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Telling The Truth, Telling Our Story and Telling the Truth 'Slant'

*Tell all the Truth but tell it slant---
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth's superb surprise
As Lightening to the Children eased
With explanation kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every man be blind---*
Emily Dickinson



In a world that is almost deliriously looking for truth as it seeks certainty in such uncertain and anxious times as these, it's certainly intriguing, if not challenging, if not difficult to consider what *truth* Emily had in mind when she penned this poem all those years ago. Perhaps she, herself was thinking of more than just the concept of truth and was contemplating a great truth, such as the limitless love of God. Certainly this truth is fundamental, but it is also a bit unwieldy to grasp, so big and even abstract that we long for concreteness to make it accessible. I'd like to think that this was on her mind all those years ago and yet, like such great art, this is open to interpretation which can seem inspiring to some and yet daunting and even threatening to others. Concreteness is much easier to deal with than art, than story...or even *truth*.

So large is also the *truth* that gathers us to worship, to pray, to share and to celebrate this and every Holy Week – what God has done to conquer even death itself, beginning with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This too is a fundamental truth that shapes our lives and is the ultimate sense of power for who we know ourselves to be and forms our sense of calling as to who we are to become...at least it should. Truth, as powerful as it is, can feel ambiguous and unwieldy so we seek concreteness to help get a handle on what this truth means for us.

This is what Holy Week is all about. If no other week, this is the time in which we truly “tell the truth but tell it slant.” Far more than simply a metaphor, the truth that we hold up and celebrate in our salvation history develops itself within our liturgy. With our liturgies for Holy Week we truly pray our beliefs and demonstrate our maxim of *lex orandi, lex credendi* – that our prayer shapes our beliefs. By the power of the liturgies for Holy Week, we “tell the truth but tell it slant,” we *do* what we say, we recall, commemorate, and enter the story – reinterpreting this great truth by how we worship. Throughout this we follow Jesus through his passion, death and beyond into eternal life; recalling some of what led us here, what occurred and considering what this TRUTH can mean for our lives, both individually and as a community.

With Holy Week we celebrate the story, the TRUTH of redemption, and by liturgies invite others to become *co-redeemers* with Christ – to find ourselves in the very midst of the mystery that is the Resurrection, and realize that this mission is now entrusted to us as a great treasure to be stewards of – to invest wisely so that this TRUTH, this treasure can grow still. Throughout Holy Week we tell, show, touch, taste the TRUTH *slant* by experiencing the journey. Come see, experience, and share this wonderful TRUTH of the power of God's love!

Susan Clinton

St. John's Stories – Hiram Becker

How often have you wandered through some museum or park and noticed a plaque, commemorating some event of a person totally unknown to you? It's maybe more interesting in a cemetery, with moss and statues and atmosphere. At St. John's, we have many things given or donated in memory of people of the church. Some of the names may be familiar, or even of your family, and we probably take more interest in these, out of respect. I talked to Betsy Greenwood today, and one of the subjects was about wanting to somehow let it be known that you existed. That you were a part of this world, that you were born, lived, worked, loved, and eventually died. In short, you mattered, and someone loved you enough to want that to be known.

Betsy chose to sponsor a choir chair in memory of her father, Hiram Becker, a long-time member of St. John's, but did not belong to the choir. Her grandfather, also Hiram Becker, sang in the choir for many years. Music is and was a big part of the Becker family. Most of Betsy's church life has been at St. John's, and she considers herself one of the "church kids," along with Jan Young, and Marcia Hoffman and others, many of them participating in some form of music program. Betsy and Jan are both involved in a bell ringers group; Marcia is in the choir.



When Betsy was ready to do something to mark her father's life, it was an easy decision to choose to sponsor a choir chair. I've noticed how important it has been for people to find the specific chair; the one with their loved one's name attached. This seems to be true for all of us, my own family is no exception. As some people know, my own brother died suddenly two years ago and my family is going through this process as well in terms of seeking ways to best remember David. We want everyone to know he was alive and loved and lived. Betsy, along with so many others in our parish, has found a way to tell the world that her father, and grandfather, and others, were people that meant something...to her, to family and to all those whose lives they've touched, and most of all to God.

Submitted by Karen Parr

Altar Flower Sign-Up Form

(Use this form or the calendar on the Parish Life bulletin board to reserve YOUR altar flower date!)



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Happy Birthday

- 2 Beverly DeHaan
- 2 Robert DeHaan
- 2 Ted Grigg
- 5 Cheryl Heath
- 5 Jacob Oravitz
- 7 Jimmy Harrell
- 9 Shirley Blodgett
- 9 Kathy Sedwick
- 10 Jack Mott
- 11 Aimee Lynes
- 12 Olivia Oravitz
- 12 John Reardon
- 14 Gary Hollman
- 15 Herb, Jr. Spence
- 16 Brayden Winters
- 19 Ian Marc Fenner
- 19 Marilyn Wells
- 23 Helene Whitehead
- 25 Ruth Joswiak
- 25 Michael Spence
- 27 William Heath
- 28 Betsy Greenwood
- 28 Gloria Moore-Graham
- 30 Marcie Winters

Happy Anniversary!

- 22 Nancy & Dan Cramer
- 26 Cynthia & Steven Baillie

Thank You

A special thank you to Sue Luxton and her loyal helpers for all of your efforts in our recent bereavement dinners at St. John's.

Thank you Ellen Redfield, Herb Spence, and Keith Birdsall for all of your efforts and support throughout our preparation for Easter Advertising.

A BIG thank you to Tom & Ben Donaghy for all of their time and talent used in restoring our original altar and building our new post sign!

Is there someone in our parish who has gone above and beyond? If you would like to offer thanks, please call the office at 793-9575.

Good Samaritans:

3/22—4/4	Jim & Marsha Braun	793-5015 793-5551
4/5—4/18	Betty Donaghy	793-2700
4/19—5/2	Joan Wendland	686-8363

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!

The West Side Civic Association is sponsoring a community Easter egg hunt on

APRIL 11, 2009
at
NOON

All youngsters and their families are invited!
Ages: 0-3 will be hunting in the park by St. John's
Ages: 4-6 & 7-10 are hunting at the Court House.



**SPECIAL GUEST:
THE EASTER BUNNY!**

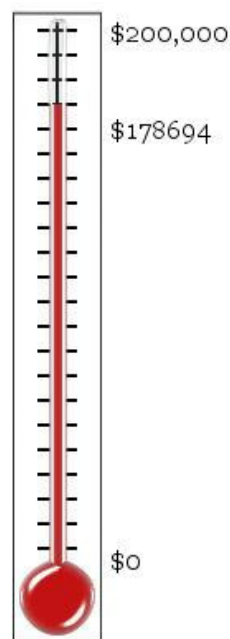


Continuing to Make a Turn-Around – Our Finances & Stewardship

Stewardship is truly a two-way relationship and something we share as part of our overall mission. How the church uses the resources we are entrusted with is as much about stewardship as the annual appeal. A full picture can only happen when we are clear about what you expect from the Church inasmuch as what the Church can expect from you, your gifts of time, talent and treasure. As we have asked you to consider how you can best show your commitment to St. John's, we have also been hard at work to show you our commitment to utilize our resources in the best way possible to realize our mission and purpose to *care, share, worship, celebrate and love*. Part of our commitment has been with restructuring what we do and how we go about our ministry. Not one single aspect is overlooked in this process! As we have already shared, our efforts are clearly working and we continue to make great progress in turning our church around, especially with our finances. There's really one major reason why: your commitment! The commitment of our leadership is but a reflection of the commitment that you have continued to offer here at St. John's to help ensure that our parish continues to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families and the life of our greater community. As our Rector shared at our Annual Meeting last January, "we simply can't stop now."

We are doing our part and we're confident that you want to fulfill yours. Expenses continue to be contained and even reduced and our income is above what we have planned (for now). This is thanks to so many who continue to show their dedication, creativity and willingness to help in so many ways with their time, talent and treasure. *Are you one?* If so, thank you; and if you answered not, yet, please know that you can still help make a real difference and we need to hear from you. If you never have pledged before, this is the time. Help us continue to turn our beloved church around, help us to meet the needs of our community, and help us to realize our mission which can only happen by working together! Now is the time, we can't stop our progress now when we've come this far, and we need your help! You can make your confidential pledge commitment by either completing a pledge card or contact Jan Young, our parish administrator by calling 793-9575 or by email at jan@stjohns-saginaw.org.

To date, we have received commitments for over \$ 178,694. That's more than 89% toward our goal of \$200,000 for 2009! We simply can't stop now! *Is your commitment among these?* If not, please consider what you can offer to help us fulfill our commitment back to you and the community.



Welcoming A New Partner

A new way to off-set costs and help realize our commitment to you is to welcome several underwriting sponsors for *The Messenger*. This month, we are proud to welcome Jerry Young and Tri-Star Trust Bank as our charter-sponsor. *Would you or someone you know be interested in being an underwriting sponsor for our communications? If so, please contact Amy Simons by email at amy@stjohns-saginaw.org or by calling her at 793-9575.*



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Diana Butler-Bass Comes to Saginaw!

Renowned author and scholar Diana Butler-Bass will be at Horizons Conference Center April 17th and 18th to speak on the topic:

**Christianity for the rest of us:
How the neighborhood church is transforming the faith.**

Why is religious practice changing?

Explore the development of postmodern culture and the challenges of these shifts to the practice of religious faith communities.

How is it changing?

Look at the emerging emphasis on practice-centered Christianity as a way of faith (instead of belief-centered Christianity) and the specific practices that are revitalizing congregations.

Where is all this going?

What is the point of all this? Where might this kind of Christianity take us? Get beyond “navel-gazing” Christianity toward a kind of faith that transforms our selves, our congregations, and God’s world.



Friday April 17

6:00-6:45 Gathering/Registration

6:45-7:00 Opening Prayer

7:00-9:00 Presentation #1 by Dr. Bass followed by Questions and Conversation

Saturday April 18

8:30-9:00 Gathering/Registration

9:00-9:15 Opening Prayer

9:15-11:00 Presentation #2 by Dr. Bass

11:00-11:15 Break

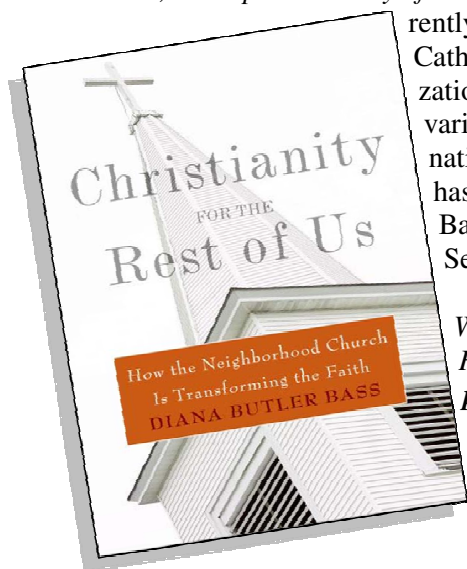
11:15-12:00 Questions and Conversation

12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:45-2:00 Presentation #3 by Dr. Bass

2:00-2:30 Questions and Conversation

Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of seven books including the bestselling *Christianity for the Rest of Us* published in 2006. Her much-anticipated next book, *A People’s History of Christianity*, will be released in March 2009 from Harper One. Diana is currently Senior Fellow at the Cathedral College of the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. She regularly consults with religious organizations, leads conferences for religious leaders, and teaches and preaches in a variety of venues. From 2002 to 2006, she was the Project Director of a national Lilly Endowment funded study of mainline Protestant vitality. She has taught at Wesmont College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, Macalester College, Rhodes College, and the Virginia Theological Seminary.



Want to know more? St. John’s has obtained special reserved seating at Horizons Conference Center to hear the author speak. If you would like participate please sign up in the Community Room or call the church office at 793-9575. Participants are not required to attend the conference in it’s entirety. Simply enjoy what you can!

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Holy Week At-a-Glance – Join us for powerful worship, fellowship and inspirational music!



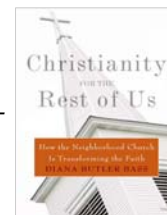
Palm Sunday – April 5th

(Holy Eucharist at 8am; Parish Breakfast at 10am; Choral Eucharist at 10:30am)

The drama of Holy Week begins with the remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the liturgy of the Palms and transition from celebration to the intensity of his Passion on the cross. Start your observance of Holy Week at the parish breakfast and then enter the story, carrying palms and the singing of "All Glory, Laud and Honor".

Wednesday of Holy Week – April 8th (Holy Eucharist at noon and 6pm; Lenten Series at 7pm)

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the meditation chapel using the proper readings for Wednesday of Holy Week. This will also be the final session for our Lenten Series, *Christianity for the Rest of Us* which is a discussion of the book of the same name written by Diana Butler-Bass (who will be in Saginaw to speak Friday & Saturday, April 17th-18th).



Maundy Thursday – April 9th (Worship at 6pm with the Agapé Meal following)

Holy Week continues with the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed." In this special service, we share in the response to the gift of Communion, where Jesus humbly and quietly washes the feet of his disciples. This deeply moving action gives us a real experience of how powerful servant ministry can be and will be offered to anyone who wishes to receive this symbolic act as part of the liturgy. The liturgy concludes with in a symbolic representation of that final night, with the stripping of the altar and all decorative furnishings from the church and the sacrament is reserved -- all while Psalm 22 is read or chanted; and ends with a silent meditation, without a dismissal, for the Church remains in prayer for three days -- until the Great Vigil of Easter. This sacred time is known as the *Triduum Sacrum* -- the 'sacred three days.' Following the liturgy there will be an *Agapé Meal*, a simple meal remembering the fellowship the disciples shared.



Good Friday – April 10th (Service at noon)

As with Christians from as far back as the fourth century, the Church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. The Holy Eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday, but Holy Communion will be administered from the reserved sacrament.



The Great Vigil of Easter – April 11th (Flowering of the Cross at 7:30pm; worship begins at 8pm)

In *The Great Vigil of Easter*, we move from the Passion and death of Jesus Christ to his Resurrection. The service begins in darkness and slowly moves into the light of the resurrection, beginning with the lighting of the new Paschal candle and its entry into a darkened church. Through this powerful liturgy, we recover the ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. The traditional night for adult Baptism, the Vigil is where all our Lenten preparation leads us. As the Exsultet chant proclaims: "This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life!" Be among the first to sing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" and welcome this most glorious of Christian feasts.



Easter Day – April 12th (Holy Eucharist at 8am; Festive Choral Eucharist at 10:30am)

The Feast of Christ's Resurrection and the promise that the resurrection holds for us is celebrated on this festive day. Be overwhelmed by the beauty and majesty of Easter celebrated in the Anglican tradition. The 10:30 liturgy will be enhanced by the great Easter hymns played by organ and brass as well as special music by our Choir.



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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER is, in a nutshell, the most symbolic, meaningful, personal, and experiential service of the church year, explaining and demonstrating how we move from the Passion and death of Jesus Christ to his Resurrection.

The Easter Vigil is an incredibly powerful and special worship experience. The Vigil begins at 'sundown' as we move from Holy Saturday to Easter. Our abbreviated version of this timeless celebration begins with a "Service of light." This is marked with the lighting of the 'new fire,' which is used to light the *Paschal* candle, representing the risen Christ. This 'Light to the World' is then carried in solemn procession, entering a darkened church where it will start to spread light throughout. The service of light concludes with the most glorious of all chants, *the Exsultet*, which explains the whole story of salvation. We then move into the liturgy of the Word with stories from the Old Testament. This is the night when the Church around the world welcomes the newest members to God's family and renew our own baptismal vows, as well as being the first Eucharist of Easter – marked by the Easter Acclamation: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" The Great Vigil of Easter gives the full meaning behind our celebration of the next day. Come experience a new dimension of the wonder and majesty of Easter this year! You are invited to help decorate the flowering cross by bringing your fresh cut flowers from your garden (or favorite florist). Come a little early (~7:30p) so that your flowers can be wired to be inserted into the mesh of our wooden cross prior to the service. Our celebration continues with a reception following the service.

"This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life!"



The Flowering Cross

Part of our Easter Celebration each year is a Flowering Cross. You are invited to help decorate the flowering cross by bringing your fresh cut flowers from your garden (or favorite florist) at ***The Great Vigil of Easter***-April 11th (8:00pm). Come a little early (~7:30p) so that your flowers can be wired to be inserted into the mesh of our wooden cross prior to the service. The finished cross will be processed into the church during the Vigil, be part of Easter morning and then be on display in the Garden throughout the week of Easter. Our thanks (in advance) go to Mary Ellen Whitney of Arden & Whitney Flowers for their continued generosity and assistance.

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From the Director of Music:

As a musician, I love the drama inherent in Holy Week and Easter. From “All Glory, Laud and Honor” when we remember Jesus' ride into Jerusalem to the last notes of “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”, we are participants in one of the greatest stories ever told. At St. John's, we take particular pride in the music that we sing and play during this week. Through singing our hymns and anthems we become part of that story.

At St. John's, we take particular pride in the music that we sing and play during this week. The choir will be very busy singing for all of our liturgies including some of the favorites of the season like Mozart's “Ave Verum Corpus” for Good Friday and K. Lee Scott's “The Tree of Life” for Easter Day. Our Easter Vigil will be as dramatic and splendid as always with the addition of trumpets!

I look forward to celebrating the season with all of you!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Kevin Simons



Innovo

Contemplative Meditative Innovative

Sunday, April 19th at 4:00pm

Followed by a simple supper and fellowship

What is Innovo, anyway? Innovo is a unique service only offered at St. John's Saginaw. It's a service where the traditions of Tazié and The Book of Common Prayer come together. It's a flexible service where the musicians change, the prayers change, and the seating changes. Worshipers are inspired to remember, reflect, and become renewed through a very simple and personal service. Come and experience how simply a change in routine can offer inspired worship.

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Good Friday: Making a Difference as We Worship



For the Congregations of the Episcopal Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

For almost a century, the Good Friday Offering has been a source of support, love and hope for the people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This year's 87th Good Friday Offering offers us the opportunity to be nourished by a deepened bond with the churches in the region that is so central to our faith. In my time as Presiding Bishop, I have been deeply moved by their stories of the pain that division brings to the lives of all in this Province of the Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East was formed in 1841 with the purpose of forging friendships with the ancient churches and serving the expatriate communities in this area. The friendships made then have strengthened the work and witness of the entire Episcopal Church ever since. Since 1922, members of the Episcopal Church have given thanks for this extraordinary relationship through their generous giving to the Good Friday Offering. This offering expresses our own commitment to walk with the church of Jerusalem & the Middle East as they continue to work toward justice, reconciliation, and peace. Through our support of these churches we are helping to realize God's vision of shalom.

More information on this offering is available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/gfo. There you can access the Good Friday Offering Bulletin Shell and Poster. If you do not have access to the Internet, the enclosed order form and return envelope will help you obtain these materials via mail.

Again, please join with me in celebrating the work of the Good Friday Offering by generously sharing the gifts we have been given with our sisters and brothers in the Middle East. I remain

Your servant in Christ,



Katharine Jefferts Schori

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Hope Totes & ERD Boxes:

Palm Sunday, **April 5th is the day to return your Hope Totes and ERD Boxes.** Each of these gifts become vital resources for the organizations that they benefit. Let's be sure to share the good news with those around us! Your spare change makes cents!



YARN + PRAYER = GIFTS OF LOVE

April is the month that - through the efforts of the CAN Council (Council for Child Abuse and Neglect) and others - we are made more aware of the heartbreaking situation of children who are abused and neglected.

Every month, all year long, the people of St. John's Mitten Project knit, crochet, and pray for these children, many of whom have been placed in foster homes. We believe that a pair of handmade mittens, a hat, scarf, or a colorful hanger can put a little warmth and love into a child's life, and that our prayers make it that much more effective.

What began as a mittens-only project has been growing. In addition to an even greater number of the items listed above, this year we have been promised some bright, crocheted children's blankets. How wonderful!

This year's gifts of yarn and prayer will be gathered together at church on the first Sunday of November. From there they will be taken to the CAN Council office for distribution to children in foster care families.

Anyone is welcome to join in this project. Just start in, use your own yarn and patterns, or get some from the table in the church community room on the first Sunday of each month. Enjoy!

Mary Spence



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April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

Not just in the church, but nationally, April has become Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Locally here in Saginaw, this is one of the most important months for one of our partner organizations,



Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County. Since 1979, the *CAN Council* has been dedicated to preventing child abuse utilizing community education and raising public awareness. These programs have been recognized for their importance and have been the building blocks of the *CAN Council* mission: “Building a community where children are free from abuse and neglect.” This mission is simple, direct, and an enormous challenge.

To realize this mission will take a collaborative approach working with as much of the community as possible. In addition to educational programs and awareness, the *CAN Council* also pursues its mission by assisting authorities with identifying and reporting of abuse. In addition, the *CAN Council* also directs the CASA Program – Court Appointed Special Advocates, which accompanies a child throughout the whole judicial process involved with an abuse case. Unfortunately, the amount of referrals and interviews with possible victims that are made has only increased with the years. So now, more than ever, it truly will take all of us working together to help change the situation! You can find out more about the work of the *CAN Council* by visiting their website along with links to other sites.

Some Helpful Websites:

1. Child Welfare Information Gateway
www.childwelfare.gov
2. Childhelp
www.childhelp.org
3. International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.
www.ispcan.org
4. *CAN Council* of Saginaw
www.cancouncil.org

In addition to supporting the efforts of the *CAN Council*, St. John’s encourages and reinforces this essential work by own resources that we share within and beyond our own community. In addition to the Children’s Charter of the Episcopal Church, our diocese has been proactive in creating “Safe Church Standards” which not only includes screening of all potential employees and key volunteers working with children, the work has led to the development of our own guidelines for preventing child abuse as well as other forms of sexual exploitation and abuse. This work has been a major focus of our own rector’s formation as a priest, having worked with emotionally disturbed and abused children & youth as a chaplain intern and then as a trainer and one who assists in pastoral response in this as well as his two past dioceses. This month, Darren+ will be taking part in a national workshop for the church’s Safe Church program and will also help lead one of the several trainings that the diocese holds each year for personnel and volunteers in the Church.

So what can we do/ how can I help?

The short answer is to learn, pray, support, and advocate for child protection. Use this month, the links found below and other resources, such as the *Think First & Stay Safe Parent Guide* which is available in the Community Room to learn more about not only the dangers but the measures we can take to prevent abuse as well as appropriate ways to respond to abuse.



Secondly, take this learning as well as your concerns and ideas to your own prayer life, then share your ideas as how to help. Next we can all help the efforts to further our own “Safe Church” environment as we educate our church and neighbors, screen potential employees and volunteers, train our ministers, and strengthen our own resources. Together we *CAN* make a difference!

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Holy Week at St. John's!

- April 5 ***Palm Sunday,***
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Community Breakfast (Community Room)
10:30am **Holy Eucharist** with Choir
Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Reading
- April 8 ***Wednesday of Holy Week***
Noon Holy Eucharist (in the Garden Room Chapel)
6:00 pm Holy Eucharist (in the Garden Room Chapel)
- April 9 ***Maundy Thursday***
6:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Liturgy** with music
Institution of the Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Altar and Start of the Triduum Sacrum
7:30 pm Agapé Meal
- April 10 ***Good Friday***
12:00 pm **Solemn Good Friday Liturgy** with music
- April 11 ***Easter Eve***
7:30 pm Flowering Cross (Community Room)
8:00 pm **The Great Vigil of Easter**
First Eucharist of Easter with a glorious service of light, lessons and music
- April 12 ***Easter Day***
8:00 am: **Holy Eucharist** (no nursery or church school this day)