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April 3, 2009

We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel*
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 10:00 a.m. Christian Education/ Coffee Hour*
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- *Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion: Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Liturgy of the Word: *First Lesson:* Isaiah 50:4-9a; *The Psalm* 31:9-16; *Second Lesson:* Philipians 2:5-11; *The Gospel:* Mark 14:1—15:47.

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Maundy Thursday Service and Altar of Repose

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood . . . BCP, p. 274

St. James will observe the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper (that is, the mandatum novum or "new commandment" from which Maundy is derived) at which he directed his disciples to, "Love one another as I have loved you" at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, in the church.

Immediately following, the reserved sacrament will be processed to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of the Twelve Apostles where a vigil will be kept until the 7:30 a.m. Good Friday service.

"Could You Not Stay Awake With Me One Hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

This was the question Jesus asked his disciples while he was in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Since the 15th century, a custom developed in which the faithful, following the celebration of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, would gather before an Altar of Repose to spend an hour in prayer, meditation, and reflection on Jesus' agony during the events following his last supper with his friends and the events of Good Friday.

Since the Altar has been stripped of all appointments, including the aumbrey and/or tabernacle, the elements are removed to a secure place or to an Altar of Repose for the Hour Watches.

The time set aside for an Hour Watch is especially powerful for practicing Christians in this very busy, overextended society. It is truly rare that a person is able to take one hour of absolute quietness and spend that hour in personal prayer and meditation.

Sponsored by the St. James Center for Spiritual Formation, with the generosity of friends in cre-

— See Altar of Repose on page three

Easter Vigil and Agapé Meal

Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter will take place at St. James on Saturday evening, April 11. From ancient times this was the major service of the church year and is the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The liturgy consists of four parts: The Service of the Light; The Service of Lessons; Christian Initiation or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and The Holy Eucharist with the administration of Easter Communion.

For several years, we at St. James have held an Agapé Meal in the Parish Hall Parlor following the very beautiful Easter Vigil service in the church. If you have not participated in either the Easter Vigil or the Agapé Meal, make this the year you come. The meal symbolizes the unity of fellowship in the love of Christ and our Christian community. Come and see. Be a part of this special celebration of our Risen Lord.

Everyone attending the Agapé Meal is asked to bring a favorite dish, salad, sandwiches or dessert. The church will furnish wine, punch, tea and coffee. If you have questions, please contact Helen Campbell at 387-5141.

GUMBO

Final 2009 St. James Gumbo
Friday, April 3

Come by as early as 8:00 a.m. to visit with friends, meet new friends as you help in the dining room, or clean-up beginning at 1:15 p.m.; invite your friends or coworkers to meet you for lunch at St. James, or bring lunches to your favorite group; and, certainly plan to pick up some pints and quarts of this year's delicious gumbo to freeze.

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to Jesus Christ, united in mission,
reaching out to seekers.*

*We live in joyous witness to the power of grace
and divine compassion in our lives.*

Christian Education Notes

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 5, after the 9:00 a.m. service — Come to Bishop's Hall for **Palm Cross Making** for all ages. Learn how to turn your palm frond into a beautiful cross. We'll have plenty to go around.

Sunday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. service — **Easter Flowering of the Cross and Heifer Collection** - Bring a few stems for your children to take part in our traditional flowering of the cross right at the beginning of the service. Don't forget your mite boxes! **Bring your Heifer mite box** to church. We will be collecting them at all services.

Sunday morning classes will resume after an Easter break, on April 26.

Save the Date for this year's Vacation Church School — The Ark of St. James: *Making a Difference Two by Two* will take place July 27-31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Before you schedule your summer vacation, be sure to mark your calendar for the Ark of St. James!

This year's Vacation Church School activities will build upon the Heifer International initiative introduced during the Lenten season. The children will explore the vastness of God's kingdom by gaining an understanding of other cultures, geography, and animals. Through interactive music, stories, crafts, and games, the children will learn that they can make a difference by getting involved in our church community, local community, and the world.

Children ages 4 years old through entering fifth graders are encouraged to attend. We would like each child to bring a friend so they can *make a difference two by two*.



The greenery on the altar is given to the Glory of God.
The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Linda Lee.
The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Connie Schneider.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Prayers are asked for: Louibelle Grantham, Kim Hatton, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Hunt Odom, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Russ Wray, Emery Smith, Iris Gueringer, Carlton Gilkes, Margaret, Charles Robertson, Hunter, Jonathan South, Russell Fish, John Bergeron, Jack Dagget, Leigh Anne, Debbie Terrell, Beth

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Marina Pinell, Gordon

Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Penny, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Rachel Williams, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipps, Carolyn Bishop, Stephen Perniciaro

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

The Food Bank is always in need. If every family in our parish would bring just *one* can of food *every* week, our cup (or pantry) would surely runneth over. Just *ONE* item, *EVERY* week. *Volunteers needed first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for distribution assistance.*

Birthdays April 3 - 9

- 3 Kerry Capron, James Bailey, Devon Smithburg, Hayes Wilt
- 4 Lauren Bolduc, TJ Tippit, Andrew LeBlanc, Cade Capron, Colden Savoy, Jackson Savoy
- 5 Ken Campbell, John Egan, Stewart Ross, Elizabeth Fleshman, Amy Jones, Le Pickett, Alex Davenport
- 6 Todd Jackson, Anna Katherine Miller, Fairfax Noland, Jack Noland
- 7 Dorothy Morris, George Harrison
- 8 Beverly Coates, Larry Carroll
- 9 Pauline Barrow, Betsy Troups, Heidi Bowman, Mary Margaret Singer

Stamps and Coupon Collection Discontinued

With the death of Sister Clare and the closing of the convent to another location, Alice Bartlett advises she will no longer be collecting stamps and coupons. Thank you for your years of assistance, and thanks to Alice for her years of faithful service to this endeavor.

Altar of Repose

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ating the wonderfully meditative garden ambience, the Altar of Repose provides the opportunity to be still, reflect, and be awake to the meanings of Holy Week in preparation for the Resurrection.

You are invited to sign-up for a particular hour's watch with coordinator Nancy Jo Poirier (npstudio@bellsouth.net), but equally as welcome at any time during the night.

Meditation sheets will be available, or bring your own physical or spiritual list. Security officers will be on site throughout the night.

Editor's Note: Portions of this article excerpted from *Manna for Episcopalians*: <http://gbarbour.com/mannaforepiscopalians/liturgics/lenten-traditions-the-hour-watches/>

Congratulations to ...

... Allyson and Brian Wilson, who welcomed their second daughter, **Elise Alexandra Kay Wilson**, on March 13, 2009 at 3:20 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz., and 21½" long.

... Amy Groves Lowe and David Lowe to whom **Charlotte Grace** was born March 26, 2009 weighing 6 lbs., 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Jan and Gene Groves. Her proud sister is Rebecca Susannah and her proud aunt and uncle are Will Groves and Susannah Groves



Holy Week Service Schedule

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

All services begin with the Liturgy of the Palms

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- Tuesday in Holy Week
Noon Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

8:00 p.m. Altar of Repose opens

Good Friday

7:30 a.m. Good Friday liturgy

Noon Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve

6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 p.m. Agapé Meal in the Parlor

The Feast of the Resurrection:

Easter Sunday


7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with flowering of the Cross

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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This Sunday, April 5: EYC to LASM. Immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist, we'll have a quick lunch, then go to see the movie *Sea Monsters* at the LASM downtown. Parents are asked to pick up youth at 2:00 p.m. Admission to the museum is free, and parents are invited to attend.

Sunday, April 12 : Easter Sunday - no EYC

Upcoming Adult Christian Education Classes

Two fascinating series have been planned for adult Christian education beginning after an Easter break. You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear about these subjects and the fascinating speakers sharing their knowledge.

St. James and the Civil War

April 19 - Zachary Taylor: Mexican war, Baton Rouge & St. James with Bob Bowsher

April 26 - Thomas Williams and St. James during the Civil War led by Bernard Berry

May 3 - Leonidas Polk, the Fighting Bishop led by Bishop Robert Witcher

Anglican Legal and Political Tradition

May 10 - Anglican Legal and Political Tradition: Richard Hooker and Sir Edward Coke with Bill Campbell

May 17 - Anglican Legal and Political Tradition: John Selden and Matthew Hale with Bill Campbell

All are welcome to join these classes at any point, or pick-and-choose. Classes run from approximately 10:10 to 10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings.





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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship

Friday, April 3, 2009
 8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. Volunteers begin arriving for **Final GUMBO 2009**
 Noon *We Care Bags Project*
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 4, 2009
 6:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday, April 5, 2009 - Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion
 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Chapel*
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 10:00 a.m. Making Palm Crosses in Bishops Hall
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 Noon EYC to LASM
 5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m. Sr. EYCs at CC's

Monday, April 6, 2009 - Monday in Holy Week
 6:00 p.m. Scout Pack Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 - Tuesday in Holy Week
 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
 6:00 p.m. Day School Musical

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - Wednesday in Holy Week
 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
 9:00 a.m. Spiritual Direction with Linda Nelson
 6:00 p.m. iConfirm Group

Thursday, April 9, 2009 - Maundy Thursday
 8:15 a.m. Day School Maundy Thursday Service
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service (Chapel)
 Noon EFM
 6:00 p.m. EFM
 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Service**
 8:00 p.m. **Altar of Repose Opens** (until 7:30 a.m. Friday)
 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, April 5, 2009

7:30 a.m. Phil Martin, John Bilisoly
 8:45 a.m. Brent & Kent Caldwell

Ushers
 9:00 a.m. Gary Poirrier, B Phillips, Ford Thomas, Chuck Oliver
 11:00 a.m. Phillip Wright, D.J. Richard, Jim Bogan, Norman Martinusen, Brian Sheely

Acolytes
 9:00 a.m. Sarabrent McCoy, Catherine Curry, Grant Curry
 11:00 a.m. Merritt Sheely, Mason Sheely, Wren Bell

Eucharistic Ministers
 7:30 a.m. John Ozier
 8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson, Gordon Ellis
 9:00 a.m. Margaret Culbertson
 11:00 a.m. Rodger Green
 5:00 p.m. Hays Town III

Verger
 9:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill
 11:00 a.m. David Warrington

Lectors
 7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen
 8:45 a.m. Tricia Henderson, Honey East (P), Susie Furr
 9:00 a.m. Debbie Taylor, Shirley Young
 11:00 a.m. Ruth Martinusen, Liz Holland
All Services: Passion Narrative as assigned

Intercessor
 7:30 a.m. John Ozier
 8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson
 9:00 a.m. Christine Smith
 11:00 a.m. Jill Bambury

Welcome Committee
 8:45 a.m. Brent & Kent Caldwell
 9:00 a.m. Linda & Bob Bowsher, Helen West
 11:00 a.m. Herndon Spillman, Sara Lyle

Altar Guild
 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, Karen Kennedy
 8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl, Charlotte Paterson
 9:00 a.m. Agnes Harrop, Thelma Herthum
 11:00 a.m. Linda Lee, Catherine Harrell, Jennie Price
 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley, Betty Phillips