



For Pete's Sake!

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Jesus Lives!
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Welcome to April and our glorious celebration of the Resurrection. Someone once said that the highest cannot be spoken, and that could hold true here, as the Easter Event goes way beyond the bounds of our vocabulary.

What does it mean for us? Wendy Wright in her blog writes: "Taking a look into the empty tomb

forever changes us. How incredibly rich the Easter Event is! Look at the exaltations we make. Death is vanquished! Sin is overcome! The cup of mercy overflows! Wounds are healed! Love - tender, limitless and astonishing, envelopes us. There is no better way to celebrate the feast of Easter than to dance for sheer joy."

Soon we will gather to journey through Holy Week, the days when we recount Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. One of my personal practices is to be intentional and journey through the services from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. Each day I spend time in worship and prayer as we remember the most significant week of our Christian life.

One of the things I enjoy is that each of the services builds on the one before it, and I am able to enter the story in ways I haven't done so before. While we will not have a service every day at St. Peter's, it's my responsibility and my joy as your priest to invite all of you to immerse yourself in this journey through Holy Week.

Starting on Maundy Thursday, we remember the stories that have shaped a worldwide community of believers over thousands of years. I encourage you to attend as many of these services as you can, for they help us to mark the events that lie at the very core of our Christian faith. Holy Week is a powerful experience.

Of course, I will not judge you or scold you if you can only make a few of these services, but I promise you, Easter is more meaningful when you've been through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and

Easter Morning. You'll start to hear themes, to recognize patterns, and to hear God's promises in new ways. I think you'll find your faith inspired and enriched.

One of the reasons we do this, year after year, making this journey together, is to tell these stories again, to pray together for the church and for the world, to respond to Christ's love with love of our own, and to renew our commitments. We gather to remind ourselves that God's love took the shape of the cross, and that life in Christ continues even after the grave. We listen and share these stories because they hold great power for us.

This story retold each year during Holy Week is our story. We are an Easter people, people made and held by a love so great that it transcends death. We share the life of the Resurrection.

Easter faith does not exist because Jesus is proclaimed: Easter faith is proclaimed because Jesus lives. Out of the depths of the despair and tragedy of Good Friday comes new and unending life, the resurrected life of our Lord.

How does this event touch our lives? In Christ all are made alive. When the truth of the Resurrection becomes part of who we are, we know that now everything is changed.

Whatever tomb you are in, the presence of the Risen Christ now invites you to come out into the light.

Whatever despair, the Risen Christ invites you to new life and new possibilities.

Whenever you might feel hopeless, the Risen Christ invites you to new hope.

Whatever may feel like your Good Friday, the Risen Christ now invites you to Easter. For Easter always follows our experience of Friday.

Whatever may feel like a death to you, The Risen Christ now invites you to new and abundant life in Him.

Frederick Buechner wrote in the *Magnificent Defeat*, "The proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian, I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known a time when all was not well but as one who has faced the cross in all its obscenity as

well as in all its glory, who has known one way or another what it is like to live separated from God. In the end, his will not ours, is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through Him, in Him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has risen.”

These stories transform us. They tell of the love that shapes and reshapes our lives, touching us again and again so that, like Jesus, we might reach our arms out in an offering of love to the world. Come join us.

A blessed Easter to all of you,
Christopher+

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

~Book of Common Prayer, p. 101



Good Friday with Bishop Cate

Our Good Friday service will be on Friday, 3 April at 6pm. Our celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis. We will be utilizing the liturgy that she and a few of her seminary classmates created years ago that relives the Stations of the Cross by asking the question “Were You There?” of the participants in Jesus’ crucifixion.

Five members of St. Peter’s and five members of Trinity Lutheran will take on the roles of these people as we slowly extinguish the light in the sanctuary. As the Bishop makes this service with us a special part of her Holy Week observance, it is my hope that we will have as many people as possible on Good Friday



On 22 March, the Pathways to Vitality team presented their program on labyrinths and their plan to construct a labyrinth at St. Peter’s. There was a lot of good conversation from the presentation as members of the congregation were able to learn about labyrinths and to actually see a 16 foot diameter labyrinth that has been constructed in the narthex.

During Holy Week, the church will be open on Tuesday, Thursday afternoon, and Friday for people to come and use the labyrinth in their Holy Week observances. It will also be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Check the calendar for times.

We have applied for a grant from Christ Church Cathedral Women for the pavers in the construction of the labyrinth. There is a special fund set up in the church accounts for designations to the Labyrinth construction fund. If you would like to donate to this fund, please indicate “Labyrinth” in the memo of your check.

Thanks to the Pathway team for creating this beautiful labyrinth. Photo courtesy of Jason Fortner.



Our Facebook page now has 108 “likes.” The link is <https://www.facebook.com/Weseegodinyou>.

Easter Sunday

Frank Moore and Bob Donaldson are building a wooden cross shadow box that will have a chicken wire cover over the front of it.

On Easter Sunday, I am asking you to bring a cutting or two of fresh flowers from your homes to place in the cross as it comes to life in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Also, please feel free to bring a small bell to ring at the beginning of the service as we proclaim loudly that Christ has triumphed over the grave!

Easter Egg Hunt

Once again, Tom Mohringer will provide the Easter Egg Hunt for our children after the Easter Sunday service on Sunday, 5 April. Thanks, Tom, for this generous ministry!

Welcome Committee

Debra Hartsock chairs this committee to lead our welcoming of each member of the congregation as well as being a welcoming space to the larger community that may be in our building for special events. Diana Halstead and Carol Ann Webb are committee members.

Projects they are working on include creating an information pew card for use by visitors; planning an indoor clean-up and organization day (especially around kitchen and coat room); making the restrooms more welcoming (borders, pictures, supply cabinet); and developing a greeter program on Sundays.



Remember to welcome strangers, because some who have done this have welcomed angels without knowing it.
~Hebrews 13:2 (New Century Version)

Communications Committee

Lindsey Dickerson chairs our newly developed Communications Committee. This committee is charged with the responsibility of getting our Facebook, website and other printed/electronic communications in a consistent format.

If you would like to be a part of this committee, please see Lindsey (317.459.7308). Also look in the latest issue of St. Peter's Chatter (weekly email) to see when the meetings are.

Community Gardens

Are you interested in a plot of land for your garden this coming summer?

Please contact the Church Office or Chuck Dailey (482.9599) before April 15th. All sizes are available for your crops!

Invite your family and friends to exercise their green thumbs as this is not restricted to St. Peter's parishioners! There is limited space available, however. A free-will offering is accepted for the use of the grounds and/or a tithe of the crops, which will be donated to the Caring Center here in Lebanon.



Update on the Bees

On 28 February, Gary Sanders, Chuck Dailey, and Sandra Dailey attended the Bee School at Decatur Central High School where they learned more about raising honeybees and took classes in medical issues around raising bees. A few weeks later, Chuck and Sandy went to Marion, IN for another bee school and came home with two new hives and a nucleus box (used to contain a swarm)!

Our hives have been painted and delivered to our commercial bee breeder who will bring them back to us in late May or early June full of bees. We will then be in full-steam-ahead mode for our newest venture. There are bee suits in various sizes so that we can work with the bees. It is very important that those going near the bees not wear dark clothes since bees perceive that object as a predator and they will attack people in dark clothing.

Gary Sanders is in the process of planting bee-friendly plants and flowers out near the corral so that we can help the bees develop enough honey reserves to endure the next winter.

This project is receiving a lot of interest from our Bishop and we are working to produce a presentation that can be shared with her and the rest of the diocese about this exciting new ministry here at St. Peter's. In fact the two hives that will start our venture have been named for the two "Queen Bees" of The Episcopal Church: Katharine (our Presiding Bishop) and Cate (our Bishop).



Adult Education

Adult Education meets on 12 April and 26 April after the service. On 26 April, our Diocesan Convention delegates report on the first part of convention that was held on 25 April. Grab a cup of coffee and snack and join us for this important part of being a community of faith here at St. Peter's.

Thank You...

♥ During our recent Bishop's Committee meeting, Kent South and Carol Ann Webb successfully removed the wax from the carpet in the sanctuary.

♥ We blessed and are now using the new server albs that were a gift for our youth when they serve as acolytes. We have six albs in various sizes and we welcome new servers.

♥ Thank you to the parish for the wonderful party and bread maker for my birthday! I can't wait to start using it, once things slow down! ~Christopher+ (Editor's note: and when will that be, Christopher? ☺)

♥ To all the wonderful coffee hour hosts who provide us great treats each and every Sunday.

♥ To Chuck Dailey for his clearing of the parking lot during February when winter seemed to come in full fury.

♥ Submit a "thank you" in the offering plate and we will list it in future editions of *For Pete's Sake*.



Change for Change Update

Thanks to your generosity, we have the \$99 to feed one child for one year! On Children's Sunday, the fourth Sunday of each month, we have been collecting loose change to support the feeding of a child at St. Andre's School in Mithon, Haiti.

Encourage your child, if they get an allowance, to bring a nickel or a dime for the collection can.



Mid-week Eucharist

A mid-week Eucharist is held on the 4th Thursday of the month before the YAC (Yarn and Crafts) group meets. The service will have no music and will begin with Evening Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist with a short reflection by the vicar.

We use the propers (appointed collect and lessons) from *Holy Women*, *Holy Men* to guide us.

The service begins at 5:30pm and should last no more than thirty minutes. YAC will begin shortly afterwards.

Bishop's Committee

The next meeting of the Bishop's Committee will be held on Sunday, 19 April at 12:00pm in the Library.

When Need Arises

If you need to get a hold of Christopher+, you may call the parish phone at 482-2322. Messages are checked at least once per day (excluding Friday).

At any time, you may contact Christopher+ on his cell phone at 765.602.1129 or by email at crb0311@aol.com. He is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 5pm. His Sabbath day is Friday.

Upcoming Events – April

- 29 Mar: The Passion of our Lord: Palm Sunday at 10am (procession, weather permitting)
- 30 Mar: Labyrinth open from 5:15-6:30pm
- 31 Mar: Labyrinth open during normal parish office hours and from 5:15-6:00pm
- 31 Mar: Rehearsal for Good Friday Liturgy at 6pm
- 1 Apr: Labyrinth open from 5:15-6:30pm
- 2 Apr: Christopher+ at Cathedral for Renewal of Ordination Vows
- 2 Apr: Labyrinth open from 2-5:30pm
- 2 Apr: Maundy Thursday/Foot Washing/Stripping of Altar at 6pm
- 2-3 Apr: Holy Watch in the Chapel from 8pm Thursday to noon Friday
- 3 Apr: Good Friday – Stations of the Cross with Bishop +Cate and Trinity Lutheran at 6pm
- 4 Apr: Holy Saturday Service and preparation of the church for Easter at 11am
- 5 Apr: Easter Sunday – Christ is Risen! 10am service
- 5 Apr: Healing Service and Easter Egg Hunt after the service
- 9 Apr: Yarn and Crafts (YAC) Group meets at 5:45pm
- 12 Apr: Adult Education after 10am Service
- 13-15 Apr: Christopher+ away at Spring Clergy Conference at Waycross
- 19 Apr: Bishop's Committee meets at 11:45am in the Library
- 23 Apr: Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm
- 23 Apr: Yarn and Crafts (YAC) Group meets at 6pm
- 25 Apr: Diocesan Convention – Part I, from 9am to 4pm at Trinity, Bloomington
- 26 Apr: Children's Sunday, Change for Change
- 26 April: Adult Education after the service
- 29 April – 5 May: Christopher+ on vacation
- 3 May: Christopher+ will be away. Welcome the Rev. Norm Morford+, Guest Priest



April Birthdays

4	Shelbi Fortner
5	Marjorie Gorham Brooks
5	Martha Gorham Park
11	Heavena Mohringer
18	Michael Balint
26	Johanna Mohringer
27	Barbara Craig

Belated Birthdays Wishes for March

3	John Buchanan
	Jonathan Jones
7	Elli Sue Fortner
8	R. T. Krise
	Shelley Krise
11	Christopher Beasley+
12	Dana Gorham
16	Gary Sanders
18	Shannon Mohringer
22	Caleb Hartsock
27	John Donnolo
31	Giuliana Dickerson

Ministry Team Schedule, 2015

If you cannot serve on the Sunday assigned, please arrange for a substitute.

	04.02 Maundy Thursday	04.05 Easter	04.12	04.19	04.26
Altar Server	Volunteer Needed	Diana Halstead	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead
Reader	Volunteer Needed	Chuck Dailey	Norma Sanders	Andy Hartsock	Debra Hartsock
Usher	Volunteer Needed	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders
Thurifer	N/A	Jason Fortner	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Guild	Carol Ann Webb	Carol Ann Webb	Margie Whitehead	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner
Sunday School	N/A	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Cherie Donaldson	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Children's Activities
Coffee Hour	Coffee only	Kent South and Christopher Beasley+	Eric Mohringer and Donaldsons	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

	05.02	05.10	05.17	05.24 Pentecost	05.31
Altar Server	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock	Diana Halstead	Dorothy Kelley	Debra Hartsock
Reader	Chuck Dailey	Jason Fortner	Norma Sanders	Debra Hartsock	Andy Hartsock
Intercessor	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb	Lindsey Dickerson	Carol Ann Webb
Usher	Andy Hartsock	Dorothy Kelley	Jason Fortner	Chuck Dailey	Gary Sanders
Thurifer	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jason Fortner	N/A
Altar Guild	Margie Whitehead	Carol Ann Webb	Dorothy Kelley	Carol Ann Webb	Jason Fortner
Sunday School	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Cherie Donaldson	S. Dailey/S. Fortner	Children's Activities	Children's Activities
Coffee Hour	Volunteer Needed	Eric Mohringer and Donaldsons	Kent South and Christopher Beasley+	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

Please be praying for...

Adam & Lindsey
 Eric Alexander
 Becca
 Brittany & Annette
 Cammy
 Manjit, Cary, Alex, Kate, Troy & Gina
 Charlie
 David
 Sandy (Chadd) Davis
 Bonnie & Lew Dailey
 Shirley & George Dehn
 Debbie DeLeon
 Cherie & Bob Donaldson
 The Norma Donaldson family
 Cindy
 Paul Fauser
 Carol & Becky

Cathy Gray
 Gwendolyn
 Sharon Harpold
 Andy Hartsock
 Deborah Heaton
 Mimi Kuhn
 Josephine
 Clella Leach
 Luke
 The Susan Mason family
 David McKinney
 Johanna Mohringer
 John Mohringer
 Pam Morford
 Matt, Barbara & Abi Pickut
 Mary Ann Riley
 Desiree Roth

Patsy & Bill Sanders
 Betty Saunders
 Tasha, Gaby & Omar Strong
 Kimberly Thomas
 Johnny Williams
 The Bishop's Committee
 Pathways to Vitality Team
 Kimberly & the nursery children
 The Sunday School children & teachers

 The people God is inviting to St. Peter's
 whom we have yet to greet

 Those who have no one to pray for
 them

Going forth into the world, we see God in our neighbor.

Recent Photos



Matt Fortner in a new alb. Courtesy of Jason Fortner.

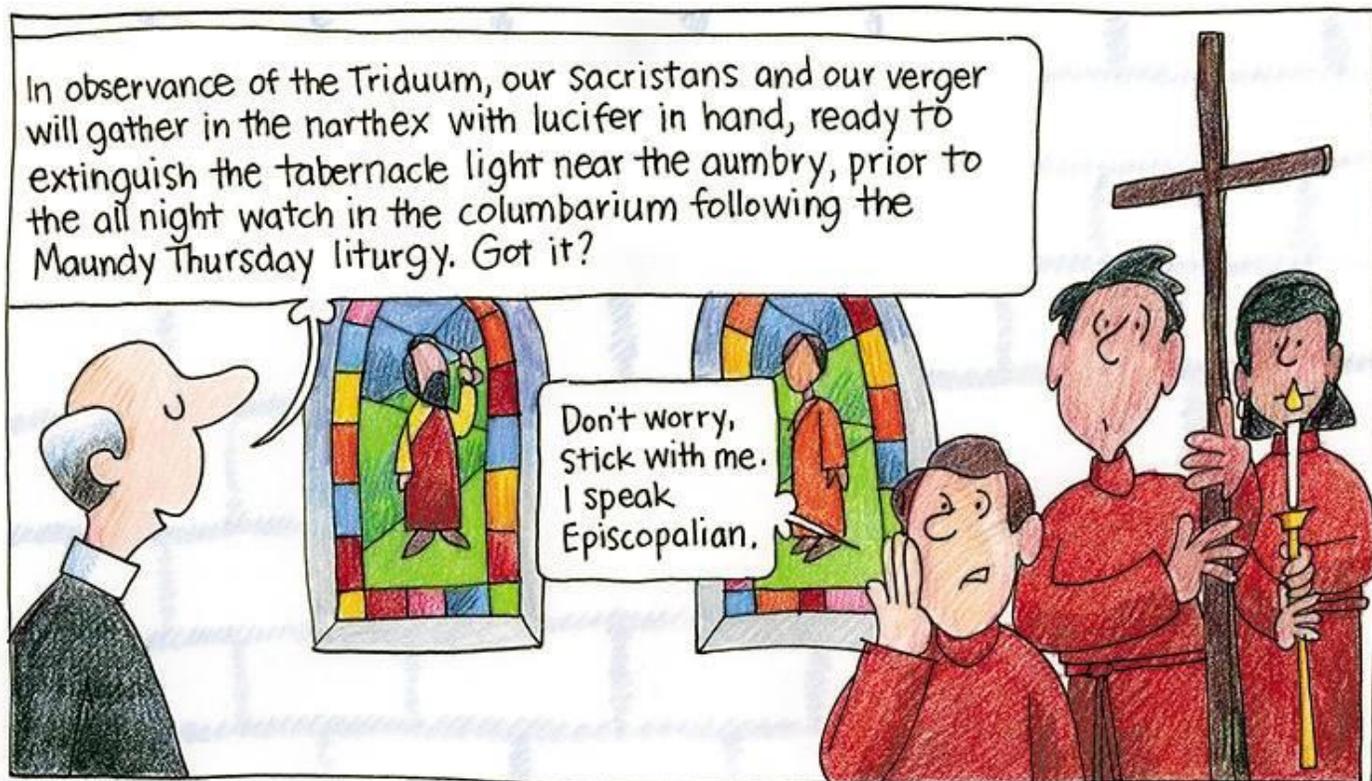


Christopher+ trying to blow out the candle!



Cutting his birthday cake.

Can you “translate” this? (This cartoon speaks to the hospitality of being welcoming.)



Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis Facebook, March 24, 2015

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!