

The Saturday Silence



Holy Week and Easter are approaching quickly. Inside this issue of the Star, you'll find information about Epiphany's activities and worship services for those special days (page 2).

It seems like this year will be especially busy at Epiphany. We are already in the middle of preparing worship services, planning meals and doing some light touch-up painting in the sanctuary. We have all the clergy of the diocese coming to Epiphany for our annual "Renewal of Ordination Vows" service with Bishop John on Tuesday, April 16, to prepare for as well.

This is not a complaint. Preparing to celebrate this season is the best kind of "busy" there is, and truth be told, I look forward to it every year. But probably the most special part of Holy Week for me isn't a particular service or activity, it is actually the silence, the stillness, between the last Good Friday service and the beginning of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night.

I am not sure why this is. But this is what I think. It's during this time that it is clearest to me that when it comes to our salvation through Jesus Christ, there really is nothing left for us to do. Jesus does it. In a way, he is doing it every Holy Week in that time between our remembrance of his crucifixion on Good Friday and the beginning of our resurrection celebrations as the Sun goes down on Saturday night. He goes down to death, defeats it and rises again, so that we can rise again with him as well.

A few weeks ago, I found an ancient sermon that seems to me to capture this well. It begins this way: *"Something strange is happening. There is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembles and is still..."* This year, I'll be preaching this sermon in its entirety at our Easter Vigil service beginning at 8pm on April 20.

In the midst of your own Holy Week and Easter preparations and worship, my prayer is that you know the Saturday silence as well, and can marvel with me on what it means.

God bless,

Holy Week and Easter at Epiphany - 2019

Walk the way of the cross and celebrate the resurrection at Church of the Epiphany, April 14-21.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday services will be at **8 am and 10:15 am on April 14**. Children will participate in the Palm Sunday procession with the congregation and then attend Sunday School. There is no Sunday School for 3-5th graders. Instead, they are welcome in the Palm Sunday service. Nursery care is provided.

Diocesan Renewal of Vows: Clergy from around the Anglican Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic will gather at Epiphany with our bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, to renew their ordination vows and worship together. The worship service, which is open to all, is at 11am on Tuesday, April 16.

Maundy Thursday: We will remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment that we "love one another" with a special Passover Seder meal led by the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, director of CMJ-USA at 6pm on **Thursday, April 18**. After our meal, we will gather together for a brief communion service and the traditional "stripping of the altar" in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday: This solemn service is at **noon and 7:30 pm on Friday, April 19**.

Great Vigil of Easter: Epiphany begins our Easter celebrations with the Great Vigil of Easter service at **8 pm on Saturday, April 20**. As part of this service, Epiphany's clergy preach an ancient Christian Holy Saturday. This musical and traditional service tells the story of salvation and joyfully welcomes the beginning of the Easter season.

Easter Sunday: Easter worship at Epiphany is at **10:15 am on April 21**. Join us for this glorious and joyful service. There is no 8 am service on Easter Sunday.

A note about daily services during Holy Week. Epiphany's daily **worship** services will continue on a limited schedule during Holy Week. There will not be a Morning Prayer service on Tuesday or Friday.



Being with God

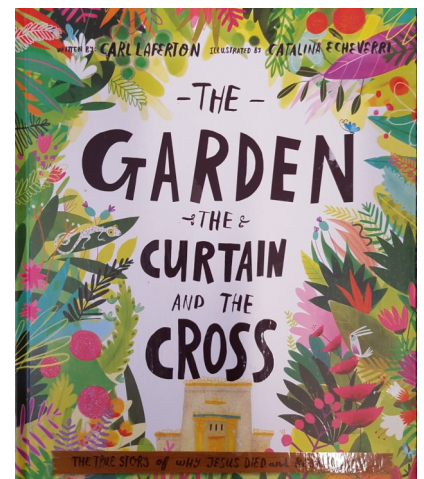


Even as an adult, I have found children's books are fun to read. Impulsively, I purchased this lovely book for the young ones at church entitled The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross. The illustrations are bright and appealing and the text thought provoking.

A long time ago, right here in this world, there was a garden.
In the garden everything was wonderful.
The world was full of laughing and playing and smiling and fun.
There was nothing bad, ever. There was no one sad, ever.
And best of all...God was there!
God had made it all. He was in charge of it all. He loved it all.
People could see God and speak to God and just enjoy being with God.
Adam: "Eve! God's here! He wants to walk with us again-How cool is that!"
Eve: "Yay! I bet it's going to be even MORE amazing than yesterday!"

I love how the author made the beauty of the world relevant for young children. Kids can relate to a happy world filled with laughter, play, and fun. Even adults conjure up a picture of the perfect summer day, filled with balloons, bubbles, sprinklers, maybe even a trampoline. Children need to play and they need to smile and have fun. We were designed for joy, fulfillment and satisfaction. That is what our first parents experienced in the garden.

But the picture is not complete without noting the relational side as well. No one plays in the garden alone. The first family had each other, but they also had the most satisfying relationship of them all. They had a deep relationship with their creator, their father, and their rock of stability. There was so much joy in that relationship that we could imagine Adam saying that he was excited to walk and talk with God whenever God showed up. And Eve's response is my favorite. She is expecting this interaction to be even more amazing today than it was the day before. Eve could anticipate that each day was getting better, more fun and more satisfying as time goes on. Imagine that. Can we just imagine that our genuine, human response to the presence of God is one of anticipation and expectation? Wow. Naturally, this depiction is before the introduction of temptation and the Fall. Going from deep satisfaction, fun and anticipation to fear and shame must have been truly life shattering. But we know that thanks to the obedience of the Son, we will once again experience this deep relationship with God. And you know what, "It's going to be even more amazing than yesterday!"



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Sign up for Epiphany's Maundy Thursday Supper

On Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6pm, we will be remembering the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another" with a special Maundy Thursday meal following the pattern of a Passover Seder. The Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, of the Church's Ministry to Jewish People (CMJ) will be with us to lead us through the meal and help us see the connections between the Passover meal, the Last Supper and our weekly Communion service.

That evening, we will also celebrate a simple Eucharist and carry out the traditional "stripping of the altar" in preparation for Good Friday.

Our Maundy Thursday meal is a great, family friendly-time to be together as a church as we prepare for our Easter celebration. Because preparations for our meal are somewhat complex, please sign up in the fellowship area over the next few weeks if you and your family is planning on attending.



Epiphany's Maundy Thursday Meal is a family-friendly event. Bring your kids!



Last year, more than 100 people attended. Please sign-up so that we make sure we have enough food and tables for everyone.

**BREAKING
NEWS**

Ladies Dining Out

7:00 PM, 1st Wednesday
of each month

Piero's Corner Ristorante Italiano
13340 Franklin Farm Rd, Herndon, VA 20171-4098



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- ✠ Encountering God through beautiful worship and believing prayer
- ✠ Building a multigenerational congregation that loves children and families.
- ✠ Equipping every member to publicly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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For YOUR article.

Send your submission to

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Deadline is the 21st of the month!

Missions Update: Global Scholars

Among the organizations supported by Epiphany is Global Scholars. Here are excerpts from recent reports describing its activities:

During the 2017-18 academic year Global Scholars professors called 42 countries “home.” In the past six months we have sent professors to four new countries: Colombia, Finland, Israel, and Pakistan. The academic disciplines they are teaching in are diverse as well: business administration, political science, soil science, and biblical studies.

We are moving on to 2019. But first I want to share a simple story from last semester. It illustrates how Global Scholars professors are accomplishing our purpose. It shows how they are having a redemptive influence among their students, colleagues, universities, and academic disciplines.



In Eastern Europe, “Ben” is a Global Scholars professor who recently finished teaching a survey course in the Old Testament. His students had almost no exposure to the Bible prior to his course. Students maintained a respectful silence during the lectures but Ben wanted feedback. He assigned reflection papers that encouraged them to **share their impressions of the Scriptures**. Ben provided prompts that allowed students to share a more personal side that is often hidden. Questions were, “What did you expect coming into the course?” “Why do you think the Bible is considered sacred or

holy by so many?” and “If you could go back to the beginning of the semester, what would you tell yourself about the course?”

*Most had very negative attitudes toward the Bible and religion coming into the course. Nearly all had zero biblical literacy. Most said they were Christian. Nearly all were shocked by the contents of the Bible. **A handful said that the Bible has impacted their perspective and are considering the implications for their lives.** Many said the Bible wasn't their **choice of truth** but enjoyed the class, anyway. Keep in mind we only read through the Old Testament. Very strange! The combination of this class and its audience proves it to be a difficult class to teach, but God moves, and so many shared such positive remarks. So many enjoyed our 45 hours together and loved (observing mostly) the classroom discussion despite their hesitance to speak.*



There is a final observation from this story. Despite doing an excellent job, many Global Scholars professors wonder if their service in the classroom, research, or administration is making a difference. Ben admitted, “I was under the impression this semester was not that im-

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pactful, but as always, God enjoys the mystery.” This is a reminder of how important it is to continue in prayer and financial partnership for our professors. We want to keep them in universities as unparalleled influencers of tomorrow’s leaders.

The 46 nations where Global Scholars professors now teach is more than double the number of countries we taught in a decade ago. However, it is still short of the 196-nation total on our “shrinking” globe. **We rejoice that Global Scholars professors are serving in 46 nations. Yet how will we reach students in the remaining 149 countries?**

We have been working on an answer to this question for several years now, in order to move closer to our ultimate vision that *one day every university student in the world will have a Christian professor who can help them live and lead as Christ’s followers in their nations.*



Help Wanted – Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday



Do you know how to make palm-frond crosses from our Palm Sunday palm branches? Would you be willing to make them for church attendees and our kids after the 10:15 service on Palm Sunday, April 14? Please contact Fr. Peter (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net) to let him know that you can help with this project.



Sanctuary Ceiling Touch-Up

Thanks to Isaac Acker and Jim Humenik who worked together in early April to apply special touch-up paint to the water stains on the sanctuary ceiling. We are grateful to Isaac, Jim and all of the volunteers who work to keep our church building beautiful as Easter approaches.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



BIRTHDAYS

1	Marilyn Tangonan	12	Stephanie Merrill	22	Beth Monroe
4	Rachel Easton	15	Charlie Westerman	25	Jimmy Crawford
	Kyle Louis	18	CJ Plummer	27	Christopher Easton III
7	Caitlyn Bender	20	Debby Morris		Barbara Peake
10	Roger Miller	21	Greg Harrison	30	Robin Ridinger



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	VJ & Kent Johnson	20	Ellen & Greg Harrison
4	Nancy & Bill Knight		Annette & David Rhoads
6	Lesley & Jeff Ermalinski	26	Ann & Zan Dial
12	Amie & Scott Boncher	28	Rachel & CJ Easton

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 AM
Eucharist and Healing

At the 10:15 AM service:

Nursery available for infants through 2 years old
Sunday School for children 3 years old through 5th grade

Weekdays

9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

12:15 PM

Wednesdays: Holy Communion

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Intercessory Prayer Letter

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,
prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net

or written and left in the prayer request box in the Fellowship Area.

All prayer requests are collected after the Sunday morning services and prepared for Monday morning distribution. For more information or questions, contact Faith Fisler by email at mizfiz34@gmail.com.

Publishing Information

The ***Epiphany STAR*** is generally published monthly and contains articles and information about what God has and is doing in us and through us as the Epiphany Family. It is intended to encourage each of us in our ministry and discipleship by relating how God is working in the midst of us.

The ***Epiphany Candle*** is published weekly by email, highlighting what is coming in the days ahead at Epiphany and other information that the staff and vestry feel is important to emphasize.

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April

7, 14, 28	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
7, 28	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
9	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
18	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Passover Dinner
19	12 Noon and 7:30 PM	Good Friday Services
20	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil
21	10:15 AM	Easter Service (No 8:00 AM Service)
28	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace

May

5, 12, 19, 26	8: 00 AM and 10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
12, 26	6:00 PM	Youth Connections
14	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
26	2:00 PM	Worship at Arbor Terrace