with others? Rom. 126:8	9 LEARN Slowly read this pas- sage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22	10 PRAY Take 20 minutes in contemplative prayer today. Matt. 4:18-22	11 WORSHIP What seminal mo- ments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10	12 BLESS When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44	13GOWhere can you seekand serve Christ insomeone unlike you?Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5.	14 LENT 6
15 REST How do your creative outlets impact on tak- ing rest? Gen. 1:1-2:4	16 WAY OF LOVE Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19	17 RULE OF LIFE How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God? John 7:38	18 RULE OF LIFE How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5	19 RULE OF LIFE How do others ex- perience the love of Christ through you? Gal. 5:22-23	20 RULE OF LIFE Who can support you in living a Jesus-cen- tered life? 2 Cor. 3:6	21 EASTER DAY

#### April 21, 2019 – Easter (C) Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent – Go!

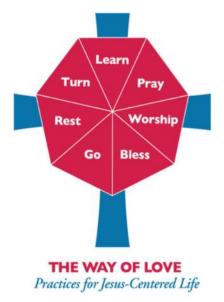
We are pleased to present weekly teachings from Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

**READ** Luke 24:1-12

Easter! What an amazing moment it must have been to be one of the women who went down to the tomb that first Easter morning. They came expecting death and sorrow. Their messiah and friend had been killed, and now the best they could hope for was to give him a proper burial. Instead, they find an empty tomb, two angelic figures proclaiming Jesus' resurrection, and an invitation to new life. Their expectations were blown away.

This encounter with Jesus changed them so much that they were compelled to GO back to their fellow followers and proclaim the good news. Their testimony would eventually spread to every corner of the earth so that wherever we go, the love of God will meet us there.

In this journey, you have been called to engage with the mystery of death and resurrection as mirrored in the Easter Vigil. We have been called from darkness into light. From fear into joy. From sin into restoration. From death into life. Our job now is to follow the examples of those women and go into the world proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. Let this be the season that you go and live the full gift of the resurrection.



**REFLECT:** Easter is not just one day. It is a season of 50 days, significantly longer than the 40 days in Lent. Our Church's calendar is designed this way to help us remember that we are called to GO and live a life that is centered more on resurrection joy than on fear. During this Eastertide, find ways to live into the Way of Love you have walked this Lent.

The end of our Lent journey is only the beginning, as we take all the transformation we have experienced and imagined and use it to join God in healing and reconciling the world. How will you GO and tell the story of the empty tomb out loud? How have you been changed and how might you change others?

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#### THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

This book with its description of the life of early Christian community, characterized by an intense awareness of the Risen Lord's presence and the apostolic preaching of the resurrection, has had an important place in the Church's liturgy. In recent years, the liturgical revisions among Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Lutherans have placed it again in the Easter liturgy. The Acts of the Apostles furnishes one of the readings every Sunday during the Great Fifty Days. Other books of Scripture heard especially in Easter season include the Book on Revelation, 1 Peter, 1 John, and the Gospel according to John. Each of the years in the three year cycle of readings features one of first three for the second reading at the Eucharist. The Gospel readings in almost every case are from John. The First Letter of Peter is a baptisma homily which reflects on what Baptism has done for us as members of the risen body on Christ. The First Letter of John reflects on the character of Christian living in the resurrection Revelation is chosen because of its vision of the resurrected Church at worship as it praises it victorious Lord, which is an image of our worship, especially in the Eucharist.

#### THE PASCHAL CANDLE



A large candle that is first lighted at the Great Vigil on Easter Evolutions in a prominent place in the church at every service during the season. It was the custom of the Jewish synagogue to begin services in the evening with the lighting of candles — originally for the purpose of giving light but almost immediately invested with the symbolic meaning of light: the revelation of God's love. Early Christians continued that use of light, seeing in the bringing of light into a dark place a symbol of the resurrection. As early as the fourth century, the celebration of the resurrection in Jerusalem began with a candle lighted in the Ho ly Sepulcher and brought out during the night of Easter Eve to the words, "The light of Christ." That ceremony spread throughout the Christian Church many ages ago.

The Paschal Candle (from the Latin and Greek word *pascha*, which means Passover) is often decorated with nails which represent the wounds from the crucifixion which the risen Lord's body still bore.

In the ancient Christian basilicas, some of which still exist in Italy, the stand for the paschal candle was built into the pulpit as a permanent feature of the building's architecture. In the Middle Ages, Winchester Cathedral had a Paschal Candle that was sixty feet tall! In many places it is kept near the font and relighted at other times of the year, especially for baptisms and funerals.

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Dear Members of Christ Church,

Our Diocese is putting forth a lot of effort to help the various regions and parishes within the Diocese discover what's healthy (strengths), what's stuck (weakness), what's unclear, and what's missing? Where does Christ Church fit in?

There is a Discovery Day on 27April from 10-2 at St. Paul's, Piney up in Waldorf. It would helpful to have as many people from Christ Church as possible to go. There is <u>NO</u> limit. You have to register though: <u>https://www.edow.org/good-soil/regional-discovery-sessions</u>

Please send me an email at frchris@cckqp.net if you register.

If you do not plan to attend, please take the time to fill out the survey at the following link. <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDOWGoodSoil</u>

A bit more Info directly from the Diocese website:

"We know that the most transformative work requires intentional planning and strategic effort. To that end, we are embarking on a diocesan-wide strategic planning process that we hope will allow us to take stock together of where we are now -- our strengths and our challenges, where we see fruitfulness in our ministries and where we struggle -- and then commit to a mutually discerned vision of God's preferred future for our diocese.

Our planning will be most effective if it includes the views of the full range of our community and takes into account the distinctive contexts of each geographic region, building upon work our leadership has already begun to cultivate in collaboration among our constituencies.

The Diocese of Washington has hired a consulting company The Unstuck Group to lead us through the strategic planning process. The Unstuck Group has worked with hundreds of churches of all shapes and sizes to assist those communities to understand their current level of "health" and to plan for their futures. We hope that the Unstuck Group will help us also to set our vision, mission, and goals while undertaking the work of becoming good soil."

The main website with links and a short video from the Bishop: <u>https://www.edow.org/good-soil</u>

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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# Can't Stop the Feeling!

a concert of a cappella music



### Saturday, May 4, 2019, 7:30pm Christ Church, Chaptico



Check our website or Facebook for more information about us! www.patuxentvoices.org

Southern Maryland's premier women's a cappella group





### CHRIST CHURCH PARISH HALL

In Chaptico, Maryland \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## <u>SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 2019</u> 1:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Strawberry Shortcake with the "Works" Ice Cream and Strawberry Pies

\*Visit Historic Christ Church built in 1736\*

# **MIKE'S BARBECUE**

# LIVE MUSIC: The Bushmill Band & Folk Salad

# **ARTISTS & CRAFTERS**

 Funds raised help support local charities in St. Mary's County: ACTS, HOSPICE, Clements Cuties Foundation for childhood cancers
**"Family Fun in the Country with Terrific Food and Great Music - 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL"** The Parish Hall is located on Zach Fowler Rd (off Rt. 234) in the Village of Chaptico.
Please call Church Office (301) 884-3451 or Shelby (301) 904-2532 www.cckgp.net

### **RITES OF PASSAGE**

Please forward Birthday and Anniversary information to Fr. Chris at frchris@cckqp.net

#### **April Birthdays**

**1 Dwight Williams 4** Dorothy Pecson 5 John MacBryde **6 Barbara Lacey** 9 Donna McDonald **9 Kyle Dean** 12 Everett Cooper 13 Michael Oliver **15 Sue Blackwell 17 Arlene Oliver 20 Betsy Franklin** 20 Tom Oliver 22 Susan McQuilkin 24 Herbie Redmond

#### On the Lighter Side...

What kind of place is this?

#### **April Anniversaries**

4 Helen & Monty Wright 7 Debbie & John Dorsey 8 Cindy & Bob Donaldson 14 Donna & Edie McDonald 24 Dorothy & Ben Pecson

Christ is risen Alleluia!

# They only sing two hymns: "O Come All Ye Faithful," and than twice a year if "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." they mixed it up some,

I totally agree. Maybe

we'd show up more

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