



The
Leaven

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*The newsletter of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



Dear Friends,

This is the beginning of your faith. What I mean is, everything we hope for, pray for and rejoice in finds its origins in the moment of Easter. But what I really want to bring your attention is that this moment emerges from somewhere else – in Jesus' journey as he moves inexorably towards Jerusalem, through deserts and warnings and threats and women anointing his body for death in advance because everybody knows what's coming.

Up to a point. Everybody knows what's coming, up to a point. As we head towards Easter through all the terrible circumstances of this year, praying for the victims of war and COVID, I invite you to have this same mindset, a determined intention to move towards Jerusalem, towards God. Then you will remember this Easter at St. Paul's for years to come. Why? Because it is nothing less than the pivotal day of your life. You should expect Easter to be transformational. Christ's story is your story. Every aspiration you have, for yourself and those you love, aspirations of faith, hope, love, truth, and healing, renewal, rebirth is centered in this moment, in the company of your God and people who love you.

*Your friend in Christ,
Michael*

Passion. Betrayal.
Redemption.

Now playing at a church near you.

Easter means more here.



The Episcopal Church

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Altar Guild Training: 4/9 10am	Readers	Eucharistic Minister
Apr. 10	Betty	Carol Maggie	Scott & ____
Apr. 17	Steve	Julie Jody	Julianna & ____
Apr. 24	Julie	Jeannie Shari	Mary O. & ____
May 1	Myrtle	Emily Deanna	Kris & ____
May 8	Maria	Chrissy Judy	Paul O. & ____
May 15	Gary	Gary Terri	Mary L & ____
May 22	Jenni	Leanne Andy	Scott & ____
May 29	Blessing/Jenifer	Kathy Jenni	Julianna & ____

If your name is on the schedule, it is because you earlier volunteered for that duty. If you can't serve on that date, please find a substitute. If you no longer wish to serve in this capacity, please let Kris know.

Altar Guild Training: 4/9/22 at 10 a.m. at church

COFFEE COMMITTEES

Enjoy treats after the service? Then please consider helping on a Sunday! Sign-up sheets are in Upper Tanner or talk to Judy Erck or Terri Hottmann.

CLEANING

Help cleaning the church is always needed and welcomed. You don't have to do it all! Drew has written a list of tasks. You can pick up a copy of the tasks and instructions on the volunteer table in Upper Tanner. Or just ask Drew!

BE PART OF HOLY WEEK

April 10 – Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Worship begins with a procession carrying palm branches and singing as they did when Jesus rode into Jerusalem.

April 14 – Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.

A family supper and Eucharistic meal as we remember the first Last Supper. Everyone is welcome and the lamb, beef, and vegetarian stews are delicious. Please call or email to register.

April 15 – Good Friday

Afternoon online and 6:30 p.m. in person

A simple service recalling the events of this dark day.

April 16 – Saturday Easter Vigil

Evening online

The oldest and most joyful of all the liturgies of the church.

Beginning in darkness, we tell ancient stories of salvation, moving to the first Easter light and “Alleluia!”

April 17 – Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m.

The Day of Resurrection -- Festival Holy Eucharist.



HAND BELLS

With the closing of First Baptist we had an opportunity to purchase a set of four-octave hand bells. We are looking to start a handbell choir and may even test some ringing on Easter! Let Kathy know if you are interested in participating.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship committee is now accepting applications. To apply, please write a letter explaining what being a part of the St. Paul's family has meant to you. That's it! You can email your letter to stpaulsowatonna@gmail.com, or give it to Myrtle or Fr. Michael. Scholarships will be handed out in early June.

CHOIR STARTING AGAIN

If you would like to participate in choir, please see Kathy. If we have enough interest, we may try to have something ready for Easter.

COMMUNION CUPS

We are once again serving wine at communion. To keep everyone healthy, we have made dozens of small, personal communion cups. The cup is yours to keep. Please take it home, wash it, and bring it with you to church each Sunday. But never fear—if you should forget yours, or if you have guests, we will have paper cups available. If you haven't chosen a cup yet, there are still some available.



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