



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
April 5, 2017



New and Notable...

*Yesterday, April 4th, was the 49th anniversary of the
martyrdom of Martin Luther King, Jr.
This is the collect for his feast day:*

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you your people
out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church,
following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may
resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all
your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DEB LANG

Postulant for Diaconal Holy Orders



The Bishop of Chicago has made Deb Lang a postulant for
ordination as a deacon. The process toward ordination is not
for the faint of heart! Deb has been in this process for more
than a year-and-a-half, and yet postulancy is (canonically
speaking) just the beginning. There are still several steps and
requirements yet to be fulfilled, but she is now official! We'll
keep you informed as the process continues. Meanwhile, thanks be to God for
Deb and her ministry.



Thoughts from Lori

It has been suggested that I explain the meaning of the word "agape," as in our Maundy Thursday Agape Meal. So rather than assume that you already know this, here goes. One of C.S. Lewis's famous books is The Four Loves. In it, he selected four of the most common words for love (there are many) and describes each of them, particularly as they relate to our understanding of love as Christians. Using the Greek, they are *storge* (affection), *eros* (romantic love), *philio* (friendship), and *agape* (divine or unconditional love).

Maundy Thursday is our observance of The Last Supper, the Passover meal that Jesus shared with the disciples, during which he gave them a new commandment (*mandatum*, thus Maundy) to "love one another as I have loved you." That kind of love is nothing less than *agape*: divine, unconditional love.

So we gather on Maundy Thursday to recall the supper that gave us the Eucharist - the Mass, the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion - the meal we share at the altar when we gather to worship. And to remember his call for us to love unconditionally. Impossible, of course, without God's help, which is precisely why we keep reminding ourselves.

You are invited to sign-up* for this simple meal followed by Communion and the Stripping of the Altar. See the link below for the schedule for Holy Week and more details on the Triduum, The Great Three Days.

Faithfully,
Lori †

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Palms

The Passion Narrative and the Holy Eucharist

Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

April 10, 11, 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Agape Meal and Foot Washing

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
followed by Prayer Vigil

Good Friday

April 14

**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

**April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's, and St. Ann's
St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock**

Easter Day

**April 16 at 10:00 a.m.
Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection**

[ABOUT HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM](#)

A Word from The Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Richard of Chichester



Monday, April 3rd, is the Feast Day of Saint Richard, Bishop of Chichester (1197-1253), and remains the patron saint of Sussex in southern England. He was born to wealthy parents who died when he was very young. Since neither he nor his brothers were old enough to inherit the estate, it was put under feudal wardship. Eventually he lost everything, and had to work for his brother on the farm. He then left the farm, and entered Oxford, where he was often cold, hungry, and not sure of his next day's keep, but still managed to succeed in his studies at the university. He earned his doctorate degree, and returned to Oxford to serve as its Chancellor.

In 1243, he was ordained a priest, and the following year, elected as Bishop of Chichester. However, Henry VIII opposed his election, and confiscated the revenues of his diocese, and evicted him from the episcopal residence. Later, threatened by the Pope, the King reinstated Richard as Bishop in 1246, and for eight years, he served the diocese as preacher, confessor, teacher, and counselor. Nine years after his death, he was canonized by the church. He is remembered by these words he often prayed:

"Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly."

What we learn from Richard of Chichester is the value of fidelity to the faith, even when it is difficult and, perhaps, unpopular. Jesus taught that his followers would "bear his cross," and often this means accepting the difficulties that come with the joys of believing.

Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" Leaders will be Kim Morris and Terry Jaworski.



All children are welcome to attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.

In case you missed it....

Notary Public

Lisa Strandberg, the Rector's administrative assistant, is now a Notary Public. If you need something notarized, she will provide that service at no charge for parishioners. She is usually in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. Call the church office (815-385-0390) if you would like an appointment.



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!

For Your Consideration: A Lenten Act of Generosity!

As an act of alms giving during Lent, please consider filling a **Personal Care Bag** to be given to our guests at the next **Mobile Food Pantry at St. Paul's** on Saturday, **April 29th**. A list is attached to each bag with suggestions for full-sized items for personal care. These are things that cannot

be purchased with food stamps. When you have filled a bag (or more), **please return the personal care bag(s) to St. Paul's on or before Easter Sunday, April 16th.** The Food Pantry truck ministry is a shared project of the three Episcopal Churches in McHenry County. Thank you for your generosity and compassion, The Rev. Bill McLemore - St. Ann's; The Rev. Fran Holliday - St. Mary's; The Rev. Lori Lowe - St. Paul's.

NOTE: We still have six empty bags left. If you haven't yet filled one of these for our upcoming Mobile Food Pantry, please consider doing it now. Thanks!

Reconciliation of a Penitent

(BCP, pages 447-452)

Though individual confession is not required in the Episcopal tradition, it is available. Two forms are provided in the Book of Common Prayer for those who desire to make a formal confession. It is true that confession is good for the soul. Although we may receive forgiveness directly from God, sometimes it is beneficial and healing to actually hear the words of absolution through a priest. If you believe this would be helpful to you, please call me to set aside a time. My cell phone number is 706-957-2446.
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The usual fare...

Servants for April 9th

Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas - *Ushers*
Michelle Wiejacska - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Deb Lang, Charlie Boak - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Sally Berveiler - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Holy Week begins this Sunday, April 9th

Music Therapy - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Vestry - Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, April 9th
Palm Sunday - Year A
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a. Isaiah insists that his adversaries will not overcome his faith in God who vindicates him.

The Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16. This psalm echoes the plight of Isaiah finding strength in God in spite of the "whispering of the crowd."

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11. Paul described the difference between the flesh and the Spirit.

The Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54. Long and short version of the passion of Jesus.

THE HYMNS:

Processional 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. 156. "Ride on, ride on, in majesty." This moving Palm Sunday hymn was written by Henry Hart Milman while professor of poetry at Oxford, and first published as the Palm Sunday hymn in Bishop Heber's posthumous 1827 Hymnal. The tune, "The King's Majesty," was composed by Graham George for this text in the Hymnal 1940.

Presentation Hymn: No. 474. "When I survey the wondrous cross." This is another hymn written by Isaac Watts.. He wrote this hymn being inspired by Galatians 6:14, "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." The tune, "Rockingham," was adapted from an old English psalmody hymnal by Edward Miller (1731-1807).

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

Recessional Hymn: No Recessional Hymn at this service.

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



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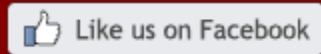
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