



A publication of St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church

# Cross Currents

Worship: Sunday at 8:00 and 9:45 am

April 2019 Edition

## Wholly, Weak

If you've ever been entranced by a good book, or mesmerized for 2 hours by a great movie, you'll understand our telling the story of Jesus in Jerusalem. The purpose of the story of Holy Week is to put us so deeply into the life of Jesus that in the final week of his life that we go deeper and deeper and deeper until....

That's what we aim for that week, to immerse ourselves so completely into Jesus' story that we feel like we are there — walking, listening, seeing, hurting, experiencing it. Before there were movies that drew us in, there were the accounts of the final week of Jesus' life pulling us deeper, inviting us to be a part of the story, describing in detail all that was happening.

We are asked to understand especially the difficult parts of our life through the prism of the week. The occasional betrayal by good friends, the injustice of those in authority, the unfairness of life, the silence of a loving God. We are asked to see the challenges of our own lives in this story — **God's own son**, going through the journey to the cross, we are asked to realize that Jesus knew all the things we go through, too.

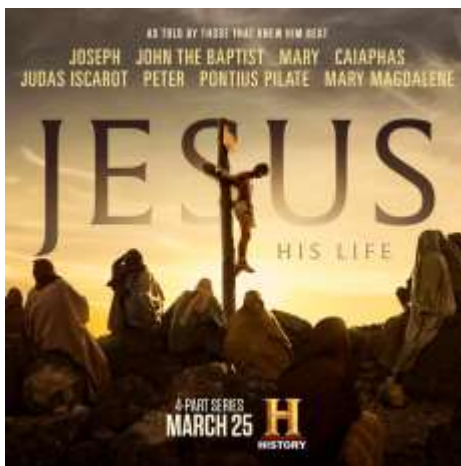
What jumps out to most first time hearers of the gospel, or even those who have heard it all their lives, is how weak Jesus seems. **The world's first superhero is arrested, tortured, forsaken and then killed.** It is how we must look to outsiders when we are going through the bad places in our lives — not wise and strong, but powerless and foolish.

It is sometimes how we look, often how we feel. The story of Holy Week is for us to realize, we are not alone. Jesus knew all this darkness, all our feelings, too. Good Friday looked like the end to the friends who followed Jesus, and death always seems the end of our lives.

Whether it is a caterpillar, a seed, an egg, the acorn, a tadpole, whatever, when we are on this side of life, death always looks final. And then, as we rise up on the day of the Resurrection — to see how all that is changed. We always look so weak and powerless before death. And then, we are transformed. And the weak, the powerless, the foolish seem so different. Easter is the day we say, death does not win, no matter how it looks or feels. It is not finished. Life is not completed. We have an even greater purpose. The story isn't finished.

This year come join us as we hear our story through Holy Week. Come join us as we immerse ourselves in Jesus' journey. Sit, and listen, and imagine. Is that how I feel? Is that what I experience? Can there be a better end for me? Come listen to the story, and see what will happen, weakness leads to faith, and death leads to life. Come join us in this pilgrimage.

John+



Building a People who Love, Learn & Serve in Christ's Name!

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

## Palm Sunday — April 14

At 8 am, the service will take place in the church, with the blessing of Palms, and the Palm Sunday liturgy, and reading of the gospel, followed by the Holy Eucharist.

At 9:45 am, we will begin outdoors (weather permitting) with the Blessing and distribution of the Palms, and process indoors. We'll have the dramatic reading of the gospel followed by the Holy Eucharist.

## Holy Wednesday — April 17

On Holy Wednesday, we will have Holy Eucharist and a Healing Service at 7pm.

## Maundy Thursday — April 18

On Maundy Thursday we will have the Maundy Thursday Liturgy with foot washing, followed by Holy Eucharist. The choir will sing. As the service concludes, the sanctuary is stripped bare, and a Vigil of Repose is set up in the Commons Room. People are invited to come throughout the night and pray from 30 -60 minutes as Jesus asked of his sleeping disciples, "Could you not pray with me for an hour?"

## Good Friday — April 19

On Good Friday we will begin with the Good Friday Liturgy. A shortened version of the gospel will be read, the Solemn Collects will be prayed, we'll have devotions before the Cross. Because it is not permitted to celebrate the Eucharist until Easter, the blessed bread and wine from Maundy Thursday will be distributed, and then the service will end in silence.

## Easter Day — April 21

The Sunday of the Resurrection. The 8am celebration with a couple of hymns will have the Holy Eucharist and the reintroduction of "Alleluia".

At 9:45 am we will sing our hearts out! We will have a baptism and Holy Eucharist. Following this service there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the Resurrection, and our newest Christian.

*Come join us as we journey through Holy Week, beginning with Palms and ending with celebration.*

## FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



Children are invited to bring cut flowers with them to the 9:45 am service on Easter, to help transform a bare cross to a symbol of Easter. It helps if the stems are cut to about 6 inches.

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### April 14: *Palm Sunday*

8 & 9:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### April 17: *Holy Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

### April 18: *Maundy Thursday*

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing

8:30 p.m. Prayer Watch begins

### April 19: *Good Friday*

12:00 p.m. Liturgy

### April 21: *Easter Day*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism



## EASTER OFFERING: SEW HOPE AND EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT



Following St Michael's tradition, a portion of our Easter Offering plate donations will be used to continue the sponsorship of two children in Peten, Guatemala. See the Outreach Bulletin Board for photos and thank you cards from our ongoing sponsorship. Children and youth of our parish are developing a relationship with our sponsored Guatemalan kids through Pen Pal letters. For more info, go to [www.sewhope.org](http://www.sewhope.org).



The remainder of our Easter Offering will be contributed to Episcopal Relief & Development. This organization makes me proud to be Episcopalian! It offers SO much to suffering humans! From Hurricane relief, including Puerto Rico, to International Disaster Response including assistance programs for Central American refugees seeking asylum. For more info, go to [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).



—Ann Heckler, Outreach Committee

### EASTER FLOWER & MUSIC MEMORIALS

Honor a departed loved one or give thanks to God for blessings received by making a gift to defray the cost of the Easter music and flowers. Special envelopes are on the hall or narthex tables. Please be sure to note whether your gift is for flowers or music. In order for your memorial or thanksgiving to be published in the Easter bulletins, you must turn in your offering envelope by Sunday, April 14.



### MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER WATCH

*Could you not watch with me one hour?*

You are invited to sign up for a half hour prayer shift during the Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch beginning at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and ending Friday at 8 a.m. See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. *Note: The building will be staffed overnight for safety and security.*

## PALM CROSS WORKSHOP



All are invited to a  
Palm Cross Workshop on  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

There will be refreshments and  
instructions provided.  
No experience necessary!

## COMPLINE SERVICE

Our weekly Wednesday Night Prayer has taken a break during Lent. They will meet again on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 –8 pm, for this midweek opportunity to share thanksgivings and petitions. With questions, contact David & Diane Braun or Scott & Susan Hendricks.



## PALM SUNDAY PASSION READERS

Do you have a *passion* for reading?  
If so, we are looking for volunteers to read parts of  
the Passion for Palm Sunday.  
Please contact the church office if interested.

## ST. MICHAEL'S RECTORY

The Vestry has authorized proceeding with the sale of the Rectory. The sale is contingent upon Diocesan approval. Nancy Lehmann is heading a committee to oversee the anticipated sale.



## JOIN US SUNDAYS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE 9:45 AM SERVICE.

*Grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy stimulating programs and discussion! Each program ends between 11:45-11:50 am.*

April 7



What if tomorrow were different? The Metroparks Now and Tomorrow

Ally Effler, spokesperson for our amazing Metroparks, will inspire us about the beauty around us in Toledo and the newest wonders coming soon.

April 14



Philippe de Champaigne's 'Crucifixion'

Parishioner Larry Nichols, the Toledo Museum of Art William F. Hutton Senior Curator, European and American Painting and Sculpture before 1900, helps us view and enter this painting as we prepare for Holy Week. Bring your eyes and your heart.

April 21

Easter Day

Join us at 8:00 or 9:45 am in joyous celebration at worship.



April 28

\* Evening Prayer at 5pm

Due to the route of the Glass City Marathon, our Sunday worship service will take place at 5 pm and will be Evening Prayer!



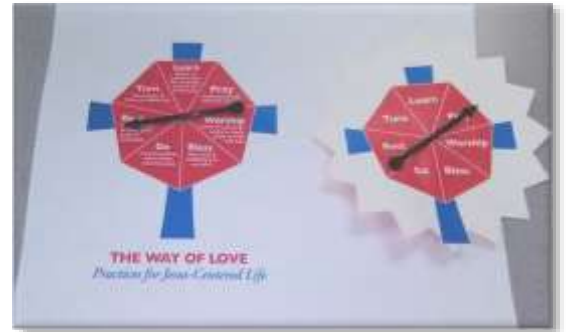
**\*There will not be any morning services on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

The children and youth have been walking the Way of Love During Lent. The Way of Love teaches us to incorporate and commit to a core set of practices - *Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest*. We played the wheel of the Way of Love. Please see our pictures on what we've been doing. Adults, what have you been doing to incorporate the Way of Love into your Life?

Be Blessed,  
Imani



### Way of Love Activities



**Adults — We need your help on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!** Please volunteer at St. Michael's water station for the **Glass City Marathon!** We are a faith community and we need you!

—Contact Imani if you can help—



## "FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA" PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CELEBRATION



SUNDAY,  
MARCH 3







## THE 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Every day, people in our diocese help to change the world by putting into action our shared commitment to love God, to love our neighbors, and to change the world.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal, supports parishes' response to people in need, clergy and lay formation opportunities, youth leadership development, outreach ministries, and many other important initiatives that further God's Mission to heal the world.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Bishop of Ohio



**LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. CHANGE THE WORLD.®**

For more information or to give online,  
please visit [dohio.org/bishops-annual-appeal](http://dohio.org/bishops-annual-appeal)

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & PROGRAM

Each week in Lent we have enjoyed presentations on various religions, learning about their beliefs and High Holy Days. Each Wednesday we begin the evening with a simple dinner at 6:30 pm of soup, salad and bread, and then from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, we listen and learn. Plan to join us for our last two programs (see the bottom of page 9 for details.)







*We have two more Wednesday Lenten programs in April!*

### **April 3: Father Jeremy Miller**

Father Miller is the pastor at Corpus Christi University Parish. Fr. Jeremy was raised in Marblehead, Ohio and attended Junior High and High School in Sandusky, Ohio. He attended Xavier University in Cincinnati for college, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in Philosophy. He received his seminary formation at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati and earned a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies. Fr. Jeremy was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Toledo on June 22, 2013.

### **April 10: Ravi Joshi**

Ravi Joshi is a Toledo area resident since 2003. He moved to the US in 1992 to pursue higher education, and pursued a career as a mechanical engineer in the Toledo-Detroit area. At the Hindu Temple of Toledo, he has been a volunteer for outreach and education since 2005. He teaches at the Sunday school there, and also has a short 1/2 hour yoga class. He has also spent time in serious study of comparative religions, philosophy, social issues, with a particular focus on the place of Hindu thought & practice in today's world. As part of this effort, he is board member of WAVES (World Association of Vedic Studies) which holds biannual conferences attended by global scholars. He has also published talks & papers on these subjects.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lovi Aldinger   | 14 Ann Verner        |
| Kay Gerhardinger  | 17 Vicki Creekmore   |
| 2 Spencer Smith   | Julie Graham         |
| Julia Waweru      | 18 Suzanne Rorick    |
| 3 Doug Nafziger   | Brad Stephens        |
| Julia Stephens    | Abby Hauck           |
| 4 Carolyn Cousino | 19 Margot Estes      |
| 5 Brent Cousino   | 20 Leonard Walker    |
| Kendall Kropp     | Betsy Bailey         |
| 6 Susan Hendricks | Mike Porter          |
| Peter Graham      | 21 Meredith Randall  |
| 7 Craig Bailey    | 22 Elmer Haigh       |
| Lane Hileman      | Scott Tuttle         |
| Caroline Lathrop  | 23 Puffin Coe        |
| 8 Waverly Hart    | Christopher Sailstad |
| Julia Burtscher   | 26 Morgan Kottke     |
| 11 Vivian Bork    | 27 Elizabeth Day     |
| Stephanie McBride | 29 Susan Mason       |
| 12 Grace Waweru   | Lindsey Walker       |
|                   | 30 Cam Smith         |



*April birthday and anniversary blessings will be on April 14.*

## — OFFICE NOTES —

Church office hours:

Monday–Tuesday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Wednesday– Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

May Newsletter: *Articles due April 15.*

Please check in at the office when entering the building. It is helpful for the staff to know who is coming and going — so we do not lock anyone in or set the alarm on them.

Please schedule meetings at the church through the church office. All meetings should be written on the church office calendar. Just send us an email or call!

Updated Parish Directories are always available. Contact the office to request one.

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS...

Homebound: Betsy Bailey, Isabelle Carter, Carolyn Cousino, Kay Marion, Al Reiser, and Jo Youngen.

Parishioners: Alma, Dick Aldinger, Dan, Jack Christopher, Susan Gilbert, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Dick Newell, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, Lindsay Smith, Marion Boyer, Marilyn Palermo, Jean Schaefer, John Shelly, and Lillian Spaulding.

Family & Friends: Leland Ames, Beth, Brittany, Didi Beckham, Dixie, Emily, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Joan, Jean, Karen, Leonard, Lexi, Lisa, Salli & Dick, Sandra, Santee, Shelly, Tori, Victoria, Gloria Weller, Tony Whited, and Mychelle & William Whited.

**For those in harm's way:** Jake, Michael, Ian Reinheimer, John P. Smith and Scott Sykes.

For those who have died: John Morrison

*The funeral for John Morrison will be at  
2pm on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at  
St. Michael's, with a reception to follow.*



## KNIT AND PRAY SHAWL MINISTRY



The Knit and Pray Shawl Ministry would like to welcome any other knitters or crocheters out there! They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Office Conference room. Join them April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Anne Morris, 419-277-6449 or [librarianne@bex.net](mailto:librarianne@bex.net).

When you are sick, hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office or Father John. Privacy laws prevent institutions from sharing such information. Also, the church office is happy to keep a record of your emergency contact info. should someone need to be contacted. Fr. John Hagan can be reached on his cell phone at: (304) 545-1734.





READINGS	DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	ALTARGUILD	GREETERS	LECTORS & LEM	USHERS
Lent 5	Sun. 4/7	8 a.m. HE		Sue Merce		Vicki Creekmore	
Isaiah 43:16-21		9:45 a.m. HE	Will Gerhardinger	Penny Cobau-Smith	Mark Trankina	Edwina Ledgard (L1)	Joe Gerhardinger
Philippians 3:4b-14			Sarah Jewell	Terri Ward	Jaymie & TJ Fontana	Mike Ward (L2)	Julie Graham
John 12:1-8			Lucy Porter			Laura Randall (P)	
Psalms 126						Joe Gerhardinger (TEM)	
	Wed. 4/10	4 p.m. Sunset		Edwina Ledgard			
Palm Sunday	Sun. 4/14	8 a.m. HE		Nancy Lehmann		Julia MacLachlan	
Isaiah 50:4-9a		9:45 a.m. HE	William Becker	Sara Roberts	Cheryl & Laurel Volk	Carol Nichols (L1)	Ron Volk
Philippians 2:5-11			Mikayla Gomulinski	Barb Malkoski	Annette Boice	Joe Gerhardinger (L2)	Mark Keleher
Luke 22:14-23:56			Nolan Walker			Anne Morris (P)	
Psalms 31:9-16						David Braun	
Healing Service	Wed. 4/17	7 p.m.	Will Gerhardinger	Julia Burtcher			
			Meredith Randall				
Maundy Thursday	Thu. 4/18	6:30 p.m. HE	Charlotte DeRosa	Nancy Burton			
Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14	John 13:1-17, 31b-35		Mitchell Gomulinski	Dee Becker		(L)	
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Psalms 116:1, 10-17		Emily Porter			(LEM)	
Good Friday	Fri. 4/19	12 p.m.	Sam Reszko	Barb Malkoski		(L)	
Isaiah 52:13-53:12	John 18:1-19:42					(LEM)	
Hebrews 4:14-16:5:7-9	Psalms 22						
Easter Sunday	Sun. 4/21	8 a.m. HE	Will Gerhardinger	Kay Gerhardinger		George Shirk	
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25		9:45 a.m. HE	Catherine Kight	Jano Nolette	Pam & Brent Cousino	Sam Reszko (L1)	Nancy Lehmann
1 Corinthians 15:19-26			John Kight	Dee Becker		Susan Hendricks (L2)	Scott Hendricks
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12			Grace Waweru			Ricky Becker (P)	
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24						Barb Reszko (TEM)	
2nd Easter	Sun. 4/28	5 p.m. MP	William Becker	Sue Merce		Joan O'Connell (L1)	Edwina Ledgard
Acts 5:27-32	Marathon		Mitchell Gomulinski			Julia Burtcher (L2)	Henry Merce
Revelation 1:4-8			Walker Kight			Joe Gerhardinger (P)	
John 20:19-31							
Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalm 150							

## APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE



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\*Closed for Lunch from 12-12:30pm

### THE VESTRY

David O'Connell, *Senior Warden*

Julia Burtcher, *Junior Warden*

#### *Class of 2020*

Jaymie Fontana  
Julie Hagenbuch  
David O'Connell  
Jeff Smith

#### *Class of 2021*

David Braun  
Julia Burtcher  
James Carlisle  
Barb Malkoski

#### *Class of 2022*

Nancy Elzinga  
Kay Gerhardinger  
Eboné Waweru  
Dani Zoorob

### PARISH STAFF

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### PARISH LEADERSHIP

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