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The Good News Weekly

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Upcoming Events

- 4/14/19 Palm Sunday Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
4/14/19 Palm Sunday Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
4/14/19 Second Sunday Supper at 6:30 at St. Barnabas
4/16/19 The Way of Love in Lent at Christ Church
 5:30 Soup dinner **6:00 p.m. Lenten study**
4/18/19 Washing Feet and Stripping of Altar at 6:30 p.m. at CEC
4/19/19 Good Friday Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
4/20/19 Easter Vigil at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church
4/21/19 Easter Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
4/21/19 Easter Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

Alert from Building & Grounds Committee

Work could begin sometime this month on the Memorial Garden, the flat roof on the Parish House, and the floor in the Parlor. So be careful when walking around Christ Church.

Backpack Blessings Schedule

- Pack after church on April 14
 Driver to deliver bags April 18 – Beth Sickles
 Shop for food on April 18 – Pam Critchfield



The Way of Love in Lent

It is not too late to begin this event. There are two more of these sessions. Consider joining us for the Tuesday evening soup suppers and Lenten studies at Christ Church. Soup is served at 5:30 with the study following at 6:00. Rev. Nora is using "The Way of Love in Lent" materials from The Episcopal Church.

Easter Food Baskets

This Sunday will be your last opportunity to bring food for the Easter food baskets. Any extra food donated will go to a local food pantry. Everyone can help pack the food baskets following the services at Christ Church and St. Barnabas.

Easter Flowers at Christ Church

Easter flowers for Christ Church have been ordered. Please sign the donation sheet at church or call the church office to let Beth Ann know by April 14 who you are giving flowers "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for." A \$15 donation is suggested.



Serving Ministries

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Bill Saviers
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Tom Walsh
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Kitty Clovis, Jody Morse, Vicky Ashby
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Pack Easter Food Baskets
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour host: Mary Beth Paugh
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Kipp Martin
 Ushers: Joe Martin
 Altar Guild: Kipp Martin
6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper at St. Barnabas

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Chuck Critchfield
 Ushers: Kitty Clovis and Ben Hardesty
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Kitty Clovis, Jody Morse, Vicky Ashby
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour host: Mary Beth Paugh
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Altar Guild and Lector: Nancy Cotten
 Ushers: Joe Martin

Easter Flowers at St. Barnabas

You are invited to bring flowers or a plant for the Easter service. Please sign the sheet at St. Barnabas or call the church office to let Beth Ann know by April 14 who you are giving flowers "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for."



April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday (C) Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - Worship

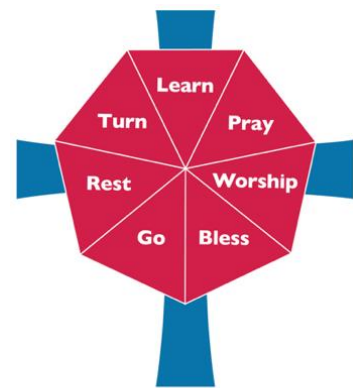
Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Zephaniah 3:12-20

One of the most dramatic elements of WORSHIP in the Easter Vigil is the element of surprise and delight baked into the liturgy. We start in darkness and subdued energy only to have a burst of worship-filled energy when we get to the ultimate song of worship: the Gloria! When we arrive at the Gloria, we throw on the lights, ring bells, sing at our loudest, and may even have a gleeful asperging (sprinkling of holy water as a reminder of our baptism). We are celebrating the greatest surprise of all: the resurrection of Jesus, which put an end to death. This drama is an invitation to let our hearts be moved from fear and despair into gratitude and joy.

In this final oracle from Zephaniah, we hear a distinct call to worship that follows the same dramatic arc that we find in the Easter Vigil. God has come. It is a time for celebrate. We are told to “Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.... On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion ... he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.” Here we see that God intends to turn all our fear into rejoicing, which means our worship should well up as an overwhelming act of gratitude.

In Jesus, the prophecy of Zephaniah is fulfilled. From the very moment he was born, the angels cried out to say “fear not” before breaking into their own Gloria song, mirroring ours during the Easter Vigil. In response to this wonderful gift from God, the shepherds ran to his stable to worship the newborn King of Peace. As their fears subsided, their gratitude naturally flowed. Yet, by the time Jesus’ life is ending, when faced with the possibility of following him to the cross, the disciples are once again filled with fear. When they are reunited with the resurrected Jesus, the doors of a new future are flung open and they return to a stance of gratitude and worship. Their fear of eternal death, as well as our own, has been buried in the empty tomb. We are invited to rejoice and let our gratitude for the gift of new life draw us to worship God.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

REFLECT: In our reading this week, we are called let go of our fears so that we might truly worship God. What brings you the most joy in your life? Can that joy be offered up to God as an act of worship?