



# The Incarnation Word

April 2026

We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

Dear friends in Christ:

One of the paradoxical truths of our faith is that Easter morning begins with sorrow. In John's telling of the Easter story, we can almost feel the panic and confusion of the disciples in the predawn hours when Mary Magdalene discovers that the tomb is empty.

Jesus had told them that he would rise from the dead, but how could they trust that promise after they had witnessed the brutality of his death on the cross? They were afraid, maybe even in hiding. As we know from the story of Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, some of them were heading out of town as fast as they could go.

But Mary Magdalene did not hide or flee. She stayed at the foot of the cross until the end, and she arrived to anoint Jesus' body before the sun was up on the first day of the week. Because of her devotion, she became the first witness to the resurrection and the first to proclaim

the Good News.

Like Mary Magdalene, we are called to be faithful in the face of grief, injustice, and anguish—even when the world is groaning with despair, and even when we cannot recognize Jesus standing right before our eyes. We believe, against all odds, that God has the power to turn death into life and despair into hope.

This Easter, our world badly needs to hear this message. As we embrace our vocation to proclaim the resurrection, I pray that God gives us the courage to withstand the sin and violence in our midst and the grace to watch for Jesus in the most unlikely places.

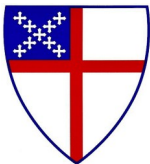
Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Most. Rev. Sean Rowe  
Presiding Bishop  
The Episcopal Church



# — Christian Education —

## Adult Ed - Episcopalian 101 Sundays at 9:30



Confirmation is the sacrament through which one becomes an official member of the Episcopal Church. Are you interested in joining

Incarnation? Or maybe want to learn more about the Episcopal faith before deciding? Or just want to better understand why we do what we do? Plan on joining us for these fun and informative classes! This month's topics will be:

### Apr. 12 - Church History and Vesture

We'll trace Christian worship from the time of Jesus to the present. We'll also look at how clergy dress has changed and why today's clergy wear what we do.



### Apr.19 - Episcopal History & Architecture



Are we Catholic or Protestant? And how can you tell just by looking in our church? We'll go back to the founding of the Church of England for answers.

### April 26 - Sacred Time and the BCP

Who wrote our Prayer Book? And how do we decide what scripture to hear each Sunday? We'll talk about the rhythm of our church year.

We'll continue classes through May 24.

## Godly Play Sundays at 9:30

This month our children celebrate the mystery that Jesus died and that God made him alive again! The stories are:



### Apr. 12 - Appearance to Mary Magdaline

I wonder what it was like going to Jesus' tomb that Sunday morning? I wonder how Mary knew that the person she saw was Jesus?

### Apr. 19 - The Road to Emmaus

I wonder how Jesus' friends felt when Jesus died? I wonder what it was like to tell others that Jesus was alive?

### Apr. 26 - The Good Shepherd & the Wolf

I wonder how many sheep could live in this place? I wonder if these sheep have names? I wonder if the Good Shepherd has ever called your name?

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## Buildings and Grounds

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### Parish Work Day Saturday, April 25 at 9:00

Let's get together and take care of our beautiful buildings and grounds! Outside we'll weed and prune and then plant our calla lilies. Inside we'll do some deep cleaning, especially in the kitchen. There will be jobs for every age and skill set, so plan to be part of the fun! Bring gloves, pruners, and anything else you'll need.



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## Hospitality

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### Covered-Dish Brunch Sunday, April 5th at 11:15am

After our 10:00 service on Easter day we'll gather to continue the celebration together. Bring your favorite Easter foods to share and plan to join us!



### Tres de Mayo Sunday, May 3rd at 11:45am

In celebration of our Mexican members, we'll gather at Jenny's house after the 10:30 service for a covered-dish fiesta. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway for what you'd like to bring, and feel free to bring whatever beverage (adult or otherwise) you'd like.

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## Worship

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### Maundy Thursday, April 2

We'll gather in the parish hall at 6:00 for an Agape meal; bring fruit, cheese, bread, or olives and wine or grape juice

to share. At 6:30 we'll move into the church for a service of Footwashing and Holy Eucharist as we recall Jesus' Last Supper.

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## Good Friday April 3

At 6:00 we'll recall Jesus' passion and death through Stations of the Cross. At each station we'll hear scripture and a brief meditation as we contemplate an artist's depiction of that moment in Jesus' life.



# Holy Week

## Altar Guild Sat., April 4 at 10:00

Everyone is invited to join Altar Guild to set up the church for Easter. We'll polish all our silver and brass vessels, fill the candles, and arrange calla lilies.

## Easter Day! Sunday, April 5 at 10:00

We'll celebrate the resurrection in one glorious service together. We'll ring bells as we bring back the Alleluias! The sermon will be a fun, interactive time to rejoice in the gift of new life we receive through Jesus' resurrection.

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## April Readings

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Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
April 5 Easter Sunday	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 28:1-10
April 12 2nd Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 19 3rd Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 26 4th Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

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# Outreach

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## Bread from Heaven



Thursday, April 16  
10:00 Set Up and Unload  
Produce

Saturday, April 18  
8:30 Serve our Shoppers

Please keep our hungry friends in mind when you're shopping for your family. We're especially low on canned vegetables, canned proteins like tuna or chicken, and spaghetti sauce. Your financial donations help us purchase food to fill in the gaps.

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# Pastoral Care

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## Birthdays

April 3	John Gelok
April 13	Julia Johnson
April 17	Hal Tyson
	Gena Poovey
April 23	Becky Vassy
April 24	Ellen Cubberley

## Anniversaries

Apr 5	Noah Lindemann & Gena Poovey
Apr 25	Ben & Angharad Torres
Apr 29	Jamie & Hope Greene

## Prayer List

### Those with Long-Term Needs:

Gail Barzee  
Lauren Bridges  
Kristie Camp  
Tom Cooper  
Billy Corbett

Michael Darnell  
Hope Greene  
Mike Jeffries  
Todd Kaderabek  
Deloris Livingston  
Garrett Moss  
Pat Murray  
Lucia Nagel  
June Oman  
Gary Pope, Sr.  
Greg Power  
Jane Russell  
Dever and Carolyn Smith  
Ken Smith  
Olin Whitener  
Linda Wilkins

### Those Expecting Children:

Brian & Chassidy Paysour  
Thames and Ty Higginbotham  
Rory and Abby Marett

# April Servers

Date	April 5 Easter! 10:00	April 12 2nd Easter 10:30	April 19 3rd Easter 10:30	April 26 4th Easter 10:30
Altar Guild	All	Marty Maret	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Joette Johnson Niccie Dearing Lucia Nagel
Coffee Hr.	Brunch	Marty Maret	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson
Godly Play	None	Cora Torres Jasmine Dorsett	Scott Glidden Cynthia Glidden	Angharad Torres Jen Spencer
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffmans	Ed and Lynne Harkins	Robin Childers Jennie Hamrick	Ben Torres Jen Spencer
Verger	Scott Glidden	Ellie Bird	Robin Childers	Angharad Torres
Dig Greet	Morgan Johnson	Morgan Johnson	Ben Torres	Cora Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Ellie Bird	Robin Childers	Angharad Torres
Crucifer	Cora Torres	Niccie Dearing	Ellie Bird	Asher Torres
Euch Min	Robin Childers	Niccie Dearing	Cora Torres	Cynthia Glidden
1st Lector	Jasmine Dorsett	John Gelok	Noah Lindemann	Bobbi Albert
2nd Lector	Cynthia Glidden	John Lee	Gena Poovey	Niccie Dearing
Nursery	Angharad Torres	Marty Maret	Available	Morgan Johnson
Chapel	Morgan Johnson	Jasmine Dorsett	Cora Torres	Niccie Dearing
Interces.	Joette Johnson	Jackie Hoffman	Angharad Torres	John Gelok
Counters	Ed Hoffman Robin Childers	Ellie Bird Marilou Dutra	Scott Glidden Charlie Zinko	John Gelok Ben Torres
Flowers	Available	Available	Available	Torres
Pew Racks	Mimi McCully	Available	Julia Johnson	Asher Torres

# April Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>22 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 HE Rite I 10:00 Liturgy of the Palms 10:30 HE Rite II	30	31 11:30 EfM	1 9:00 Worship Comm. 8:00 Night Prayer on FB	<b>2 Maundy Thursday</b> 6:00 Agape 6:30 Foot-washing	<b>3 Good Friday</b> 6:00 Stations of the Cross	<b>4 Holy Saturday</b> 10:00 Altar Guild
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b> 10:00 Easter Eucharist Rite II 11:15 Brunch	6	7 11:30 EfM	8 10:00 DOK	9	10	11
<b>12 2nd Easter</b> 8:30 HE Rite II 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II 11:45 Vestry	13	14 11:30 EfM	15	16 10:00 BfH Set-Up	17	18 8:30-12:00 Bread fr. Heaven
<b>19 3rd Easter</b> 8:30 HE Rite II 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II	20	21 11:30 EfM	22	23	24	25
<b>26 4th Easter</b> 8:30 HE Rite II 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II	27	28 11:30 EfM	29	30	1	2