



Saint Marker

St. Mark's strives to be a community of healing, fellowship and inspiration, sharing love with joy in Jesus Christ and challenging all to life anew.

March 2005

Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 20
Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.

Palm Procession and Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 24
Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing 6:30 p.m.
Followed by Agape Supper and
Stripping of the Altar
(Childcare provided)

Good Friday, March 25
Good Friday Liturgy 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.
(Childcare provided
during evening service)

Holy Saturday, March 26
Holy Saturday Liturgy, 5:30 p.m.

Easter Day, March 27
Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday and culminating in the great Festival of the Resurrection, Easter Day, is the center of the Church Year for Christians. Consequently, the liturgies used during that week are distinctive to the season itself and are not used at other times during the year.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, our 8:00 a.m. Eucharist will be no different from other Sundays except that palms will be blessed and distributed. At the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, however, we will gather outside around the stone cross near Frankfort Avenue (weather permitting) to hear the reading of the Palm Sunday story of Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem and to bless and distribute the palms. We will then process together into church for the Eucharist during which the Passion Gospel will be read with persons from the congregation participating. There will be no church school classes on Palm Sunday.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Reconciliation and other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

Holy Week Services
and Music

Changes in Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Saturday Parade

The Great Vigil of Easter

Help for Ronald McDonald House

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are quiet days between the acclaim of Jesus on Palm Sunday and the immediate events leading up to his Crucifixion later in the week. We will have our usual Tuesday morning Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., and Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday, March 24, is the day of the Last Supper, Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the time when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We will observe the full liturgy for the day with the Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m. in the midst of which the Foot-Washing will take place. Following the service we will have an Agape (Fellowship) Meal in commemoration of that last meal Jesus had with his disciples. The Agape meal is a quiet, simple supper. There will be special table prayers before eating and a Scripture reading and songs during the meal.

We ask that interested parishioners sign up in the Information Center and that they also indicate their preference in bringing either unsliced bread, unsliced fruit (bananas, oranges, grapes or apples) or unsliced cheese. All donated items should be taken to the kitchen prior to the 6:30 p.m. service. Soup, wine and grape juice will be provided. The cost is \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

The Maundy Thursday Service concludes with the Stripping of the Altar. This liturgical section commemorates the agony of Christ in the Garden. As Christ prepared for the crucifixion, we prepare the Sanctuary for Good Friday. The evening's activities will conclude at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The children will have a special Agape supper (to be held after the 6:30 p.m. service) in the second-floor education center, followed by a Godly Play story and stripping of the Godly Play shelves.

Good Friday, March 25, is the day of the Crucifixion, and the Good Friday Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer will be used at noon and 6:30 p.m. There will be a sermon and special music.

In a particularly dramatic part of this liturgy a wooden cross is brought into the church, and while this cross is set before the congregation, we will have prayers and music commemorating the Crucifixion. In order to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Day you will want to know the sorrow of the Crucifixion.

Holy Saturday will be marked at St. Mark's with a special liturgy. From the Book of Occasional Services, the service of Tenebrae will be prayed. The name "Tenebrae" (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week, which in medieval times came to be celebrated on the preceding evenings.

Apart from the chant of the Lamentations (in which each verse is introduced by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet), the most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2), the hidden candle is restored to its place, and by its light all depart in silence.

Tenebrae is an extended meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events in our Lord's life between the Last Supper and the Resurrection.

After the great events of Holy Week, Easter Day, March 27, comes in all its beauty and joy, with a church massed with flowers, and there will be music and Scripture to lift the spirit with our yearly reminder that God is victorious. We will worship at our usual times of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. (There will be no church school classes.)

Children, please remember to bring a few flowers from your yard to make our bare wooden cross come alive with color on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Suppers

The Wednesday night Lenten suppers and programs will continue through March 16. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend. Cost is \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child under 10.

Palm Crosses

Everyone - young and old - is invited to join the Altar Guild in the making of palm crosses on Saturday, March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. No experi-

ence necessary - just come to the kitchen and instructions will be provided.

Holy Week Music

Palm Sunday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Martin
Beautiful Saviour - Christiansen

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Stay with Us - Hovland
This Do in Remembrance of Me - Hunnicutt
Hebrew harp music at Agape Meal

Good Friday, March 25, Noon and 6:30 p.m.

Ah, Holy Jesus - Arr. Ferguson
Pie Jesu (Requiem) - Rutter
Choir with harp and viola

Easter Day, March 27, 10:00 a.m.

The Adult Choir with violin, viola, flute, trumpet, hand chimes and harp
The Hallelujah Chorus - Handel
Easter Antiphon - Hurd
Allelu Yahweh - Arr. Mims-Mallory

Exciting Changes for Easter Egg Hunt!

Come to St. Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and find out what's new this year! Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, for breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

This year we will break from tradition and hunt for Easter eggs at 10:00 a.m. Children 10 years of age and under will be divided into appropriate age groups to hunt for eggs. Each child is asked to donate 12 candy- or goody-filled plastic eggs for the hunt (no chocolate, please). Eggs may be left in the office prior to March 26. After the Egg Hunt the children will search with our Rector for the previously-hidden Alleluias. Crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny will follow at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your Easter basket.

Children and adults will gather at 11:00 a.m. to get ready to ride on the Easter Float. The Frankfort Avenue Parade starts at 11:30 a.m.; we hope everyone

will stay and watch the parade and cheer on the St. Mark's Special Easter Tribute to Mother Goose Float.

We Need Your Help!!

The following is an Easter egg hunt and craft wish list:

Individually Wrapped Candy (no chocolate)
Bright Color Tissue Paper
Plastic Easter Eggs
Stickers

Saturday Easter Parade

On March 26, St. Mark's will participate in the Frankfort Avenue Saturday Easter Parade starting at 11:30 a.m. in front of the old Dietrich's. St. Mark's will enter a "Mother Goose Float". Children from our church school and even a few friends will ride on the float as well as our own Mother Goose. We are very excited about participating in this family fun-filled event, and we hope to have lots of parishioners cheering for us as we pass by in the parade. This is a great way for us to be more visible in the community and especially in the Crescent Hill, Clifton and Clifton Heights areas. Because the parade is very popular, we encourage you to come early and bring your family and friends. Before the parade join us for a festive breakfast, egg hunt, crafts and activities. You will have the opportunity to register for Vacation Bible School (June 13-17). So put on your "Easter Bonnet" and head out on Saturday, March 26, and cheer on your fellow St. Markers as they parade down Frankfort Avenue. See you there!

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 26, 8:30 p.m.

The ancient Vigil of Easter, the keystone about which the rest of the church year is built, is a beautifully dramatic liturgy which "celebrates and makes present the pivotal events of our Old and New Testament heritage. The passover of the Hebrews from the bondage of slavery in Egypt to the freedom of

the Promised Land, the Passover of our Lord Jesus Christ from death, and our own passover from the bondage of sin and death to the glorious liberty of new life in Christ Jesus," (Marion Hatchett, Commentary on the American Prayer Book). In the early centuries of the church, it was the night for baptisms.

This year we will gather at 8:30 p.m., March 26, in the courtyard of the Galleria, Fourth Avenue and Liberty Street, with members of Christ Church Cathedral and the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Assumption for the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We will then proceed to our respective Cathedrals for baptisms, confirmations, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

A festive Easter party follows the service. The Great Vigil is a glorious beginning to our Easter celebration as a Diocesan family, and you are invited to attend.

Easter Flower Delivery

Following Easter the flowers that adorned the church will be given to our parish ill and homebound. The plants can be delivered to our parishioners anytime the week after Easter, and assistance is needed with this special ministry. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center.

Ronald McDonald House

A call to all the soda drinkers at St. Mark's! Remember to detach your pull tab from the can and deposit it in the house-shaped boxes located throughout the building.

St. Mark's has been participating in the dinner program, providing a Sunday meal to the families of seriously-ill children who are receiving treatment at local hospitals. The next time we go in October, the tabs will be collected and taken to the Ronald McDonald House. Our last outing was February 6 and, as we have done in the past, St. Mark's official chicken-cheese-noodle casserole was prepared.

Okay, you ask, what are the pull tabs for? Recycled pull tabs are a valuable source of charitable revenue for the Ronald McDonald House.

Why collect only the tabs and not the whole can?

The highest concentration of aluminum is contained in the tab, not in the can. Collecting the entire can requires a great deal more storage area. Collecting pull tabs is a simple and convenient way for St. Mark's to enhance public awareness of the House and its mission.

Vestry Retreat

The vestry will be on retreat Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, at All Saints' Camp. Please be in prayer for your vestry during this time of education and reflection.

Thanks

Lynn Boone would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Beverly Edwards on the death of her sister.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Houston Jones	March 2
Doris Berry	March 2
Ellen Eirk	March 3
David Pearson	March 3
Cara Kirven	March 4
James Atkins	March 5
Mary Farris Fieger	March 5
Hill Walthall	March 6
Penny Pearson	March 7
Madeleine Denley	March 9
Norman Berry	March 13
Linda Wood	March 13
Rankin Dumesnil	March 13
Joanna Fraser	March 13
Billy Cogswell	March 14
Nala Fraser	March 15
Edna Snodgrass	March 18
Connie Jaquith	March 20
Rebecca Atkins	March 20
Langley Scherer	March 20
Gordon Breitschneider	March 20
Debbie Jagers	March 20
Ann Stewart	March 20
Finnegan Schad	March 21
Hadley Schad	March 21
Virginia Peterson	March 21
Anita Poynter	March 21
Nathan Potter	March 21
Sara Sladen	March 21
Adam Boone	March 22
Andi Tafel	March 22
Joan Bickel	March 23
Claire Morris	March 25
Judy Semonin	March 25
Liz Cobb	March 25
Anne Taber	March 30

Anniversaries

Beau & Dani Baker	March 7
Chuck & Ellen Eirk	March 25

Prayers for Healing

Prayers are offered for a portion of the following list at each service on Sunday and the entire list at the Healing Eucharist on Tuesdays:

Jeff Tafel, Marian Cotton, Lillian Yeager, Bill Butler, Jerry Bennenbach, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Dick Scott, Carolyn von Almen, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Danielle Mueller, Lou Erke, Gloria Helm, Henry Solomon, Jack Yusk, Jane, Tom Vogt, Moyra Skidmore, Rita Gildehaus, Nina Babcock, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Deroy Scott, Janie Kall, Sally Dupree, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamber-ton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Deaths

Elizabeth Scott (Betty) Oldham
(February 16, 2005)

Mary White Goodwyn
(February 18, 2005)

Transfers In

Walter Scott Mendel
(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

March 6 - Give thanks for the Diocese of Matabeleland (Central Africa)
March 13 - Give thanks for the Diocese of Medak (South India)
March 20 - Give thanks for the Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East
March 27 - Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets
shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Our Merciful Saviour, Louisville

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish
The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries,
especially Beargrass Baptist Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of March 6

◆
Lisa Smith
Sam Smith
Marena Smith
Sami Smith
Matt Smith

Week of March 13

◆
Tutt Snodgrass
Edna Snodgrass
Whit Soards
Marion Soards
Judy Sochor

Week of March 20

◆
Henry Solomon
Kate Solomon
Lyle Spalding
Lola Spalding
Carter Strickler

Week of March 27

◆
James Speed
Ann Speed
Jimmy Stewart
Lori Stewart
Jordan Stewart

Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far
off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may
seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold;
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming
of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At Morning Prayer each weekday, we pray for the Church around the world including members of our parish. If you are unable to join us for Morning Prayer, please remember those listed above in your personal devotions this month.

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March Candles
are given to the
Honor and Glory of God...

Eucharistic Candles by Judy Semonin in loving memory of her parents, Paul F. and Virginia R. Semonin; and Charles and Eileen Van Winkle.

Five Branch Candles by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her aunt, Helen Humphrey.

Paschal Candle by Julia Jones in loving memory of her mother, Lillian Potts.