

The Easter Season

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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



**By The
Rev. David
Bateman**

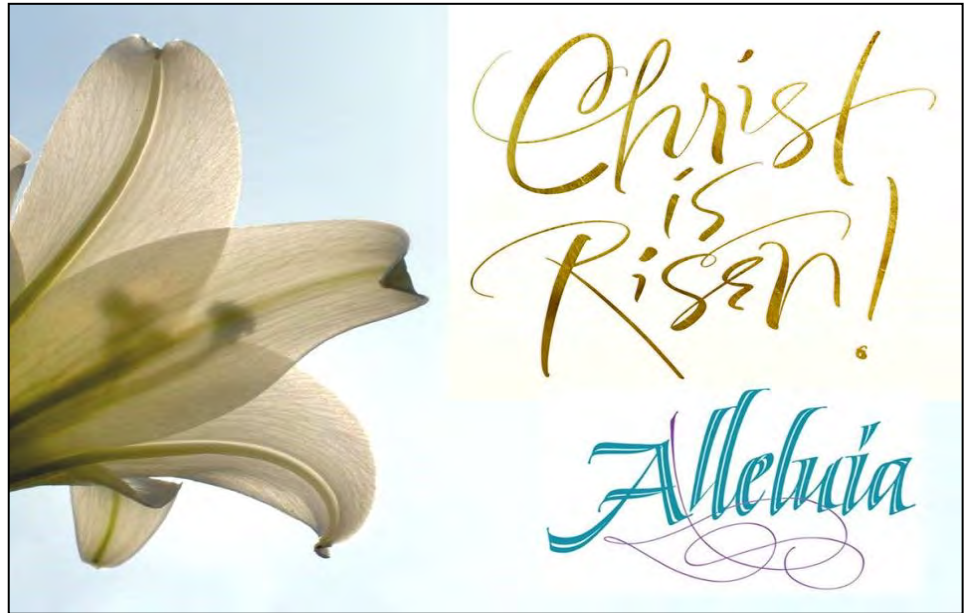
It's something of a marathon to commemorate Holy Week and Easter, but it's a satisfying and joyful marathon. Thank you to all who worked both visibly and behind the scenes to make our celebrations happen: from decorating, cleaning, greeting, reading, serving, setting up & taking down to singing & playing, helping

in the kitchen, working with our young people, and more.

Everyone is always a bit tired after this burst of activity, but we recover soon enough and pick up where we left off. And as we do, we realize something that many of our non-liturgical friends may not know, namely, that Easter is a season and not merely a single day. This makes sense when you think about it. Christmas lasts twelve days and Lent lasts forty. So the most important event in the Christian faith gets a full fifty days' worth of observance.

In the weeks to come we will retell a few of our precious stories about events after the Resurrection, we'll emphasize the role of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and gradually make our way to the Ascension and then Pentecost. Despite our momentary tiredness, Easter season turns out to be one that is spiritually motivating and energizing. It's a great time to worship together and revive our understanding of our ministries.

David +



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- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

A Different Kind of Easter

By Meredith Aul



De drie kruisen The Three Crosses

droge naald, met lichte plaattoon, op perkament, ca. 1653 /
drypoint, with plate tone, on vellum, c. 1653

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Christ hangs from the Cross between two thieves and is surrounded by apostles, his mother, followers and soldiers. This monumental sheet is the pendant to *Christ Presented to the People* (on the opposite partition wall). Just as there, this scene is fully executed in drypoint, which had almost never been done before. Moreover, Rembrandt pulled the print on costly vellum.



Rembrandt stages the scene with a multitude of figures, each responding individually to the events on the dais. Pilate, with the long staff, points at Christ and leaves the choice to the people to release either 'the King of the Jews' or the murderer Barabbas. The outcome is known. Rembrandt created this enormous scene entirely in drypoint, scratching directly into the copperplate.

Randy and I are in Amsterdam. I'm sending these Rembrandts of Good Friday and Easter from the Rijks Museum.



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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) the thermostat is reset and the doors are locked.

By Meredith Aul Westgate
Senior Warden



Dear friends,

Our April vestry meeting began with an overview of church finance presented by Kevin Milligan.

We remain a concerning \$14,000 behind our budgeted income. We reviewed the budget which is pretty much “bare bones,” and determined that no substantial cuts can be made. In 2018 Easter was in March, Easter, of course, tends to be a higher attendance and larger giving Sunday, thus making this a contributing factor to lower revenue in March of this year as compared to last. As previously stated, we lost considerable income due to moves, deaths, and retirement and a substantial one-time donation made last year. We need to increase our membership. Meanwhile, the church continues to count on the generosity of all of you.

With our deficit in mind, vestry has invited Chad Linder, Canon of Finance and Operations for the Diocese of Central PA, to speak on Stewardship to help and on starting an Endowment Fund at our June retreat, to help us become financially stable. We are working on organizing a Fundraising Committee to brainstorm and help implement fundraising ideas.

Safeguarding God’s Children Training was attended by 13 members of our congregation. At least five others completed the on-line version. This is a great first step in becoming compliant with state, Federal and diocesan regulations. It also puts us well on our way to becoming a church that makes the safety and well-being of children a priority. Our commitment conveys an important message to visitors and newcomers and creates an atmosphere of caring and commitment to the families we serve. Our goal is to have everyone who is in contact with children trained in the very near future. The next available training is to be offered at the Episcopal Cathedral in Harrisburg on a Saturday morning after Easter.

Forty people attended the second monthly Community Fellowship Dinner on April 10. Father Bateman started off the evening with a blessing. (See article). Through an informal survey of those who attended, we learned that people like having time together with “no pro-

gram and no agenda.” People enjoy bringing dishes to share with minimal set up clean up, all with little planning. Almost everyone said they like the 6-7:30 p.m. time frame, which allows them to get on with their evening and get home before dark. We hope you’ll join us on May 15 at 6 p.m.

Early in May we will be meeting with the Chamber Singers to renew their contract for rehearsal and performance space.

Another date to put on your calendar is the May 5 “Sweaty Sunday”/Cinco de Mayo party. Details can be found on page 7.

On behalf of the Search Committee, Susan Landin reported that most of the surveys are in. The committee’s expectation is that it will take about a year from now for us to be ready to call our new rector. The committee plans to post progress on a chart in the multi-purpose room.

Vestry voted to become involved with Embrace Lancaster’s Open House following the Lancaster Pride Fest in July. St. Edward’s will be on a list of churches that are open to and affirming of LGBTQ persons. We will welcome visitors at the 10:15 service and coffee hour on July 21 and, on that day, will display a Rainbow flag as a sign of our inclusiveness.

Property “issues” include light repair/replacement in the Multi-purpose room.

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Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burleson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Benjamin Jenkins
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis

- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



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A generous donor has stepped forward with a donation for this expense. Another donor has offered to take care of removing a dead tree by the Memorial Garden. Bill Swiernik is getting an estimate on rekeying the locks, while Mike Freshwater is seeking an estimate on getting a "Dutch Door" for the nursery. We will also be addressing other safety concerns in the nursery in the coming months.

Vestry liaisons reported back on committee "happenings." Already this seems to be helping with communication "flow." News of note:

The Cultural Events Committee has exhausted its list of performers and needs to create a new one. The committee would like to offer programs that are less expensive and that offer more diversity.

Social Outreach will once again hold a Back to School Drive for backpacks and supplies, July 28-August 4. These are distributed to needy children in the Hempfield School District through the Landisville Food Bank.

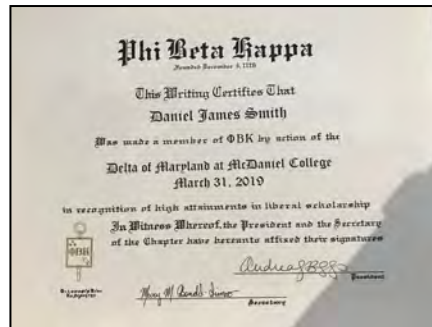
The Memorial Garden Committee is working to get the memorial plaques moved outside.

There is a need for new membership in several committees, including Altar Guild, LEMs and Acolytes, and Greeters and Ushers. Can you help?

Our publications are all in need of photos and articles. Please take pictures of ordinary and extraordinary activities and events and send them to Michelle at stedsoffice@comcast.net and Mac Miller at hj_miller@outlook.com.

Vestry reminds committee chairpersons that any expenses exceeding \$100 need to be cleared with vestry. Likewise, please do not exceed your annual committee budget.

As you can see, vestry is working diligently to be faithful stewards of our church and its members. Please let us know if there is something that needs our attention. Your prayers for us and for Reverend Bateman as we navigate our way through this important transition year are very much appreciated.



Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest academic honor society in the United States and is often described as the nation's most prestigious honor society. It's aim is to honor academic excellence in the liberal arts or sciences. Membership is by invitation only. To be considered for membership, a student must demonstrate excellence in the liberal arts or sciences, must have knowledge of a 2nd or non-native language and attain a 3.8 or higher GPA.

Congratulations to Daniel on his induction into Phi Beta Kappa!



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Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for June will be:
May 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:



Pictures by Mary Snyder



Alyssa Andersen and daughter Harper took part in the Palm Sunday procession.



Palm Sunday children's sermon.



HEART-SHAPED breakfast



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!



A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

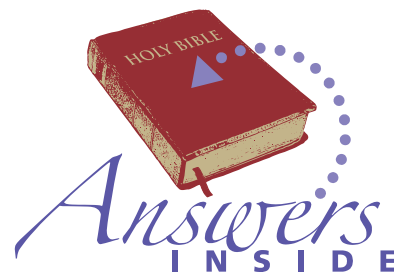
Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call



Bible Quiz

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, to what two women is Boaz connected?

- A. Rahab and Ruth
- B. Tamar and Rahab
- C. Ruth and Bathsheba
- D. Bathsheba and Mary



Answer: A (See Matthew 1:5.)

Mother's Day Quiz

Pictures from Facebook and Scepter files.

Can you name the parishioner who's mother is pictured here? Hint: Each Parishioner is now a mother also. Extra gold stars if you know the parishioner's children's names. Answers are on Page 7.



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We are all most grateful for the large number of you who completed the parish survey over the last few weeks – all 140 of you! Your responses are providing us with a lot of wonderful information about our parish family, its opinions, feelings, observations, preferences and hopes for the future!

We are busy now assessing the responses and planning the next steps in this process of calling a new priest. First, we will provide a summary of that assessment for all of you to consider in addition to making available the “raw data” from which the summary is developed. By the time you are reading this Scepter, you might already have had the opportunity to review the data on Sunday mornings at church and at home online or with printed copies.

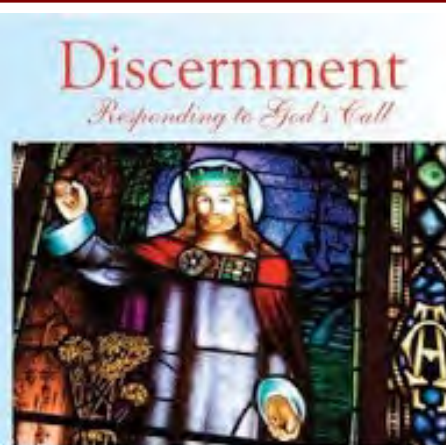
The next step, as we indicated earlier, is to spend time in a variety of group discussions on particular topics that require deeper consideration. As soon as those dates and topics are established they will be widely advertised in the usual array of methods - in print, online and at church.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to any one of us working on this process. We are eager to keep moving forward in this most important work on behalf of all of you, for the exciting future of St. Edward's Church.

Matthew Sternberg, Beth Lynch, Seth Hake, Peter Weber,

Susan Landin, Bill Swiernik, and Dottie Gschwend

St. Edward's Search Committee Prayer



Dear Lord, as humble followers in your Son Jesus Christ's footsteps, with discerning hearts and minds, we have prayed for your enduring wisdom in hearing and reading the words of our fellow parishioners. In keeping with this same power of the Holy Spirit, we ask for your continued direction in seeking our next Rector, one who may not only be an instrument of your Peace in preaching your Gospel, but who may also teach us your holy purpose, lead us and our children closer to you, and guide us along the future paths that you have chosen for us. Amen

"The wise man doesn't give the right answers; he poses the right questions."
—Claude Levi-Strauss



Many thanks to the following parishioners who serve up tasty treats and great fellowship each month! For April, it was delightful to have so many people attend the coffee hours, especially the 8 o'clock service. For May, why not stick around after the 8 o'clock coffee hour on May 5th and May 19th and participate in a wonderful Adult Forum on Welcoming and Church Growth, led by Father Bateman. It is truly informative and your participation can help us *Welcome* our parishioners, and newcomers each week in many ways.

The Lynch Family

Ellen Milligan

Buddy and Liz Yeager

Ted Cardwell

Alyssa and Kyle Anderson

R.B. Mullineaux

Larry and Bev Hess

Hank and Linda Spire

Stephen and Catherine Donohue

Mother's Day Quiz

Answers: 1. Meredith Westgate (Adam, Aubrey, Evan and Rosie) 2. Peg Reiley (Daniel and Rachel) 3. Amy Swiernik (Cole, Reed) 4. Dina Ishler (Carter, Faith and Thomas) 5. Beth Hake (Seth) 6. Michelle Bentley (Ian) 7. Kim Kline (Ethanol, Harrison and Joel) 8. Catherine Donohue (Eliza, Luke, Marielle and Patrick)



Feed Our Starving Children

By Peg Reiley



James Lynch, Finn Milligan, and Beth Lynch work together.



Bruce Lynch, James Lynch, and Finn Milligan



We had a good time with a group from St Edward's at the Feed My Starving Children mobile pack event. During our 2 hour session, 126 volunteers packed 31,104 meals - enough to feed 85 children one meal daily for a year!



Ellen Milligan and Lois Kronewetter work with their team packing meals.



Ellen and Kevin Milligan



The "crew" from St. Edward's organized by Peg Reiley (front left).

From Beth Lynch

This is the article that St. John's sent me that explains about the final Count of shoes for Soles 4 Souls. We donated 408 pairs which is just shy of 25%.

Soles for Souls has been a "community" project here at St. John's for a number of years.

2019 was again, a Lancaster "community" reaching out in caring to a world "community" by providing shoes that go all over the world.

Our Lancaster community is St. John's members and their friends at work, in various neighborhoods.

St. John's Methodist in Paradise has partnered with us for several years, as has John Beck Elementary School in Lititz.

This year our local community also included St. Edwards, James Street Mennonite, Lancaster City donors as well as folks at Landis Homes.

Phoenix Courier has since the start of our gathering, partnered to pick up without any payment and deliver the shoes to New Jersey where they are sorted and distributed.

Without their caring help, we would have to raise money at \$1/pair to be picked up and transported.

A simple pair of shoes can keep people from dealing with diseases, allow children to go to school, etc.

Imagine if you had to walk to church on any Sunday from your home barefooted in varying weather.

Some of the shoes we get are brand new, some barely worn and some have had some journeys.

Those with greater adventures are used to teach people in varied countries how to repair shoes and can then be a new life with a job.

Every year, our young people staying over night on Maundy Thursday line up and pass the boxes of shoes from the church onto the truck.

If you've ever watched them in this project, the smiles on their faces extends to their hearts and something they won't forget.

Get ready to smile as you read that this year we collected.....1744 pairs!

By Meredith Westgate



"Sweaty Sunday"

Work Day and Cinco de Mayo Party!

Sunday, May 5 after the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services

Wear your sweats or jeans to church and stay awhile to help with some spring clean-up outdoors and indoors.

We will be: raking, filling a pothole, weeding, trimming painting, window-washing and whatever else needs done to spruce up our parish and beautify our grounds.

It won't seem like work when we share the load together and celebrate our revitalized church and grounds with a Cinco de Mayo Party.

Sign up to work and bring a food item to share in the multi-purpose room. Vestry will provide seasoned meat and beans for tacos. Additional items such a taco/tortilla shells, lettuce, tomatoes, shredded cheese, sour cream, and guacamole are needed.



Think of that number for a moment, imaginepeople - ALL ages, varied countries and circumstances lined up in smiling thanks for your generosity and caring to people... Here, There and Everywhere.



Beth Lynch and Peg Reiley delivering the final load of shoes that were donated by St. Edward's members.

Hempfield Food Pantry



The Hempfield Food Pantry services many families in the Landisville area. St. Edward's typically delivers our donation to the pantry the week following the 4th Sunday of the month.

The pantry is requesting the following items for May:

- Spaghetti noodles
- Canned spinach
- Regular oatmeal
- instant oatmeal
- Boxed pasta
- Canned pears
- Canned applesauce
- Canned red beets
- Cereal
- Canned peaches

Community Fellowship Dinner

By Meredith Westgate



Beth and Bruce Lynch and Gail and Dick Irons

Forty people attended the second monthly Community Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday,

April 10 in the multi-purpose room. Father Bateman started off the evening with a blessing. The buffet table was a veritable feast of delicious homemade dishes, Subway subs, Kentucky Fried chicken, and a decorated sheet cake.. Ellie Parker brought pots of bright yellow pansies for each table. These will soon grace the church's front entrance. (?) There were several new faces, and most who had attended the dinner in March came back to enjoy the food and the fellowship. The evening wrapped up by 7:30.



Braden and Barrett Newsome



Matthew Sternberg, Sam Fleming and Sharon Hubbard

Our next dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 6 in the multi-purpose room.

All are welcome! Please bring a hot and a cold dish to share and your own table service.

Come and dine and enjoy catching up with old friends and getting to know some new ones.



Carl and Carol Cotnoir and Libby Sternberg

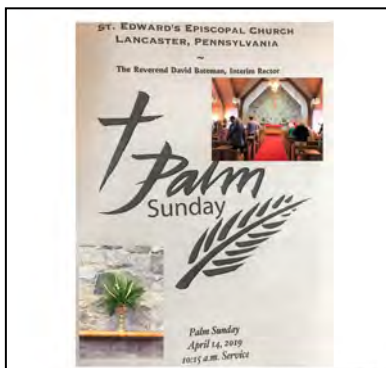


Michelle Bentley and Fr. Bateman



Palm Sunday

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Fr. Bateman leads the Blessing of the Palms.



The congregation processes into the church after the Blessing of the Palms.



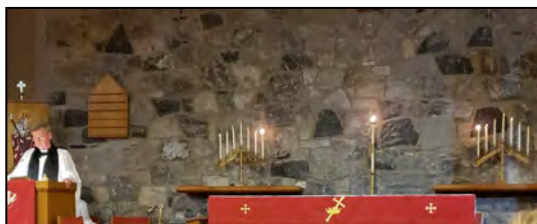
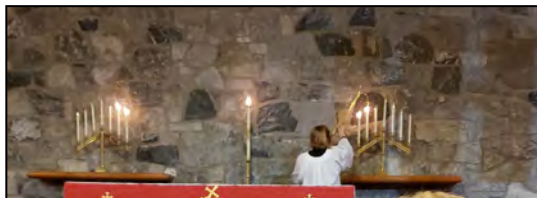
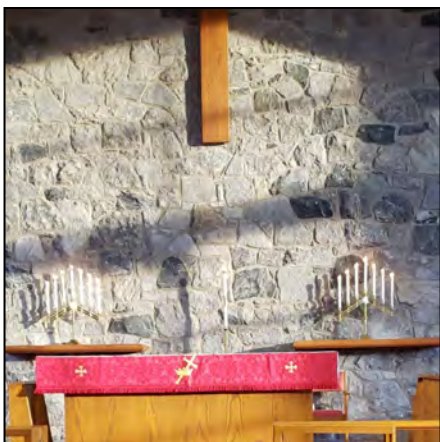
Peter Weber, Jamie Alton, and Buddy Yeager read the Passion.



We enjoyed music at the blended service by both our Praise Band and Choir.

Tenebrae

Pictures By Mac Miller



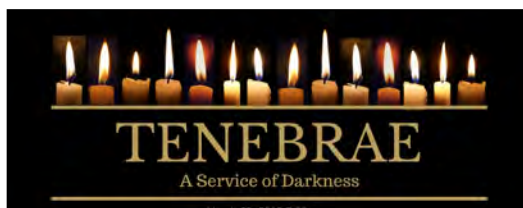
On Wednesday of Holy week we pray the ancient monastic office of Tenebrae, a service that derives from the monastic services of matins and lauds. The liturgy uses darkness and the gradual extinguishing of candles, until only a single candle remains, a symbol of our Lord. The service provides an opportunity for sustained reflection on the Lord's suffering and death.



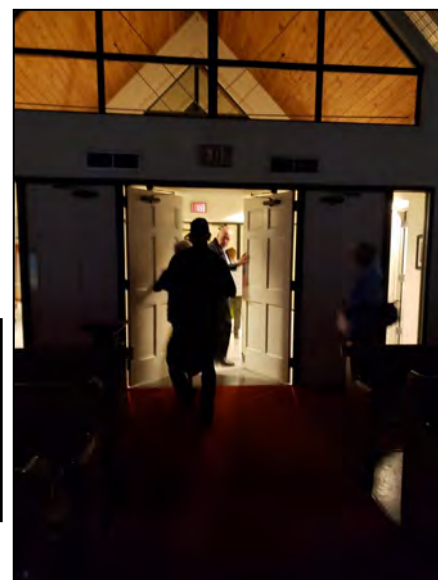
Readers: Dina Ishler, Carol Cotnoir and Amy Swiernik



Fr. Bateman led us in this very reflective service.



At the end of the service the worshipers leave the darkened sanctuary in silence.



Maundy Thursday

Pictures by Dina Ishler and Mac Miller



Dina Ishler served as crucifer .



Thomas Ishler served as acolyte while Fr. Bateman reads from the Gospel.



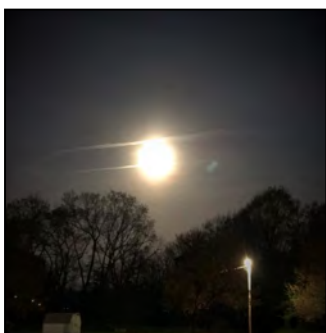
Take up these symbols of the new life: towel and basin and water. Let them be for you a sign of your love for him and your gratitude for all that he has done for you. Let them be for you a pledge of your commitment to serve – not out of duty, but out of love; not to obtain a reward, but to imitate the One who freely and willingly laid down his life for you. You have been called to serve.

-Br. David Vryhof

Fr. Bateman during the Sacrament of Foot Washing.

As we came out I could not help immediately connecting the moon with the Gospel text: "Having received the bread, he then went out immediately.

And it was night." Dina Ishler



Peter Weber served as reader.



The crown of thorns is what is left on the altar after the service in preparation for Good Friday.



The choir provides wonderful music.



The Altar Guild clears the altar.

Good Friday

Pictures by Mary Snyder and Mac Miller



The choir added so much to the Holy Week services.



Stations of the Cross



Camille Horine and Dina Ishler



The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Behind the most heinous of actions is a person who cannot know fully what they are doing or why. If they could, I think it would be otherwise. And from Jesus' perspective on the cross, this person needs to be forgiven. What Jesus is up to on the cross is forgiveness, his arms opened wide for all, whether or not they ask for it, whether they be friend or neighbor or enemy.

-Br. Curtis Almquist
Society of Saint John the Evangelist



Buddy Yeager places the cross at the altar.



Karen E. Waddill, Organist



The church is solemn on this holy day.



The choir processes out at the end of the service.

Easter Vigil

Pictures by Dina Ishler



Fr. Bateman started the Easter Vigil by lighting the flame. From there the Paschal candle is lit and he led the congregation into the sanctuary for the service.



Thomas Ishler served as acolyte for this joyous service of Easter.



Easter is a feast of hope. Not because the resurrection is a nice idea for wishful thinkers, but because God's promise of life and liberty to all who believe is real. We know that God will keep the Divine Promise and grant us life, liberty and healing, even as we live in the shadow of death.
-Br. James Koester
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

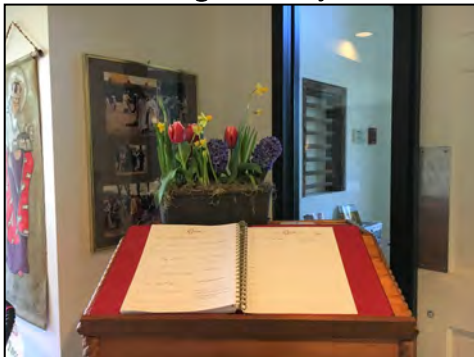


Easter Sunday

Pictures by Sam Fleming, Michelle Bentley and Dina Ishler



A glorious day for the choir as they sing praise and lift up our congregation in the glory of the Eastertide.



St. Edward's welcomes guests with our guest register and spring flowers!

Alyssa and Kyle Anderson with their daughter, Harper Olivia Anderson. Harper was baptized at St. Edward's on Easter Sunday!

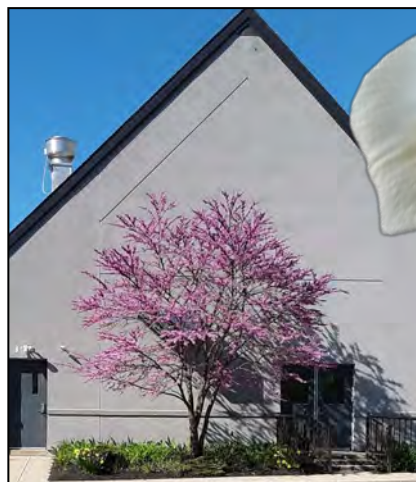


Patrick Ishler plays a solo trumpet.



The 10:15 service started filling up early.

Easter Sunday



The sights and sounds of Easter – from the glorious blooms to a fun Easter Egg hunt and an Easter service filled with joy!



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Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ **Michael Freshwater
(2021)**
- ✦ **Julie Hoff (2022)**
- ✦ **Dina Ishler (2020)**
- ✦ **Mark Jakiel (2021)**
- ✦ **Herb Johnston(2021)**
- ✦ **Susan Landin (2020)
Secretary**
- ✦ **Ellen Milligan (2022)**
- ✦ **Bill Swiernik (2020)**
- ✦ **Meredith Westgate
(2020) Sr. Warden**

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing
