



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle

April 10, 2019

New and Notable...

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—Blessing of the Palms, April 14, 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday/Agape Meal—April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday—Stations of the Cross, April 19, Noon

Good Friday Liturgy—Adoration of the Cross, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day—Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection, April 22, 10:00 a.m.

Thoughts from Lori

By now most of you have received the letter announcing my departure from St. Paul's and McHenry. [See a link to the letter below.] My last Sunday here will be May 26th. The thought of leaving makes me heavy-hearted. I do dearly hope that these last few weeks can be filled with good memories and that we can focus on Holy Week and Easter.

The future for St. Paul's will take shape in the weeks and months ahead with your lay leadership. If you have questions or would simply like to talk and share your thoughts about all this, please feel free to contact me to set aside some time to do that.

Meanwhile, you are constantly in my prayers.

Faithfully, Lori+

[Read Lori's letter here](#)



THE AGAPE MEAL

by Bill McLemore

Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 P.M., Bill McLemore will be the "Abba-Father" for an Agape Meal which is loosely tied to the Jewish Passover. We know that on this night we commemorate the abbreviated Passover that Jesus had with his disciples ("Last Supper").

The Passover was a special meal, lead by the father or grandfather that celebrated God's salvation of Israel. It is a special dinner which included scripture readings, prayers, songs, and sharing wine and bread.

The whole service will be in the Parish Hall with everyone seated at one table. I am asking everyone to bring a salad and bread to share. Wine, if desired, may also be brought to have with the meal. The radish was a part of the Passover menu so a few of these might garnish some salads.

The atmosphere will be relaxed, informal, and "family" oriented. Please make plans to come and share in this Agape Meal. Those who wish may join the Altar Guild to strip the Holy Table for Good Friday afterwards.

There is a signup in the Narthex, or please call the office if you plan to attend!

All are welcome. Please join us!

In case you missed it...

Chili Cook-off March 29th

Congrats to Bill McLemore, winner of the chili taste test!
And thanks to Jeff Zabor, who hosted this fun event!





We are in need of Coffee Hour Volunteers! If you can help out once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. This is an easy way to serve St. Paul's. Coffee is provided. There's a sign up sheet next to the kitchen. Call the office if you have any questions!



St. Paul's Offers Final Labyrinth Walk

St. Paul's will hold the final labyrinth walk tomorrow. There is no cost to walk. Hours are 11am-1pm and 5pm-7:30pm. Come and experience this wonderful opportunity!

The usual fare...

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Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday (Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

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: 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. 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: "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.

Servants for April 14th

Bill Lang - *Usher*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Pam Dietmeyer - *Eucharistic Minister*
Beth Lukas - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Angela Lang- *Children's Crucifer*
Carol Toft- *Flower Guild*

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