

The Messenger
of St. James' Episcopal Church
Texarkana, Texas

Eastertide 2004

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – April 4

Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph

Quiet Eucharist at 7:45am

Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass at 10:00am

**The Great Three Days: The Drama of Redemption
in Three Acts**

Act I: Maundy Thursday—April 8th

Jesus institutes the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Priesthood; he is betrayed by Judas.

Sung Eucharist at 7:00pm

For those who wish, the Chapel will be open for private prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament until Noon on Friday.

Act II: Good Friday—April 9th

Jesus is crucified, dead and buried.

Stations of the Cross at 12:10pm

Solemn Liturgy at 7:00pm

Act III: The Great Vigil of Easter—Saturday, April 10th

Jesus is raised from the dead.

Lighting of the Easter Fire and First Mass of Easter at 8:00pm

Please bring a bell to ring during the Gloria.
Child Care Provided

*For those who are unable to attend the Principal Easter Liturgy
on Saturday evening, there will be two Masses on*

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day – April 11th

Said Holy Eucharist at 7:00am Sung Mass at 10:00am .
The Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast will also take place this morning.

From the Rector

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St James' Church,

You will see outlined on the cover of this newsletter the schedule for Holy Week and Easter. Note that the Great Three days are essentially one single drama in three acts: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening are all parts of a whole.

The Christian day, like that of our Jewish forbears, runs from sundown to sundown. The Easter Vigil then, is the First Mass of Easter. I suppose that we might say that the Easter Vigil is to Easter as Christmas Eve is to Christmas.

And while the Vigil is new to many of us, it is in fact quite primitive. There are records of it being celebrated at Jerusalem in the fourth Christian century. Of course, the roots of the Vigil in the Jewish Passover go back much further, to the time of Moses! The Vigil was restored to the Episcopal Church in the 1979 revision of the Book of Common Prayer.

I can think of three good reasons why you will want to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at the Saturday night Vigil.

The first is theological. This ancient "Queen of Feasts" is the Christian Passover – the night our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. Thus, the Church calls her children throughout the world to come together in vigil, prayer and celebration. We celebrate not only Christ's victory, but our share in it.

The second reason is experiential. Comprised of four parts, the Vigil is drama at its highest. The first part is the Service of Light. As the Vigil begins, the church is dark, like a tomb. Fire is kindled and blessed, and from this fire the Paschal Candle, representing the Risen Christ, is lighted. From the light of that great candle the candles of the congregation are lighted, and as the darkness of the church is pushed back, we see the power of Christ to overcome the powers of Satan, sin and death.

The second part is the Liturgy of the Word (or Scripture readings) in which is recounted God's saving deeds in history.

This is followed by the third part, the blessing of the Font. Easter and Baptism are intimately connected. In the primitive Church, the Vigil was the *only* time in the entire year when Baptism was administered. In our Baptism were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection, and at the Vigil, we renew our baptismal promises.

The final part of the Vigil is the First Mass of Easter, beginning with the *Gloria in excelsis*, the angelic hymn of praise which has been suppressed since the beginning of Lent.

The Vigil will be THE principal Easter liturgy at St James' and all the 'bells and whistles' will be at this evening service, including the Choir. Child care will likewise be provided for this service.

If you're concerned that the Vigil will be lengthy and drawn out, I assure you that it is not. The drama progresses quite quickly, and we will move things along with "holy alacrity." And of course if you attend the Vigil, there is no obligation to be in church on Sunday as well! Sleep in on Easter morning, and show up later for the breakfast.

The third reason for attending the Vigil is practical. Because the First Mass of Easter will be the Vigil, there will only be *two* Liturgies on Easter Day itself, one said and one sung. These Sunday morning services will likely be crowded – and it may be that not everyone gets a seat. So for all of these reasons – theological, experiential and practical – **come to the Vigil!**

Yours with every blessing!



From the Organist & Choirmaster

Day School and St. James Parish

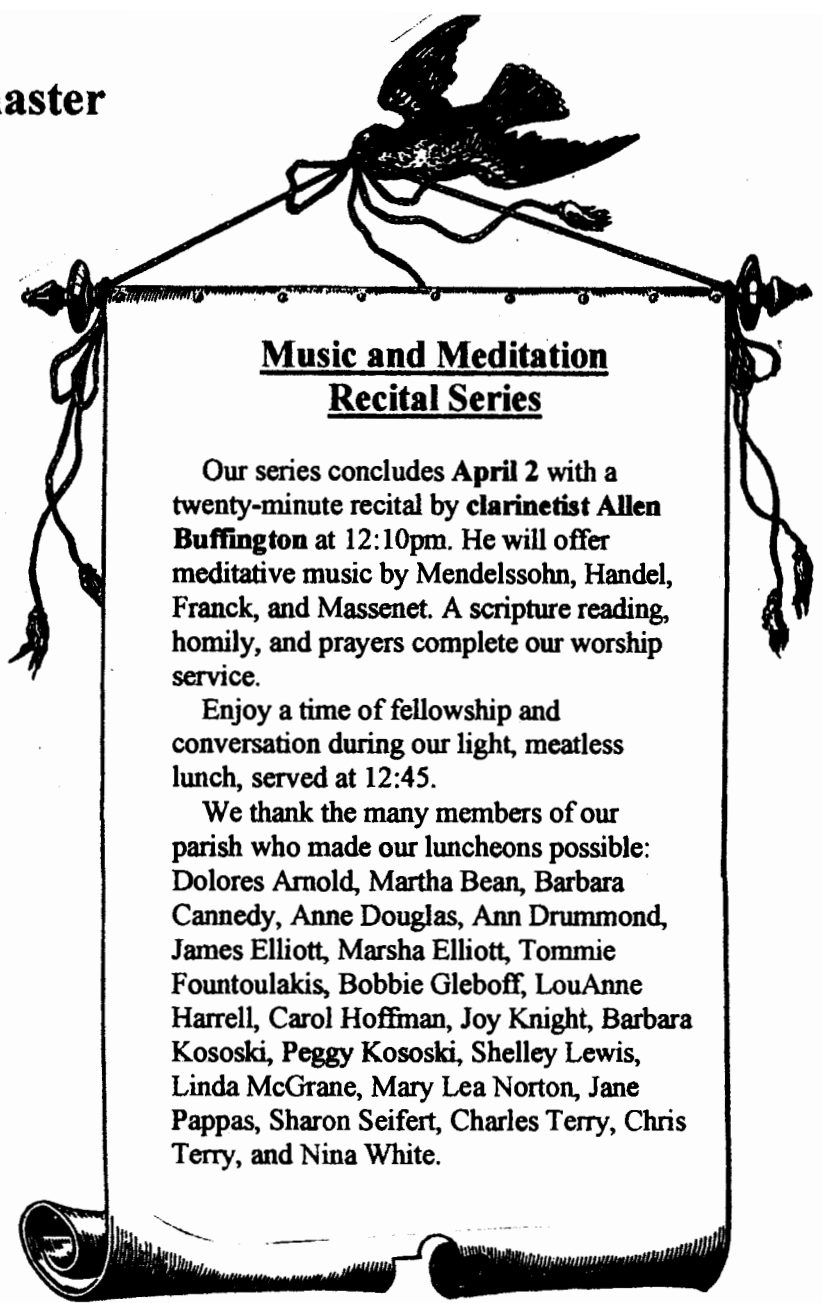
It is my privilege to serve as a link between the worship and music life of our parish and the worship and music life of St. James Day School. For the past three years I have helped impregnate a spiritual atmosphere for learning.

Working with our rector, teachers, students, and parents, I lead the music for weekly chapel services. We connect the hymnody and liturgy of our church with the music we sing in Chapel. Many in our student body membership are increasingly engaged in our worship within the parish. Some students from other faith traditions have made musical offerings in our parish services as part of the school's outreach.

Students make special musical offerings each week. This also enriches their learning and training life. In this process, I help children learn to be good listeners, stewards, and presenters. In turn, I learn how to interact with both students and teachers in meaningful ways.

School music teacher Andrea Murry and I work well together. We share the resources and instruments of our parish with the school children. When possible, I dovetail the choral repertoire of our church choirs and the student's classes. I strive to reinforce, supplement, and enhance Ms. Murry's work as I witness to students individually and in groups.

We continue to look for fruitful ways to link the ministries of our church and school. We thank the members of our parish for their contributions to Candlelight and Graduation services. We welcome your suggestions, offerings, and prayers as we seek to do God's will in our community.



Music and Meditation Recital Series

Our series concludes April 2 with a twenty-minute recital by clarinetist Allen Buffington at 12:10pm. He will offer meditative music by Mendelssohn, Handel, Franck, and Massenet. A scripture reading, homily, and prayers complete our worship service.

Enjoy a time of fellowship and conversation during our light, meatless lunch, served at 12:45.

We thank the many members of our parish who made our luncheons possible: Dolores Arnold, Martha Bean, Barbara Cannedy, Anne Douglas, Ann Drummond, James Elliott, Marsha Elliott, Tommie Fountoulakis, Bobbie Gleboff, LouAnne Harrell, Carol Hoffman, Joy Knight, Barbara Kososki, Peggy Kososki, Shelley Lewis, Linda McGrane, Mary Lea Norton, Jane Pappas, Sharon Seifert, Charles Terry, Chris Terry, and Nina White.

Service Music Details on the Web

For specific information regarding music in upcoming services, go to our parish Website (www.stjamestxk.org), click on "Church Programs," then "Choirs of St. James."

In Christ,
Ruth E. Anderson

ITEMS TO NOTE

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Easter Flower envelopes are out in the pews. Please be sure to have yours turned in on or before April 7.

DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

If you would like to get updates on what's going on around St. James, send a blank e-mail to sandrak@stjamestxk.org. Soon we will be sending e-mails to you on current and future events at the church. This is a great way to save on postage also.

HOLY BAPTISM

On Saturday, April 10, we will have baptisms during our 8:00 pm Easter Vigil. If you or someone you know would like to be baptized, please contact Fr. Anderson or call the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

Mark your calendars...

May 6 - 6pm

Fr. Anderson's Installation

May 22 - 2pm

Dedication of our New Building

HOME COMMUNION

If you or someone you know would like to have home communion, please contact the church office at 903-794-9224 or email Sandra.

THANKS TO DAVE CLARK

He's done it again! Dave built bookshelves for the rector's office and an altar table for the chapel that are GREAT! Thanks Dave for once again using your talents to add to the beauty of St. James.

Women of St. James Semi-Annual Bake Sale

Sunday April 4

Before and after both services

Cakes, Pies, Breads, Cookies, Candies, Casseroles, Barbeque, Gumbo

To place a special order call: Dolores Arnold 903-774-0046 or Bobbie Gleboff 903-792-2688

Items will be accepted and available for sale on Saturday, April 3, 3-5pm.

PARISH CAMPOUT

It will be soon!!!! Our campout will be held on April 16-18 at Beavers Bend State Park near Broken Bow, OK. It is held in a group camping area at the park and has a large meeting room/kitchen, clean restrooms, individual cabins (each cabin will sleep six). There are 12 double cabins. There are many activities available for all ages. Also, all meals are included in the price of the weekend.

This has always been a wonderful and fun way to spend time with your fellow parishioners. If you plan on attending or would like more information, please call Judie Firmin at 903-793-3459 or e-mail @ JudieFir@aol.com. Please do this as soon as possible so that Judie can get a head count in order to purchase food, etc. for the campout.

In our prayers:

PRAYER LIST

Ann, Patricia, David, Linda, Hattie, Nita, Richard, Mary, Filamena, Jennifer, Jean, Charlie, Walt, Mary, Glenda, Richard, Judy, Jimmy, Mary Jane, Janice, Resa, Roy, Barb, Diane, Home, Sam, Kenneth, Bill, Sarah, Johnnie Mae, Linda, Gene, Doris, James Christopher, Elle, Matt, Kyle, Damien, Evan, Karen, Eddie, Linda, Tommy, the Arkansas National Guard, the Arkansas Reserves, the chronically ill and those in nursing homes.

April Anniversaries

2 Glenn & Alice Crowder
 5 John & Carolyn Easley
 8 Charles & Judie Firmin
 9 Keith & Sharon Maynard
 10 Kevin & Cyndee Cline
 11 Tom & Dolores Arnold

April Birthdays

1 Tim Reed	12 Mike Asher	26 Kevin Crowder
Christy Worsham	Collins Holman	27 Donna Shipp
2 David James	13 Larry Oxford	28 Billy DeLoach
4 Edward Eichler	16 Amanda Sams	Michelle Purtle
Clayton Eichler	17 Debra Wright	Amanda McCoy
Hillary Fowler	18 Cissy Durham	30 Zach Norment
5 Sue Hagen	20 Jay Young	Mary-Steward
Gail Eichler	Chet Stinnett	Shores
Shane Malone	Jay Bean	
9 Brian Purtle	24 Traci Anderson	
Travis Power	22 Bettye Young	
10 Gladys Cupp	Sarah Strayhorn	
Barbara Wade	25 Anne Douglas	
Mike McAdams	Ariel Ashford	
Ed Schoen		
Bobby Witcher		

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH :

In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 28 member provinces.

In The United States

A community of 2.3 million members in 118

Dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1789.

In the Diocese of Dallas

A community of 38,000 parishioners in 77 congregations, 22 schools, 48 commissions, agencies and institutions in northeast Texas Established in 1895.

What the Episcopal Church Expects of Her Members

1. They will worship God in church every Sunday and every Holy Day unless prevented by serious illness or other grave cause. (Title II, Canon I.)

2. They will observe principal feasts and fasts of the church calendar. (BCP, pp. 15, 17.)

3. They will say their prayers daily and grace at meals. (BCP, pp. 37-60.)

4. They will take an active part in the ministry and mission of their local parish and give to the work of the church through their parish. (BCP, p. 856.)

5. They will have their children baptized and instruct them in the teachings of the church, exposing them to the Christian life in the family and in the parish. (BCP, pp. 301-302, 304-305.)

6. They will see their marriage as a sacrament of Christ's love (BCP, p. 423ff.) and they will work for its health – seeking counsel from a priest when marital union is imperiled. (Title I, Canon 18.1)

7. They will own and use a copy of The Book of Common Prayer.

8. They will request a letter of Transfer when they move to another parish (register to serve where they live).

9. They will make wills providing for their final good stewardship for family, church, and charitable concerns. (BCP, p. 445.)

10. They will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. (BCP, p. 305.)

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SCHEDULE OF LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 2004

	April 4 Palm Sunday	April 8 Maundy Thurs. at 7:00pm	April 9 Good Friday at 7:00pm	April 10 Easter Vigil at 8:00pm	April 11 Easter Day	April 18 Easter II	April 25 Easter III
Chalice Bearers 7:45am	Patsy Cornelius David Warrick				7:00am Tom Collins Kaye Baxter	Don McCoy Patsy Cornelius	Bill Sams Kaye Baxter
Reader 7:45am	Leighsha Bean	7:00pm Lauren Hehmeyer Pat Works	7:00pm Jane Bruner	8:00pm David James Bruce Cannedy	7:00am Pam McCoy	Bobbie Nichols	Chris Terry
Ushers 7:45am	John Fountoulakis Allan Joley Joe Kososki Ken Liles	7:00pm Mike Lowe Don Mitchell Paul Patterson Brian Purtle	7:00pm Bobby Pappas John Rogers Sherman Robert David Waddle	8:00pm Charles Terry Jim Wilson Chesley Walker Nick Williamson	7:00am Bill Bean Bob Case John Fountoulakis Alan Jolley	Joe Kososki Ken Liles Mike Lowe Don Mitchell	Chet Moore Bobby Pappas John Rogers Charles Terry
Chalice Bearers 10:00am	Tom Watson Judie Firmin	7:00pm Tom Collins Shari Keller		8:00pm Judie Firmin Teresa Hubrel	10:00am Shari Keller Jason Kyles	Dennis Landreaux Becky Borgeson	Teresa Hubrel Tom Watson
Acolytes 10:00am C T T S S Thurif.	Joseph Watson Blake Purtle Matt Hendrickson Gus Brosin Taylor Douglas	7:00pm Edward Eichler Maggie Pappas Jessica Jones Clay Eichler Mary McWilliams Trevor Parker	7:00pm Bill Sams David Warrick	8:00pm Trevor Parker James M. Hubrel Kelsey Townsend Zachary Hubrel Hillary Fowler Seth Williams	10:00am Joseph Watson Matt Hendrickson Maggie Pappas Tiffany McPherson Mary McWilliams Carey Stanley	Savannah Smith Hadley Smith Jessica Jones Gus Brosin Zachary Hubrel	Seth Williams Thomas Storey Blake Purtle Tyler Markham Nick Pappas
Acolyte Mom	Michelle Purtle				Robin Townsend	Teresa Hubrel	Lynn Storey
Reader 10:00am	Lisa Watson				Janis McWilliams	Paula Addison	George Poulos
Ushers 10:00am	Mike Jones Bo Malone J.C. Markham Larry Oxford				Brad VanZandt Bruce Cannedy Steve Douglas James Elliot	Billy Hackett Mike Jones Bo Malone J.C. Markham	Larry Oxford Paul Patterson Nick Prime Sam Prime
Altar Guild	Team 1				Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Vestry Greeters/ Counters/ Lock-up	Megan Schroeder Susie Stanley			Tom Collins Kaye Baxter	Nick Williamson John Carson	Lila Walker Brian Purtle	Bruce Cannedy Anne Douglas