



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
March 21, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Lori

Holy Week is coming. In fact, it starts with Palm Sunday, which is this Sunday. Our schedule is a bit modified this year. We will not have services on Monday or Tuesday, and we will not have an Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday. Our schedule will be as follows:

Palm Sunday	10:00am	Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist followed by Hot Cross Buns at Coffee & Conversation
Holy Wednesday	7:00pm	Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar followed by the Prayer Vigil
Good Friday	noon	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy, Adoration of the Cross and Mass of the Pre-sanctified Gifts
Easter Vigil	7:00pm	Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Service of Lessons, First Eucharist of Easter <i>at St. Ann's, Woodstock</i>
Easter Day	10:00am	Feast of the Resurrection

The Great Three Days, which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve, is known as the Triduum, and sometimes referred to as "one service with two long intermissions." As I've said before, once you've had an experience of this ancient tradition, you won't want to miss it. If you haven't, let this be the year.



Meanwhile, as we come to the end of Lent, let us pray for the world, for the Church Universal, for those in any kind of need, and of course, for each other.

Peace and blessings,

Lori



As spring has sprung upon us I am organizing a Spring Clean Up Day for the church grounds. Please consider joining me on Saturday April 14th at 1:00 pm to help out. The more people the merrier and the job will go quickly! We'll have a tentative rain date of Saturday April 21st in the event of inclement weather. Picking up fallen sticks, washing exterior windows etc.

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Not quite new but still notable....



St. Paul's Flower Guild will be preparing for Palm Sunday this Saturday, March 24 at 10 am. And again for Easter Sunday on Saturday, March 31 at 10 am. All are welcome to help with the preparations!



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!

Children's Chapel

"The risen Jesus comes to dinner"

Children are invited to attend the Children's Chapel following the service to hear a story, have a snack, and enjoy an activity. This week's leaders are Katie and Bill Lang.



The usual fare...

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast of St. Joseph

Monday, March 19th, was the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Joseph was the husband of Mary, mother of Jesus, and is regarded as a model for fathers, as well as the patron saint of carpenters. Other than this, very little is known of the person who came forward to give validity to the pregnancy of Mary. The photo of Joseph here was painted by the artist, Guido Reni, around 1635.



From the account in the Gospel according to Matthew, we get the idea that Joseph was a resident of Bethlehem who settled in Nazareth because of the troubling conditions in Judea under the reign of Archelaus. He returned to Bethlehem with Mary at the birth of Jesus. He was also described in scripture as a "just man," (Matthew 1:19) which is taken to mean that he was a devout servant of God, and regulated his life according to the law.

What we learn from Joseph is the lesson of patience and acceptance of the mysteries of God, as well as the importance of these traits for all fathers in relation to their wives and children.

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, March 25, 2018

(Palm Sunday - Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a. The prophet Isaiah reflects upon the call of God to him and his fidelity to that call, "It is the Lord God who helps me." **The Psalm:** 31:9-16. The loneliness of faith is recalled in this Psalm and the cry for God's presence, grace, and loving-kindness. **The Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11. Here Paul recounts the deepest theology of the death of Jesus Christ and that at the name of Jesus, "Every knee should bend." **The Gospel:** Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47). This Gospel covers portions of what has become known as the "Passion Narrative," Jesus' celebrating the Passover with his disciples, the betrayal of Judas, the trial, the procession to the cross, and the crucifixion.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: 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: 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: No. 458. "My song is love unknown." This hymn was written by the Rev. Samuel Crossman, a 17th century Anglican cleric who primarily ministered to small parishes. Its romantic tone reflects a very personal relationship with his Lord and Savior: "My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be." The hymn tune, "Love Unknown," was reputedly written over lunch one day by John Ireland at the suggestion of organist and fellow-composer, Geoffrey Shaw.

Communion: "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," (2004).

(No Recessional Hymn)

Servants for March 25th

Beth and Jim Lukas - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *Lector*

Al Robel - *Intercessor*

Pam Dietmeyer, Barb Moriarty - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Judy Robel - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Carter Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

Marilyn Bell, Heather Dodge - *Altar Guild*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

Palm Sunday - March 25

Easter - April 1

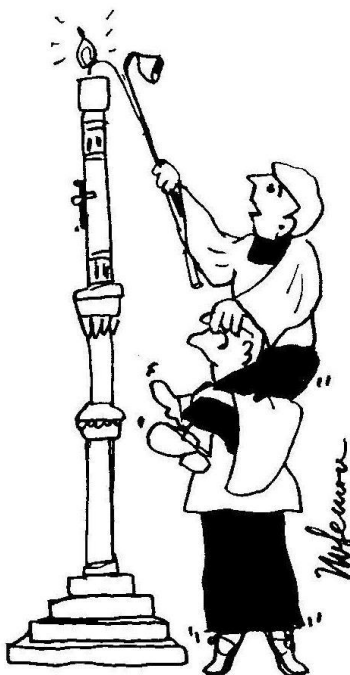
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 7, 8:00 am

Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, April 14

Spring Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 15

Vestry - Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm

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The Rev. William P. McLemore



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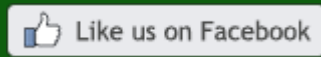
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