



SAINTS ALIVE!

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The Year of the Story: The Climax by The Rev. Marian Fortner, Priest-in-Charge

And as the eleventh hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, where the children, carrying branches and palms, met the Lord, saying: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, and the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives, and thus the bishop is escorted in the same manner as the Lord was of old.

These words were written by Egeria, a woman traveling in Palestine in the late fourth century, who experiences the fullness of Holy Week in Jerusalem. She describes the journey with great detail, painting a picture of young and old moving slowly through the streets, breaking only briefly to rest and eat, until together they experience the dawn of the resurrected Christ again in their lives. It is in part because of her writings then, that we have the Holy Week liturgy today.

Inside this cover you will find the rich offerings of Holy



Week at All Saints' beginning on April 4 with the Liturgy of the Palms, continuing each day through the Easter Vigil on April 11, then followed by the Great 50 Days of Easter beginning with the 7:00am Easter service in the Close. If you have been walking the way of Lent, then you will surely want to walk the way of the cross during Holy Week, especially this year, as we offer Bach's magnificent rendering

of the St. Matthew Passion on Good Friday.

We will be joined on Good Friday by our Bishop, The Right Reverend Kirk Smith, who will lead us in the Stations of the Cross at noon. We will also welcome The Rev. Timothy Dombek, Canon to the Ordinary, who will be joining us throughout Holy Week and participating in our services. A trained and gifted storyteller, Canon Dombek will tell the Gospel resurrection story and preach at the Easter Vigil in the Memorial Garden in keeping with our narrative tradition of the Vigil.

Thus, I encourage you, like Egeria, to make your Holy Week pilgrimage through the fullness of the liturgy offered on the holy grounds of All Saints'. Each day is prelude for the next, each liturgy telling a piece of the story, our story. Come, bring your friends, bring your family, bring your children, as they did in the days of Egeria.

Between services, be sure to eat, rest, and, if you share this in common with Egeria, journal your way through the week. Who knows who might read your observations in another generation and be inspired.

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Palm Sunday

All Saints' celebrates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and the subsequent Passion as traditionally celebrated on this first day of Holy Week.

There will be NO adult education or Sunday School this day.

Palm Sunday Activities for Children and Families:

9am in the Day School Pavilion

Make craft projects with the family to commemorate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. All are welcome!

Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday & Holy Wednesday

Evening Prayer at 5:30pm is expanded to include Holy Eucharist following with the readings and prayers set up for each day of Holy Week. Wednesday's **7am and 10am** will also be focused on the Holy Wednesday liturgy in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents. These two services include healing prayers and anointing with holy oil.

Maundy Thursday

On this day, the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper which Christ gave the Church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering, we are sent to continue these actions in daily life; to serve those in need, to offer mercy, and to feed the hungry.

The first liturgy of the Paschal Triduum (The Great Three Days) has no ending: it continues with the worship of Good Friday, and concludes with the Vigil of Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

There will be a **Holy Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. The 7pm service on Thursday evening** will include the symbolic ritual of foot-washing, Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar.

Following the stripping of the altar, the sacrament reserved from tonight's Eucharist will be taken by the clergy to the Chapel of the Holy Innocents where it will remain through the night. The Watch in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents will be observed for two hours following this service. It will begin with a reading of the account of the Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:30-46), followed by silent prayers and reflection. Those gathered may leave quietly at any time.

Good Friday

All Saints' remembers this special day in the Christian calendar beginning with the **Stations of the Cross at 12noon.** Bishop Kirk Smith will be the Officiant for our traditional liturgy.

Next, starting at **12:30pm**, the time that Jesus spent on the Cross at Golgotha, you are invited to experience the magnificent grand finale of the American Bach Ensemble at All Saints' as they present their choral devotional: J. S. Bach's Passion according to Saint Matthew. Conducted by Scott Youngs.

J. S. Bach's Passion

According to St. Matthew

makes a wonderful concert piece, as shown by the Phoenix Symphony some years ago. However, its true impact comes from its return to the Good Friday Liturgy as it will be this year at All Saints'. Bach, with his power and gigantic scope, designed this work for his congregation in Leipzig, at St. Thomas church. There is nothing like hearing it in a setting for which it was written. The double choir and orchestra format places the congregation in the center of the drama.

When American Bach joins with the Choirs of All Saints', the orchestra will include a group of notable violinists in Phoenix. The past concertmaster of the symphony, Borivoj Martinic-Jercic returns to Phoenix and joins his wife Magdalena Martinic-Jercic, who was the acting concertmaster, and the new concertmaster Steven Moeckel. All three in were so interested in the performance that they all asked to play.

This presentation as the Good Friday Liturgy is the culmination of seven years of Bach at All Saints' with more than forty of his church cantatas having been performed. The ensemble, American Bach, has become a fixture in the music scene in Phoenix, and will now continue as the Arizona Bach Festival, being launched in January of 2010.

At **7pm Good Friday evening**, a very moving service of the traditional Good Friday Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer in the Chapel. This is not a Eucharistic service.

Easter Eve

The Great Vigil of Easter is a most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and in prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death. The service begins with the lighting of the Pascal Fire and remembrance of our sacred history through the telling of the sacred stories. This is a traditional night in the Church for the sacrament of Baptism and as such, we will celebrate the Baptism of new lives into our community, as well as the first light of Easter and the Holy Eucharist. **In the Memorial Garden (outside of Manning Hall) at 7pm.**

Easter Day

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! And a glorious day it is! Celebrate the Resurrection at all 4 of our Easter Day Holy Eucharist services:

7am in the Close Garden

9am in the Church

9am Easter-in-the-Round in the Day School Pavilion

11am in the Church with incense

The making of the **flowering cross** will start at 8am outside Manning Hall so please bring your home-grown flowers. The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** for 4th grade and younger will follow the 9am services. We look forward to seeing you at all of these traditional All Saints' events.

HOLY WEEK AT ALL SAINTS'

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5

Regular Service Schedule
[Saturday 5:00pm Holy Eucharist]

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist in the
Church

10am Church-in-the-Round
beginning in the Day School Pavilion,
moving to the Memorial Garden
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Regular child care this day

HOLY MONDAY

APRIL 6

5:30pm Evening Prayer
with Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

HOLY TUESDAY

APRIL 7

5:30pm Evening Prayer
with Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

HOLY WEDNESDAY

APRIL 8

7:00am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:00am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30pm Evening Prayer
with Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9

10:00am Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
7:00pm Holy Eucharist, Foot washing
and Stripping of the Altar (Church)
8:00 - 10:00pm The Watch (Chapel)

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10

12:00pm Stations of the Cross
(Church)
12:30pm Bach:
The St. Matthew Passion (Church)
7:00pm The Liturgy of
Good Friday (Chapel)



EASTER EVE

APRIL 11

7:00pm The Great Vigil
with Holy Baptism and Eucharist
(Memorial Garden)

EASTER DAY AT ALL SAINTS'

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

7:00am Outdoor Easter Eucharist in the Garden (Close)
9:00am Outdoor "Easter-in-the-Round" Eucharist
(Day School Pavilion)
9:00am Easter Eucharist (Church)
11:00am Easter Eucharist *with incense* (Church)

Child care available at the Easter Day 9 and 11am services

*If, by reason of illness or infirmity, you would like to receive your
Easter season Communion at home, in the hospital, or
in a nursing care facility; please notify the Church Office.
This is one of the joys of our Pastoral Care Ministry
and we welcome your call!*

**Your generosity in the Easter offering is very much appreciated.
Thank You!**





*It's Warm & Fuzzy!
Hunter's Run (Culver and
Nancy White pictured
below with the Bunny) is
a great way for fellowship
and outreach to flourish!*



Hunter's Runners

The 8th Annual Hunter White Memorial Run will take place on **Saturday, April 11, at 8:30am starting in the All Saints' North Parking Lot.** The run includes a 5K, 1 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk and a Toddler Trot. Hunter (an All Saints' parishioner) was a student at the University of Arizona when he was killed in a car accident during Spring Break at the age of 19. Proceeds benefit the Hunter White Memorial Fund and the Hunter White Health Advocacy Program. The race will begin and finish at All Saints'. Register online at www.active.com or download a brochure at www.huntersrunners.com.

Savoir Faire "We Gather Together"

People of middle age and better who love to chat and eat! Age is not an issue, but fun is!

Our Easter Gathering will be **Palm Sunday Evening April 5 at 5:30pm** in St. Barbara I and II. Jan Miller and Ron Dow are hosts. A-F please bring appetizer or dessert, G-M main dish, and N-Z salad. Libations and warm welcomes provided. Don't forget non-perishable

food items for our Savoir Faire Interfaith Cooperative Ministries Basket. April 5 is All Saints' ICM Sunday, so please bring food to your service of choice and Savoir Faire.

SAGES

A social and educational group for older men and women who are "young at heart."

Wednesday, April 8 is the next gathering for SAGES: 10am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel (celebrating Holy Wednesday), 10:45am Bible Discussion in St. Barbara I, and 12noon in Manning Hall for our Easter Feast. The program for the day will feature the clergy of All Saints' and answering the question: "Why did we become clerics?" Another SAGES memory awaits.

There are still a few places left for the SAGES Wickenburg Adventure on **Thursday, April 23.** The day trip includes stops at the Hassayampa River Preserve, the Desert Caballeros Museum and lunch at Rancho de los Caballeros. The cost is \$56. The bus will leave the North Parking Lot at 8am and return around 5pm. Reservations and payment are need by April 8. Call the Church Office to reserve your spot for this fun adventure.

A GREATER LOVE FOR THE WORLD



Parishioner and Senior Choir Member, Doug Thomas working on a home in Guatemala for Habitat for Humanity. He not only makes a great cantor on Sundays, but a bricklayer and all-around handyman. The photo was taken by Larry Soller, who also was on this work trip.



For more info on outreach projects, see our weekly bulletin insert, our website at www.allsaints.org, and check out our next Saints' Alive! coming for Easter/Pentecost 2009. And of course, you can always call the Church Office at 602-279-5539.