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*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton*

# OUR NEW LIFE IN JESUS



Easter is the season of new life. Even as we walk the difficult days of Holy Week, we do so full of the knowledge that God brings life to the world. The springtime buds and fresh growth join with our own spiritual renewal in the Easter celebrations.

During Lent we have focused on Gratitude, Compassion, and Action. The enlarging of our

hearts through gratitude helps us see the world with fresh eyes. The opening of our hearts through compassion helps us bear one another's burdens, even as we also care compassionately for our own souls. Finally, through our actions: feeding, giving, sharing, and advocating, we help to shape the world anew.

The ancient church took fifty days to celebrate Easter! "A Week of Weeks" were set aside for a whole season of Easter. In our modern world, all the days from now until Memorial Day weekend are Easter Days. But what are we supposed to do for 50 days?

The first three weeks ask us to retell the stories from the Gospel. The women at the tomb, Jesus' appearance in The Upper Room, Doubting Thomas and the Road to Emmaus remind us how Jesus appeared to the sorrowful, the frightened, the doubting and the questioning. It's a great time to ask our own questions and feel solidarity with Mary Magdalene, Thomas, Peter, and Cleopas and his wife.

Easter takes four weeks to send us out! Jesus told both the women at the tomb and the disciples: "Do not be afraid; go and tell ...". What is your story of new life? Is it breaking an addiction or sharing in community? Does new life mean more time in God's creation or care for a neighbor? Jesus encourages us to share what we have seen and feel.

So, keep those Easter Decorations up well into May. Buy some Easter Candy when it goes on sale. Confirmation Sunday, Earth Day, Mothers' Day ... this Easter season is about new faith, new stewardship, new life.

And never forget to be grateful. Everything we have is a gift. Everything we have will be our gift when we are gone. Easter is fifty days of celebrating new life in Christ Jesus. Party on.

Peace,  
**Mark +**

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

At the Day School Family Chapel today, Father Mark spoke to the parents about Easter. He spoke about the death of Jesus on the cross being sad, but that it wasn't the end of the story. The story continues on to teach us that Easter is all about life and renewal. It seems that we carried that thought over into our Executive Committee meeting. We talked about how our church could be renewed once our mortgage was retired.

As a parish, we have reduced the debt we carry by one million dollars since Fr. Mark arrived. One million dollars. Can you imagine what the average family could do if their mortgage was paid off? Well, we thought about the same things. Imagine, an assistant for the Parish who could provide more pastoral care, bible studies and children's programs. We would have the funds to have more than a skeleton staff to meet the parish needs. Or, how about new and expanded outreach programs, a shelter that would serve our area's homeless and women and children in need. Mentors, tutors, summer programs and community meals that wouldn't tax our volunteers and our funds. It is so close; we can dare to dream and plan.

We can do this; we can realize all of this and more. There is \$221,000.00 left on this mortgage. Let's wipe out this debt and be the parish we know we can be. There is so much good will in this parish and we know the call will be answered.

## A Zimbel-What?

-Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music

Some of you may have noticed a new addition on the wall behind the choir loft at the back of the church.

Thanks to the generous donation of a parishioner, we were able to purchase a zimbelstern for the organ. A zimbelstern is a small musical instrument that strikes bells randomly to add a bit of sparkle to festive organ music or during appropriate hymns. The gentle sound of the bells can add meaning to specific texts and enhance our praise. The word "zimbelstern" means "cymbal star" in German.

Popular in Baroque organ building, zimbelsterns were originally in the shape of a star with small bells at each point. Our organ already had the wiring and controls for a zimbelstern, but one was never purchased until now. Listen for the zimbelstern to debut on Easter Sunday. Then, make sure you come back to worship on April 23<sup>rd</sup> when it will be blessed by Bishop San. A special thanks to Dave Hasek for helping with installation.

*Pictured at right: Emily adjusting the bells on the new zimbelstern.*



### *An Additional Note from our Jr Warden-Goldey Vansant*

The microphones that had been in use in the sanctuary were showing their age, becoming increasingly unreliable. Thanks to a generous gift, we have been able to replace the microphones and receivers with up-to-date models. As it turns out, our older equipment operated on a frequency that was no longer approved by the FCC for wireless microphones, so we are actually "killing two birds with one stone!"

## Renewal of a Saint

Bob Moore noted that poor St. Francis was in desperate need of renewal (*aren't we all!*). He asked if he could take him home and give him a much needed makeover (*doesn't that sound like fun?*). Bob did an astonishing job bringing St. Francis to life (*just like Easter!*). Thank you, Bob, for your hard work in renewing this saint (*now about all of us other saints!?!).*



This statue of St. Francis can be found in the alcove on the right nearest the Sacristy of Christ Church.

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service	<b>3</b> <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b> 7:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	<b>5</b> 10:00 Exec C 10:00 Post Ef 12:00 Bible S <b>5:00 Evening</b> 7:30 AA Meet
<b>9 Easter</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 11:15 Easter Egg Hunt	<b>10</b> <b>No Evening Prayer</b> <b>7:00 Bible Study</b>	<b>11</b> <b>No Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 Exec C <b>5:00 Evening</b> 7:00 Finance 7:30 AA Meet
	<b>Office Closed</b>		
<b>16</b> 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 3:00 Girl Scouts 4:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Youth Group	<b>17</b> <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 6:30 Vestry Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>5:00 Evening Prayer</b> 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	<b>19</b> 10:00 Exec C 10:00 Post Ef <b>5:00 Evening</b> 7:30 AA Meet
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April 2nd~8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
 Thursday~April 6th~7:30 PM  
 April 7th~ Noon & 7:30 PM  
 e Service~April 9th~6:30 AM  
 April 9th~8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Mark S. Delcuze, Rector ~ 203-240-8884

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

2nd Quarter 2023 Services				
		LEM	Lectors	Acolytes
4/2/2023	8AM		Jeff Pike	
Palm Sunday		Charlie Mead	Cathy Smith	
	10AM	Keith Fulmer	Caroline Aland	
Dark Red		Juanita Dombkowski	Becky Myers	
4/6/2023	7:30PM			
Maundy Thursday		Mike Herold	Caroline Aland	
Dark Red		Lois Vanderbok	Keith Fulmer	
4/7/2023	12PM			
Good Friday		Jeff Pike	Carole Katrinic	
No Hangings		Juanita Dombkowski	Goldey Vansant	
	7:30PM		Dennis Conrad	
			Carol Conrad	
4/9/2023	8AM		Charlie Mead	
EASTER		Liza Hamill	Betsy Sipes	
Easter Year A	10AM	Patti Snyder	Leona Parker	Samuel Radley Taylor
White		Keith Fulmer	Mike Parker	Vivian Dorsey
				Reagan Hohman
4/16/2023	8AM			
2nd Sunday of Easter		Jeff Pike	Maria Jones	
			Cathy Smith	
	10AM			Katie Schaefer
White		Lisa Herlihy	Beverly Cooper	Emily Schaefer
		Patrick Herlihy	Lois Vanderbok	Reagan Hohman
4/23/2023	8AM		Lois Vanderbok	
3rd Sunday of Easter		Charlie Mead	Jeff Pike	
Confirmation	10AM			Samuel Radley Taylor
Bishop Visitation		Bob Rosekrans	Bob Thompson	Emerson Patti
		Leslie Schneider	Dottie Wilson	Vivian Dorsey
4/30/2023	8AM		Maria Jones	
4th Sunday of Easter		Lois Vanderbok	Charlie Mead	
	10AM			Izzy Slavin
		Mike Herold	Carole Katrinic	Reagan Hohman
White		Ruthanne Herold	Becky Myers	Samuel Radley Taylor



ng Chart				
Ushers	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
Eric Hummel	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder, Ruthanne Herold			
Linette Hummel				
			Caroline Aland	
Bob Rosekrans		Leslie Schneider	Susie Reckord	Dottie Wilson
Mike Herold		Liza Hamill		
Bernie Gast				
Charlie Mead				
Lois Vanderbok				
Cathy Smith				
Maria Jones				
Cathy Smith	Anne Tyler, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Sally Lewis			
Charlie Schwan				
John Reckord		Anna Sisson	Charlie Mead	Ben Riley
		Judy Peppel	Molly Canon	
Tom Christensen	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip, Becky Myers			
Lois Vanderbok				
Laurelle McCready				
Ron McCready		Dottie Wilson	Becky Myers	Bill Vanderbok
		Bob Thompson	Connie Clark	
Maria Jones				
Tom Christensen	Dot Deren, Tom Christensen, Cara Fehrenbacher, Nancy Link			
Mike Herold		Judy Peppel	Lois Vanderbok	Bill Vanderbok
Charlie Schwan		Kate McNealey	Toinette McDowell	
Eric Hummel				
Linette Hummel	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder, Ruthanne Herold			
Bernie Gast		Leslie Schneider	Caroline Aland	
Bob Rosenkrans		Liza Hamill	Susie Reckord	Liza Hamill

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Psalm 100 tells us to “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” What is a joyful noise? The singing of the choir on Sundays, the words of a sermon. Those certainly bring joy to our congregation. But there is another joyful noise in our parish on Sundays. The sounds of children laughing and playing. They find joy in hiding blocks for each other, pushing a cardboard boat around the floor, and showing off their latest Lego creations. And later in our Sundays, there’s the happy sound of our confirmation class playing “Do you love your neighbor?” and giggles from our youth group while they try to get Oreos into their mouths from their foreheads. Our parish is filled with the joyful noise of the children in it every Sunday. If you’d like to join us and experience the joyful noise yourself, do not hesitate. All are welcome to get a little bit loud with us. The wiggle room is ready to get (just a little) rowdy every Sunday during our 10 AM service.

Our Youth Group Program meets on Sunday nights at 7 PM and is intended for middle and high school students. If you or your child are interested, you can contact Jane at [familyministry@ccpki.org](mailto:familyministry@ccpki.org)!





**CHRIST CHURCH**

**EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

**APRIL 9TH, 2023**

**AT 11:15 AM**

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
KENT ISLAND

Join us for Easter fun on  
Easter Sunday after the  
10 AM service

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH - KENT ISLAND

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023



## **PALM SUNDAY**

April 2nd

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 6th

7:30 PM

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 7th

Noon & 7:30 PM

## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

April 9th

6:30 AM

## **EASTER SERVICE**

April 9th

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM