



Welcome to St. James' in the City!

We're happy to have you with us this morning. We hope you find our parish to be a place of welcome and invitation. After the service, come to coffee hour in the Parish Hall across the courtyard.



Adult Forums for Lent Preparing to Celebrate Easter with Joy

Today in the Conference Room

All are invited to join the Rt. Rev. Frank Brookhart in the second of his two part presentation exploring the ideas central to the Easter theme. This forum will occur in-between the 8AM and 10:30AM

services in the Conference Room (2nd floor of the Parish Office building).

Today's Topic – Baptism

For this forum, Bishop Frank will explore baptism and the call to live out our baptismal identity.

LAST CALL to Donate Funds to Support Easter Flowers and Music



Today is the LAST SUNDAY to make a contribution to support Easter Flowers or Great Music in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. Donors' names and memorials will be listed in the Easter service bulletins. Your flower

donations will be used to pay for Easter flowers and decor, and your music donations will be used to help pay for the brass ensemble on Easter Day.

Please complete the form included in your bulletin and place it with your donation in a sealed envelope in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts! (**Deadline for credit card donations is Monday, April 15th.**)

Things to Bring to the Easter Vigil



Bring a Bell to Ring!

Next Saturday is the Easter Vigil, which begins at 7:30PM. We begin the service in darkness, then light the new fire (representing the victory in Christ of light and life over darkness and death). After a service of lessons, music, and baptisms, the lights

are brought up as Mother Kate announces Christ's resurrection, and everyone rings their bells with exuberance. Be a part of the celebration ... ring a bell!!! Any and every kind of bell is acceptable.

Palm Sunday Message



Dear friends,

This weekend we enter Holy Week with one of the most exciting services of the year: Palm Sunday. We'll have the drama of Korean drums, the timeless ritual of blessing palms, and the procession of clergy and congregation into the church, triumphantly waving palms. (In the past we have included a donkey, but not this year. I hear they

find our floor tiles too slippery!) This first half of the service – pure joy and celebration!

And then, we make a 180° turn, and share in the words of the Passion, the story of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and death. This second half of the service – devastating. It is painful to face up to this story of how love came into the world in human form and we human beings tried to destroy it.

And this gets me thinking about our young people, especially the children participating in the St. James' Children's Choir this Sunday. As they sit there in the choir stalls, listening to the Passion, what will they be thinking? How will they be making sense of the congregation's cries: Cricify him! Crucify him!!

I wish I could protect them from the hard truths in this story central to our faith. I'd like to skip right from the palm waving procession to Easter morning, wouldn't you? And yet we know, and our children know, that this is not the world in which we live. Children's choir members know that our world can be violent and cruel. They know that sometimes we human beings hurt each other and hurt God.

And yet the Passion is a story of unbreakable love. In our lives, whether we are young or old, yes, hard things can happen. At the same time, God is always with us, loving us, and ready to give everything for us. Even his life.

So I won't worry about how our children's choir members deal with the violence of the Passion. Insteat I'll trust that the heart of the story – God's never-ending love for us ALL – comes shining through.

Peace and blessings this Holy Week and Easter, *Kate+*



Prayer Boxes

If you would like to bring your paper prayer boxes to the Easter Vigil we can offer them up to God in the fire we burn in the courtyard at the start of the Vigil. God is making all things new!

Easter Vigil is for Everybody

If you've never been to Easter Vigil, please come! It's an experience not to be missed. And we hope to see you at all the Holy Week services. Please refer to the schedule of services on page 3.

Great Music at St. James' – TODAY



Solemn Evensong
at 4:30 PM

The Choir of Saint James under the direction of James Buonemani performs the *Evening Service for Four Voices* by Thomas Causton (c.1520-1569); *O Salutaris Hostia* by Eriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977); *Ave Maria* by Rihards Dubra (b. 1964) and the *Preces and Responses* by William Byrd (c.1540-1623).



Dr. Tom Mueller in Recital
International Laubrates Organ Series
at 6:00 PM

Following a reception, please return to the church to hear a stunning recital by our very own Dr. Tom Mueller. Tom is an Assistant Professor of Church Music and University Organist at Concordia University in Irvine, CA, and Associate Organist of St. James' Church.

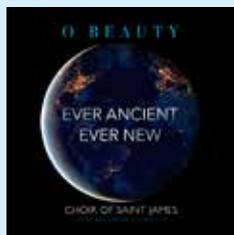


Dr. Mueller's program will include music by Herbert Howells (1892-1983), Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937), Eduardo Torres (1872-1934), the monumental *Trois Danses* by Jehan Alain (1911-1940). The program will also include *Children's Suite*, a new work by Tom Mueller performed with flautist Luisa Cartagena. (Free admission)

Choir CD Available

O Beauty Ever Ancient Ever New, the first commercial recording by the Choir of St. James, is available on the Gothic Label.

Copies may be purchased after the service or online at stjla.org/album or from your favorite music retailer.



Please Continue to Wear a Name Tag

Do you know the name of every single person here at St. James'?

Not yet? That's why we wear nametags.

This means you too, ushers! Keep learning names!

► YAPGES Meeting

Thursday, April 25th at 6:30PM

The April meeting of YAPGES (the Young Adult Prayer Group and Eating Society) is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th, at 6:30PM. Join Rev. Kate and the 20/30s group for a potluck and fellowship. Please call the church office for the address, 213-388-3417.

Interested in Baptism?

Our next date for Baptism will be at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night, April 20th. This service, which literally "rings in" Christ's resurrection on Easter day, begins at 7:30PM and lasts approximately 2 hours. **Please see Mother Kate TODAY if you are interested in baptism next Saturday night.**

The next baptism dates for all (and especially for children, are the Sunday after Easter, April 28th); Pentecost Sunday, June 9th (also Baccalaureate Sunday), and Sunday, July 28th, at the 10:30AM service.

Please see Mother Kate for more information, and/or to express your interest in any of these dates.

Please join us for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 • 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Resurrection

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 • 12:15 PM

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Resurrection

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18 • 7:30 PM

Foot Washing & Institution of the Lord's Supper (with choir)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7 AM Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Eucharist with the Reserved Sacrament in the Chapel of the Resurrection

12-3 PM Church and Chapel are Open

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may make an appointment during this time.

12:15 PM Stations of the Cross in the church

7:30 PM Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, sung Passion and Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20 • 7:30PM

The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism and Confirmation (with choir).

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 8 AM, 10:30 AM

Festival Eucharist with Choir of St. James', accompanied by brass and percussion. Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 service.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • 12:15 PM

Holy Eucharist in the Korean Language.

Palm Sunday Message

Ritual and Relevance

By Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce



Long before I became a seminarian, when I was working at Wells Fargo, I had a coworker who told me that he went to the Episcopal Church “one time and one time only.” I asked him, “Why only one time?” “It was way too weird for my fiancé and me,” he said. “We go there and no one was in the church — everyone was standing outside in a line holding these pieces of palms. All of a sudden someone came up to us, handed us pieces of palms and asked us to go to the back of the line. Then music

started and they began walking around the parking lot waving these palms and singing this weird song. We saw that they were heading into the church after a while, so we just got out of there. It was really weird. Is it a cult?” “No, it isn’t a cult,” I replied. “You were there on Palm Sunday.” I then spent about 20 minutes explaining the importance of Palm Sunday and how we reenact parts of it once per year. For me this exchange was a reminder that what we do, without explanation, can be confusing to others.

We assume, of course, that anyone who comes to one of our churches understands what we are doing and why we are doing it. Clearly, that is not always the case! With just a few words of explanation, a little quick instruction (it doesn’t have to be 20 minutes’ worth!) visitors can be made to feel welcome among us — especially when what we are doing can be so very foreign to them.

On this Palm Sunday, if there are strangers among you as you celebrate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, how would you welcome them? How would you explain to them what we are doing and why? How would you explain to your non-church-going friend or neighbor the importance of this day for us Christians??

From the Senior Warden



Dear friends,

At this year’s Annual Meeting in February, your outgoing senior warden, Steve Yeazell, laid out the state of our finances here at St. James’ in a remarkably clear and concise way. He reminded us that we needed to raise a minimum of \$600,000 in pledges just to make ends meet in 2019. If we wanted to build up programming and thrive, we would need at least \$700,000 in pledges. However, our pledges had reached only \$500,000, which is \$100,000 short of our baseline, minimum goal. Since February, parishioners have pledged an additional \$9000. Deepest thanks to all who have pledged.

We have been reporting pledging progress toward our goal in each week’s newsletter and e-blast because we have wanted you to know our financial status.

Now, we want to make sure you understand the implications of our still significant pledging shortfall. This is not to scare you but to let you know the reality, which is that, at this rate, we will run out of money by October 2019. Clearly, we need to address this challenge.

Everything we have is a gift from God, and supporting our faith community here at St. James’ is a very powerful way to participate in God’s mission in the world. Your vestry and I are exploring the various ways we can address the shortfall in support of our mission. Options include:

- Encouraging the congregation to increase pledging
- Running a mid-year fundraising campaign (as we did last year) to close the gap
- Taking out a loan
- Selling our \$3,500,000 rectory, purchasing a more affordable house to use as a rectory, and investing proceeds from the sale to generate an income stream
- Other?



A note about the rectory. For some of you, this is a new word, and you may not know that a ‘rectory’ is the house a church provides for the priest or rector to live in. Our rectory is in nearby Hancock Park. In recent years we have used it to generate rental income instead of having our rector live there; we now rent an apartment for Mother Kate elsewhere at a rent lower than the rectory rent.

After Easter we will be holding a financial forum to explain more fully the challenges we face and the vestry’s deliberations. We want you to be well informed! I look forward to our conversation then.

Warmest wishes this Holy Week, *Cathy Helm, Senior Warden*

Easter Sunday

EASTER EGG HUNT!

After the 10:30 Service
(Sunday School at 10:30AM)



Calendar

**Please See Page 2
for Holy Week Schedule of Services.**

Palm Sunday **14 April**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Bishop Brookhart Lenten Forum	Conf Rm	9:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		
Evensong	Church	4:30PM
Organ Recital	Church	6:00PM

Tuesday **16 April**

Food Pantry Prep <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	8:00AM
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Maundy Thursday **18 April**

Food Pantry Distribution <i>(volunteers welcome)</i>	Street Lvl	8:00AM
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

Good Friday **19 April**

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall	3:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Evening Prayer	Chapel	5:45PM

Easter Day **21 April**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		

Save the Date

Men's Retreat	Mt. Calvary	June 28-30
The Feast of St. James' and Picnic		August 4
Bishop Bruce Visitation (NEW DATE)	September 29	
<i>(also Michaelmas and the Choir of St. James returns)</i>		

A memorial service is planned for
Lawrence Okezie
March 10, 1938 – March 27, 2019
Wednesday, May 22nd at 11:00AM
here at St. James'.

We extend our condolences to Adanma, their adult children
Nnenna, Uchenna, Chinwe and Chibuzor, and the many family
members and friends who knew and loved Lawrence.

*May his soul and the souls of all the departed through
the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Yours in Christ, *Mother Kate+*

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Many thanks to Table One for hosting the 8am coffee hour;
and to Peacelyn Rajapaske for hosting the 10:30 coffee hour.

We are eager every week to have coffee hour covered by a host.
Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to support St. James', and
we need your help. Please choose a weekend to sign up on the
calendar located in the Parish Hall, and plan to bring some
sweets and/or savories for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters with Prayer

We ask you to hold the following friends and parishioners
of Saint James' close to your heart and in your prayers: the
Rev. Charles Sacquety, Helen Nelson, Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez,
Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, Kisun Kim,
Margaret Pasley, Susan Walker, Russell Walker, Steven Rim,
Thomas Ahn, the Rev. Betsy Anderson, and Harold Ahaiwe.

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