



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

March 16, 2016



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### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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## Holy Eucharist and the Laying on of Hands for Healing

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.  
All are welcome!

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### Thoughts from Lori

Baptism is one of the two rituals commended by Jesus himself, the other being the Lord's Supper (aka Communion, Eucharist, the Mass). Together they are the two great sacraments. Other rituals developed over time giving us the seven sacraments: Baptism and the Eucharist being the first, then Unction (last rites), Ordination, Marriage, Confirmation, and Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession and Absolution). The early Church recognized baptism as the initiation into the Body of Christ as was required before one could participate in the sacrament of the table; that is, the Supper. That tradition has continued in most, if not all, denominations until very recent times.

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In the past decade, there has been much discussion about this requirement, recognizing that in this day and time when people are so mobile and church membership so much more vague, that many people "enter" the church through Communion before being baptized. Some decry this practice while others welcome it as an expression of God's hospitality. The General Convention in 2015 included some work on this issue, but did not change the canon requiring Baptism before receiving Communion. [See the article on this in Episcopal News Service for an excellent review about the ongoing discussion.

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2012/07/25/baptism-before-communion-is-still-churchs-norm/>]

Meanwhile, here in the trenches so-to-speak, it is as the article says a continuing pastoral issue for parish clergy. How do we continue to treasure and guard the traditions of the Church while representing God's radical acceptance? What is more important - the canons or feeding the flock? (Clearly, I lean toward the latter, even though I see myself as guardian of the institutional church.) It's one of the few times that I find it useful to ask, "What would Jesus do?" The answer to that is, I believe, a no-brainer.

This is particularly sensitive when it comes to children who, for one reason or another, have not been baptized but are coming to church. What message to we want to give them when they come to the Communion rail?

The idea of "open Communion" is not so much about Communion *without* Baptism as it is about Communion *before* Baptism. When I learn that one among us is receiving Communion but has not been baptized, that opens up the opportunity for conversation about the meaning of the Body of Christ; about the identity of being a Christian; and about the responsibilities of membership in the Church which is the Body of Christ. This then can become the path to Baptism.

If all this makes your head spin, welcome to the ever-evolving Church. It has always been thus. Pretend that you are the grand poohbah of the world and decide. Or at least think about it really hard. Then let me know where you land. As for me, I'm just trying to stand in the via media - middle ground (another article, another day) - and represent the Church as I preside at God's table.

Faithfully,

*Lori*

P.S. We are having a Baptism on Easter morning. If you or someone you know desires to be baptized, please contact me right away.

## ***MORNING DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK***

You will be receiving a simple morning devotion at 7:00am by email each day during Holy Week and Easter Week. They have been put together for us by our own Bill McLemore, priest associate, who as most of you know, has been serving as the extended supply priest at Church of the Holy Communion in Lake Geneva for some time now. May these devotions enrich this sacred season and be a blessing to you.

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### ***COMING SOON: ST. PAUL'S OWN FLOWER GUILD!***

As part of the process of developing our own Flower Guild, there will be a FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP on Saturday, April 16 from 10am to 1pm, led by two experienced flower guild members from Christ Church, Winnetka. Anyone can attend, men and women, even if you are not planning to join the flower guild - but we do hope you'll consider it! The ministry of flower arranging is to beautify the church TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for the beauty of nature and the gift of creativity. Please email or call the church office to sign up: [lisa@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lisa@stpaulmchenry.com) or 815-385-0390.

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### ***WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN APRIL April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm***

The group gathered for Women's Wednesday last week has decided to read The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis. It's a short easy read about the gulf between heaven and hell, and is sure to generate a great discussion at our April meeting. The book is available at the library, on Kindle, or through Amazon. All women of the church and their guests are most welcome.

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### ***COFFEE HOUR Another way to serve!***

We're going to re-establish the role of COFFEE HOUR HOSTS here at St. Paul's. It's a fairly simple thing to do, and we'll provide instructions. It involves making the coffee, set-up and clean-up, buying or making something to serve with the coffee. Not too much and not too fancy. There are usually some frozen donuts or coffee cake in the freezer you can use. And there are always folks around to help.

Please see the sign up poster on the bulletin board in the parish hall. It's an opportunity to serve that enriches our life together. If you've got any questions, check with Nan Patnaude. Thanks!

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## FLOWERS AND LILIES FOR EASTER



There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to contribute to the **flowers and lilies that will grace our church on Easter Day**. Your donation of \$25 (or more) may be given - as always TO THE GLORY OF GOD - and in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or special blessing. Thank you for helping to make our Easter celebration more beautiful than ever!

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## McHenry Children's Resale Benefiting Landmark Elementary School

Shop for gently used children's clothes, toys and other child related items at Riverwood Elementary School on Saturday, April 16th from 8am to 3 pm. Raffle prizes and local family businesses will be present as well! Admission is \$1.00.

When: Saturday, April 16th from 8 am-3 pm  
Where: Riverwood Elementary School  
300 S. Driftwood Trail, McHenry  
Questions: [lmchidsresale@gmail.com](mailto:lmchidsresale@gmail.com)

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Vestry** - Tonight, 7:15 p.m.  
**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.  
**Women's Wednesday** - April 6, 7:00 p.m.  
**Flower Guild Workshop** - Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.  
**Spring Parish Meeting** - Sunday, April 17

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## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** - March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Palms

The Passion Narrative and the Holy Eucharist

**Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**

March 21, 22, 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday**

March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Agape Meal and Foot Washing

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

followed by Prayer Vigil

**Good Friday**

March 25

Stations of the Cross at noon

The Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Cross

Mass of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Jointly with St. Mary's,

St. Paul's, and St. Ann's

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock

**Easter Day**

March 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

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## Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, March 20, 2016  
The Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday  
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** Theme - "The Glorious Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem."

***The Old Testament Reading:*** Isaiah 50:4-9a. The Prophet Isaiah asserts that in spite of those who criticize him he finds strength in God's presence and help.

***The Epistle.*** Philippians 2:5-11. The Apostle Paul gives a concise and thought-provoking summary of the incarnation of Jesus and our proper response to it-that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend."

***The Gospel:*** Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49. It is customary on the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, to hear the entire story of the crucifixion of Jesus. Each of the three years involves a different Gospel: Year A, Matthew; Year B, Mark; and Year C, Luke. The passion narrative in the Gospel according to John is read on Good Friday all three years. The passion narrative covers Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and those events leading up to his crucifixion and burial.

### THE HYMNS:

***Litany of the Palms Hymn:*** No. 154. "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." This ancient hymn is attributed to Theodulph of Orleans who died in 821 AD. Legend has it that he wrote the hymn while in prison having been convicted on a false accusation. Its use was in connection with the processions of the palms through the towns in that day. The tune was composed by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) and harmonized by William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

***Sequence Hymn:*** No. 435. "At the Name of Jesus." This hymn was written by Caroline Maria Noel as processional music for Ascension Day. It is based on Philippians 2:9-10 which speaks of bowing the knee before Christ. Some biblical scholars think that St. Paul himself quoted it from an early Christian hymn. The tune, "King's Weston" was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1925 expressly for this hymn.

***Presentation Hymn:*** No. 439. "What Wondrous Love is This." This is a beautiful American folk hymn, the words and music of which, date back to the early 19th century. It first appears in the "Southern Harmony" of 1835 compiled by William 'Singin Billy' Walker, a shape note and tune book. The book contained 335 songs, went through several editions, and became one of the most popular southern tune-books of the century.

***Communion Hymn:*** "Let the broken ones be healed." This short song is being used for our communion hymn during Lent. It was written by the Rev. Michael Hudson in his "Songs for the Cycle," (c) 2004.

Note: There is no Recessional Hymn this Passion/Palm Sunday.

## **March 20th Servants**

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt and Don Jaworski

Lector: Judy Robel

Intercessor: Barb Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day: Sally Berweiler

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From the cartoons created by  
*the Rev. William P. McLemore*



"Your Easter sermons are so wonderful;  
they last me the whole year!"

Church  
Bulletin  
Bloopers



*"The audience is asked to remain seated until  
the end of the recession."*