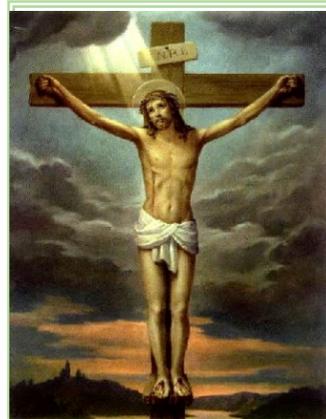


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Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter is my favorite time of the church's year. It brings before us the heart of the Christian Gospel. Through the course of the week we read the four Passion narratives, beginning with Matthew on Palm Sunday and ending with John on Good Friday. We see our humanity in all its forms throughout the gospel readings, from the cheering crowds who greet Jesus on his triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, to the mob assembled before Pilate demanding that Jesus be crucified. We are there in the impetuous bravado of Peter, who says he is "ready to go both into prison and to death" with Jesus, and we are there with Peter hours later when, out of fear, three times he denies any knowledge of his Lord. We are there with Pilate who, despite his own convictions and his wife's premonition, gives into the cry of the mob and for "political expediency" sentences Jesus to execution. We can see ourselves in the soldiers who jeer and taunt, the disciples who flee, the women who in tears follow Jesus on the Via Delarosa to Golgotha, and the two thieves who die on either side of him. We are there with Mary and John as they stand at the foot of the cross and watch life slowly ebb from the one they love. It is important that we understand ourselves, our fallen and sinful humanity, present in all that takes place.

It is also very important that we see ourselves in our Lord Jesus in all that he endures and in all that he suffers. Jesus, our Lord, the Son of God, is perfectly divine and perfectly human, and so we are there in him, in his humanity, in the garden of Gethsemane, in his passion and temptation. We are with him as he carries the cross, is nailed to it, and hangs upon it dying. We see ourselves in him for it is *for us*, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus offers himself as the complete and perfect sacrifice for the sins of you and me and of all mankind.

As St. Paul writes, in this incredible offering of our Lord himself, Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled and "death is swallowed up in victory."

Please observe this solemn time as the church intends. Do your best to attend the services of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Read and meditate on the appointed readings of the Passion, and in it all behold the love of God for you, the gift of "life and immortality" in our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Fr. Bright

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Knox, Jamie Lathrop, Dan Stuart, Mary Fitzsimons,
Bill Fix, Jayne Henline, Caleb Hill, Andy Sullivan

All Souls' Committee & Group Meetings

Altar Guild - 3rd Tuesday, 10:30am-Gallery
Bible Study-Fr. Petley, Tuesday mornings 7 - 7:45am -Library
Bible Study -Bishop MacPherson, Wednesday mornings 11am -Parish Hall
Bread of Life Study - Every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of each month, 6pm Parish Hall
Brotherhood of St. Andrew - 2nd Saturday at 8:30am - Chapel/Parish Hall
Daughters of the King - First Wednesday at 6-7pm - South Lounge
ECW - Board Mtg, Tuesday, April 11, noon - PH
Grief Share Group Support - Every Wednesday at 4pm - South Lounge
Guild of St. George - Board Mtg. Third Wednesday at 5:30pm - Library
Ladies Morning Bible Study - Every Thursday at 9:30am-South Lounge
Senior Group - April 9, Longhorn Steakhouse, 2521 W. Memorial after 11am service
St. Anne's Guild - 4th Tuesday at 11:45 - Parish Hall
St. Paul's Guild - 2nd Tuesday at 5:30pm - South Lounge
Stephen Ministry - First and Third Tuesday at 6:15pm - Parish Hall

Guild of St. George
Food of the Month

March
Peanut Butter
April
Cereal of all types

In addition to food items, donations of full size toiletry items such as bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant are needed.

CHURCH OFFICE

Good Friday, April 14th
Easter Monday, April 17th
Memorial Day, May 29th



We are less than three months away from:
"Hero Central Vacation Bible School"!!!

Come join us **June 5th – 9th from 9:30-12:00 noon**, at the Christian Family Life Center (potty-trained 4-year-olds through 6th graders AND volunteers!!)

ON-LINE registration begins March 31st at: www.cokesburyvbs.com/allsoulepisopalokc!

We have numerous volunteer opportunities, both before and during VBS and would *welcome* your assistance! You needn't have a child or grandchild participating in order to volunteer (*current "Safeguarding God's Children" certification required). Nursery care will be provided for younger children of VBS volunteers during VBS week!

For more information, please contact Erin Heely (theHeelys@gmail.com); Susan Borgan (susanborgana@gmail.com); or Alicia Fay (alfay@allsoulsokc.com). **Power up!**

****"Safeguarding" training will be offered twice prior to VBS; there will be an on-line option for re-certification.**



Stephen Ministry

*A Ministry of Christ Caring
for People through People*

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with any of our clergy or with one of our Stephen Leaders: Newt Brown, Vicki Reynolds, Jim Case, Jeanne Jackson, or Dean Jackson.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

iPhone Class Whether it's your first iPhone or your seventh, this group is a great way to learn about new features and pick up helpful tips and tricks.

Next meeting is March 28, 2017, 10:00 am, in the Kennedy Parlor. Bring your phone, your questions and your Apple ID and password so you can join us as we download apps, edit photos, use the calendar, learn about Siri and maps, and more! Watch the church bulletin, and join our email list to make sure you don't miss a single class!

We also need people who are good with the iPhone and like to teach others how to use theirs. If you are willing to serve as a "helper" during the sessions, please let us know!

Questions? Contact Lucy Covington or Pam Troup.

Holy Week Schedule

April 9th Palm Sunday Liturgies

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Holy Communion
 11:00am Holy Communion
 5:00pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

April 10th Holy Monday

8:30am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

April 11th Holy Tuesday

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
 5:30pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

April 12th Holy Wednesday

7:00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
 8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
 10:00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
 5:30pm Holy Communion (Chapel)

April 13th Maundy Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
 5:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
 7:00pm Stripping of the Altar
 With Holy Communion
(nursery provided)
 8:00pm The Watch (Chapel)

April 14th Good Friday *(Office Closed)*

8:30am Morning Prayer *(Chapel)*
 12:00pm Liturgy with Homily
(nursery provided)
 5:30pm Children's Stations of
 the Cross
(nursery provided)
 7:00pm A Meditation on the Passion of
 Christ
(nursery provided)

April 15th The Great Vigil of Easter

5:30pm Holy Communion and
 Baptisms
 with choir and brass
(nursery provided)

April 16th Easter Day

7:30am Holy Communion
 with organ and brass
 9:15am Holy Communion
 with Choir, Brass and strings

**Easter Egg Hunt
 Christian Family Life Center
 Immediately following the 9:15am service**

11:00am Holy Communion
 with Choir, Brass and strings

*All services are held in the Church unless noted
 as being in the Chapel.*

Evensong

Sunday, April 2nd

5:00 p.m.

Chapel

Join us for a reception in
the Parish Hall hosted by
ECW.

See you there!



St. Anne's Guild

On Tuesday, February 28, St. Anne's Guild celebrated the last day of Mardi Gras with good food (including King cake) and Fr. Mac. It was a pleasure to hear him discuss Lent, its meaning & practices.

Tuesday, March 28, we'll meet as usual at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Terry Prather. This time it's a real luncheon, not potluck. Cost is \$7. If you are not on our calling list and would like to attend, please call the church office to let us know.

IN MEMORY

Bert "Bill" Beals 11-27-16

Nathaniel Bert Smith 12-14-16

David L. McBride 12-30-16

John L. Baumert 1-29-17

Patty Casteel 1-31-17

Cindy Jean Walters 1-10-17

Robert Glenn Small 2-5-17

Joan Ellen Engel 2-6-17

James "Jay" Lea 2-19-17



Spiritual Gifts Inventory is available now. The link can be found at:

allsoulsokc.com

**Please take it online by
March 31st
Results will be available on
Sunday, April 30th!**

Weddings

*Victoria Taylor
&
Matthew Gelnar
January 7, 2017*

*Monica Leigh Malone
&
Danny Lee Jackson
January 12, 2017*

Stations of the Cross

The service of Stations of the Cross are conducted at noon and 5:30 p.m. every Friday of Lent.

Good Friday, April 14th, 12 noon
Liturgy/Holy Communion with Homily and Adult Choir, nursery provided.
At 5:30 there will be Children's Stations in the Church with nursery.

Please attend and make this special celebration part of your Lenten activities.



**The Episcopal
Church Women**

Join the ECW Tuesday May 2nd to feed your body with a delicious lunch and your soul with words from our own Father Mac!

We will begin at noon and finish no later than 1:30. Bring a friend!



Baptisms

Hayden Michael Mays 12-17-16

Lydia Jane Carr 1-1-17

Soren James Kastner 12-3-17

Berit Coco Thompson 1-15-17

Cecelia Elizabeth Scarlet Morgan 2-26-17



Whew...we just literally returned minutes ago from Crested Butte and are weary from the bus ride but it was a fantastic trip! Everything went extremely smooth this year and I'm happy to report there were no serious injuries...I'm sure there were some bumps and bruises though!

I'm excited that we had some new families go with us this year. Their comments about the trip were short and sweet..."Awesome" and "What an amazing trip...everything was fantastic"! I know I say this every year...but this was most likely THE BEST TRIP EVER!

Let me share something that brought a great deal of joy to our group as some of us were visiting with Mike Di Leo, the owner of Ski Daddy, the company I work with in setting up our trips over Spring Break. Mike shared about a Mission Project he started called "Princess Project". Princess Project is a non-profit organization bringing hope, healing, and freedom to hurting girls. They serve females 14 years and younger, who are trapped in cycle of victimization in Southern Sierra Leone, Africa. Their hope is to change a child's path with Christ-centered mentoring, counseling, tutoring and skills training. Mike started Princess Project in 2014 and for every year since that we have arranged our ski trips thru Ski Daddy we have helped with Princess Project and its mission. None of the cost of our ski trip goes directly to Princess Project...but Mike is a faithful steward and as the owner of Ski Daddy and its success he sows back into something he feels called to...and we are part of that! He shared a picture of a van for the Princess Project in Sierra Leone and told our group that we helped make that happen. I must confess that I had no idea Mike started Princess Project...but this was icing on the cake for working with him on future trips. It really is a win, win for everyone. I'm blessed in getting to know Mike more...he has a heart for our Lord and to serve Him!

Check our www.PrincessProject.com to learn more.

~Terry Prather

Children's Education News

"Now is the time for the color purple...purple is the color of kings. We are preparing for the coming of a king, and his going, and his coming again. We are preparing for the Mystery of Easter.... This is a serious time...it is a time to learn more about the One who is Easter. It is also a time to learn more about who *we* really are.... The One who is coming is very important, like a king...Jesus grew up to be a man and died on the cross. That is sad, but it is also wonderful. Jesus died on the cross, but somehow he is still with us. That is why Easter is not just sad. It is also wonderful. Lent is sad... *Easter is pure celebration*. Easter turns everything inside out and upside down. The color of getting ready (purple) becomes the color of pure celebration (white). The sad seriousness and happiness join together to make joy. You can't keep Easter in just one Sunday; it goes on for seven weeks! All the way to Pentecost." (Excerpt from "Godly Play" lesson "The Mystery of Easter").



"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2

Please note that children in grades 1st through 6th will remain in church for the entire Easter service. The Easter egg hunt will be held at the Christian Family Life Center following the 9:15 a.m. service. Look for additional information within this newsletter.

~Alicia Fay

LIBRARY NEWS

As I have written previously, the library continues to be a work in progress with ongoing "tweaks" to organization and inventory. A reminder, the library is organized by categories with a folder on the check out table listing the major category headings and sub-headings. Shelves are labeled to assist you in finding categories. Checkout and return instructions are posted on the table on the north wall by the door.

We have had several donations of books to the library recently and we appreciate them. Sometimes, however, we have more copies of a particular title than we can keep on the shelves. In those cases, we will put the books on the "Free Book" table outside the parish hall. Please feel free to take these.

Below are some new additions to the Parish Library:

Anglican/Episcopal: Eucharistic Celebration 1789-1979 - Byron D. Stuhlman

Biblical Interpretation: God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible- Vaughn Roberts

Biography: Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well- Billy Graham Sabbatical Journey: The Diary of His Final Year- Henri J.M. Nouwen

Christian Living: The Journey: How to Live By Faith in an Uncertain World – Billy Graham

Denominations: Lutheranism in America – Abdel Ross Wentz

Prayer: The Oxford Book of Prayer- George Appleton, ed.

If you have questions or suggestions concerning the library or books you wish to donate to the library, please contact Phillip Parker at phillip1552@msn.com.