

# *This Week at St. John's*

*April 1, 2007*

## **About the Readings**

### **Isaiah 45:21-25**

The scene of today's reading is set as a court trial, often used in the Old Testament to represent God's judgment. Here the "survivors of the nations" are called to account and offered a share in salvation. God swears a solemn oath—a promise to the whole world, as before God swore to the patriarchs, to Israel and to David. All the nations will acknowledge God and confess that "only in the Lord . . . are righteousness and strength." The triumph of Israel will consist not in political victory but in the universal recognition of Yahweh as Lord.

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

This passage is a hymn to Christ that Paul adopts. The hymn, poetic in rhythm and structure, contains a full outline of Christ's saving work: his divine preexistence, incarnation, death, celestial exaltation, heavenly adoration and new title.

### **Luke 22:14-23:56**

The passion narrative is the core and climax of each gospel. Each evangelist shaped his account to help his community deal with the paradox of the cross. The passion account witnesses to the presence of God, to the evidence of God's purpose at work in the midst of these events. The response called for is faith. Luke presents Jesus as full of compassion, love and patience in dying just as he was in living. Jesus is in command of the situation and is not seized by guards until he gives himself over. He heals, responds with compassion to the pain of others and forgives. Luke emphasizes the serenity Jesus' death, recalling his utter confidence in the Father's plan.

(Commentary from *Living the Good News: Leader's Guide for Adults*)

## *Announcements*

**Visitors:** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

**Child care** is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

**Outreach:** The Outreach Ministry Group will continue its "Ton of Food in 2007" program toward the goal of 2000 pounds.

## **About The Episcopal Church**

**Confirmation:** A post-baptismal rite of mature commitment to Christ through prayers, the renewal of baptismal vows, and the laying on of hands by a bishop. It is usually preceded by a period of organized prayer, study, and instruction called a confirmation class or inquirers' class.

The loose offering today will go to Bishop Howe's discretionary fund.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the church in Jerusalem and the Rt. Rev. Riah Hanna Abu El-Assal, and for the Bishop Coadjutor of Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Kansas City; the Rev. Frederick E. Mann, Rector; the Rev. John Spicer, Assistant; the Rev. James W. Moore, Deacon; the Rev. Patricia E. Ticknor, Deacon; and for Episcopal Community Services, Mr. Jay Lehnertz, Executive Director.

## Birthdays

- Apr. 1 Juanita Harmon  
Carl Wilke
- Apr. 3 Shane Follis
- Apr. 5 Elizabeth Wilkinson
- Apr. 6 Catherine Beck  
Thomas Strothkamp

## Anniversary

- Apr. 1 Larry & Neva Stauffer

## Faithful Departed

- Apr. 2 Hugo Horny  
Ruth Stryker
- Apr. 4 Walt Harmon
- Apr. 5 Joseph E. Cox Jr.

## Prayer Requests

- Shirley Larry
- Dorothy Trudy
- Bill Maxine
- Terri Deidra
- Charles

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are re-submitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

## Calendar

### Sunday

**April 1** 8:00 a.m.  
(Palm /Passion 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday) 10:30 a.m.

### Monday

**April 2** 9:00 a.m.  
(Monday in 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Week) 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

**April 3** 9:00 a.m.  
(Tuesday in 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Week) 6:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

**April 4** 9:00 a.m.  
(Wednesday in 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Week) 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday

**April 5** 9:00 a.m.  
(Maundy 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday) 7:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

### Friday

**April 6** 9:00 a.m.  
(Good Friday) 9:15 a.m.  
(Fast Day) 12:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.

### Saturday

**April 7** 9:00 a.m.  
(Holy 9:15 a.m.  
Saturday) 5:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

### Sunday

**April 8** 8:00 a.m.  
(Easter Day) 10:30 a.m.

### Bishop Howe Visits

**Mass— Rite I**  
Church School  
**Mass— Rite I** (sung) (incense)

Morning Prayer  
Evening Prayer  
**Mass**  
Stewardship Committee

Morning Prayer  
Evening Prayer  
**Mass**  
AA (Women's Group)  
AA

Morning Prayer  
Evening Prayer  
**Mass**

Morning Prayer  
Evening Prayer  
**Mass**  
Watch at the Altar of Repose begins  
AA

Morning Prayer  
Watch at the Altar of Repose resumes  
Liturgy of Good Friday  
Evening Prayer  
Stations of the Cross

Morning Prayer  
Liturgy of Holy Saturday  
Evening Prayer  
Easter Vigil (incense)  
Easter Party follows in the Parish Hall

**Mass— Rite I**  
**Mass— Rite II** (sung) (incense)

### Stewards seek to do the will of God, not their own.

"...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be slave of all" (Mark 10:43-44).

