



# The Signpost Weekly

April 14, 2019  
Palm Sunday

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## Calendar

### Sunday, April 14 PALM SUNDAY

- 8 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 Adult Formation –
- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

### Monday, April 15 HOLY MONDAY

- 9 a.m. Yoga
- 7 p.m. Service
- \*8 p.m. Opioid Family Support Group
- (\*1 hour later than usual)

### Tuesday, April 16 HOLY TUESDAY

- 7 p.m. Service

### Wednesday, April 17 TENEBRAE

- 7 p.m. service
- 5:30 p.m. Bishop's Committee Meeting

### Thursday, April 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. supper
- 7:30 p.m. Worship

### Friday, April 19

#### GOOD FRIDAY

- 12 noon., Stations of the Cross

- 7:30 p.m. Service

### Saturday, April 20

#### EASTER VIGIL

- 9 p.m. Service

### Sunday, April 21

#### EASTER

- 8 AND 10:15 Services

- **11 a.m. Easter Egg**

#### Hunt



## Palm Sunday: A Different Kind of Day

This Sunday we reawaken the memory of Christ's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem- when crowds of people draped branches before Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem to boisterous acclaim. The people cry out Hosanna- 'Save Us, please' (to borrow from Amy-Jill Levine's translation). They call out 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,' the traditional greeting to victorious kings after triumph in war. Jesus' disciples journey with him and expect to soon enjoy the benefits of a great victory. In one sense they were absolutely right- the Messiah had arrived. In another, they misunderstood what was happening. Jesus rides a donkey humbly and peacefully not a horse fit for battle. Roman governors and community leaders regard Jesus



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skeptically and seek to subvert him. A few days later Jesus will be tried and crucified. The hopes of the crowd evaporated. The disciples dispersed and panicked. The Roman Empire victorious over God's chosen one. The power of death ascendant. Hope and Love destroyed amidst a swirl of cruelty. Only the hope of prophecy remained as an almost forgotten whisper point to way towards Easter. All of this we remember in one sweep of the day's liturgy.

Come be a part of the day as we celebrate Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and also listen again to the story of the Christ's Passion. Encounter the transformative story.

## Tenebrae; Wednesday at 7 PM

Tenebrae means Darkness- this is a vigil service for the Triduum- full of simple chant, careful readings to prepare us for the story of the Last Supper and Christ's crucifixion. After each set of readings- a candle is extinguished until only one light remains- the light of Christ burning alone in a world of shadow which seeks to consume the flame, but the flame remains. This service makes a moving preparation. (text from The Episcopal Church)

On **Maundy Thursday** during Holy Week, April 18, as we celebrate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, we **gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 for a "pot-luck" shared community supper of soup and bread, followed by the Eucharistic liturgy at 7:30 pm.** As usual, members of the parish



**MAUNDY Thursday**

prepare a contribution to the supper, such as a crock of Soup (traditionally vegetarian or fish-based), a loaf of bread, or a beverage (i.e. non-alcoholic sparkling wine). **If you can volunteer, please let us know** by signing up on the sign up sheet in the foyer, or going online and sign up there using this link: [Maundy Thursday 04/18/2019](#)

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## Keeping Watch

After the service for Maundy Thursday- there is an opportunity to keep watch with Christ. Jesus asked his disciples in the garden "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour," and so we offer this opportunity to you to keep watch. A signup sheet will be available this Sunday to take 30 minutes or an hour between 9PM & Midnight to pray in a garden with the Reserve Sacrament which remains to care for the sick and for the Good Friday service. This time of prayer in the night in the midst of the Triduum sticks with us. This time is holy time spent with God in prayer.

**Thanks to all those who attended the Lenten Dinners!** They are now over and deemed a success by many who attended. The fellowship, caring and sharing will be great memories to cherish. The "Blue Room" never sounded better with the conversation and laughter that permeated the room. Thanks to all who helped in any way over the five weeks. There were many "Sous-Chefs" as well as helpers, meal servers, appetizer or desert makers and clean up crew to numerous to thank individually. We raised approximate \$475 for St. Christopher's. Blessings on all who attended and helped make it a success! Peace. Bob Leonard & Sous-Chef Joyce Ryan.



## Good Friday Offering:

The Good Friday Offering brings The Episcopal Church together across all of our cultures, languages, and ethnic diversity – from domestic and overseas dioceses, North and South and Central America, the Caribbean, Taiwan, and our parishes in Europe – to focus our prayers and our tangible support to further the Jesus Movement through the parishes and institutions of healing and education throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. **The map attached shows where the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East extends.**

## “Getting to Know You” Home Gatherings

We have two generous hosts who have volunteered to entertain parishioners in their homes in the month of May. Sign up sheets are in the foyer for an afternoon/early evening get together on Sunday May 5 and an evening meal on Friday May 10th. These gatherings are a wonderful way for parishioners to get together outside of the church community and to get to know

others we may not see at our usual service time. Once the sign up is complete, the host will be contacting you to decide what you can bring to contribute to the event as these are generally pot-luck affairs. I hope you will consider signing up and participating in parish life in this fun, communal way.

## Youth Group Outing Success

The youth group used their life skills, critical thinking and missional heart to make 18 hygiene kits for Church World Service last Sunday. They did an awesome job.



Thanks to Brooke LaMonica for helping out and to the teens for taking a little time to make a difference in our world..

**The Rockingham Choral Society will be holding their Spring Concert here on April 30, 7:30 p.m.** For tickets and information, visit them online at [rockinghamchoralsociety.org](http://rockinghamchoralsociety.org).

## Prayers of the people

Prayers for Ginette's grandson, **Chase**, and his parents in the face of long-term medical disabilities; for **Peggy Baker**. Pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; please pray for **Lincoln**, Christine Collins' cousin's young son who is ill; and for **Aaron, Alex & family** in their time of grief. Prayers for **Zach**, a relative of a parishioner; **Ellie McCabe**; prayers for **Bob Gleason, Lucille Gigeure**. for **Deb**; for **Roy Jeffrey; Ann Donovan; Kate; Brayden; Matty; Ian**; prayers for **Howie**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric**, and their daughter, **Lisa**. Pray for the repose of **Anita Pauley**, and prayers for her son **Brian Shankey**.

**Serving in the Military:** For Pam Vazquez's son, First Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez, an Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; for Del's cousins, Daniel, Matthew and Sandra.

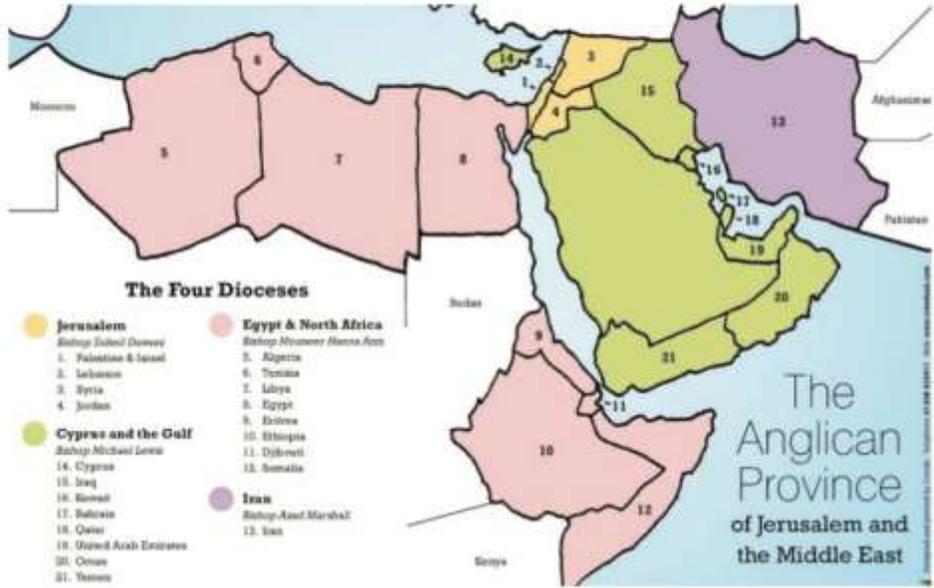
**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Keith, Tracy, Julia, Peyton, and Kirsten Ackerman; Tara, Mark, Anthony, and Angelo Aniello; David, Kim, Brianna, David, and Julia Marie Angelina; Emily Bacall

**Attendance** Sunday, 4/7, 8 a.m., 17; 10:15, 38.

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# GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING



Thank you to Cristine Mason and her kids and committee for organizing this fun event!

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