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“What Happens During Holy Week Worship”

The Reverend Michael L. Delk



Inside this edition of the Nuggets, you will find a page containing the dates and times of all our Holy Week and Easter worship. I encourage you to remove it and place it on your refrigerator or wherever it is you put things that are important to remember. On that page, each day’s worship is described with a short phrase or brief footnote, but this alone cannot convey the richness of meaning available in each of these liturgies. So allow me to offer here a fuller description of what we do during Holy Week and Easter, and why we do it the way we do.

Palm/Passion Sunday – We begin Holy Week by retracing the steps of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem triumphantly to cries of

“Hosanna!” from the crowd – hence Palm Sunday – all the way to betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion and death – hence Passion Sunday, which we will return to in greater detail at the end of the week. We start in front of the Parish House at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and receive blessed palms, repeating the shouts of the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. Of course, only a few days later, they offered a much different verdict, when they demanded that Pilate, “crucify him,” which we will have opportunity to do as well. By walking in their footsteps, as Christians have done since at least the 3rd century, we realize how we, too, often welcome Jesus into our hearts, only to reject him when our hopes and desires are not fulfilled in the way we prefer. The inclusion of the Passion in the service previews the events of the days ahead, and thereby constitutes

our final Lenten preparation for the Great Three Days at the end of the week.

Maundy Thursday – After a three day pause, we resume our intense retracing of the events that led up to the crucifixion of Jesus. We join for a light meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House, followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. We wash feet just as Jesus did during the Last Supper with his disciples, as chronicled in John 13. This simple act of ritual cleansing symbolizes our renewal through Christ’s purifying presence. It also emulates a pattern of humble service that characterized Jesus, and which he requires of all his disciples. We then celebrate Holy Communion, imitating the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of his betrayal and arrest. Afterwards, we will strip the altar, removing all adornment from the sanctuary area, including the beautiful linens that clothe the altar itself. This symbolizes the removal of Christ from our midst, and the beginning of

his suffering at the hands of his captors. At the end, we depart in silence, scattering as the disciples did from the Garden of Gethsemane. Again, Christians have observed these practices since ancient times, with reliable records dating back to the 4th century.

Good Friday – At either noon or 7:00 p.m., we gather for a stark service of prayer, simply called The Liturgy, where we once again confront the Passion narrative of Christ’s arrest, betrayal, and – on this day – his crucifixion and death. To mark the absence of Christ from our midst, we refrain from celebrating or receiving Communion on Good Friday – named Good for the salvation we receive from Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. The climax of this liturgy is the Veneration of the Cross, which is brought into the chapel near the conclusion of our worship. As we sing hymns, people may approach the cross, to venerate the symbol of Christ’s agony and our redemption. At 6:00 p.m., we walk the Stations of the Cross on the grounds, if weather permits. The fourteen stations recall the stages of Christ’s suffering, including the torture and mockery meted out to him by his Roman guards, Jesus’ stumbling journey through the maze of streets on his way to Golgatha, and the final moments when his life ended and his body was taken away to be buried. At each station, we pause for a brief reading from scripture, a prayer, and much silence.

Holy Saturday – During the daylight hours, we continue

our mourning, but after the sun sets, we come for The Great Vigil of Easter, oldest by far of all the worship we do this week. Beginning outside in front of the Historic Chapel, we kindle the first fire of Easter and light the Paschal Candle, which symbolizes the light of Christ and the glory of his resurrection. We enter the procession into the darkness of the chapel, each person with a taper candle lit from the giant Paschal Candle, and in that darkness we hear again stories from throughout scripture, chronicling the many deeds of redemptive power and forgiveness wrought by God during human history. It is also the custom of the Church to baptize at the Vigil, and we will do so this year at Hickory Neck. The pinnacle of this liturgy comes in the middle, after the baptisms, when we light the entire chapel as brightly as possible, and greet the return of Christ through the Holy Communion. The Great Vigil inaugurates the start of the Great Fifty Days, an entire Easter season in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This ancient liturgy is perhaps the most exciting we do all year.

Easter Day – A continuation of what began the night before at the Vigil, our worship on this day celebrates the resurrection with joyous festivity. Our 8:00 a.m. Eucharist will feature more music than usual, including several favorite traditional Easter hymns. During mid-morning, we will celebrate two nearly-simultaneous Eucharists: at 9:00 a.m. in the Historic Chapel, and at 9:15 a.m. in the Glebe – the patch of land between the Memorial Garden of crepe myrtles. We’re offering two services at this time, because last year our 9:00 a.m. attendance was 132, and we’ve grown a lot since then. Turning

people away on Easter Day is not an option. Fortunately, we’ve got two priests, and a highly portable Praise Band, which will play the outdoors service at 9:15 a.m. (If it rains, we’ll move into the Parish House.) At 10:30 a.m., or thereabouts, we’ll have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds (again, weather permitting) for our children. Bring your eggs to the Parish House during Holy Week, and we’ll hide them Easter morn. We conclude our celebrations with Holy Eucharist at 11:15 a.m. As can be seen, there’s a remarkable variety of worship that occurs throughout Holy Week; indeed, several very special services, most of which we only do once a year. Each of them takes us on a journey with Jesus that retraces the week-long events that led up to his crucifixion – and ultimately, his glorious resurrection. I hope you can make the time to join us for these incredibly meaningful liturgies. They remind us again of who we are as Christians, and most importantly, whose we are.



Nugget Notes

Due to unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances, progress on construction of the new Chapel has slowed considerably. As a result, the consecration date has slipped until some time in June. At this point, we do not know a specific date. Stay tuned!

We wish to thank **Gini Campbell** for producing Nuggets last month when the Snyders were in the process of moving.



Holy Week and Easter Worship 2006

Palm/Passion Sunday – April 9

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:00 a.m. Procession of Palms & Holy Eucharist*
 11:15 a.m. Procession of Palms & Holy Eucharist*

* The Procession of Palms will begin in the front yard of the Parish House.

Maundy Thursday – April 13 *

- 7:00 p.m. Footwashing , Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

* A simple Potluck Lenten Dinner at 6:00 p.m. will be held in the Parish House.

Good Friday – April 14*

- 12:00 p.m. The Liturgy for Good Friday
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**
 7:00 p.m. The Liturgy for Good Friday

* None of the worship on Good Friday includes Holy Communion.

** It will be held outdoors, weather permitting, but begins in the Historic Chapel

Holy Saturday – April 15

- 8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter*

* This service begins outside the Historic Chapel with the kindling of the first fire of Easter and the procession of the Paschal Candle. This liturgy includes Holy Baptism and communion.

Easter Day – April 16*

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist in the Historic Chapel
 9:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist in the Glebe with the Praise Band**
 11:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist in the Historic Chapel

* Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting.

** Weather permitting - Alternate location: The Parish House.



Support Our Troops Abroad

Katrina Luksovsky

Pastoral Care is beginning a new mission called Support Our Troops Abroad. Our goal is to provide Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen or Marines, known and unknown to us, with some Hickory Neck hospitality to let them know we are thinking of them while they are away. As a token of our appreciation for their service, we would like to provide them with comfort items that are difficult to obtain in the desert and at sea and which makes their time away easier to endure given the challenges they face each day.

Several members of our congregation have family and friends currently deployed and we will begin by sending Care Packages to them. If you know of a service member who could benefit from this mission please let us know. Bring donations to the Parish House and place inside the box labeled SUPPORT OUR TROOPS ABROAD during the month of April. The cost to mail a Care Package is approximately \$9.00 so cash donations are also welcome. We would like this ministry to be an ongoing mission and we will have item drives on an "as needed" basis. This list is not all inclusive and if you know of other things that our men and women of the armed forces may need or want please bring them in as well. Following is a list of things military members have requested in the past and we

would like your help in acquiring some of them.

The list is as follows: white ankle socks (size 9-11), canned foods that *do not* need microwaving, examples-ravioli, canned spaghetti, canned soup, Vienna sausages, etc., batteries (AA, AAA and C), foot powder, lotion (non perfume), beef jerky, white t-shirts (large and extra large), chewing gum, phone cards (ATT works best), hard candy (no chocolate), crossword puzzles, baby wipes, powdered Gatorade, instant tea, slim jims, crackers and easy cheese (Triscuits and Ritz crackers are great), chips (single serving), Little Debbie snack cakes or others), bubble gum, rice krispies treats, microwave popcorn, home made beef jerky, granola bars, dried fruits, chex mix, tuna in packs, summer sausage, Clorox wipes, razors, soap or body wash, mouthwash (small size), eye drops, lip balm and chap stick, sun block, dental floss, baby powder, liquid hand sanitizer, breath mints, journals, and insect repellent.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry please call Kyle Luksovsky (757 741-2478), or email him at kluksovsky@yahoo.com.



Our Church Family

New Members

Lou & Joan Seigel
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DJ & Sara Seeterlin



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April Celebrations



Birthdays

- 1 - Jim Smack
- 7 - De Fehrenbach
- 7 - Bill Small
- 9 - Max Ritz
- 11 - Marcia deLorimier
- 12 - Merri Kelly
- 13 - Ashley Cicero
- 13 - Ambler Loving
- 13 - Alice McCormick
- 13 - Ashley Cicero Sutton
- 13 - Lauris Zeni
- 16 - Charles Jundt
- 19 - Katherine Arcement
- 19 - Mary Brittain
- 19 - Babe Transue
- 20 - Mary Everson
- 20 - Carol Hearn
- 22 - Daniel Zoellner
- 24 - Carol Smith
- 24 - Betty Smoloi
- 26 - Carol Fraize
- 26 - Caroline Miller
- 27 - Laura Burkett
- 27 - Melissa Burkett
- 28 - Ambler Deal
- 28 - Carol Goff
- 29 - Brian Manning
- 29 - Char Molrine

Anniversaries

- 6 - Mary Jo and Doug Smith
- 30 - Karen and John Dutro

Adult Summer Camp At Shrine Mont 2006

Mary Jo Smith

From the 16th to the 20th of July, an opportunity to grow together in faith and have a mountain top experience awaits you at Shrine Mont. You can hear the keynote speaker or sleep late. You can attend a morning class or rock on the porch. You can have three great meals a day or fast. You can attend an afternoon class or take a nap. You can play golf, or climb a mountain. You can go to an evening of entertainment or read a book.

Shrine Mont provides private room and bath, three home cooked meals a day, lots of singing, and a nightly Eucharist (except Sunday). The Diocese of Southern Virginia has sponsored an Adult Education Conference at Shrine Mont for over 32 years. A few of the classes are as follows: Stained Glass, The Music of Taize, Sacred Centering Sound and The Nearly Perfect Crime.

The Keynote speaker is the Reverend Caroline Fairless. Caroline is the Director of Children at Worship-Congregations in Bloom. Caroline and her husband, Jim, now live in Southern Maryland and consult with the congregations of the Diocese of Washington D. C. Jim Simms co-directs Children at Worship-Congregations in Bloom. He also has extensive experience as a music therapist and group facilitator with adolescents and adults in residential and outpatient settings. The Reverend Fairless and her husband Jim are valuable assets to the Shrine Mont team.

For further information go to <http://Shrinemont.tripod.com>, or

pick up a pamphlet and application in the Parish House. Be sure to check with Father Delk and Reverend Ann regarding their Shrine Mont experiences.

Youth Corner



Lenten Soup Suppers

Just one week left!

Thanks to everyone who has supported the youth groups during the Lenten program. We hope you have enjoyed the delicious soups as much as we have enjoyed serving you. Special thanks to Nancy Geddes, our chef. There is just one more week left; please join us.

Our First Mission Trip

Plans are in the works for a summer mission trip for the YAC Group, tentatively scheduled for June 18th - 23rd.

Miles for Missions

In April and May, we will be holding a Miles for Mission Drive to collect pledges for miles traveled to and from our destination. We will be holding our annual Car Wash on May 7th to raise money for the trip, so keep your cars dirty!

Relay for Life

The year's Relay for Life will be June 2nd and 3rd. We hope to have three teams of Heavenly Hikers this year. If you want to join us in raising awareness for cancer research, please contact

Karen and John Dutro at 566-8561.

Spaghetti Dinner and Sauce Showdown

Keep an eye out for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Sauce Showdown in April to raise money for our teams. Get your appetites ready!

We hope you will invest in our youth and in the work they will be doing to help others in need.

Beating the Bounds

Martha W. McCartney

By the late 1600's, one of the secular duties that Virginia's parish vestries performed was "processioning." In accord with the law, every four years, vestries were obliged to summon local landowners. Then, two or more vestrymen, accompanied by the owners of neighboring tracts, would "procession" or walk those properties' boundaries. Old survey markers (such as blaze or chop-marks on a line of trees) that needed to be renewed received attention. Processioning probably helped to maintain peace within the community by preventing boundary line disputes. Moreover, the procedure confirmed time-honored boundaries. Blisland Parish's colonial vestry minutes identify by name those who served as proces-

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Vestry Highlights

Phyllis Faas, Recorder

The Vestry met on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7:00 p.m. Father Michael reported that work on our new chapel is progressing nicely. He also reported that our average Sunday attendance since the Vestry last met was 212 – an all time high. Pastor Ann said that this year Hickory Neck will be hosting Vacation Bible School August 7th through the 11th. The theme will be Treasure Island, and it will be co-chaired by Linda Becker and Denise Deal.

Each month, a vestry member is designated to report on his or her ministry. This month, Sue Dugan provided an in-depth report to the vestry on pastoral care. The purpose of this ministry is to assist the Rector and Associate Rector in providing for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of Hickory Neck parishioners. Specifically, pastoral care consists of the following: prayer list, prayer chain,

prayers of the people, E-pistle, emergency meals, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, transportation and is expanding to include a lay healing ministry, a troops abroad program and a new Mom's ministry.

Please note that the official minutes of the March Vestry Meeting will be approved at the April meeting and published on the church web page following that meeting.



Thank you to **Don Seeterlin** for building the nice stand, on the path leading to the chapel, that now holds our Sidney King Painting replica. Don has also rebuilt and shingled the stand's roof and, if he has not already done so, he intends to paint the finished product.

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sioners and note that their "returns" (the information the processioners compiled) had been duly recorded. In some colonial parishes, boundary line descriptions were entered directly into the vestry minutes. After the Civil War, some of the Tidewater Virginia counties whose antebellum court records had been lost or destroyed deployed groups of processioners who attempted to reestablish land boundaries and ownership traditions. James City County was one of the areas in which that technique was employed. When Hickory Neck acquired the acreage upon which our wonderful new church is being built, its boundaries were duly processioned - with considerable jubilation.

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