

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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*“Where All are Welcomed and
Fed at the Table.”*

Christ Church Chronicle

APRIL 2023

Then he said, “The kingdom of God is like a man scattering seed on the ground and then going to bed each night and getting up every morning, while the seed sprouts and grows up, though he has no idea how it happens. – Mark 4:26-27

Holy Week 2023

“Easter is about the meanings of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, not just as facts of history to be known or debated, or as theological concepts to be defined or defended, but as a life to be lived in relationship with God and in service to others.” - Gary Demarest, retired Pastor, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Holy week at Christ Church begins at 10:30 on Sunday morning, April 2nd, the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. The name for this first day in Holy Week is taken from the palm branches with which the people welcomed Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. In the same liturgy, we commemorate Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as well as his passion and death. Later in the week, we will have the liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, each of which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Church. On Maundy Thursday, we participate in the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist, followed by the stripping of the altar; on Good Friday, we participate in the three-part liturgy, which consists of the quite simple liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the reserved sacrament.

Please attend and participate in the liturgies. Thank you. – *The Rev. Henry Doyle*



WE THE EASTER PEOPLE WILL CELEBRATE JESUS’ RESURRECTION AT
10:30 ON SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 9TH, AT CHRIST CHURCH. BRING
YOUR LOVED ONES,
FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, ET AL. COME AND WORSHIP!



UTO Ingathering dates for this year are May 21 and November 5! Mark your calenda if you haven't done so.

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these fights through the outreach of the United Thanks Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- *Gail Thurnau*

Way back When...

Do you remember when we had lots of small children and we had the Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn? And, of course, there were those cold and early Easters when the festive hunt happened inside the church.....lots of Easter blessings - even finding the "unfound" Easter eggs many weeks after Easter.

- *Gail Thurnau*

It's Greek To Me – *Press on!*

Philippians 3:12 - Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

Paul is speaking of the daily effort that is required to be a disciple of Christ and to experience the spiritual growth that is promised in our life in Christ. I want to focus on the words "I press on". The Greek word here is *διώκω* (dioko) and it is a very strong term, much stronger than is indicated by the English rendering of the word. It can mean to run or flee, put to flight, drive away or to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after, to pursue. The term is used in sports - to run to win the prize. It is also used to indicate that one pursues so aggressively that they are persecuting the person or thing they are chasing.

This is strong language and indicates just how much is asked of us if we want to 'win the prize'. If we think of an Olympic athlete, this is someone who does not miss a single day in training for the competition in which they are hoping to win a gold medal. They cannot expect to just 'show up' and experience the kind of success that is needed to succeed. The same thing is true in spiritual life. It is nurtured daily by spending time with God, in prayer, meditation and scripture and in how we spend our time and treat others.

We can begin this daily practice by beginning simply: saying the daily office, reading the daily lectionary readings, setting aside consistent times of prayer and meditation; and then carrying what we have gained in these times into our day. Initially, we will often forget to keep this 'appointment', or we may struggle with finding the best use of this spiritual time. But if we carry on and not get discouraged, we will fairly soon find we have built a habit into our lives that sustains itself. The payoff in spiritual awareness and inner peace is altogether worth it! Let us 'press on!' *The Rev. George M. Favell*

Formation for Priesthood Update

Coming into the home stretch! I have just completed three seminary classes and will be starting up with three more in April which will go to the end of May. At the same time, I continue my internship at Christ Church in Austin. On February 14, I signed my Loyalty Statement at the Diocesan offices in the presence of the Bishop and the official notification of my Re-Instatement to the Diaconate was issued from the National Church in mid-March.

The current plan, God willing and the people consenting, is that I would be ordained to the priesthood on June 17 of this year at the Cathedral. All the paperwork is completed. There is at least one committee still, the Standing Committee, which needs to sign off.

Going forward, it is the Bishop's wish that I remain at Christ Church in Austin for another year as a priest. After that, well, God knows!

I am hoping that a few from our church in Albert Lea will be able to attend the ordination in June in Minneapolis. If that is not possible, it is highly likely that the service will be live-streamed online.

Finally, I will need to resign from my position as the Church Administrator/Secretary here in Albert Lea. The current plan is that I will be here until the end of May.

Peace and blessings!

- *The Rev. George M. Favell*

Sunday Worship Schedule for April

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - The Liturgy of the Palms
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Maundy Thursday
Ascension Lutheran Church - 11am
Christ Episcopal Church - 5:30pm

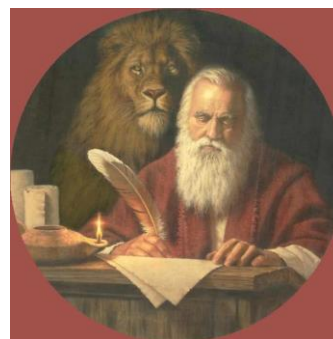
Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday
Christ Episcopal Church - 5:30pm
Ascension Lutheran Church - 7pm

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am

Sunday, April 16, 2023 - The Second Sunday in Easter
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - The Third Sunday in Easter
Morning Prayer - 10:30am

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - The Fourth Sunday in Easter
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am



Saint Mark the Evangelist,
April 25

"The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything."

- *Julian of Norwich*

"God communicates with us by way of all things. They are messages of love."

- *Ernesto Cardenal*

"The really happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour."

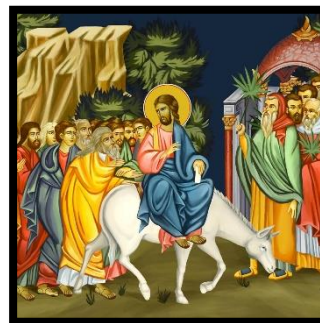
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The American Legion Post 56 in Albert Lea is hosting a Fund-raiser Breakfast every 4th Sunday of the month, from 8am to 12:30 pm!

New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

Eucharist Lectionary - Year A - Daily Office Lectionary - Year 1

2-Apr	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14- 27:66
9-Apr	or Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
16-Apr	Acts 2:14a,22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
23-Apr	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
30-Apr	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10



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Music Director: Gail Thurnau

Treasurer: Joy Shaft

Parish Administrator/Secretary:

George M. Favell

Fr. Henry - Please keep me in the loop

Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need.

Prayer Scripture

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. – Ephesians 5:15-21

Meditation Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, page 825, #32 – For the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ Episcopal Church April Birthdays

4 – Jared Paulson

23 – Richard Lowman

Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of April – please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and pray for all engaged in the Faithful Innovation process.

PALM SUNDAY (April 2)

ANNIVERSARIES

4/3 Barbara von Haaren, d 1986

4/5 Sanford Hampton, b 1989

EASTER (April 9)

ST. ANTIPAS (Comm., Antipas, April 11)

Redby

ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 Robert Lyga, p 1969

4/15 Paul Christopherson, p 1972

2 EASTER (April 16)

ST. GEORGE'S (Comm., George, April 23)

St. Louis Park

ST. MARK'S (Comm., St. Mark, April 25)

Annandale, Lake City, Minneapolis

ANNIVERSARIES

4/23 Scott Monson, p 2003

4/27 Gretchen Pickerel, p 1994



Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

April 2023

Saturday 1 April 2023

The Diocese of South Rwenzori
– The Church of the Province
of Uganda

Sunday 2 April 2023

Palm Sunday
Province of the Episcopal Church
of South Sudan

Monday 3 April 2023

Monday of Holy Week
The Diocese of Sabah – The Church
of the Province of South East Asia

Tuesday 4 April 2023

Tuesday of Holy Week
The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora –
The Church of Nigeria (Anglican
Communion)
(Bendel Province)

Wednesday 5 April 2023

Wednesday of Holy Week
The Diocese of Saldanha Bay – The
Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Thursday 6 April 2023

Maundy Thursday
The Diocese of Salisbury – The
Church of England
(Canterbury Province)

Friday 7 April 2023

Good Friday
The Diocese of El Salvador – Iglesia
Anglicana de la Region Central
de America

Saturday 8 April 2023

Holy Saturday
The Diocese of Sambalpur – The
(united) Church of North India

Sunday 9 April 2023

Easter Day
Province of the Episcopal Church
of Sudan
Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Monday 10 April 2023

Easter Monday
The Diocese of Santiago (in Chile) –
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Tuesday 11 April 2023

Easter Tuesday
The Diocese of Santiago (in the
Philippines) – Philippines

Wednesday 12 April 2023

Easter Wednesday
The Diocese of Sapele – The Church
of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Bendel Province)

Thursday 13 April 2023

Easter Thursday
The Diocese of Saskatchewan –
The Anglican Church of Canada
(Rupert's Land Province)

Friday 14 April 2023

Easter Friday
The Diocese of Saskatoon – The
Anglican Church of Canada
(Rupert's Land Province)

Saturday 15 April 2023

Easter Saturday
The Diocese of Sebei – The Church
of the Province of Uganda

Sunday 16 April 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter
The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Monday 17 April 2023

The Diocese of Sekondi – The Church
of the Province of West Africa
(Ghana Province)

Tuesday 18 April 2023

The Diocese of Seoul – The Anglican
Church of Korea

Wednesday 19 April 2023

The Diocese of Seychelles – The
Church of the Province of the
Indian Ocean

Thursday 20 April 2023

The Diocese of Sheffield –
The Church of England
(York Province)

Friday 21 April 2023

The Diocese of Shinyanga –
The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 22 April 2023

The Diocese of Upper Shire –
The Church of the Province of
Central Africa

Sunday 23 April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter
The Church of the Province
of Uganda

Monday 24 April 2023

The Diocese of Shyira –
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Mark the Evangelist
The Diocese of Shyogwe –
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Wednesday 26 April 2023

The Diocese of Sialkot – The (united)
Church of Pakistan

Thursday 27 April 2023

The Diocese of Singapore – The
Church of the Province of South
East Asia

Friday 28 April 2023

The Diocese of Sittwe – The Church
of the Province of Myanmar

Saturday 29 April 2023

The Diocese of Sodor & Man –
The Church of England
(York Province)

Sunday 30 April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter
The Episcopal Church

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Healing Team – 9am – 10:30am**
2 Liturgy of the Palms – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am	3 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	4 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK	5 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK Chair Yoga – 9am**	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY – Ascension – 11am CEC – 5:30pm Church Office – 9am – 1pm	7 GOOD FRIDAY – CEC – 5:30pm Ascension – 7pm	8 HOLY SATURDAY Healing Team – 9am – 10:30am**
9 Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY – Holy Eucharist - 10:30AM	10 MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	11 TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK	12 WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK Chair Yoga – 9am**	13 THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK Church Office – 9am – 1pm	14 FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK	15 SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK Healing Team – 9am – 10:30am**
16 2 nd Sunday in Easter – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am	17 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	18	19 Chair Yoga – 9am**	20 Church Office – 9am – 1pm	21	22 Healing Team – 9am – 10:30am**
23 3 rd Sunday in Easter – Morning Prayer – 10:30am	24 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	25 SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST	26 Chair Yoga – 9am**	27 Church Office – 9am – 1pm	28	29 Healing Team – 9am – 10:30am**
30 4 th Sunday in Easter – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am						

****** Please check with Clemencia to confirm location and if class is full.

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