



**ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA**



# The Crier

## April 2009



### **Palm Sunday, April 5**

Procession of the Palms and Eucharist  
 8AM & 10:30AM

### **Wednesday, April 8**

Service of Tenebrae 7PM

### **Thursday, April 9**

Maundy Thursday 7PM

Washing of Feet, Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar

### **Friday, April 10**

Liturgy of Good Friday 12 Noon

Stations of the Cross 7PM

### **Easter Sunday, April 12**

Eucharist at 8AM & 10:30AM

Easter Brunch 9:15-10:15

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### Sunday Service

8:00 am Eucharist  
9:15 am Adult Education  
9:45 am Child/Youth Education  
10:30 am Eucharist



Ministers **All Parish Members**  
Priest **The Rev. Thomas Eklo**  
Deacon **The Rev. Judy Conn**  
Senior Warden **Karen Bessler**  
Junior Warden **Dick Kohout**  
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**  
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



### Vestry Members

**Pam Banks**      **Carol Barthelemy**  
**Gretchen Eickhorn**      **Ed Kariuki**  
**Dick Kohout**      **Tom McConnell**  
**Bill Mills**      **Andrea Oliverius**

Treasurer **Rich Makela**  
Vestry Clerk **Bill Mills**

## Reflections from Tom

REFLECTIONS FROM TOM

Easter is the apex, the fulcrum, the center from which the rest of the liturgical year takes its cue, and for good reason. The day and season of Easter celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The importance of Easter is reflected in the theological importance of our celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday. The celebration of every Sunday, regardless of the season of the year, is referred to as a mini-Easter. That significance is not even lost in how we account for the forty days of Lent. The five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday are not included in the calculation of forty days because even they are celebrations of resurrection. We are a resurrection people which means that we believe in “resurrection”, not only as an end of life reality, but as a reality that infuses the significance of new beginning, new creation that we experience in our own lives and the lives of others in this epoch of time.

Given the profound singular importance of the resurrection event in the Christian life and tradition, I am always perplexed by the fact that the four gospels differ in their telling of the resurrection. I think it is just too simplistic to suggest that the differences are a matter of perspective. The facts about who went to the tomb first, who told who what, where the heavenly messengers (angels) were and the message they conveyed are inconsistent and confusing when you lay the gospels side by side. Adding to my perplexity is the assumed and accepted fact that the early gospel narratives were circulating around the early Christian communities and were used by the gospel writers in compiling their own rendition of the resurrection. Consistency would have been helpful.

In this Year B of the lectionary cycle, we are given the choice on Easter Sunday of reading the resurrection narrative from the Gospel of Mark or the narrative from the Gospel of John. John, and only John, has the wonderful story of a despondent Mary Magdalene bumping into a resurrected Jesus whom she mistakes for the gardener. If I am pressed on the issue, it is my favorite rendition of the resurrection story, hands down. But I am intrigued by Mark’s telling of the story.

Most biblical scholars believe that Mark’s Gospel ends with verse 8 of the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. Verses 9 through 20 were most likely added at a later time to give the resurrection a more credible reading. The last verse of Mark’s Gospel reads as follows: “So they (referring to the women who went to the tomb and found it empty) went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

Why would Mark leave us with this unfinished sense of amazement, terror and fear? I think it is because the story in one sense puts the ball in the reader’s court. It puts us to work; we must decide how the story should come out. In a deeper sense, however, Jesus remains in control of the ball. No ending proposed by our decisions can contain him any more than the tomb with its great stone could. This unfulfilled expectancy speaks to a future beyond our control. We never know where or when we will see him; we only know we cannot escape him. It inspired awe and ecstatic dread in the women that early Easter morning, and it continues to have that impact upon ears that will hear.

Those who seek, in the resurrection, closure for the story of Jesus and a program for the mission of the church should turn to another Gospel. The significance of Mark’s telling lies in its understanding of the basic life-stance of a Christian – expectancy.

A Blessed and Expectant Easter Season!  
Tom

# Recycle Sale

This is the latest update on the sale. We need lots of house-wares, clothes, etc, plus your good cooking for the Bake Sale, which will be in conjunction with the Recycle Sale. Please price all items. The drop off for the recycle materials will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

Sale dates:

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon - 7:00P.M.

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00A.M.- 12 Noon

Baked goods can be dropped off Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. we will try to limit the Bake Sale to Thursday and Friday.

PRICE YOUR ITEMS. Thanks.

Questions?

Bake Sale-Judy-952-888-0785

Recycle Sale-Max-612-861-2541



**Spring 2009**

## PRICING GUIDELINES

### CLOTHING

#### CHILDREN

Baby clothes	25¢ - \$3
Blouses, shirts	50¢ - \$1
Coats, jackets	50¢ - \$5
Dresses	\$1 - \$5
Jeans, pants	50¢ - \$2
Robes	50¢ - \$1
Sleepwear	50¢ - \$2
Sweaters	50¢ - \$3
Sweats	25¢ - \$1
T-shirts, underwear	25¢ - \$1

#### MEN, WOMEN

Blouses, shirts	50¢ - \$2
Coats, jackets	\$1 - \$10
Dresses	\$1 - \$5
Formals	75¢ - \$3
Jeans, slacks	\$1 - \$5
Robes	75¢ - \$2
Skirts	50¢ - \$5
Sleepwear	50¢ - \$2
Suits	\$1 - \$10
Sweaters	75¢ - \$4
Sweats	50¢ - \$4
T-shirts, underwear	25¢ - \$1



### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Baby equipment	\$2 - \$9
Baskets	25¢ - \$2
Bedding, pillows	25¢ - \$3
Bedspreads	\$1 - \$10
Crafts, fabric, etc.	25¢ - \$2
Dishes, glassware	10¢ - \$1
Drapes per panel	50¢ - \$2
Electric appliances	\$1 - \$5+
Furniture	\$2 - \$25+
Jewelry	50¢ - \$5
Knick-knacks	25¢ - \$2
Linen, towels	25¢ - \$2
Luggage	50¢ - \$3
Pans, bakeware	25¢ - \$2
Pictures, frames	50¢ - \$2
Rugs	50¢ - \$3
Seasonal items	10¢ - \$1
Sporting goods	50¢ - \$10+
Tablecloths	\$1 - \$4
Tools	50¢ - \$5
Toys, games	10¢ - \$3
Utensils	25¢ - 50¢
Vases, planters	25¢ - \$1

In your prayers, you are asked to remember....

Tom Frick

Mavis Spornick

Dorothy Reese

Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch

Yvonne Chu's mother Miriam Algernon

The Steinmetz Family

Jill Aicher

Betty Cope

Daisy Druhl

Pat Peterson

George Olsen

Marge Stwora

John Nelson's mother June Kestner

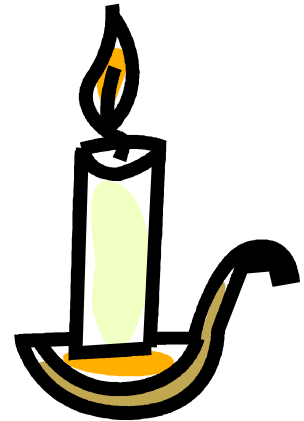
Mary Phyllis Meyer's sister Virginia Gaebe

and the Men and Women of our Armed Forces



## What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae comes from the Latin word meaning “shadows”. It is a service of candlelight and readings that reflect the significance and the solemnity of Holy Week. Tenebrae has been celebrated during Holy Week in one form or another since the fourth century. The service of Tenebrae can have music or simply be a service of the spoken word. There are usually seven or eight readings. Following each reading, a candle is extinguished until the only candle remaining is the Christ Candle. Following the last reading, the Christ candle is taken from the church leaving the church in darkness. Following a noise that symbolizes the stone being rolled from the tomb, the Christ candle is brought back into church. There is a period of silence, and then the congregated people leave in silence. Our version of Tenebrae will be somewhat more contemporary with readings from Scripture and other sources as well. We will also incorporate some reflective musical selections from various idioms as a part of the service. Come and experience this ancient, yet always contemporary, service of quiet and reflection.



## Interfaith Earth Day

Tuesday April 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Cathedral

Clergy and community leaders from the Twin Cities area will gather to participate in an interfaith gathering to celebrate Earth Day. This event is hosted by the Center for Religious Inquiry™ and the St. Mark's Earth Keepers Committee. St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral located at 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis 55403.

Free Parking Available at the Cathedral.

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(John 20:1-18) Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. (2) So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." (3) Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. (4) The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. (5) He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, (7) and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; (9) for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. (10) Then the disciples returned to their homes. (11) But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; (12) and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. (13) They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." (14) When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. (15) Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." (16) Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). (17) Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (18) Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (NRSV)

### Easter Word Search Puzzle

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words in a straight line in all directions



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### Word List

UNDERSTAND WRAPPINGS SUPPOSING SCRIPTURE MAGDALENE FOLLOWING DISCIPLES ASCENDING  
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## **Vestry Retreat - February 21, 2009**

Members present: Pam Banks, Karen Bessler, Gretchen Eichhorn, Dick Kohout, Andrea Oliverius, Tom McConnell, Tom Eklo

Members Absent: Bill Mills, Ed Kariuki, Alfred Jaryan, Carol Barthelemy

Karen Bessler opened the meeting at 9:30 by asking if anyone would be willing to serve as the clerk for the meeting. As there were no volunteers, Tom Eklo volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.

Tom Eklo opened the meeting with a reading from Anam Cara, A Book of Celtic Wisdom, and prayer.

### **Financial Report**

- ❖ Dick Kohout presented the financials for the month of January. Dick stated that the actual income (\$10,305.35) is somewhat behind budget for the month (\$12, 203.00), but that much of that deficit has been made up in the contributions coming in for February. There was some discussion around the expense figure for Building and Grounds. Dick said that he would look further into the issue.
- ❖ Dick presented a proposal from the finance committee concerning the Freeman/Rutherford Funds that total \$50,000. The finance committee is recommending to vestry that the funds be combined and used over an extended period of time to augment any shortcomings that might exist in the operating budget of the church. The funds will be placed in an interest-bearing account and used over a period of at least five years as needed.

A motion was made by Dick Kohout, seconded by Tom McConnell to accept the Finance Report. The vestry approved.

A motion was made by Pam Banks (with a caveat that the wishes of Anne Rutherford be honored) seconded by Dick Kohout, to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee concerning the Freeman/Rutherford Funds. The vestry approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **The Electronic Sign**

There was some discussion on the status and progress of the electronic sign. The necessary elements in moving forward were discussed. Part of what needs to be done is to make a decision on the design of the upper fixed panel of the sign with the Church's name and logo. Vestry approved having Tom Eklo, Tom McConnell, Karen Bessler, and Dick Kohout make that decision.

### **Ethnic Picnic**

After some discussion, it was decided to have an Ethnic Picnic on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. There will be a single service on that Sunday, and Pam Banks will coordinate the picnic.

### **New Business**

#### **Vestry Organization**

Karen Bessler passed around a sheet for Vestry members to sign up for devotions and treats each month. A sheet was also sent around to make sure that we have correct telephone and e-mail contacts.

Karen Bessler then asked for vestry to sign up for liaison assignments to various committees within the parish. The following decisions were made.

- ❖ Communications – Dick Kohout
- ❖ Missions – Gretchen Eichhorn
- ❖ Building and Grounds – Tom McConnell, Alfred Jaryan

- ❖ Finance – Dick Kohout
- ❖ Christian Education – Pam Banks, Ed Kariuki
- ❖ Social – Andrea Oliverius
- ❖ Worship and Music – Karen Bessler, Bill Mills
- ❖ Welcoming and Inviters – Carol Barthelemy

The Vestry decided that the meeting date would continue to be the third Tuesday of the month with a meeting time of 7:00PM.

Karen Bessler emphasized to vestry the importance of meeting attendance for two reasons. Vestry needs a quorum in order to do the business of the church. Secondly, the decisions of vestry are enhanced when the viewpoints and ideas of all are on the table.

### **Parochial Report**

The Parochial Report that is required to be filed with the National Church (and the Diocese) was distributed and discussed by Vestry. Following a short discussion, it was moved by Dick Kohout, seconded by Pam Banks that the report be approved. Vestry approved.

### **Music**

There was considerable discussion around the need for the parish to do an evaluation of the music program as this has not been done for some time. Dick Kohout made the following motion: “ I move that an evaluation of the church’s music program comprised of individuals from the congregation, choir, and vestry commence after Easter.” The motion was seconded by Karen Bessler and approved by Vestry.

### **Summer Schedule**

Tom Eklo suggested that the summer schedule of one service at 9:00 AM commence on May 31, 2009 and continue through Labor Day weekend. Vestry approved.

### **Recycle Sale**

Andrea Oliverius reminded the Vestry of the Recycle Sale scheduled for April. Every effort needs to be made to assure that there is sufficient help in setting up and on the sale days.

### **Tom’s Remarks**

Tom talked briefly about the activities of Region 8 and the Diocese. He made particular mention of the Mission Strategy Network and the efforts being made to get input from the churches of the diocese in terms of their direction and decisions that are made in light of that. Tom suggested that a portion of a future Vestry meeting be devoted to the questions that are being asked of the churches in this effort.

### **Adjournment**

All business being done, Tom McConnell made the motion that vestry be adjourned. It was seconded by Dick Kohout and approved by a voice vote of vestry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Mar 29</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	<b>Mar 30</b> Flower Sale Orders Due	<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Apr 1</b> 9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir <i>April Fool's Day</i>	<b>Apr 2</b> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom	<b>Apr 3</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>Apr 4</b>
<b>Apr 5</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>Apr 8</b> 7:00 PM Service of Tenenbrae 8:00 PM Choir	<b>Apr 9</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	<b>Apr 10</b> 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>Apr 11</b>
<b>Apr 12</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Easter Brunch 10:30 AM Eucharist <i>Easter</i>	<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Apr 14</b> 7:00 PM Finance Committee	<b>Apr 15</b> 9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir Crier deadline	<b>Apr 16</b> 7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom 7:00 PM Vestry	<b>Apr 17</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>Apr 18</b> 10:00 AM Christian Dream Work
<b>Apr 19</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children & Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist	<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>Apr 22</b> 9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir	<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>Apr 24</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>Apr 25</b> 12:00 PM Free Lunch
<b>Apr 26</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 10:30 AM Eucharist	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>Apr 29</b> 9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir	<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>May 1</b> 10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality	<b>May 2</b>
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## birthdays

2 Judy Conn	11 Sachiko Slough
4 Sarah Wilner	Lazarus Abisiri
5 Ed Kariuki	Blayon Yuoh
6 Bob Aicher	16 Jack Deger
8 Justen Lasserud	25 Kerry Banks
Kormassa Jaryan	29 Tim Slough

## anniversaries

16 Geri Finnell & Mike Haas