

April, 2010

The Church of the Holy Trinity (Anglican)



Holy Week: A Pilgrimage

Holy Week is a journey that we make with Jesus during his final week in Jerusalem. The journey takes Jesus and us to the Cross. To some this may seem a strange journey to take, but to Christians it is a journey of discovery (or re-discovery) of God's immense sacrificial love for us. The traditions of Holy Week mark the journey with special days of devotion, fasting and, finally, celebration. This year Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28 and ends with Easter Sunday, April 4.

Palm Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. It is also known as Passion Sunday because the crowd who was gathered around Jesus quickly turns as they discover that Jesus is not the messiah they are looking for in this life. The traditional liturgy for this day makes this dramatic shift with us. It is quite striking how fast we can turn our back on God. On this day Christians prepare themselves for what lies ahead in Holy Week by reciting the *Passion Story*, the story of the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus that is recorded in all four of the Gospel accounts.

Scripture records that Jesus taught in the temple courts on the first three days of Holy Week, adding fuel to the fire of many to rid themselves of this troublemaker who is upsetting their religious and political appecart.

This brings us to **Maundy Thursday** which is Jesus' last day before his arrest and crucifixion. *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word *Mandatum* that means *Commandment*. On this night Jesus commands us to do two things. First, he commands that we love one another (John 13:34). Jesus demonstrates what it means to love by washing the disciples' feet, telling us to do likewise. Jesus also commands us to break bread together as he infuses new meaning into the Passover meal with the institution of the Lord's Supper. The Passover becomes for us not only a remembrance of the saving acts of God, but also a memorial and an assurance of Jesus' real presence with us until we sit with him again at the great banquet table in Heaven. At a traditional Maundy Thursday service, Christians are obedient in doing both of these things; we wash one another's feet and share in the Lord's Supper.

On **Good Friday** Jesus dies on the cross. It is the tradition of many Christians on this day to walk the *Way of the Cross* with Jesus, also known as the *Stations of the Cross*. Early Christians who would make their pilgrimage to Jerusalem would walk in the footsteps along the route Jesus took as he bore his cross to Calvary. When access to the Holy Land became either limited or dangerous following the Muslim conquest, churches in Europe would place "stations" along the walls of the nave of their churches commemorating the events of Jesus' journey to the Cross. Since this is a day of fasting and reflection, many Churches commemorate this day by once again reading the *Passion Story*, as had been done on Palm Sunday.

On **Holy Saturday**, according to 1 Peter 3:19, Jesus "went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison." This is known as the "Harrowing of Hell," and is remembered on this day. For Christians it is a day of prayer, waiting and expectation.

On Saturday evening Christians celebrate what is known as the **Great Vigil of Easter**. In the early centuries of the Church, Christians would gather on the eve of the Great Paschal Feast (Easter) to celebrate a Christian Passover, or Paschal Vigil. This would be done with rituals, readings, teachings, preaching, baptisms, and a vigil through the night until dawn at which time the first Eucharist of Easter would be celebrated. The Scriptures read and expounded upon through the night would recall the mighty saving acts of God, particularly the culmination of this Salvation Story in the glorious event about to happen on Easter Morning. Many parts of the Church continue to celebrate this Great Vigil of Easter in an abbreviated form, as we do.

The Day of the Lord's Resurrection, **Easter**, is the greatest celebration of the Christian year and the event to which all of Holy Week has been pointing. Easter is a celebration of the wonders of the *Paschal Mystery*, which is Jesus overcoming death and opening for us the gates to life eternal with God.



Holy Week Services

April 1	Thursday	Maundy Thurs Liturgy	7:00 pm
April 2	Friday	Stations of the Cross	Noon
		Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
		Good Friday Liturgy	7:00 pm
April 3	Saturday	Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 pm
April 4	Sunday	Easter Liturgy	10:00 am

Flowering of the Cross

Bring flowers Easter morning to flower the cross in the front of the church.



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Lay Ministries for the Sunday Eucharist

If you are unable to do the ministry as scheduled, please make arrangements with someone to take your place and inform Fr. Rob. This will relieve the clergy of having to designate someone at the last minute on Sunday mornings.

Ministry/Date	Apr 1 Maundy T	Apr 2 Good Fri	Apr 3 Easter Vigil	Apr 4 Easter	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25
Euch. Min.	Monique T	N/A	Bill B	Rosemarie	Ginger H	Nancy H	Lany H
Ushers	Tom R	Bill B	Homer H	Ed P	Wayne L	Homer H	Bill B
Presenting Bread/Wine	Pat F Terri F	N/A	Bobby and Margaret C	Mitch and Carolyn C	Bob and Margaret C	Maggie C Judy C	Carl C Ray G
Lector--OT	Judy C	Wayne L	TBD	Carl C	Richard M	Ed P	Marylin P
Lector--NT	Bobby C	Brenda B	TBD	Annette M	Tom R	Ellie G	Donna L
Prayer Team	Rosemarie Mary P	N/A	Joe W Myrle W	Ginger H Wayne L	Rosemarie Mary P	Joe W Myrle W	Ginger H Wayne L
Altar Guild [week of]	Rosemarie Jeanie	Ginger Barbara	Ginger Barbara	Marguerite Annette	Annette Myrle	Rosemarie Jeanie	Ginger Barbara
Acolyte	Ellie G	N/A	Ellie G	Kevin W	Ellie G	Kevin W	Ellie G

Do you see Easter as a good time to invite family and friends to "Come and See?"

If you are like most Christians, your answer to this question is yes, but you end up for some reason not extending invitations to friends or family to join you for either the Easter Vigil or Easter morning.

The Barna Group, a Christian polling and statistical analysis organization, did some research on why this is. They pointed out that "most Americans continue to view the Easter holiday as a religious celebration, but many of them are not clear as to the underlying reason for the occasion. Perhaps most concerning, from the standpoint of church leaders, is that even those who celebrate Easter because of the resurrection of Christ are not particularly likely to invite non-churched friends to worship, suggesting that their personal beliefs about Jesus have not yet translated into a sense of urgency for having spiritual conversations with their acquaintances."

David Kinnaman, president of the Barna Group, also pointed out that there may be a substantial gap between people's openness to inviting a non-church person to attend a church service on Easter and the likelihood of them actually extending that invitation. "Realistically, if all of the people who said they would bring unchurched people with them on Easter were to follow through, America's churches couldn't handle the overflow. The statistics project to something like 40 million church regulars who claim they are likely to bring someone as their guest. If each of those people brought just one adult as their guest, that'd be the equivalent of adding 115 new people per Christian congregation. That would more than double the size of the average church!

"But we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that so many people are at least open to the idea of offering such invitations to their friends and family. One of the challenges to pastors and other church leaders is to find out what's actually preventing them from following through on that willingness."

Sharing Our Faith Conference

Source: American Anglican Council

The American Anglican Council is presenting the "Sharing Our Faith" conference to Anglicans in the southeastern U.S. on April 30 and May 1, 2010. This evangelism conference, hosted by Holy Cross Anglican Church, Loganville, GA, will feature topics like Motivating Your Church for Evangelism, Integrating New Believers into the Church, and One-on-One Evangelism.

The two day event will coincide with the inaugural synod of the Anglican Church in North America's Diocese of the South. Members of the public are invited to attend the conference portion of the event which begins at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 30 and ends at 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 1.

If interested in attending, carpooling, and/or sharing a room for the night in Loganville, see Paula Wahl.





Picture yourself tied to a tree
 Condemned of the sins of eternity.

Then picture a spear parting the air,
 Seeking your heart to end your despair.

Suddenly- a Knight in armor white,
 Stands in the gap between you and the flight,

And shedding His armor of God for you-
 Bears the lance that runs Him through.

His heart has been pierced that yours may beat,
 And the blood of His corpse washes your feet.

Picture yourself in raiment white.
 Cleansed by the blood of the lifeless Knight.

Never to mourn the Prince who was doomed,
 For He is not lost! It is you who are found.

What is a diocese?

A diocese is a grouping of congregations committed to mutual mission, ministry and support, and under a single bishop who provides apostolic oversight and connectivity to the rest of God's holy Church.



From the Proposed Constitution and Canons of Our Newly Planned Diocese.

The Sanctity of Life, the Sanctity of Marriage, and the Gift of Family.

We commit ourselves and our ministries to upholding the Sanctity of Life, the Sanctity of Christian Marriage, and the Gift of Family, for in these things are they blessed who fear the Lord.

The Mission and Work of the Diocese.

The mission of this Diocese is to support the Congregations in extending the Kingdom of God by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that people will come to put their trust in God through Him, know Him as Savior, and serve Him as Lord in the fellowship of the Church.

It is incumbent for every lay member of the Church to become an effective minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, one who is spiritually qualified, gifted, called, and mature in the Faith.

It shall be the duty of every lay person of this Diocese to:

1. Worship every Lord's Day in a church unless reasonably prevented;
2. Engage regularly in reading and studying Holy Scripture and the doctrines of the Church;
3. Observe their baptismal vows, lead an upright and sober life, and not give scandal to the Church;
4. Present their children and those they have led to the Lord for baptism and confirmation;
5. Give regularly, with the biblical tithe as the minimum standard of giving;
6. Practice forgiveness daily according to our Lord's teaching;
7. Receive worthily the Sacrament of Holy Communion as often as reasonable;
8. Observe the feasts and fasts of the Church set forth in the Anglican formularies;
9. Continue their instruction in the Faith so as to remain an effective minister of Jesus Christ;
10. Devote themselves to the ministry of Christ among those who do not know Him.

A Vision for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2010

By Fr. Rob

Building up the youth and young adult ministries of our new parish family is a stated priority of the vestry in 2010. The Lord has given us what we need to do this, such as strong, committed, leadership in Bobby Centers and others whom He is raising up. He also has given us a wonderful place to do youth and young adult programs.

What we additionally need, however, is a vision for such a program. Let me give you mine which is well articulated in Steven Gerber's book, *The Fabric of Faithfulness* (You can find several copies in our library):

Youth ministry should give young people a place to explore both Life and Faith. In the process, it should introduce them not only to Christ, but also to what we know as the "Christian Worldview" for which our culture is intently offering young people many horrifying alternatives. Since a "worldview" is the foundation for a "way of life," our youth programs should also foster and support young people in Christ-centered living.

Additionally, youth ministry should answer questions like...

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

What do I believe about the world, and why do I believe it?

How do I understand my place in the world?

***How do I connect what I believe with the way I live,
 which will give me a "life of integrity?"***

How do I discover the right friends and mentors?

How do I immerse myself in a supportive community?

How do I passionately live for the sake of the Kingdom?

How do I continue to grow in Christ?



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Maundy T Liturgy	Good Friday Noon & 6pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Good Fri. Liturgy	Holy Saturday 10:00 to 12:15 Tutoring 10:30 am to Noon Bible Study 7:00 pm Great Vigil of Easter
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Feast of the Lord's Resurrection</i> 10:00am Easter Liturgy		6:00 pm Choir	5:45 pm Men's Group Woman's Gp 6:45 pm Fellowship supper and Bible study	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing		10:00 to 12:15 Tutoring 10:30 am to Noon Bible Study
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2 nd Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Christian Ed		6:00 pm Choir	5:45 pm Men's Group Woman's Gp 6:45 pm Fellowship supper and Bible study	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing		10:00 to 12:15 Tutoring 10:30 am to Noon Bible Study
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
3 rd Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Christian Ed		6:00 pm Choir	5:45 pm Men's Group Woman's Gp 6:45 pm Fellowship supper and Bible study	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing		10:00 to 12:15 Tutoring 10:30 am to Noon Bible Study
25	26	27	28	28	30	May 1
4 th Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Christian Ed Ingathering for the rector's discretionary fund		6:00 pm Choir	5:45 pm Men's Group Woman's Gp 6:45 pm Fellowship supper and Bible study	10:00am Eucharist & Prayers for Healing		10:00 to 12:15 Tutoring 10:30 am to Noon Bible Study