

# The Harriet Chapel

## Chimes



May 2024

The liturgical season of Easter is upon us as well as the beautiful spring weather of this time of year. It is a beautiful thing in how they go together. Springtime in this area is beautiful. It is far less so up north where this time of year is often referred to as the “mud season.” The snow has melted, and the frost is gone from the ground leaving behind mud, and lots of it. It is so nice to be living here in the springtime.

Our common lives here at Harriet Chapel follow merrily along framed by our worship in this season of Easter. Easter is that time between the celebration of the Resurrection and the celebration of Pentecost. It is 50 days long, 50 days which parallel the Jewish celebrations of Pesach and Shavout (pronounced “shavou”). Pesach, better known as Passover is the celebration of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and Shavout is the celebration of the receiving of The Law, The Torah. The term Torah refers to the first 5 books of the Bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. Shavout is also referred to as Pentecost (50 days) which was the celebration being attended by so many people when the Christian experience of Pentecost, a rushing wind, flames as of fire resting on the heads of the disciples, and all the people from many different places speaking in their own languages were somehow able to understand each other. We will celebrate Pentecost on May 19 this year.

It is essential that we worship together, follow the liturgical seasons of the year and the lectionary of appointed biblical readings which accompany those liturgical seasons. It is from them that we learn about Jesus and his life, his message, his saving death and resurrection. However, there is more that we could be doing to increase our knowledge, understanding and experience of our faith in our time. There are many contemporary authors writing on various topics from varying perspectives. Some of these authors are excellent, some far less so and some dangerous. How do we know who is good and who isn't and where can someone begin to learn who is who?

Allow me to suggest an author whom I find to be the best. She is my favorite and she is Barbar Brown Taylor. Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest, a retired professor, and of course an author. In 2014 according to Time Magazine she was listed as being amongst the 100 most influential people in the world. Her books are flawlessly written, easy to read, humorous, and incredibly inciteful. I love reading her work.

A book of hers that I would recommend is, “An Altar in the World.” The book is about the sacredness of everyday things, everyday encounters, and everyday people. It opens our (or at least my) eyes to see the beauty, the specialness, the grace and love in the most

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common encounters, the most common things we do, the most common things that we experience in our lives. It puts a smile on the faces of those who read it.

She has of course written many other books like, “Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others”, and “Always a Guest,” (to name 2) written about her travels... “What I value most about speaking about faith far from home is that I have to travel light. I don’t know my hosts well. There are so many ways of being Christian that I don’t even know for sure how the worship service will go. I certainly don’t know who the pillars of the church are, or the troublemakers, or what kind of week that have all had. I don’t know what turns a stranger’s speech into a sermon for them. I don’t know what they depend on it to do. All of these uncertainties unpack my bags until there are only a few things left: a sacred text, a trust in the Spirit, an experience of being human, and the desire to bear good news.”....from the Introduction.

Perhaps someday we can form a reading group and read these and other books together.

Fr. Doug

### **Current Vestry Members:**

Mary Allison, Marcia Bell, Edna and Joe Ferraro, Joshua Gervais, Kathryn Hauser, Karen Patterson, Susie Robinson, Debbie Sweeney

### **Current Church Officers:**

Senior Warden: David Sweeney

Junior Warden: Joe Ferraro

Treasurer: Heather Clabaugh

Secretary: Karen Patterson



### **Current Clergy Serving Harriet Chapel:**

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton

Bishop Coadjutor: The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Priests: The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

The Rev. Sally Joyner Giffin





# Celebrations

## Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> – Marcia Bell

3<sup>rd</sup> – Gary Bell

8<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Sweeney

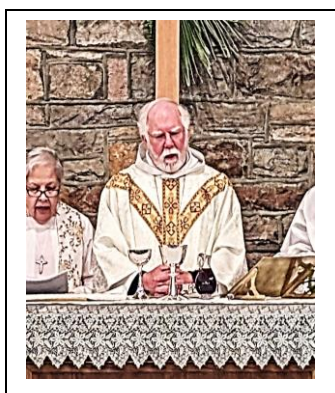
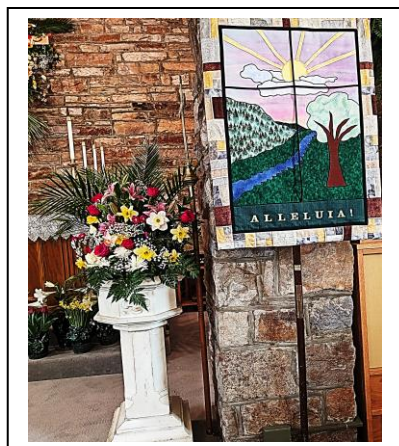
19<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Kay Bolin  
Mary Beck Niederklein

31<sup>st</sup> – Little Wayne Smith (Judy's grandson)

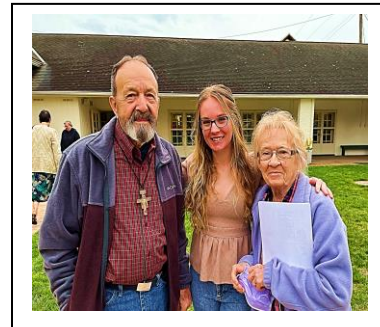
## Anniversaries:

8<sup>th</sup> – Betty and Bob Gray

27<sup>th</sup> – Nancy and Jerry Anderson



DATE 2024	GREETERS	LAY READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	ALTAR GUILD
MAY				
5th	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Beth Smith Kathryn Hauser	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Joann Miller
12th	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Mary Allison
19th	Susan and Jim Rauth	Stephen Hess Judy S. Smith	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
26th	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Donna Clabaugh Karen Patterson	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Danny Harman
JUNE				
2nd	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Mimi McReal Beth Smith	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Joann Miller
9th	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Kathryn Hauser Susan Rauth	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Mary Allison
16th	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Thomas McReal Fran Hennessy	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
23rd	Susan and Jim Rauth	Stephen Hess Pat Plum	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Danny Harman
30th	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Judy S. Smith Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Thomas McReal	David Sweeney Joann Miller



## A FEW NOTES FROM THE APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> VESTY MEETING:

Fr. Doug opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Marcia Bell led devotions.

+Treasurer's rpt: Nothing out of the ordinary. Fr. Doug noticed that our electric bill was much higher than it had been.

+Rector's rpt:

\*Review of Holy Week: positive results on both our part and LWICC. Potential for future joint services.

\*Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Marcia seems to have everything in control. Pastor Sally volunteered to handle the ice breaker activities.

\*AA celebration: to celebrate their 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary HERE at Harriet Chapel, they are hosting a potluck on Tuesday, April 23. Pastor Sally is going to make a banner for them, as a token of appreciation for their number of years shared with HC.

\*Pentecost: is May 19<sup>th</sup>, the second day of the Catoctin Furnace Iron Festival. Since there seemed to be no problem last year, it was decided to hold our usual service at our usual time, 9 a.m. LWICC have decided to make their weekly service a home service. No problem. Pastor Sally has issued an invitation to LWICC to join us for another joint service, she hasn't received any word from them at this time.

\*Catoctin Furnace Iron Festival: May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Marcia Bell attended the latest planning meeting. The committee know we will be selling food and baked goods and that there will be planned activities for the children. Marcia asked if the committee would make sure to change the location of the port-a-potty/bathrooms on the map which is given to all guests. Last year, all the visitors were directed to HC for bathroom use. Marcia was informed that the event committee is arranging for a port-a-potty and a handwashing station to be placed at the end of our parking lot. Children activities are being planned by Edna Ferraro and Karen Patterson. Information for the selling/handling of baked goods for our bake table can be found in this edition of the newsletter and also in the weekly bulletin.

\*Annual Picnic: will be held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, LWICC have been invited to join us. More information as date gets closer.

\*LWICC have reached out to us about the possibility of changing their worship time from 1:30 to 11:30. It was discussed, and it was decided that they can move their worship to noon. This will allow us to continue fellowship.

+Senior Warden's rpt: thanked everyone for the beautiful and wonderful job that was done by all for ready the sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter.

+Junior Warden's rpt: Joe thanked Joann and David for going over the annual maintenance duties for the building and grounds. Also, all the Easter flowers have been transplanted around the church and memorial garden.

**+Search Committee rpt: please refer to the enclosed report by Karen Patterson.**

+Christian Formation rpt: Fr. Doug will continue his lessons on the book of Acts during Lent. Paster Sally is working on a retreat being offered by a member of LWICC, nothing has been set in stone, at this time we are looking at a 4-hour retreat to take place in the fall.

+Evangelism rpt: Marcia Bell reported that due to a printing error in April's edition of the Catoctin Banner, we will not be charged for May. Joshua Gervais is busy keeping the website up to date. By now everyone should have received a hard copy of our most recent church directory. As corrections occur, they will be forwarded to everyone in the church. If you haven't received a directory, please contact Susie Robinson.

+Fund Raising rpt: Marcia Bell reported that we have the following events to piggyback on: the Catoctin Furnace Iron Festival – May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Juneteenth – June 19<sup>th</sup>, and The Fourth in the Furnace – July 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>.



+Fellowship/Hospitality rpt: Marcia Bell did some research into our need or no need for a licensed kitchen. If we leave our license expired, we would not be able to get another license without some major updates to our kitchen. So it was decided that we will continue to renew our license each year. \*Note: we pass inspections now because we were grandfathered into the system when the new regulations went into effect. Marcia has also set up a tax-free Amazon business account. This account will be used for the replenishment of kitchen items.

+Outreach rpt: Karen Patterson reported on their first meeting which was held on Saturday, April 13th. Attending was: Pat Plum, Fran Hennessy, Edna Ferraro, Susie Robinson, Karen Patterson. Many ideas were discussed. Our next planned meeting is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

+Worship rpt: Pastor Sally and Fr. Doug went over their plans.

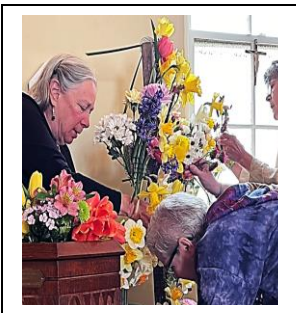
+Docent rpt: Mary Allison and Susie Robinson gave a tour for a group from Homewood Home. The folks were very interested in what we had to say. For a few members, this was not their first tour and quite a few said they would be back. We were also challenged with a few questions: ***Why don't Episcopal churches have stained-glass windows?*** And ***What is the significance of the eagle in our stained-glass windows?*** \*We went in search of answers, which can be found towards the back of this newsletter. Kathryn Hauser announced that she is giving a tour on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

+Pastoral Care rpt: our LEVs are stilling taking communion to our shut-ins.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. Edna Ferraro will lead the devotions.

Fr. Doug closed with a blessing after the Lord's Prayer was spoken.

*+Please note that I made a mistake in April's newsletter in the Vestry Notes: at the top of page 4, where it reads 'Future of the Parish Committee' is wrong! It should be 'Search Committee'.*



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Dearest Jesus,  
teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to love and serve You as You deserve,  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds,  
To toil and not to seek for rest  
To labour and to look for no reward,  
Except that of knowing that I do Your Holy Will.

Amen



Prayer of St. Ignatius

**CATOCTIN EPISCOPAL PARISH  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

PREPARED BY: HEATHER JO CLABAUGH  
April 14, 2024

**MARCH 2024**

<u>INCOME</u>	Month	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget	Total Budget
PLEDGE	7,486.36	23,136.36	16,670.00	66,680.00
PLATE	160.00	413.17	1,125.00	4,500.00
EVENT REVENUE	340.00	2,598.00	4,750.00	19,000.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	1,210.00	1,251.00	700.00	2,800.00
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	62.50	250.00
OUTREACH	137.00	137.00	50.00	200.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9,333.36</b>	<b>27,535.53</b>	<b>23,357.50</b>	<b>93,430.00</b>
NON-BUDGET INCOME	277.00	17,779.16	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,610.36</b>	<b>45,314.69</b>	<b>23,357.50</b>	<b>93,430.00</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
DIOCESAN PLEDGE	1,134.00	3,402.00	3,402.50	13,610.00
RECTOR SALARY	2,149.37	6,298.74	6,750.00	27,000.00
RECTOR BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL	4,198.09	8,527.28	7,650.00	30,600.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	981.19	981.19	875.00	3,500.00
ADMINISTRATION	100.00	993.98	1,500.00	6,000.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	504.56	928.28	1,437.50	5,750.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	1,773.75	4,548.92	3,338.50	13,354.00
INSURANCE	891.00	891.00	965.75	3,863.00
EVENT EXPENSE	207.86	207.86	562.50	2,250.00
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE	0.00	130.00	62.50	250.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	475.97	980.52	975.00	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	100.00	400.00
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	125.00	500.00
EVANGELISM	90.00	404.60	375.00	1,500.00
SUPPLY CLERGY	0.00	0.00	312.50	1,250.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>12,505.79</b>	<b>28,294.37</b>	<b>28,431.75</b>	<b>113,727.00</b>
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES	146.00	456.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,651.79</b>	<b>28,750.37</b>	<b>28,431.75</b>	<b>113,727.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-3,041.43</b>	<b>16,564.32</b>	<b>-5,074.25</b>	<b>-20,297.00</b>
CHECKING ACCT BALANCE (Woodsboro)	16,564.32			
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	14,117.01			
STIFEL NICOLAUS STOCK ACCOUNT	546,401.61			
MONTH-TO-MONTH CHANGE	23,011.70			
ANNUAL CHANGE FROM 12/31/2023	32,898.48			
2024 WITHDRAWS	-			

AS OF 03/31/2024



# LITANY OF PEACE

God, so many people are in pain.

***Teach us the way to peace.***

When people around us don't agree and think differently,

***Teach us to listen and try to understand.***

When we see people getting hurt,

***Teach us to speak up.***

When we see people treated poorly because of their skin color, or language, or religious belief,

***Teach us to be an example of love and acceptance.***

When we see war and conflict,

***Teach us how to make a difference and seek peace.***

When we see pain,

***Teach us to bring healing,***

When we feel confused and afraid,

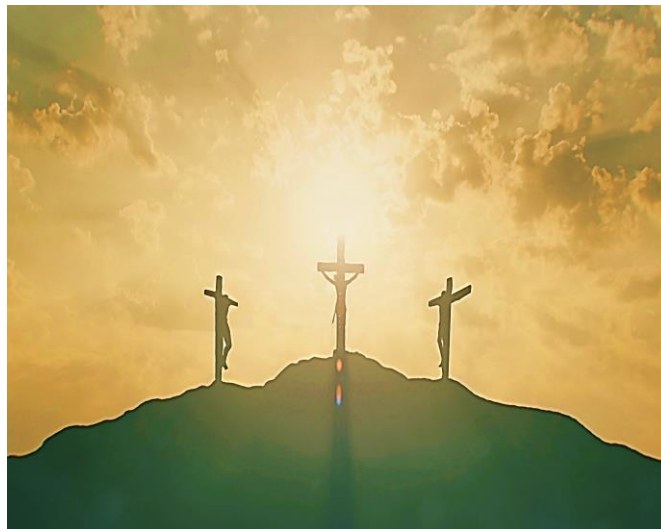
***Remind us to talk to our friends, our family and to you.***

In our lives, our neighborhoods and the world,

***Teach us to pray and teach us the way of peace.***



- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America







## ***Prayer for Strength in the Storm***

*(excerpts from an Anglican Rosary Prayer)*

**Cross:** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. *(Isaiah 41:10-13 NIV)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Burrier family, The Grimes family, Ben Ayers, Daniel Hess, Nancy, Marty Sweeney, Tiffany Whitmore, Zachary Whitmore, Debbie Lamperti, Sarah Wood, Nick Fraley, Trevor Shriner, Bud and Gertie Whetzel, Johnny and Susie Portner, Donald Fuss, Denny Edwards, Jeannie Springer, Betty Grossnickle, Clara Moore, Cathy Betteridge, Janet Nave, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, Tracey Stottlemeyer, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, Katharyn Rentzell, Casey Gray, Susan Akins, Caroline Tate, Joan L., People of Ukraine and all the victims of the conflict in the Middle East and in conflicts around the world.

**We also offer prayers for those with long-term needs:** Bob McAfee, Aaron Teitel, Mitchell Scott, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Sue Shatto, Marcia Bell, Bobby Toms, Susan Hess, Danny Harman, Carla Beck, Adunni Dennis, Karen Hess, Robert L. Gray Jr., Mae Bolin, John Kent, Bonnie Miller, Cotton Harrison, Robert Ricketts, Susan and Jim Rauth, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, Debbie Portner, Becky and The Rev. Scott Slater, Betty and Bob Gray, Joan Wisner, Enid Shannon, Joe Loetell,

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. *(Isaiah 40:29-31 NIV)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. *(Psalm 27:1,3 NIV)*

*Almighty God, your scriptures repeat these words "do not be afraid", yet I so often am. You say "do not fear", yet fear threatens to overtake me some days. So, I will place my trust in you, knowing you are by my side no matter what. You take hold of my right hand and whisper in my ear, "do not fear, do not be afraid". For I know my help comes from you alone and you will strengthen me and protect me. Stay by my side and hold my hand. Amen.*

The latest report from the Search Committee, by Karen Patterson:

The Rector Search committee met with Canon Kristen Krantz, Canon for Transition, on April 16 to discuss Harriet Chapel's status in searching for a new rector. The meeting was very informative, Canon Krantz shared much with us and was very transparent on all aspects discussed. We felt very hopeful after our discussion and are looking forward to the journey of securing a rector for Harriet Chapel. Our next step at this point is to create an OTM (Office for Transition Ministry) portfolio. This portfolio of Harriet Chapel will be shared with prospective rectors within the Diocese of Maryland as well as outside of our Diocese. The Diocese will be vetting any prospective candidates and then present them to us for follow up and then interviewing. The committee will be meeting on April 25 to put together the portfolio to submit to the Diocese.

Two weeks prior to meeting with Canon Krantz, the search committee met with vestry members from Church of the Transfiguration, Braddock Heights. We had a discussion with them about possibly sharing a rector as they too are in the process of a rector search. Transfiguration is looking to hire a full time rector and is not interested in sharing of a rector at this time. We look forward to working with Transfiguration on church and fellowship projects and jointly broaden our outreach with other Episcopal churches in the area.

As we go through this journey, we will keep you updated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of the committee members; Marcia Bell, Heather Clabaugh, Kathryn Hauser, Denny Hoffman, Joann Miller, Karen Patterson, David Sweeney. Please keep us in your prayers as we do the job to find our new rector that will continue to guide us in God's way.

## *A Prayer for Transition*

*Ever-present God,  
You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.  
We are not where we started.  
We have not reached our destination.  
We are not sure where we are or who we are.  
This is not a comfortable place.  
Be among us, we pray.  
Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,  
And help us to stay on course.  
Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this  
Unknown place continues as a journey of trust.  
Amen.*

—The Rev. Canon Kristi Philip

# A LOOK BACK AT HOLY WEEK 2024

As we approach the end of the Easter season, I would like to take another look at this past years' Holy Week. Holy Week has always been my favorite season. I used to believe that the reason was due to my depression, however this year I learned that Holy Week is a favorite for many folks.

The passion of the week, the dramas that are played out for us to help us to cope and understand the WHY's and the what if's. Only a true King, would take on the world for his 'subjects' with the grace and courage that our Lord showed. Did he deny being the Son of God? No. In a moment of weakness, did he plead with his Father to release him from the pain, torture and death which was to come? No. Jesus, when in the Garden of Gethsemane did confirm that 'God's will be done'. What love and devotion to people whom you don't know or have ever met. The love of the Father for all his children would choose to sacrifice one, his Son, Jesus for the rest of mankind.

We see Mary, the mother, knowing in advance that 'a sword would pierce her heart' standing by her son. Offering what comfort, care and love that she can from afar, yet she is not that far from Jesus. Mary always seems to be on the sidelines, waiting along with the other Mary's, Mary of Magdalene and Mary of Bethany. Following Jesus as he carries his cross along trail to the place of his death. They wait, knowing that the time will come when they will be able to wait upon him again. The tears fall silently, the air is heavy, they feel weighed down with grief and sadness. They remain close by, waiting and praying. Other than the Roman soldiers and a few people, who else is with the women to offer them comfort and words of solace?

Peter? He ran away, frightened! Matthew, Andrew, the other disciplines, they are hiding, afraid of what might happen to them if they are found. All are hiding except for John, who is standing by Mary at the foot of the cross and Judas. Poor Judas, I have always felt pity for Judas. Was his betrayal something he had been working on for some time? If so, how long? In the Gospel of John 13: 27, *"As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him."* Why Judas, why not Peter or James or Matthew, who used to be a tax collector? Why Judas, was it because he was in charge of their coins, and he was responsible for paying their debts? Only one thing is certain, only the Son and the Father know the truth. Judas, who was in despair and confusion went away and hung himself.

What happened to Pontius Pilot and what about the dream his wife had? Then there is Simeon, wise and concerned for Mary, what happened to him? We can assume that he died peacefully since he had seen the promised messiah. Then there is Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, believers of Jesus and followers, but in SECRET only. They stand ready for what happens next, though they are not really sure what to expect.

The hillside is littered with doubters, mocking our Lord, who is trying to offer what comfort he can to his mother. Such love and devotion, Jesus is hanging onto life by a thread, and he consoles his mother and the disciple whom he loved, John, by pledging his mother to John and John to his mother for future care and comfort.

As they wait, darkness ascends over the world, the heavens rumble and the earth quakes, suddenly the curtain to the most holy of holies is ripped in two! 'It is finished', our King, Messiah, our Lord is dead. Everyone is afraid, uncertain of the future of tomorrow. Yet, a long Roman soldier, a centurion; one who while on duty went to Jesus for the well-being of one of his favorite servants, a Jew, for help and who also had shown kindness to Mary, the mother; the enemy of the Jews a soldier of rank who understood the power of leadership. ***"The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised god and said, 'Surely this was a righteous man.' (Luke 23:47). "And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39) 'When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!' (Matthew 27: 54).***

On the morning following the Sabbath, the women and followers of Jesus found the tomb empty except for the linen shroud. The men believing something nefarious had occurred went running back to the upper room where the others were hiding. The women, however, no longer able to contain their grief, implored the gardener they saw to direct them to the body of their beloved teacher so that the body may be properly prepared for its final resting place. ***"Then the disciples went back to their home, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb And saw two angels in white, seated where the body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away" she said, "and I don't know where they have put him". At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.***



***“Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” (John 20: 10-16)***

Mary and the others saw the Son of God in all his radiance and glory. The sun was bright, a new dawn had appeared on what began as a cloudy, painful day of an uncertain future. Any doubts were gone, vision blurred by tears were replaced with tears of joy.

During Holy Week, I felt the love of God and his Son like I had never felt it before. Was it due to the joining of two faiths, the Episcopal and Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community? Had my faith journey brought me to this point of my life, that like Mary and the disciples, I felt loved and worthy? This I can tell you, that like Peter, James and John in the Garden of Gethsemane, I too failed to stay awake. I felt so guilty and unworthy, I imagine that I experienced a very small example of what they felt when the soldiers arrived to arrest Jesus. I had failed at the one thing I was asked to do, that I pledged I would do for him, stay awake and pray. After confessing my failure, I was told that Jesus understood what was truly in my heart. Friends, Jesus knows what is in our hearts and minds, he is with us wherever we go. What does matter is that we obey his last commandment that we love others as he has loved us. NO exclusions! NO excuses!



Loving Provider, you gather me in this upper room with your son, to be fed by your love. At that supper, Jesus told us to "love one another" and I know that is the heart of his gift, his sacrifice for me. I ask that I might find the source of my own heart, the meaning for my own life, in that Eucharist. Guide me to the fullness of your love and life. May the Lord bless us. Amen.

*Come Holy Spirit, Come!*

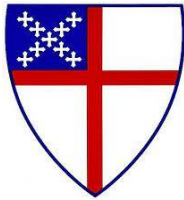
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| ACTS         | DOUBTERS     | HOLY SPIRIT | MOTHER        |
| ALIVE        | EARTHQUAKES  | HOLY WEEK   | NEW           |
| ALLELUIA     | EASTER       | JOHN        | PALMS         |
| APOSTLES     | EMPTY        | JOY         | PENTECOST     |
| ARREST       | FAITH        | LAST SUPPER | RED           |
| BEGINNING    | FATHER       | LENT        | SABBATH       |
| BETRAYAL     | FEAR         | LIGHT       | SORROW        |
| BEWILDERED   | FIRE         | LINEN       | STRONG WIND   |
| CHANGE       | FOLLOWERS    | LOVE        | SURPRISE      |
| COMMANDMENTS | FOOT WASHING | LUKE        | TOMB          |
| CONFUSION    | FRIENDS      | MARK        | TEARS         |
| COURT        | GARDEN       | MATTHEW     | UNCERTAINTY   |
| DARKNESS     | GARDENER     | MAUNDY      | UNDERSTANDING |
| DESENDS      | GRIEF        | MESSIAH     | WEeping       |
| DONKEY       | HIGH PRIEST  | MORNING     | WHITE         |



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Office National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Sixth Sunday of EASTER	6	7 Office	8	9 Office	10 AA—noon	11
+NO LWICC		AA—7 p.m.			AA—noon	
12 Seventh Sunday Of EASTER Mother's Day LWICC: 1:30 P.M.	13	14 Office	15 Vestry 7 p.m.	16 Office	17	18 Catocfin Furnace Iron Festival
19 Day of PENTECOST	20	21 Office	22	23 Office	24	25
Catocfin Furnace Iron Festival +NO LWICC		AA—7 p.m.			AA—noon	
26 TRINITY SUNDAY LWICC: 1:30 P.M.	27	28 Office	29	30 Office	31	
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