



# St Margaret's Notebook

March 20, 2008

From the rector

You've heard it said, perhaps you have said it:

"I don't remember Easter ever being this early."

It's true, this year is the earliest Easter we will experience.

The next time Easter will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
will be in the year 2228.

The last time the Resurrection was celebrated  
on this date was 1913.

(I understand that the timing has to do with  
the first full moon after the date of the vernal equinox.)

Here, in the throws of Holy Week, I can honestly say

Easter can't get here soon enough.

This Lenten season, a time intended for reflective soul searching,  
has been soul demanding in its randomness.

The weather has shifted from snow to tornadoes,  
then from flash floods to 70 degrees and sunny.

A broken down bus on the ski trip, a leak in the parish hall,  
the movable Harry Potter series,  
my brother's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and leap year  
have added to this atypical time.

Some of us have fought illness,

Others have lived the slowness of recovery from surgery  
or felt the sting of death.

Another was flung into ICU by a spider bite.

In it all the psalmist's words come to mind:

"Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

Yes! God can do all sorts of things within a caring community.

Together we can weather storms  
and find manna in the wilderness.

Let me give you an example.

The morning of Jim Mathew's funeral it was pouring down rain.

I stuck my head into the choir room and asked the practicing singers

"Would you like to avoid the rain and go in the side door  
to the chancel before the service rather than process in with the body?"

"No," was the answer. We want to be with Jim.

Your love and care for each other is indeed holy.

*Hayes +*

## ***Traveling from Ashes, Moving Towards Fire***

Towards the end of the week we will participate in the *Triduum*, meaning “three days” - this refers to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Great Easter Vigil (Saturday). While there are distinct liturgies for each of these three days, they all flow together, one pointing beyond themselves not only to the next liturgy, but to the mystery of our redemption wrought by Jesus. In an earlier newsletter I wrote that celebrating the liturgical seasons is keeping time with Jesus; remembering and living the events of Jesus’ life on a daily and weekly basis. In doing so we gain a more intimate relationship with Christ and deepen our own spirituality. The liturgies of Holy Week are one way to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and contemplate his life and death and its meaning for us.

### **Maundy Thursday**

On this day the Last Supper is commemorated by celebrating the Eucharist. Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum* meaning commandment (John 13:34). Christ’s commandment is that we love one another; this love is modeled in the act of footwashing. In the medieval period this day was characterized by footwashing in addition to the Eucharist. Following the Gospel of John, clerics would imitate Christ’s humble act of service to his disciples at the Last Supper and would wash the feet of paupers. Often alms were distributed, especially in England where this almsgiving was referred to as Maundy money and the day Maundy Thursday.

Maundy Thursday is the last celebration of the Eucharist before the feast of Easter (or the Easter Vigil). Several passages in the New Testament record Jesus’ command that his church should continue the Eucharist after his death and resurrection. Our Eucharistic prayer originates from these passages and from the Jewish table meal. At the beginning of the meal it was customary to take the bread, bless it, break it and share it with those at the table. Then after the meal they took the cup of wine, blessed it, drank from it and shared it. Many modern Jewish families continue this custom at the Sabbath meal.

The final part of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is the stripping of the altar. First, the reserved sacrament is removed from the tabernacle (or other place of reservation) and is solemnly carried to its place of

deposition. It will remain there until Easter. Next, the altar linens, the altar candles and any other decorations are removed. The main altar is washed with water and wine. While once this practice was practical in nature, today this ritual act is symbolic of the cleansing power of Christ’s blood.

### **Good Friday (Mass of the Presanctified)**

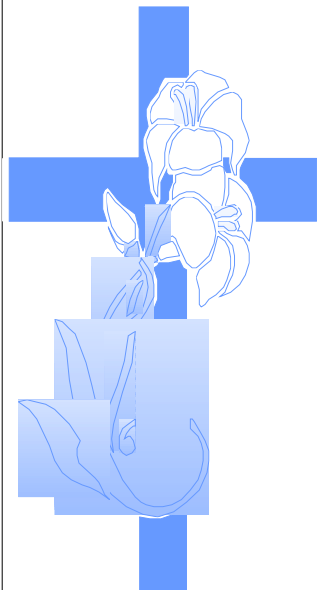
The Friday before Easter is commonly known as Good Friday on which we remember our Lord’s passion and death. The liturgy consists of four primary parts: the solemn reading of the Passion according to St. John, the Solemn Collects, the Veneration of the Cross, and communion from the reserved sacrament. The solemn collects are the earliest form of public intercessory prayer. The deacon would ask for or bid the congregation’s silent prayers for a certain topic, then the celebrant would “collect” the prayers of the whole people with a single audible collect. The high point of the Good Friday liturgy is the Veneration of the Cross. This practice is recorded as early as the fourth century in the writings of the traveling nun Egeria. When we venerate the cross we are, of course, not worshipping it but rather honoring it for its place in our salvation and giving worship to the one to whom it points. During the veneration it is customary to sing or say three anthems followed by the ancient hymn “Sing my tongue the glorious battle” (Hymnal 166). Often during the veneration of the cross a set of reproaches detail God’s saving acts through history on behalf of his people and his people’s rejection of his love and promises. Good Friday and Ash Wednesday are the most solemn days in the Christian year and the Book of Common Prayer tells us to mark them with fasting and extraordinary acts of devotion.

### **Easter Vigil**

The Early Church celebrated Easter—like all the major feasts—with a service that lasted the whole night before, filled with readings, hymns, baptisms, and concluding with a festival Eucharist around the time of sunrise. (Our Christmas Eve services are a reminder of this practice.) The current BCP includes a version of this service though it is celebration is still not common due to its length and logistics. It begins with light as a new fire is struck and a new paschal candle blessed and light, reminding the worshippers of

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## ST MARGARET'S HOLY WEEK SERVICES



March 21	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
12:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (outside)
7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy - St. Margaret's
March 23	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - Feast of the Resurrection: Festival Holy Eucharist</b>
9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Flowering of the Cross)
10:10 a.m.	Easter egg hunt
11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
March 24	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>

### FLOWERING OF THE

**CROSS:** The flowering of the cross will take place at the 9am service on Easter, March 23.

Please bring a flower for your child to use to flower the cross.



**Adult Sunday School** will not meet this Sunday as we celebrate Easter and the Easter Egg hunt.

We will meet the following Sunday, March 30 at 10:10AM. The topic will be "The Doctrine of the Trinity."

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the resurrected Light of the World. A special hymn called the *Exultet*, one of the most moving hymns in Christian liturgy, proclaims and emphasizes that "*this is the night*" of freedom from bondage, sin, and death and calls on all creation to rejoice in the resurrection.

A set of readings—as many as nine—recount from the Law and Prophets God's saving acts, centering around the Children of Israel going through the Red Sea from bondage to freedom. The Early Church found this a powerful foreshadowing of baptism: individual slaves (whether to Pharaoh or to sin) enter the waters, but they leave the waters as members of a covenant people (whether the people of Israel soon to make a covenant with God at Sinai or as members of the Body of Christ).

A regular Eucharistic service follows the readings

and the *Gloria* which has not been sung all Lent long is sung again and its happy return is accompanied by the congregation ringing bells of all shapes and sizes.

### Easter Day & its season

Easter Sunday bursts forth with the themes of the Easter Vigil—new light, rebirth in Baptism, and the celebration of the resurrection. The church returns to festive colors of white and gold reflecting the white of baptismal garments and the gold of the new fire. But Easter is not one day; the Sunday of the Resurrection kicks off a fifty-day season where the church celebrates the resurrection. We rejoice through the forty-day period when the Risen Christ remained among the disciples, and watch with them ten more days until Pentecost and the gifting of the Holy Spirit.

Meredith+



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 20-Mar Linda Ramsey
- 22-Mar Dave Reynolds, Rose DuFour,  
Laura Lenaeus
- 23-Mar Jim Rash, Lindsay Timms

- 24-Mar James Dobbins
- 27-Mar Eric Baret
- 28-Mar John Reed, Liz Bischoft, Zooey Bush
- 29-Mar Ben DeGaris, Patrick Erwin, Thomas Fitzgerald,  
Reese Lanier, Tom Saunders
- 30-Mar Fran Robinson
- 31-Mar Robert Swanson

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 02-Apr Susan McMillin
- 03-Apr Lynda Gerber, Gareth Hoffman,
- 04-Apr Aaron Reynolds
- 05-Apr Debbie Pyles
- 06-Apr Lauren Nassetta
- 07-Apr Mary Sarner
- 09-Apr Kip Carter, Leslie Hunsicker, Bill Jacobus,  
Catherine Lindahl
- 10-Apr Steven Minor, Audrey Perdue, B.W. Chase
- 11-Apr P.J. Hovey
- 12-Apr Jason Robinson, Paul Campbell
- 13-Apr John Hull
- 15-Apr Betty Gaddis, Ben Kennedy, Beth Smith,  
Lisa Gezon
- 16-Apr Glenn Folds, Shell Bush
- 17-Apr Jo Fortner
- 18-Apr Jill Jarrell, Tom Miller
- 20-Apr Lee Griffin, Will Cochran
- 23-Apr Ron Adams, Julia Richards
- 24-Apr Reba DeGaris, Alice Sawyer
- 25-Apr Michelle Shook
- 26-Apr Irving DeGaris, Megan Hooper
- 27-Apr Nelson Gerber, Peter Maierhofer, Suzi Blosser
- 28-Apr Joe Shook
- 29-Apr Carol Chapman, Mac McCoy
- 30-Apr Karen Swanson, Debbie Bernhardt, Ella Daniel

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 18-Mar Tony & Angie Hall
- 19-Mar Richard & Beverly Colditz  
Lacey & Fran Robinson
- 22-Mar Peter & Many Maierhofer
- 24-Mar Sam & Ann Price

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 05-Apr Tom & Sherry Foreman
- 06-Apr Dan & Julie Cain
- 11-Apr Tom & Brenda Fitzgerald
- 19-Apr Vaughn & Betty Gaddis
- 29-Apr Frank & Heather Sciolis

**DID WE LEAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY OFF OUR LIST? CALL JULIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE, 770-832-3931 OR EMAIL: [STMARGARETS@CHARTERINTERNET.COM](mailto:STMARGARETS@CHARTERINTERNET.COM) WITH THE DATES.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Mar 20 Maundy Thursday Liturgy - 7:00 pm
- Mar 21 Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon  
Good Friday Liturgy - 7:00 pm
- Mar 23 Easter Sunday  
9:00 am Eucharist - flowering of the  
Cross  
10:10 am Easter Egg Hunt  
11:00 am Eucharist
- Mar 24 OFFICE CLOSED
- Apr 21-28 Hazel at CREDO
- May 4 Senior Night
- May 11 9:00 am Sunday School graduation  
10:10 am Annual Slideshow
- May 12-26 Julie vacation
- May 27 / June 4 J2A Pilgrimage to Canterbury

**March 23, 2008 (Easter Sunday)**

	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	Andrew Gordon	Rob Cooper
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Allison Gordon	Ellen Brady McGaughey
<b>Taper</b>	Gareth Hoffman Joe Shook	

**Altar Guild March 19-20** Julie Lindahl, Marion Foreman, Julie Foreman, Andra Morris, Alice Jakubiak

**Altar Guild march 21-23** Liz Key, Jeanette Bernhardt, Fred Bernhardt, Rose Dufour, Cindy Hull

**Children's Church** Jo Fortner, Julie Parrish

Lay Readers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Marcy Alexander	Tony McGaughey
	Bob Sullivan	Van Wilks

<b>Ushers</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
	David Hoffman	Fred Bernhardt
	Laura Hoffman	John Muffley

**Thrift Shop**  
 March 28  
 10-1:00 pm Brenda Grubb, Amanda Reynolds  
 1-4:00 pm Susan Lenaeus, Ann Price

March 29  
 10-1:00 pm Mary Aderhold, T.B.A.

**MARCH HOSTESSES**  
**Fran Robinson**, Meredith Austin, Patricia Carter, Elisabeth Coggins, Emily Cumming, Bunny Godard, Beth Graf, Alice Long, Catherine Minor

**PAPER PANTRY** Jo Hunsicker, Teresa Perdue

**MARCH VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH**  
Cindy Hull

**March 30, 2008**

	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	Catherine Lindahl	Sam Goodson
<b>Book Bearer</b>	James Cochran	Alice Sawyer
<b>Taper</b>	Emmery Cary Mary Katheryn Denmon	

**Altar Guild** Judy Reed, Debbie Pyles, Missy Sullivan, Karen Adams

**Children's Church** Jill and Sam Jarrell

Lay Readers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Taylor Gordon	Bob Claxton
	Jim Cunningham	Judith King

<b>Ushers</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
	Randy Denmon	Mary Hart
	Lisanne Denmon	George Lenaeus

**Thrift Shop**  
 Apr 4  
 10-1:00 pm Elaine Holmes, Diana Rash  
 1-4:00 pm Emily Cumming, Carmenlydia Morgan

April 5  
 10-1:00 pm Chris Brown, Rose Dufour

**APRIL HOSTESSES**  
**Rose Dufour**, Shirely Hewitt, Alice Jakubiak, Julie Lindahl, Andra Morris, Diana Rash, Heather Sciolis, Carolyn Stone, Ann Ward

**APRIL PAPER PANTRY** Gloria Johnston, Stephanie Turner

**APRIL VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH**  
Lin Reed

## PRAYER LIST

**Our parish family:** Nicole, Katherine, Sumner, Luke and Jack, Larry, Joann, Jan, Alice

**Family and friends:** Ethan, Annalee, Jackie, Lainey, Eddie, Jon, Betty, Angela, Steve, Jamie, Virginia, Hubert, Bryan, Randy, Nicky, Georgina, Caitlin, Stan, Larry, Brenda, Tina, Hope, Philip, Andrew, Eileen, Esther, Anne, Theresa, Tina, Lee, Billie, Mary Anne, Murphy, Jeff, Lois, Clem, Lisa, Cy, Steve, Mike, Charlotte, Brian, Henry, Lisa, Newbern, Ashley, Carlton, Janie, Drew, Jeanette, Sarah

**Military:** Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, Doug, Jessie, Matthew, Sarah, Robert, Elizabeth, Marshall, Will, Jordan, Stacey

**Deaths:** Clem Fortner, Cliett Hitchcock

**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be submitted by emailing Julie at [Stmargarets@charterinternet.com](mailto:Stmargarets@charterinternet.com) or by phone 770-832-3931.

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