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Holy Week

We welcome you to this holiest of times. Walk with us through these days as we follow the last steps of Jesus. On Palm Sunday we go into Jerusalem, bearing palms and praises. Once inside the city we begin to see a drama unfold, a time of wonder and awe, a time of agony and sorrow, a time that wraps and enfolds every human emotion. Be with us for each of the eight days of our journey. Witness with us each act of the play. Take each step in the way of the cross that promises to lead to life and light. This week, these walls that shelter us will become the court of Pilate, the Temple Pavement, the Gate to the City, the Upper Room, Gethsemane's Garden, The Place of the Skull, the borrowed but empty Tomb, and the lonely room where anxious disciples wait to hear the word of Jesus' resurrection. We have taken care to schedule each night's service to begin at 7:00 p.m. to help you and your family establish the practice of being gathered with other faithful folk during these holy days. In the paragraphs that follow you will find information about each of the services in Holy Week.

Palm Sunday includes the Liturgy of Palms, which takes place (weather permitting) just outside the parish hall doors, and the traditional procession of the congregation, choir, and clergy into the church. This reenacts Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. Midway through the service, the mood darkens and the passion according to St. Mark is reenacted at the chancel steps. As the service progresses, the violet hangings of Lent give way to the red of Holy Week, signifying that we are walking with the crowds in Jerusalem during Jesus's last days.

Monday in Holy Week, beginning a new tradition at St. Christ Church, we will walk the Way of the Cross inside the church. Designed according to the witness of an eighth-century Spanish nun named Egeria, the service is a procession that follows the street pilgrimage in Jerusalem known as the Via Dolorosa. We end the service before the altar, where we will sing an appropriate hymn and share a simple Eucharist.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
The Liturgy of Palms and Holy Eucharist
Sunday, April 1, 2007
7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Monday in Holy Week
The Way of the Cross with Holy Eucharist
Monday, April 2, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week
The Way of the Cross with Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, April 3, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week
Tenebrae
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Chanted with Choir

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 5, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Footwashing, Institution of the Holy Eucharist,
& Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday
Friday, April 6, 2007
12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, April 7, 2007
7:00 p.m.
History of Salvation, Baptism, & Festival Eucharist

Easter Day, Festival Eucharist
Sunday, April 8, 2007
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week continues the new tradition with the Way of the Cross with hymn and Eucharist.

Tenebrae will be sung at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Holy Week. This musical service consists of antiphonal singing between the Choir and a cantor. The sung lessons are drawn from the Lamentations of Jeremiah as well as the proper lessons of the day. Candles are lighted and then extinguished until the church is darkened, awaiting the return of a light hidden as if in a tomb. Tenebrae provides an overture of sorts for the remainder of Holy Week. A service of light and shadows, it brings to mind the powers that struggled long ago in Jerusalem during this week.

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include the washing of feet as well as the commemoration of the Institution of the Eucharist. Members of the congregation who would like to take part in the washing of feet are asked to come forward to sit in chairs provided where you can remove socks and shoes and then present yourself to one of those washing feet. The Holy Eucharist is served this night with attention paid to how it must have been to share that meal in the setting of an intimate upper room. After Communion, the service takes a darker turn. The chancel is stripped of all color and furnishings, to symbolize Jesus's being taken prisoner in the Garden of Gethsemane. As the last of the beautiful things are taken away, the congregation joins in reading a penitential Psalm. The service ends in darkness and confusion, as that night must have ended for the disciples of Jesus.

Good Friday services are scheduled for 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. These services will include the singing of the Passion of John, the ministry of the Word, the Solemn Collects, and the Reproaches. Eucharist is not celebrated on this day in the Church's calendar. It is a great fast of the Church. Perhaps you might try a fast of your own until sundown.

According to tradition here at Christ Church, the children of the parish will gather to hunt for eggs in the cemetery at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. A light supper will be provided for them before the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

The kindling of the New Fire will take place in front of the church at 6:45 p.m., weather permitting. Inclement weather will move the short ceremony into the narthex.

The Great Vigil of Easter begins at 7:00 p.m. The most mysterious yet most joyful of services in the Church's year, Easter Vigil includes a retelling of Salvation History, Holy Baptism, confirmation, and a festival Celebration of the Eucharist. Although the service may last as long as two hours, it seems to dash by. This is a special night for children and families. And bringing a special bell for your child to ring when the celebrant gives the signal is a great way to participate. The service has been shortened from recent years, the music selections offer more opportunities for singing, and children play a special role in the shaping of the night. Just after we witness baptisms and renew our baptismal vows, bells will peal out in celebration, and the parish children will help to "flower" the church as the resurrection is proclaimed. The altar and windows will be decorated, and the first Eucharist of Easter will be underway.

Festival Eucharists of Easter Day will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The church will be beautiful and joyful as we share in this highest feast. This is the focus of everything that has happened in Holy Week, the unbelievable news, the indescribable joy that Christ is risen from the dead. We encourage you to bring a bell from your own home to join in the Holy Noise of Easter.

Here is an extra word of encouragement. This is a great and wonderful day. It is a day when we open our hearts to a risen Lord, and a day when we open our church buildings to our neighbors. It will be crowded, bursting at the seams, but let love and patience be the rulers of the day. After all, should not the whole world crowd close to gawk at God's miracle of an empty tomb. He is Risen!

—Joe+



A Blessing for Palm Sunday

O God, deliverer of Israel and Creator of all that is, look with favor on these your people who have gathered to remember these Holy Days. Give us strength and courage to meet the days to come as you unfold for us the great mysteries leading to an empty tomb. Enliven our hearts to feel your joy and pain. Open our eyes and ears to be truly present to your Christ in these final days. Increase our faith as we draw closer to the truth of a resurrected savior, and give us your blessing, we pray, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome Jeff Mello, Our New Curate

I am pleased to announce my intention to call Jeffrey W. Mello as Curate at Christ Church, subsequent to his graduation from the Episcopal Divinity School and his Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate in June. Jeff finishes his M. Div. with emphasis in Liturgy in May. He also holds an M.S.W. with experience in crisis management, death and dying, and addiction. He brings the experience of leadership in educational programs (for both children and adults), newcomer ministries, stewardship, and youth ministries. At thirty-eight years old, Jeff's formal education includes a B.A. in Theatre Performance, and he has survived a three year-term on his local parish vestry.

A native of Rhode Island, Jeff has long lived in the Boston area and is actively involved in the Diocese of Massachusetts. He currently lives in Jamaica Plain with his spouse of fifteen years, Paul, and their six-year-old son Ardoni. We will be envied by many congregations as we add Jeff's delightful presence and valuable gifts to our community of faith. And when you begin to get to know him, you too will understand that he possesses a heart for ministry that causes these other gifts to pale by comparison.

—Joe+

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Eggs for Easter Hunt

Parents of children planning to join in the Egg Hunt on Easter Eve Saturday should bring two dozen uncooked white eggs per child (to cover last-minute newcomers and the usual breakage during boiling!) to the Parish Office between Palm Sunday and 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. Cooking will begin on Good Friday afternoon, and youth volunteers will dye the eggs following the evening service.

Parents are also needed to help clean up the cemetery before the egg hunt. Come at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and bring strong work gloves!

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Memorial Service for Robert Brown

The memorial service for Robert Peabody Brown (Bobby), who passed away November 17, 2006, will take place on Saturday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church.

Altar Guild Enjoys Fellowship, Readies for Easter

The Altar Guild luncheon hosted by Diane and Joe Robinson on March 11 was a great success. Twenty-six parishioners partook of a delicious lunch and had a chance to socialize. Everyone enjoyed the chance to see the Rectory decorated with the Robinsons' collections, and particularly the Rector's paintings. Many thanks to the Robinsons for this opportunity and fellowship.

Thank you also to the many parishioners who came to the Altar Guild's Spring Clean Up on Saturday, March 24. We polished silver and brass, cleaned the pillar bases, and removed old candle wax in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We especially enjoyed the fellowship of those who are not able to serve at the Altar at regular worship services, but came to help with our spring cleaning.

Holy Week this year offers a new approach to our preparations for the Great Feast of Easter. Schedules are posted about the parish and in the bulletins. There will be Holy Eucharist every evening except Wednesday, when we will experience Tenebrae for the first time in this parish, or at least in a very long time.

Susie White is directing the decoration of the church and flower arrangements for Easter. She welcomes all who want to help on Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7. Call her at 617-491-7289 if you would like to help arrange or transport flowers.

For all of these services, much help is needed. Altar Guild members are encouraged to double-check the sign-up sheets. And as always, we extend an invitation to men, women, and older children who are interested in joining us in this Holy work. To learn more and join us, contact Webb Brown (617-923-00057) or Summer Akimoto (781-391-9891).

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Easter Dinner

We are continuing one of our newer traditions at CCC, the Easter Dinner Potluck in the Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. Easter Day service. This is always a festive occasion, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us. There is no need to sign up, just join us shortly after the end of the service. If you can bring something for the dinner table so much the better, but do bring yourself.

Stations of the City

Join the Harvard Square Clergy on Good Friday for the annual meditative walk through Cambridge known as the "Stations of the City Service." The service begins at 11:50 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, moves to eleven more locations for scripture readings and reflections, and concludes at the Old Burial Ground at approximately 3:00 p.m. with a reflection from our Rector. Mayor and fellow parishioner Ken Reeves will offer a reflection on "Pilate Washes His Hands" at City Hall.

Here are the complete itinerary and the approximate arrival times for all twelve stations.

Station I: St. Peter's Church, 838 Massachusetts Avenue Starts at 11:50 a.m. on Good Friday.

Station II: St. Paul's AME Church, 85 Bishop Allen Drive Arrive at approximately 12:37 p.m. Join in the Black Pastors' Council service.

Station III: The Police Station on Western Avenue Arrive at approximately 1:14 p.m. Lieutenant Williams leads reflection on "The Arrest of Jesus" (Luke 2: 45-53)

Station IV: City Hall Arrive at approximately 1:22 p.m. Mayor Reeves addresses crowd on the text "Pilate Washes His Hands" (Mark 15: 1-15).

Station V: Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Avenue Arrive at approximately 1:42 p.m. Rev. Irv Cummings leads reflection on "Peter Denies Jesus" (Mark 14: 66-72)

Station VI: St. Paul's Catholic Church, 29 Mt. Auburn Street Arrive at approximately 1:50 p.m. Msgr. Sheehan reflects on "Jesus Is Stripped of His Clothing" (Matthew 27: 27-31)

Station VII: University Lutheran Church, 66 Dunster Street Arrive at approximately 2:05 p.m. Rev. Don Larson reflects on "Simon of Cyrene Is Asked to Carry the Cross" (Matthew 27: 31-32)

Station VIII Harvard Square, 1336 Massachusetts Avenue Arrive at approximately 2:16 p.m. Lisa Fagerstrom reflects on "They Divided His Clothing By Casting Lots" (Matthew 27:33-37)

Station IX Holworthy Gate, Harvard Arrive at approximately 2:31 p.m. Rev. Rev. Dudley Rose reflects on "What Is Truth" (John 18:33-38)

Station X: Harvard Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue Arrive at approximately 2:45 p.m. Rev. Scott Campbell reflects on "The Bandits Are Crucified with Jesus" (Matthew 27:38-44)

Station XI: Cambridge Common, by the center monument Arrive at approximately 2:54 p.m. Margit Hammerstrom reflects on "The Death of Jesus and the Harrowing of Hell" (Matthew 27:45-56)

Station XII: Old Burying Ground, 0 Garden Street Arrive at approximately 3:00 p.m. Rev. Joe Robinson reflects on "Jesus is Buried" (Matthew 27:57-65)

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Children's Sermon Storytelling Time

As we celebrate the successes of our year together and begin to move toward summer, we will take a break from the sermon storytelling time for the 50 Days of Easter, as well as on Palm Sunday. This means that from April 1 to May 27 our children will remain in church with their parents during the whole service. Individual parents may choose to take their children out for a small break during the sermon.

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Newcomers and Visitors, Save the Date!

For those of you who are new to the parish family in the past year, the Rector and his wife, Diane, are hosting a Newcomers' Coffee at the Rectory on Sunday, April 29, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the clergy and staff, and representatives of our music, mission, adult education, and children's programs. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Parish Office or write to Helen MacCallum at helen.maccallum@gmail.com.

Hospitality for the Climate Walkers

We had the great privilege to provide overnight housing and meals in our parish hall for some 40 members of the Interfaith Walk for Climate Rescue, on the weekend of March 23–24. These inspiring marchers – many of whom had been with the walk from its beginning in Northampton – arrived tired but spirited on Friday afternoon. They spread out across the Parish Hall, and relaxed in the Library, fell asleep on the floor or headed into Harvard Square for some R&R. There was gear everywhere. Under Webb Brown’s great leadership, we fed some 35 people a nutritious dinner, and many of us then attended a moving and beautiful Kabala Shabbat Service with the group in the Rectors’ Reception Room.

The next morning we were back to serve a hearty breakfast, and then new walkers began arriving to register for the final leg of the walk into Boston. The place was packed – some 600 people registered, and gathered on the front driveway for instructions from walk co-chair Rev. Andrea Ayvazian. Our own Ken Reeves welcomed the group to Cambridge, as Mayor, and to Christ Church, reminding all that “The people united cannot be divided.” The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, who attended here as a child, remarked on Christ Church Cambridge’s long history of involvement in important national issues. And off they went toward Boston. Bishop Bud Cederholm was among the clergy leading the way. An estimate 1,000 people attended in final Rally in Copley Square.

Check out the pictures in the parish hall lobby, and visit the walk website at www.climatewalk.org. Let’s honor the walkers’ accomplishment by looking for ways to reduce our own impact on the climate! And thanks to all the CCC members who made the walkers welcome, by greeting, cooking, serving, cleaning up, and loaning sleeping gear. We had many heartfelt expressions of thanks!

Nancy Hammett

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Mailing Address Miscue

Did the mailing label on your Leaflet last month omit your spouse or partner? We made a mistake in the office producing our mailing labels, and some went out with a single name rather than the usual heads of household. Our apology for that error.

Adult Enquirers’ Class Beginning in Easter Week

A series of six Monday evening classes will begin on April 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Christ Church led by the Rector. This is a class for:

- New members who may be interested in confirmation in the Episcopal Church
- More established members who are looking for a “tune up” around the general information about our church
- Seekers who simply want to know more about our tradition, its history, theology, world view, and governance

This class will explore the essentials that we trace back to our 16th century beginnings, and how these impact our daily life as God’s people. Come to learn and share.

The class will meet every Monday April 9–May 14. Those interested may be confirmed or received at a Deanery service in Waltham on Saturday, May 19.

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On The Rise

The staff at ON THE RISE have been very generous in their praise of the generosity of the parish. In addition to our regular collection and delivery of clothing, toiletries, luggage, and household items, several parishioners have made delivery trips on their own to bring gifts of clothing and household items. And for those who regularly cook meals and deliver them, there is a chorus of thanks from many happy mouths.

Spring is coming, if slowly, and the clothing room is ready to receive transitional clothing, especially middle-weight jackets, umbrellas, and sturdy shoes. Please note that there is a new collection box in a new place. In the Parish office, in the area with the photocopier, there is a large, brown box with a sign identifying it as the repository for ON THE RISE. You may also bring your gifts to the back of the church on Sundays.

Contact Donna Thach (donna.thach@OTR.org or 617–497–7968, x 36) to offer food or donate goods. You can also contact Summer Akimoto (summerted@aol.com or 781–391–9891) for information or pick-up. If you would like to receive OTR’s newsletter, Donna or Summer will be glad to sign you up.

Liturgical Rota for Holy Week

Service	Acolytes	Ushers	Lectors	Intercessor	Chalice Bearers
Palm Sunday April 1, 7:45 a.m.	John Clarke	None	Mimi Truslow Shane McRae	Hope Hare	Donna Tillotson
Palm Sunday April 1, 10:15 a.m.	C: Eleanor Regan S: Tingley / Lerret G: Matthew Lerret T: Rachel Bliss T: M.C. Regan	David Smith Suzanne Smith Wendy Kistler Ray Walther	Gordon Jensen Gwen Jensen	Joyce Walker	Ann Austin Clarissa Bronson Jeff Brown Webb Brown Craig Kelly
Way of the Cross April 2, 7:00 p.m.	John Clarke	Jim Barton Vaughn Barton	Tanya Cosway	None	Seth Lancaster
Way of the Cross April 3, 7:00 p.m.	John Clarke	Jim Barton Vaughn Barton	Jim Barton	None	Graham Gunnigle
Tenabrae April 4, 7:00 p.m.	John Clarke	Russell Peck Donna Kirven	None	None	None
Maundy Thurs. April 5, 7:00 p.m.	John Clarke	Howard Crowell Mark MacMillan	Sarah Corvene Howard Crowell	Camilla Titman	Joyce Walker Richard Parker Sylvia Williams Mino Sullivan
Good Friday April 6, 12:10 p.m.	Seth Lancaster	Howard Crowell	Webb Brown Kenny Likis	None	None
Good Friday April 6, 7:00 p.m.	Julia Mansfield Hall Kirkham	Melissa Hirschson Russell Peck	Russel Peck Hall Kirkham	None	None
The Great Vigil of Easter April 7, 7:00 p.m.	John Clarke Seth Lancaster Kira Montagno S. Montagno	N. Sinsabaugh Leslie Bliss David Bliss Melissa Hirschson	To be contacted	Tim Groves	Polly Cobb Henry Lewis Vernie Olliveiro Donna Kirven
Easter Sunday April 8, 9:00 a.m.	C: Anna Renz S: Mark Lerret G: Henry Regan T: Acacia Nunes T: M.C. Regan T: Colin Lee T: Lizzie Cosway	Mike Magruder Doris Possi Seth Lancaster Howard Crowell Russell Peck	Tanya Cosway Dean Johnson	K. Coleman	Jill Herold Hall Kirkham Ann Lowell Clarissa Bronson Donna Tillotson
Easter Sunday April 8, 11:00 a.m.	C: S. Montagno S: Jane Tingley / Jack Hallowell G: Victoria Cabral T: Abigail Bliss T: Lucy Perkins T: Rachel Bliss T: Ben Costa	Jim Barton Vaughn Barton Karen Mathiasen Sylvia Williams Sue Hallowell	T. Matthews Karen Mathiasen	Kenny Likis	Webb Brown Jeff Brown Faith Chase Peter Lee Beth Lennox

Liturgical Rota for the Rest of April

Service	Acolytes	Ushers	Lectors	Intercessor	Chalice Bearers
Second Sunday of Easter April 15, 7:45 a.m.	Andy Boughton	None	Jeff Zinsmeyer Elizabeth Webb	Lee Born	Mimi Truslow
Second Sunday of Easter April 15, 10:15 a.m.	C: John Clarke S: S. Montagno G: Victoria Cabral T: Colin Lee T: Grant Baker	Wendy Kistler Mike West Blair Steek Will Steek	Grahm Gunnigle David Angney	R. Hirschson	Polly Carpenter Ellen Brockman Craig Kelly Henry Lewis Richard Parker
Third Sunday of Easter April 22, 7:45 a.m.	Zoe Hocstein	None	Lorna Hocstein Ray Walther	Jill Herold	Hall Kirkham
Third Sunday of Easter April 22, 10:15 a.m.	C: Anna Renz S: Jane Tingley G: Victoria Cabral T: Jack Hallowell T: TBD	Melissa Hirshson Russell Peck Seth Lancaster Beth Lennox	Hilary Hopkins Richard Parker	Jim Tanner	Sharon Stanfill Mino Sullivan Saman, Morrison Seth Lancaster Joyce Walker
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 29, 7:45 a.m.	John Clarke	None	Seth Lancaster Anne Lowell	Mimi Truslow	Ann Lowell
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 29, 10:15 a.m.	C: Matthew Lerret S: Mark Lerret G: Victoria Cabral T: Max Carter T: Isbel Carter	Jim Barton Vaughn Barton N. Sinsabaugh Howard Crowell	Chuck Willie Peter Lee	Mary Sue Willie	Chuck Willie Ann Austin Donna Kirven Vernie Oliviero Sylvia Williams

Acolytes: C = Crucifer, S = Server, G = Gospel, and T = Torchbearer

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange for a substitute and contact the appropriate coordinator.

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