Weekly E-news and Updates







March 31, 2023 | Volume 17, Issue 13 Palm Sunday / Year A

Ministry Assignments

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Sunday April 2 The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers

8am

Jay Wyman

10am

Lee White

Dawn DeKemper

Lector

Sarah Day

Altar Guild

Susan Harding

Candace Tordonato

Usher

Connie Mitchell

Flower Guild

Palms- Cate McMahon

Flower Delivery

Greeter

Volunteer

Birthdays this week

Anniversaries this week

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Holy Days, Holy Week, Holy Walk

Beloveds,

Our ordinary days are holy, but in the coming week the days have a Holy emphasis as we walk through them to Easter. It begins with the Sunday of the Passion (aka: Palm Sunday) when we carry branches into our worship space to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Ritually and symbolically our worship space becomes our Jerusalem. In this space we will participate in Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

Sunday of the Passion - We gather Sunday filled with expectant joy as the story of Jesus the Christ unfolds. The Messiah marches to his glory, to be lifted up to draw the whole world to himself. Throughout the days next week, we solemnly contemplate the meaning of Jesus' passion. The worship space is open daily for prayer and/or to walk the Station of the Cross. Wednesday we gather at noon in the Steven's Room for a brief contemplative prayer service and the labyrinth is available to pray as you

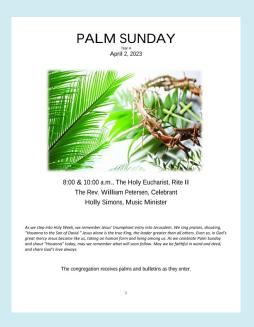
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Worship Links for Sunday
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Sunday April 2
The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

Links to the Readings

The Liturgy of the Palms

- Matthew 21:1-11
- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

- <u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u> The servant of the Lord submits to suffering
- <u>Philippians 2:5-11</u> Humbled to the point of death on a cross
- Matthew 26:14- 27:66 The passion of the Lord
- Psalm 31:9-16 Into your hands,

walk.

Maundy Thursday - With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world. We gather for a community meal in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm and in the sanctuary for worship at 6:30 pm.

Good Friday - At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil Saturday evening. We gather in the Sanctuary with our ecumenical brothers and sisters in Christ for worship at noon.

Resurrection of Our Lord: Vigil of Easter -

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Saturday is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection. We gather around a new fire in front of the church at 6:30 pm, worship moves into the Stevens Room, then the Narthex Lobby, and finally into the Sanctuary for the first Eucharist of Easter.

Throughout this weeklong journey into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, All Saints' will be filled with music, with hope, and with countless individual prayers, all brought together under

O Lord, I commend my spirit

The Collect of the Day

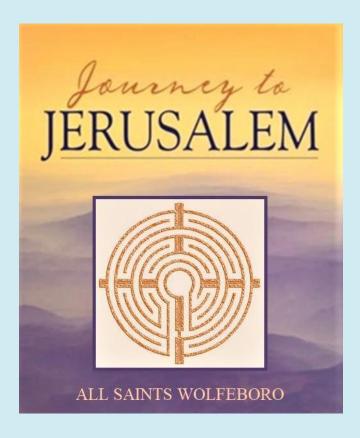
Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Flower Dedication

The palm trees and branches remind us of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

one roof inside this sacred and inclusive space. May you experience these holy days in solitude, with your family, or in worship with your faith community as we journey in these Holy Days and Holy Week.

Blessings on your Holy Walk, **Bill**+



MIDDAY WORSHIP
THE WAY OF LOVE + BLESS NOW
THE JOURNEY
Wednesday, April 5th at noon in the
Stevens Room

God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Howard Blaney, Ann Champagne, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Judy Hess, The Jeffers Family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Carol Pearson, Danielle Pierpont, Bree Schuette, Linda Snowden, Sebastian Tordonato.

For our Family & Friends

Rebecca DeNeault, Candy Desrocher, Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Linda Hall, Susan Belt Hartson, Faye Juul, Margie, Tom Southern, Peggy Young.



First, a deep gratitude to so many of our church family who have extended kind, loving words and prayers in the death of my brother Greg (77), after an extended journey with liver cancer. Even as our family grieves, we find comfort that the grave is not final for those who embrace our suffering yet resurrected Lord Jesus.... Forever LIFE is our ultimate reality.

Experiencing the changes of loss focus us more clearly on the reality of our own mortality, and certainly enhance the ponderings around the journey of Christ..... as we approach Holy Week, I resonate more deeply with the path He willingly walked on my behalf.

Some meaningful music to infuse your own reflections. Here are two amazing songs from Handel's MESSAIH, sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir:

Surely He hath borne our griefs: https://youtu.be/tHGPhrQzLtw
Behold the Lamb of God: https://youtu.be/48z6-SRwoas

And as Palm Sunday approaches, another sharing from English poet, priest and songwriter Malcolm Guite.

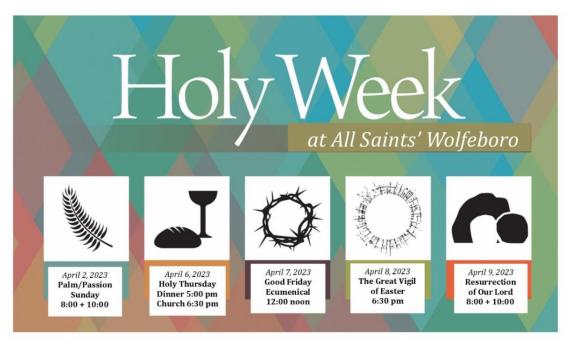
PALM SUNDAY

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem
The seething holy city of my heart,
The Saviour comes. But will I welcome Him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus, come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

(from Sounding the Seasons, Malcolm Guite, Canterbury Press, pg 32) Believing He will raise us up, with Him,



Easter flower dedications must be submitted to the office by April 2nd. Slips are available on the tables in the narthex and outside the office.



Starting Point Needs Your Help



Starting Point provides crisis intervention for victims of domestic and sexual violence throughout Carroll County 24/7/365 days a year. This past year, the staff of 11, with the help of nearly 20 volunteers, handled over 6,000 calls on our crisis line and provided free and confidential services to more than 700 victims and their children. The following is a list of items that would be most helpful for its clients, who can find short term respite at its shelter, (always full to capacity – maximum of 5 adults and 8 children at a time) in Ossipee, or might be among those in need of a safe haven at a hotel or other safe housing option.

Monetary donations may be made through the website (https://www.startingpointnh.org/) and our neighbor, the FCCW UCC down the street, is in the midst of collecting items for the agency.

Collection will conclude on Sunday, April 2, when congregants will convene in the fellowship hall after the service for a light lunch. Starting Point's Raetha Stoddard will be on hand to talk about ways we can further engage with this important nonprofit. And at that time, she will

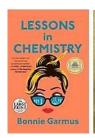
receive the contributions. Please contact kristafccw@gmail.com to let her know you have items to add to the collection box in the gathering space adjacent to the sanctuary.

Examples of Useful items: Practical housekeeping items, such as Scrubbers, Sponges, Brushes, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dishwasher Detergent, Dish towels, Paper Towels, Anti-Bacterial Sprays and Wipes, Window Washers, Toilet Cleaners, Brooms, Dust Mops, Dust Pans, Bleach. Also Gift Cards to Hannafords, Shaws*, Gift Cards to Irving*, Gift Cards to Walmart*

*To quote Reatha: "Gift cards are tremendously helpful when a client arrives at the shelter with nothing. When a client can shop on her own rather than having someone do it for her, it creates a sense of empowerment. It's also helpful to have food and gas cards when Starting Point gets calls in the middle of the night for someone fleeing. A tank of gas really can be the difference between violence and safety!"



Click on the picture above for the full Reading List











Please join Pastor Bill Petersen (ASEC) and Pastor Donna Muise (FCCW) as we gather via Zoom on Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm for reflection and discussion. The Wolfeboro Public Library and Country Bookseller have our lists (note *Kookooland* is a special order via Country Bookseller).

April 18, 25 - <u>An Inconvenient Apocalypse: Environmental Collapse, Climate Crisis, and the Fate of Humanity</u> by Wes Jackson and Robert Jensen

May 9, 16, 23 - <u>Demon Copperhead</u> a novel by Barbara Kingsolver

Wolfeboro Reads – Two Weeks Only: April 18 and 25 An Inconvenient Apocalypse by Wes Jackson and Robert Jensen

Jackson and Jensen examine how geographic determinism shaped our past and led to today's social injustice, consumerist culture, and high-energy/high-technology dystopias. The solution requires addressing today's systemic failures and confronting human nature by recognizing the limits of our ability to predict how those failures will play out over time. Though these massive challenges can feel overwhelming, Jackson and Jensen weave a secular reading of theological concepts--the prophetic, the apocalyptic, a saving remnant, and grace--to chart a collective, realistic path for humanity not only to survive our apocalypse but also to emerge on the other side with a

renewed appreciation of the larger living world.



Dinner Bell DINING IN PERSON IN THE PARISH HALL THURSDAYS 5:00 PM

Monthly Menu:

March 30th - Pea soup, American chop suey, and Dessert

Dinner bell April 2023

April 6, 2023 - Beef barley soup ,Roast pork, Potato and vegetable Dessert

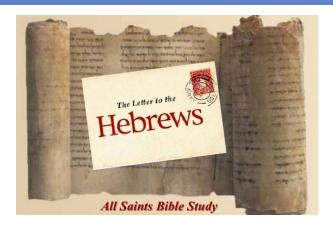
April 13, 2023-Minestrone soup, Beef stew, Dessert

April 20,2023-Butternut squash soup, Italian sausage and pasta, Dessert

April 27, 2023-Corn chowder, Butternut squash cannelloni, dessert

A reminder that our Dinner Bell program offers a community meal weekly on Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome and donations are accepted to offset costs.

Your help is also welcome to share hospitality with our neighbors, please speak with Carol Simpson or Pastor Bill to volunteer.



Thursday Bible Study

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Letter to the Hebrews is one of the more sophisticated New Testament writings, with the author connecting the Old Testament passages to the present concerns of the community of faith. We will gather Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm in the Beck Memorial Library and online via Zoom to walk through this New Testament book examining the thematic questions: Who Is Jesus?, What Did Jesus Do?, What Is Faith?, How Shall We Live?, and What If Faith Fails?

April 2023 Calendar



Click **HERE** for a pdf copy of the Calendar

There are many ways to connect with one another to see, hear and share God online at All Saints





E-NEWS UPDATE E-news editing has now moved to the Parish Office. Please have your submission requests to the office by Tuesday of the week you would like it in the e-news. You may email your requests to Debra at allsaints@metrocast.net.



HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING FOOD FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY? HELP IS AVAILABLE

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10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

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