

The Chart

March 2008

Letter from the Rector

March 1, 2008

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe we are half-way through Lent and March is just coming in like a lion. When I was in New Orleans, we didn't like early Lent because it generally meant that the weather would be bad for Mardi Gras (this year was an exception—the last weekend of Mardi Gras was great, although it did rain on Fat Tuesday), but we loved an early Easter because it could be very warm when Easter fell in the middle to late period of April. In the northeast an early Easter can mean snow; we will hope not this year.

I do want to let you know about Holy Week and Easter at Christ Church. Palm Sunday is the 16th of March. We will be doing the full liturgy of that day, but we are going to have our Sunday School help us with the Palm Gospel and the St. Matthew Passion, which will be 'acted-out.' We have started work on the 'productions' and hope they will help all of us better appreciate the richness of the two gospel narratives. The church is quiet throughout Holy Week. We will have Morning Prayer only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Maundy Thursday (the word 'Maundy' comes from the old English, based on the Latin 'Mandatum,' which means mandate (or commandment), noting the Gospel of John 13:34 in which Jesus gives to his disciples a *novum mandatum* (new commandment) that they should 'love one another even as I have loved you.') we note Jesus love for his disciples, his church and his people when we remember the washing of his disciples' feet (the *pedilevium*) and the institution of the Last Supper. In addition to Morning Prayer, we will have a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM and the full liturgy of Maundy Thursday at 7:30 PM, including the stripping of the altar. After the 7:30 PM service the church will remain open until 10:00 PM, with the reserved sacrament placed in the chapel until distributed at the services on Good Friday.

On Good Friday the church will be opened at 9:00AM. We will say Morning Prayer at the opening of the church and the church will be open for prayer and meditation throughout the day. At noon and again at 7:30 PM we will the Liturgy for Good Friday with the reading of the John Passion, the Solemn Collects. At noon there will be distribution of the Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament; there will be no distribution at the 7:30 PM service. The church will be closed after the later service and will remained closed until Easter morning.

Our Easter services will be at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM. The 9:30 service will be a Family Eucharist with a telling of the meaning of the Easter story for children. The service will be 45 minutes in duration. Following the Family Eucharist there will be an Easter egg (read chocolate) hunt. The 11:15 AM service will be a Festal Eucharist with choir, organ and brass (the Mass setting will be *Missa secunda* by Hans Leo Hassler and motets by Edward Bairstow and John Naylor will be sung. Pre-service music will start at 11:00 AM.

Please also note within the *Chart* the full list of worship and educational activities at Christ Church during Lent and Easter.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rev. David B. Lowry, Rector

Parish Notes:

Sunshine Ministry:

With the departure of Marianne Templeton to parts north, we failed to get our report about the wonderful work of the Sunshine Ministry into the Christ Church *Annual Report*. The Sunshine Ministry writes the many wonderful greetings that we all receive at our birthdays and wedding anniversaries and the get-well wishes when we are sick. In addition to Marianne's work in creating the Sunshine Ministry group, the work is carried out by Lettie Snodgrass, Amy Angus, Burr Henahan and Anne McIntosh. To keep-up with the writing of notes and greetings, the Sunshine Ministry can use additional volunteers. Although the group usually meets following the Thursday morning Eucharist, it is possible to have notes written at home and left-off on Sundays to be mailed the following week. If you would like to help in this important ministry, please contact Amy Angus or the rector.

Youth Group:

There is good news and bad news about our youth ministry: the good news is that we have many extraordinarily successful and busy young people; the bad news is that it has proven very difficult to get together with our young people. We are going to try a different approach: get-togethers on the second Sunday each month a 4:00 PM for special programs and a simple dinner. The first meeting will be on Sunday, April 12. More details will be in the April *Chart*. There will be no further Thursday meetings.

♪ Music notes:

As we progress through Lent, it is worth recalling that the organ plays a limited role in services. It has been a longstanding Church tradition to reduce the use of musical instruments during Lent and especially during Holy Week. Accordingly, here at Christ Church, during Lent, postludes are omitted, and the preludes are of a meditative character. Also, there are no organ improvisations following the reading of the Gospel or at any other point during services. After Maundy Thursday, the organ is not played again until Easter Day, when it is heard in all of its fullness. On Easter, the music will be supplemented by a brass quartet and timpani. The addition of these wonderful instruments will help us express, with the utmost exuberance, Christ's resurrection. The choir will also sing an unaccompanied Mass setting by Hans Leo Hassler and an anthem by Edward Bairstow.

Beginning in January, we instituted some changes in the organization of our Junior Choir. The choir now meets immediately following each Sunday's 10 a. m. service, at the back of the church. We rehearse for approximately thirty minutes, focusing on music fundamentals, such as reading music, sight-reading music, and voice production. This will enable each chorister to have a more thorough understanding of the music they learn. As a result, the choir will sing less frequently but, in turn, hopefully have a more profound appreciation of music in general. I encourage all youth to think about joining this choir.

Please mark two special dates on your calendars. The first is an evensong service, sung by both our Junior and Adult Choirs, at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City (145 West 46th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues). This service begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. All are invited. St. Mary's is a marvelous acoustical space, and its services are quite elaborate and beautiful. The second service, involving the same forces and music, will be repeated at Christ Church on Sunday, May 4, at 5 p. m. These are sure to be inspiring services. Please plan to attend one or both!

Finally, we welcome a new member to our choir. Vaughn Fritts, our new bass section leader, began singing with us a few weeks ago. Please welcome him (and his wonderful, resonant bass voice) to Christ Church.

All best wishes for a prayerful Lent,

Kyle

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays... Kayla Deosaran, John McGill, Ida Miletich, Mary Lowry, Katelyn Bennett, Carter Paterson, Indu Subaiya, Christopher Beinecke, Philip Horne, Ruth Mishrick, Dana Sevely, Mary Ryan, Ian Schmidt-Spadaro.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month... James and Karyn Sherwood, Will and Phyllis Ivers.

SUNDAY READINGS AND SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK: *

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 2, 2008

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Altar decorations are given in memory of Abdalla Mishrick
by the Mishrick, Callum & Cyprus Families

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9, 2008

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 16, 2008 **8AM BLESSING OF THE PALMS; 10AM EUCHARIST; 6PM EUCHARIST**

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 20, 2008

9AM MORNING PRAYER, 10AM EUCHARIST, 7:30PM EUCHARIST/WASHING OF THE FEET

Exodus 12:1-10, 11-14; Psalm 116:1, 10-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31-35

Good Friday – March 21, 2008

9AM MORNING PRAYER, GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 12 NOON AND 7:30PM

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 1:1-19:42

EASTER DAY – MARCH 23, 2008

9:30AM FAMILY EUCHARIST; 11:15AM CHORAL EUCHARIST; 6PM SPOKEN EUCHARIST

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

The Second Sunday of Easter – March 30, 2008

Acts 2:14, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Altar flowers are given in memory of Rose, Tony and Joseph Mignone
by Louise Fribush

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the joy of our Easter worship through the gift of plants and flowers for the altar, please fill out this form and place it, along with your check (designated Altar Guild/Easter Flowers), on the offering plate. Or you can mail it to Christ Church, 1355 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, NY 10030.

My offering is

"In memory of..."

- or -

"In thanksgiving for..."

Given by:

All offerings for Easter Flowers need to reach the church office no later than Friday, March 14th.

(See reverse for Easter Music contributions)

EASTER MUSIC

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Calendar of Events—March 2008

Saturday, March 1			
Sunday, March 2	Lent 4	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Church
		9:30 AM	Children's Service Parish House
		10:00 AM	Sunday School Parish House
		10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist Church
		11:15 AM	Junior Choir Church
		6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
Monday, March 3			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		7:30 PM	Study of Paul Guild Room
Tuesday, March 4			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, March 5			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		7:00 PM	Lenten Program St. Stephen's
Thursday, March 6			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		9:15 AM	Bible Study Office
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
		10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry Parish House
		7:30 PM	Senior Choir Parish House
Friday, March 7			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Saturday, March 8			
Sunday, March 9	Lent 5	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Church
		9:30 AM	Children's Service Parish House
		10:00 AM	Sunday School Parish House
	10:00AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
		11:15 AM	Junior Choir Church
		6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
Monday, March 10			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Tuesday, March 11			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, March 12			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		7:00 PM	Lenten Program Guild Room
Thursday, March 13			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		9:15 AM	Bible Study Office
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
		10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry Parish House
		7:30 PM	Senior Choir Parish House
Friday, March 14			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Saturday, March 15			
Sunday, March 16	Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
		10:00 AM	Palm Liturgy Church
		No Sunday School	
		11:15 AM	Junior Choir Church
		6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
Monday, March 17			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		7:45 PM	Vestry Guild Room
Tuesday, March 18			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Wednesday, March 19			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
Thursday, March 20, Maundy Thursday			
		9:00 AM	Morning Prayer Chapel
		10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Chapel
		7:30 PM	Choral Eucharist Church
			Foot Washing

	10:00 PM	Vigil at Altar of Repose	
		Church Closes	
Friday, March 21, Good Friday	8:30 AM	Church Re-opens	
	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	12:00 Noon	Liturgy-Good Friday	Church
	7:30 PM	Liturgy-Good Friday	Church
Saturday, March 22, Holy Saturday		Church Closed	
Sunday, March 23 Easter	9:30 AM	Family Eucharist	Church
	11:00 AM	<i>Pre-service Music</i>	Church
	11:15 AM	Festival Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, March 24	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, March 25	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, March 26	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Thursday, March 27	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Friday, March 28	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
			Saturday, March 29
Sunday, March 30 Easter 2	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	9:30 AM	Children's Service	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, March 31	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel