

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm **On Hold until May**

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

April @ Christ Episcopal Church

316 High Street, Pottstown

10:00 pm to 8:00 am

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

Announcements:

This week is Holy Week.

Please remember:

- Tuesday 6:00 pm—Conspire Magazine Launch at Project H.O.M.E.
- Thursday 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service, Stations of the Cross and Communion at the Moyer's
- Friday 10:30 am Community Good Friday Processional at Zion's UCC Courtyard
- Friday 12:00 pm Community Good Friday Service at Bethel AME
- Remember Saturday is the Vigil of Easter; and
- Next Sunday we Celebrate the Resurrection of Our LORD—Easter Sunday

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we draw to a close, the operation of the 2008/2009 mobile shelter. Also remember the host churches that have extended the love of Christ to all of us. Thank God for them!! And remember to pray for Christ Episcopal as they host for the first time this final month.

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for John, Glenn, Mark, Mike, and Jim, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation; pray for Norman's health; for Brenda since she has come home; for Ron's health, and for the Caulk's family in the sadness of their loss; and pray for Howard's cousin Ricky to get back on his feet, and for family trouble. Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

April 12, 2009: EASTER Sunday (Year B)

psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, mark 16.1-8,

acts 10.34-43, & 1 corinthians 15.1-11

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April 5 - 2009

Palms, Food & Drink On ALL hands at the Table



Palm Sunday

Worship

psalm 31.9-16

isaiah 50.4-9a

mark 14.1-15.11

philippians 2.5-11

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Mystery”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 31.9-16

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

Scripture Reading ::

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Focus Film ::

“From Palms to a Cross”

The Scripture ~

Palms, Food & Drink Or, ALL hands at the Table

So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with *my disciples*?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, ... Mark 14.13—18a

This week's Lectionary:

Palm Sunday (Year B)

psalm 31.9-16, isaiah 50.4-9

mark 14.1-15.47, & philippians 2.5-11

Reflection Film ::

“He Rescued Me...”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

✚ a new treaty?

✚ what a group... Promising Who?

✚ True Communion

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Meditation:

.. *As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things.* John 15.1—3

Reflection:

"... during this season of death and resurrection, we remember the contemporary sufferings of Christ, the other baby refugees being born amid the wars and genocides of our Herods. And we remember the Gospel promise that in the end life conquers death. It may be Friday, but Sunday is coming." -Shane Claiborne

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Psalm 31.9-16

[Worship]

9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. 11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. 12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. 13 For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. 14 But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. 16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Consider:

Lauren F. Winner

In the middle of Philippians, Paul gives us a hymn that encapsulates Jesus' entire life. Jesus, Paul tells his readers, was always equal to the Father. Still, he emptied himself and became a slave, the suffering servant of Isaiah. He not only humbled himself in becoming incarnate, but also "was obedient, even to the point of death, death on a cross!" In that death and resurrection, he is exalted, and he shall be victorious. After that sweeping overview, the gospel reading hones in on the harrowing story of the passion.

Perhaps the saddest piece of the passion is the endless betrayal. These were Jesus' friends. They had eaten meals with him, learned

with him; they had probably gone swimming and hiking together. They had prayed together. They had seen his miracles and his healings. And they all denied him.

In this long dramatic gospel passage, it's easy to overlook the feast at Bethany and skip straight to Passover, with its pulsing movement toward Calvary. But, in a story filled with the treachery of Jesus' followers, the anonymous perfuming woman knows who Christ is. Her perfume, Jesus tells us, presages his death: "She has anointed my body in anticipation of my burial." That perfume names Jesus the messiah as "Anointed One" and crowns him king.

Feminist scholars have pointed out how many women in scripture go without names. The argument is that the authors of biblical texts did not name the women because the women were not deemed important, and perhaps that is true. But I'm sometimes relieved that so many characters in the Bible are nameless, for it helps me read myself into their place. I spend most of my time behaving like Simon the Leper's priggish and horrified guests: I am threatened by those who have the temerity to name God the King of Kings, Lord Messiah; I am critical of those who treat that King of Kings with the extravagance he deserves. On Passion Sunday I will try to take my cues instead from the nameless woman.



[Scripture]

Philippians 2. 5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Also read, Mark 14.1—15 .11