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The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

March 13, 2016

SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

NEW TIME: 9:00 a.m. *Family Eucharist & Children's Snake Hunt*

PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The first 50 spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with Name, Email and Cell Phone #. One reservation per household, parishioners and staff only. Enter from Charlton Street only. Lot opens 8 a.m.; spaces held till 11:00 a.m.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday –Wednesday, Friday

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Morning & Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

In addition, Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Thursday, March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

9:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

No other services on this day.

In addition, on Friday

12:15 p.m. *Litany & Holy Communion*

In addition, on Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

PALM CROSS MAKING

Saturday, March 19 9:00 a.m.–Noon

Parishioners old and young are asked to meet in Cranmer Hall to make palm crosses to be blessed on Palm Sunday. Bring scissors!

ON TRIAL

Throughout Holy Week, by ancient tradition, the Church reads the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to all four evangelists – the accounts of his last hours, his trial and death. There are other ceremonies in Holy Week, but this bare reading of his Passions (by one or more voices) is the ground of them all. It is a demanding exercise, requiring sustained effort to listen, but it is deeply rewarding. Though the evangelists have their distinctive points of view, revealed in telling details, the fundamental narrative is the same, all the more eloquent because it is conveyed without sentimentality, cheap shocks, or sermonizing, but with the simple eloquence of unsparing honesty and great economy.

It begins at the Last Supper, in the intimacy of the fellowship of Jesus with his disciples, over which the troubling words of Jesus about his imminent departure, betrayal, and denial, cast a shadow. Unwitting as the disciples are, even Judas, Jesus knows what he must suffer to accomplish the divine plan of salvation; and in Gethsemane, he wills it, in perfect obedience. The fulfillment of what he has willed begins immediately.

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. John C. Helmken II

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God.
The flowers in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 16, are given to the glory of God and in honor of our beloved Nellie Schmidt on her 100th birthday by her family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy, Mrs. Audrey Allgaier, Mrs. William H. Helmken, Jr., Mrs. William B. McNeal II, Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Neil H. Victor, Sr., Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorf, Mrs. Morgan W. Murray, Ms. Linda H. Pounds

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Mikel Kelly
10:30 a.m. Turner Stevens Edwin Shepherd
Jackson McClellan Phillip Inglesby

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Fr. Dunbar- Adult Catechism
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, Reading Room

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Why questions are good. Why do I exist? Breakfast & discussion with Fr. O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday- There will be no meetings on March 17 in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month
NEXT MEETING DATE: March 23
11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

Thursday- There will be no meetings on March 17 in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

“COULD YOU NOT WATCH FOR ME ONE HOUR?”

Volunteer to “watch” before the blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin. Time slots are 30 minutes long. Sign up for one or two and bring a friend!

Maundy Thursday, March 24

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are in the Chapel.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

Jesus is betrayed and forsaken as he foretold, arrested and put on trial before the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious leadership, by whom he is condemned for blasphemy as a false prophet. Meanwhile Peter is also put on trial, by the casual inquisition of the high priest's servants – but whereas under oath Jesus acknowledges himself as Messiah, Peter disowns him with an oath. In one of countless touches of dramatic irony, even as the prophecy Jesus made of Peter's denial is fulfilled, he is abused as a false prophet.

Because capital sentences were the reserved to Roman authority, Jesus is brought before the Roman governor, for sentencing. When Pilate demurs to rubberstamp the Sanhedrin's verdict – not out of justice but out of pride – the priests accuse Jesus of sedition – the political counterpart to the charge of blasphemy. They incite the Jerusalem crowd, assembled for the Passover amnesty, to demand freedom for a Jewish insurgent. This leaves Pilate no easy out, who cravenly hands over a man he knows to be innocent to the death reserved by the Roman law for slaves and traitors, but which in Jewish law signifies the curse of God. Jesus is to die a sinner's death, as one forsaken of God, yet in doing so, he dies triumphantly, having accomplished what he was sent to do. Even the pagan Gentile soldier acknowledges "truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54); "certainly this was a righteous man" (Luke 23:47). The great vindication ("justification") cannot be far off: the sentence of earthly courts must be overturned by the high court of heaven. As he foretold,

on the third day he must rise again from the dead.

In the end, therefore, as the passion narratives bear witness, it is not Jesus who is put on trial, but ourselves, the readers, who are represented in the narratives in various ways by the fearfulness of the disciples, by the hardheartedness of the Jewish leadership, by the cruelty of the Romans, by the callousness of the crowds, and by the criminals crucified with him. In them, the veils of our self-justification are ripped away, and our sin is revealed. In his condemnation we are condemned – *and in his justification we are justified* – if we, like the thief in faith, with penitence and prayer, acknowledge to be what the whole world denied – righteous Messiah and true Son of God. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise".
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EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, please send a \$35 check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To contribute to the expense of the brass players at Easter, please send a check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

FRESH AIR HOME COLLECTION

Please leave donations of *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Pine-Sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags* in Collection bins in the lobby of Cranmer Hall through Easter.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL (*No Gloria in Excelsis until Easter*) Prayer Book, page 132, 124
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. (Noon)—**NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. – JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS (*Cranmer Hall*)
(Music, Teaching, and Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten)

10:30 A.M.: MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN #522 <i>Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Men</i>	Bohemian Brethren
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer.....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO (#608)	9
Psalm 40	390
First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-19 <i>The Call of the Prophet</i>	Insert
BENEDICITE.....	Insert
Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11 and St. John 8:46.....	132, 133
BENEDICTUS (#638)	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collects of the Day.....	132, 124
Other Collects, and Prayers, the Grace.....	17-20
HYMN #60 <i>With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh</i>	Babylon's Streams
Sermon	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>O Saviour of the World</i>	Harold Moore
Ashley Adams-Roper & Daniel Garrick, Soloists	
Presentation of Alms: <i>All Things Are Thine</i> #732	
Prayer and Blessing	
HYMN [Insert] <i>The Royal Banners Forward Go</i>	Gonfalon Royal
VOLUNTARY: <i>Vexilla Regis</i>	Wilbur Held

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.
If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12:00 P.M. (NOON) – HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.