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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parish Family and Friends:

“Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.” From an Ancient Homily on the holy and great Sabbath

The two most ancient liturgies of the Church will be offered this coming week on Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter. These two liturgies have been recaptured in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, of which I am most thankful. It is said that without Good Friday there is no Easter Resurrection. If someone asked you what is it that you believe as a Christian, what would you say? Jesus Christ died on a cross for our sins, overcame death and the grave and is raised to new life which He promises to His people. That happens this week to bring to the very forefront of our minds the essence of our faith. If you are reading this and can get out and about, you have a holy obligation to be in church on the day of Resurrection this Easter. To obtain the fullness of the message of Easter, attendance during Holy Week is most encouraged. One could come to Palm Sunday and then return for Easter Day, however, that would be like reading the first chapter of a book and then skipping to the last chapter to see what happens in the end. Did you realize that we are the only thing in all of God’s creation that is made in His image? We are told in the book of Genesis that after God created all things, it was good and He rested. God loves us but more especially God loves you and wants to hear our love for Him. How can we show God our love? By coming and worshipping Him during the most important observance of the Church Year; Holy Week and Easter.

I have added the quote above from an ancient homily because I believe it very much applies to a parish church that is seeking God’s will in all that they do. Liturgy has been called the work of the Church. Our primary purpose as a parish family is to simply worship the Almighty God that has called us into being. Everything else we do as a congregation supports our primary function to worship God in the beauty of holiness. We are reminded that if we do this together, we form one person and cannot be separated from the love of God. We will share in the risen life that proceeds forth from God’s altar. We are then called out into a world who does not know Jesus Christ to make Him known but in order to carry His love and message to others; we must first submit ourselves to His teaching and His spiritual feeding and administration of the sacraments. Someone asked recently why churches throughout the centuries have stained glass windows, icons and other “sacramentals” of the faith. The answer is that most people in the early church could not read so their vision was their best teacher in understanding the faith. How did the Church ever survive in it’s infancy? The answer: by God’s grace and according to His plan. And now it is our turn to make a witness for the faith in times much less challenging than the Early Church. I believe we are up to it by continuing in the faith and teaching of the Historic Church which begins at the altar. I pray I will see the majority of you this Holy Week and Easter, even if you haven’t joined us recently, you are invited back to your church family to worship the living God. We are not interested in anything but having you return to join us. Give it a try and God will bless you mightily.

See you in church this Holy Week and Easter.

Faithfully,
Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC
VI Rector of Saint David of Wales

HOLY WEEK—Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 5, begins the only week of the year that the Church calls Holy. This year we will once again offer those most rich and ancient liturgies throughout Holy Week; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Day. Each of these liturgies are important and tell a portion of the story of our Lord's last days in his earthly ministry and His passion.



Palm Sunday, April 5, 9:30 a.m.—(*This will be our only morning liturgy of the day*)

(*Procession beginning outside, weather permitting*) This is the beginning of Holy Week and we will gather prior to the 9:30 a.m. liturgy on the porch on the east side of the building for the Blessing of the Palms to begin the Palm Sunday procession into the church as we process down the sidewalk and out onto Ector Street, turning left at the corner and processing through the main doors of the church and into the nave as we re-enact the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Monday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel

Holy Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel

Holy Wednesday, April 8, 12:15 p.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Saint Augustine Chapel



Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.—The term “Maundy” is derived from the Medieval English word mounds, meaning, “command” or “mandate”. The Gospel of Saint John, chapter 13 describes Jesus at His last supper washing the disciple's feet telling them that everyone is to be treated equally, servant and master, and commanding them to love one another. On this day, we gather in a happy environment (the Passover meal). Jesus gives us a command (often enacted by the washing of feet) and he feeds us (Eucharist). He leaves the upper room and goes to the Garden of Gethsemane (the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose in the Saint Augustine Chapel), the celebration is over (the stripping of the altar) and he asks us to watch with Him for one hour.



The Altar of Repose-The Maundy Thursday Watch 8:00 p.m.—Jesus asks his disciples a sorrowful question at the Garden of Gethsemane: “Could ye not watch with me one hour?” The “Watch” will take place at Saint David's this year in the Saint Augustine Chapel at 8:00 p.m. following the Maundy Thursday liturgy and will continue until the Morning Prayer liturgy at 8:40 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer with one hour time slots each. Maundy Thursday liturgy and will continue until the Morning Prayer liturgy at 8:40 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer with one hour time slots each. **Fermentum**—On Maundy Thursday a piece of consecrated Bread (called Fermentum) from Bishop's Eucharist on Holy Tuesday will be placed into the chalice after the Lord's Prayer, and before the Fraction. This ancient rite symbolizes unity with our Bishop in the Eucharistic Fellowship, which is particularly appropriate on this day when Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers.



Good Friday, April 10, 12:15 Noon—Why would such a sad day be called “good”? The word “good” in this context dates back to the Old English usage of “pious” or “holy”. On Good Friday, Jesus was on the cross from noon until 3:00 p.m. If we have a choice, there should be no television or other form of entertainment

from noon until 3:00 p.m. on this day. It is the time Jesus dies for us. The liturgy is the second most ancient liturgy of the entire year, next to the Great Vigil. We will show our sadness by entering in silence....praying for all sorts and conditions of the people, by reading the account of Jesus' death, by venerating His cross, and by receiving His Body and Blood. We are never permitted to celebrate the Eucharist on Good Friday, we receive from that which was consecrated the night before. The organ is silent as we mourn the death of Christ. The "Good Friday Cantata" and the three hour preaching service are rather new innovations, introduced just over a century ago. However, the liturgy at Saint David's will follow a liturgy that goes back to a third century man, Egeria.

Day of Fasting

This practice is encouraged for the purpose of drawing spiritually closer to our Lord on that day in which he was sacrificed for us on the cross. The fast may be broken after 3:00 p.m. or after sundown on Good Friday. The practice in the Episcopal Church has always been to abstain from meat on this day and for some, throughout the year on Fridays.



The Great Vigil, April 11, 8:00 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 12, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.—We will bless the fire (bursting from the tomb), light the Paschal candle (the Risen Christ), and proclaim the Exultet (ancient hymn of "Pesach" or "passing over", such as Moses from Egypt to Isreal or Christ from death to life). We will hear our history (prophecies), baptize the catechumens (the only time baptism was celebrated in the early church), join the expectant saints (Library of Saints), and proclaim the Resurrection. This is the most ancient and beautiful of all Christian liturgies. Following the Great Vigil there will be a reception in the parish hall. For those of you attending the Vigil, please remember to bring a handbell from home for the liturgy and a finger food to share at the reception.

Sacramental Confessions—will be offered Saturday, April 4, 2009 in the chapel beginning at 9:30 a.m. If the door is open, one may enter but wait if the door is closed. Forms on "How to Make a Confession" may be found in the tract rack. If you need additional guidance, please see a member of the clergy or to schedule an alternate time. This is truly a wonderful sacrament the Church has to offer it's member's and should be taken advantage of by all.

Baptism—the next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, April 11, at 8:00 p.m. In the early Church, this was once the only time during the calendar that new members were brought into the Church. If you or a child, or a member of your family desires to be prepared for Baptism, please contact the parish office to begin the process or mention it to the Rector.

Congratulations—to those receiving their First Communion on Palm Sunday: Arden Oliver, Vilma Longoria, Catherine Rodriguez, Mira Izaguirre; and to those receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter: Julia McCane, Domingo Sosa, Delilah Sosa, Zachary Sosa, Christian Bautistia, Amanda Gomez, Mario Bautistia, Grace Kensinger.

Summer Church Camp—this year once again, Father Herrmann will be going to Camp Crucis for a week of Church Camp for the session of Confetti II, from Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31. Partial scholarships are available and applications can be obtained from the parish office. Speak to the Rector for more information.

Daughters of the King—will meet on Saturday, April 18 to discuss "The Shack" at 10:00 a.m. in the parish library. The nominating committee will present the nominees for the election of officers on May 9. Also, the DOK Diocesan Convention is on April 25 at Saint Mark's in Irving. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Seatvet, 940.387.0725, Betsy Kensinger, 940.566.2713, or Leslie Latham, 940.453.2589.

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew—The Brotherhood will meet on Saturday, April 25, at 8:00 a.m. for prayer and breakfast. Any questions? Call David Williamson at 940.382.3385.

Kudos and Thank You's—to all who prepared and donated soup and bread this year for our Tuesday Evening Lenten Series. The soup, bread and speakers were once again exceptional and the speaker's can be heard on an audio file on our website.

To Pam Youngblood and the adult choir and instrumentalists for a delightful afternoon on Rose Sunday in their presentation of *Requiem* by John Rutter. Rave reviews by all in attendance for their hard work and efforts. Thanks to Jan Rousey, David Williamson and Steve Hale for moving liturgical furniture for the concert.

To our parish vestry for their commitment and participation in this year's vestry retreat and the work that was accomplished that day.

To all serving groups and staff for working so hard for the benefit of our parish and especially for our Lord.

New Vestry Officers—it is with great delight that we announce that Jan Rousey has become our church treasurer and will also continue to work on the landscaping projects both around the church and the new offices. We also want to thank our outgoing treasurer, Ed Nancarrow for his hard work and efforts over this past year and wish him well. David Williamson was also elected by the vestry to fill the vacancy left by Jan to become the new Junior Warden. Thank you Ed, Jan and David.

Staff Changes—Lynne Prater has stepped aside as our coordinator for Children's Christian Education. We thank her and pray God's blessing upon her during this family time. Leslie Latham and Barbara Wingfield have been appointed as Lynne's replacement, effective April 1st and will be working closely together as Leslie will be taking the lead in organization with Barbara working primarily in children's chapel and Vacation Bible School. Please welcome Leslie and Barbara.

Saint of the Month

Each month, we will pick a saint or saints of the Church to learn a little bit our heritage in the faith of those who have gone before. Our April saint is James Lloyd Breck, 1876, who is observed on our calendar on April 2, 2009.

Breck was born 27 June 1818 near Philadelphia, and attended high school at the Flushing Institute, founded by [William Augustus Muhlenberg](#) (April 8), who inspired him to resolve at the age of sixteen to devote himself to missionary activity. In 1844, by then a priest, he went to Wisconsin (then on the frontier) with two classmates, under the direction of Bishop Kemper, to found [Nashotah House](#), intended as a monastic community, a seminary, and a center for theological work. It continues today as a seminary and representative of one traditional aspect of Anglican thought and practice.

In a letter to a friend, Breck described the seminary in his day as follows:

The students boarding with us are all theological. They are chiefly young men, sons of the farmers, and all communicants of the Church. Our students, like ourselves, are poor, but not the less worthy for all that. They seek the Ministry, but are unable to attain it without aid. We have a house; for this we pay no rent; it belongs to the Church, and so do we. We have land. They work four hours a day for their board and washing, and we give them their education without cost. Thus their clothing is their only expense, and to enable them to purchase this, we give them six weeks vacation during the harvest, when they can earn the highest wages. Brother Adams and myself work four hours, except when we are teaching or doing Missionary labor. We must all work for our board. That is the only way in which they will feel it their duty to labor and to study, and the only way in which our people will feel their duty to the Church, and to ourselves as clergy of the same. We rise at 5 am, Matins at 6. The Morning Service of the Church at 9. On Wednesdays and Fridays, the Litany at 12. On Thursdays, the Holy Eucharist at the same hour of 12. The Evening service of the Church at 3, and Family Prayer or Vespers at 6:30 or 7pm. Our students labor between 7 and 9 in the morning, and 1 and 3 in the afternoon.

In 1850, Breck moved on to Minnesota, where he founded schools for boys and girls, and the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault (once a part of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Chicago). He also began mission work among the Chippewa Indians, and laid the foundation for work among them by Christian priests from their own people. In 1867 he moved on to California to build another seminary. He died there in 1876.

OUR MEMBERS

For The Faithful Departed: Thomas Moore; Bill Cox; Virginia; Beverly Deines; Charles Sager; Valentina; Bryan Lipsomb; Adeline Rosprim. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. **For The Bereaved:** the Easley and Moore families; the Odom and Cox families, Jeff and Sheri Sager; the Peña, Hale, Weathers and Marti families.

New Members: Please welcome Tory Sumrall to Saint David's. Tory has moved here from Lubbock and he is a student at UNT. **Returning Members:** We would like to welcome back Mary Hitch who has transferred from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo and is member of the Daughters of the King.

April Anniversaries

4/6	Clay and Judy Thurmond	4/25	Jim and Delores Brown
4/10	Steve and Cindy Knox	4/26	Mark and Stephanie Oliver
4/22	Jack and M Jones		

April Birthdays

4/1	Evelyn McMillen Delores Brown Elizabeth Swaner	4/10	Ryan Ponsonby Char Mallory Adam Niemiowski	4/18	Victor Lemley M Jones Fay Penley	4/27	Joan Latham
4/2	Carolyn Briner Florentino Febre	4/12	Luke Czerw Brady Brown	4/20	Angela Fink Ethan McDaniel	4/28	Lynn Rousey
4/3	Fortunato Sunio Julia McCane	4/14	Jan McGee Mark Youngblood	4/22	Evelyn Blankson Bonnie Klausung	4/30	Erin Probst Rebecca Hope
4/4	Becky Wright	4/15	Tonia Nusbaum	4/23	Gloria Schmitz		
4/5	Laura Sunio Ryan Clifford	4/16	Sarah Fitzpatrick	4/24	Barbara Philipson Colin Carr		
4/6	Kathleen LaComb	4/18	Lindsay Keffer				

Food Pantry—the item for April is canned meat. Please bring your donations to the box in the parish hall.

Financial Update from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

These figures are as of March 31 and are unreconciled.

<u>March</u>		<u>Annual</u>	
Income	Budget	Budgeted Income	2009 Budget thru January
\$32,736.00	\$27,141.00	\$325,690.00	\$81,423.00
Expenses	Budget	Budgeted Expenses	2009 Budget thru January
\$30,543.00	\$27,141.00	\$325,690.00	\$81,423.00

WOSD Summer Used Book Sale—The Women of Saint David's are looking for your used books and magazines. Clear out your old collection! Look for new treasures! Books & magazines will be sold on the cart through summer at low prices. All money raised will go to the WOSD. All types of books are welcome, fiction, non-fiction, children's picture books, cookbooks, coffee table books, craft books, etc. Old magazines, in fair to good condition, are welcomed as well. Please no used activity or coloring books. Please place books & magazines in the basket labeled "Items for Cart", the basket will be located under the WOSD bulletin board in the parish hall.

Women's Retreat May 1-2

The women of the diocese are invited to a Women's Retreat at All Saints Camp, 418 Stanton Way, in Pottsboro. Carrie Boren and the Rev. Anita Slovak will lead sessions that teach how to pray the Anglican rosary and begin journaling. Instructor Lisa Ware will lead yoga. Welcome and hospitality start at 4:00 p.m. Friday evening, dinner is at 6 p.m. The keynote event starts at 7:00 p.m. Eucharist will be celebrated by Mother Slovak and Mother Ally Perry during the retreat. The cost, including three meals, is \$95. There is a \$35 deposit and payment in full must be received by April 10. Make checks payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas; mail them to ECW Retreat, c/o St. Paul Episcopal Church, 624 Ovilla Road, Waxahachi, TX 75167. For more information, call 972.938.2126.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 2009

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:00 a.m.		Todd	Touraine	Rousey
10:30 a.m.		Hundley	Ridout	Clifford
		Mays	Niemirowski	Mays
April 5, Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.		Clifford, Niemirowski		
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV
<u>LEM's</u>				
8:00 a.m.		Pickens	Yoder	B. Rainey
10:30 a.m.		Williamson	Bradbury	Hale
		Kensinger	Dodson	Johnston
5:00 p.m.	Giffin	Ballantine	Sager	Ballantine
April 5, Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.		Hundley, Mays		
April 9, Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.		Pickens, Seatvet		
April 10, Good Friday, 12:15 p.m.		Ballantine		
April 11, Great Vigil, 8:00 p.m.		Kensinger, Bradbury, Williamson, Hale		
<u>Acolytes</u>	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV
	W. Strecker	G. Bussell	R. Clifford	T. Wright
	K. Ivey	S. Connor	T. Strecker	D. Bussell
	T. Clifford	J. Niemirowski	Q. Ivey	A. Niemirowski
	B. Cotton	B. Keffer	M. Connor	I. Fisher
	K. Stafki			
<u>Golden Nook</u>				
8:00 a.m.		Touraine	Fisher	Touraine
10:30 a.m.		Hale	Sidor	Odom
5:00 p.m.		Carrico	Carrico	Carrico
April 5, Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.		Clifford		
<u>Hospitality</u>				
8:00 a.m.			Touraine	
			Rousey	
10:30 a.m.			Hundley	Bradbury
			Bussell	
April 5, Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.		Sutphin, Putt, Bussell		
April 12, Easter 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.		Hospitality provided		
<u>Guest Committee</u>				
	Dodson	Sutphin	Hays	Shultz
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>				
8:00 a.m.		Bassett	Rousey	Keffer
10:30 a.m.	Odom	Williamson	Hale	LaCour

April 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II <i>Frederick Denison Maurice</i>	2 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study <i>James Lloyd Breck</i>	3 Rector's Day Off <i>Richard of Chichester</i>	4 9:30 Altar Guild
5 9:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II PALM SUNDAY	6 9:30 HE Rite II HOLY MONDAY	7 6:00 HE Rite II HOLY TUESDAY	8 12:15 p.m. HE Rite II HOLY WEDNESDAY	9 7:00 p.m. HE Rite II MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 12:15 p.m. HE Rite II GOOD FRIDAY	11 8:00 p.m. HE Rite II THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
12 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II EASTER	13 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class	14	15 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II	16 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	17 Rector's Day Off	18 10:00 Daughters of the King Quiet Day
19 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II	20 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class	21 <i>Anselm of Canterbury</i>	22 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II	23 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	24 Rector's Day Off	25 8:00 Brotherhood of Saint Andrew/Men of Saint David's SAINT MARK
26 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II	27 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class	28	29 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II	30 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study		

APRIL SUNDAY LECTIONARY

April 5
Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11: 1-11a; First Reading: Isaiah 45:21-25
Psalm 22: 1-11; Epistle: Philippians 2: 5-11;
Gospel: The Passion of our Lord according to Saint Mark

April 12
Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 14-29;
Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-4; Gospel: Mark 16: 1-8

April 19
The Second Sunday in Easter

First Reading: Acts 3: 12a, 13-15, 17-26; Psalm 111;
Epistle: 1 John 5: 1-6; Gospel: John 20: 19-31

April 26
The Third Sunday in Easter

First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 98;
Epistle: 1 John 1: 1-2: 2; Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48

Our Staff

The Reverend Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, Rector
The Reverend Father Esteban Saucedo, Retired, Assisting
The Reverend Father Lloyd Seatvet, Retired, Assisting
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Lynne Prater, Director of Children's Christian Education
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Sunday Liturgies

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Christian Education (Adults and Children)
10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*A nursery is provided for all children to age 5.

Mid-Week Bible Studies

Thursday 10:30 a.m. Bible study (In Library)
6:30 p.m. Bible study (In Library)

****Confessions are heard by appointment.*

Mid-Week Liturgies (In Chapel)

Monday-Thursday
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and
Healing Liturgy, Rite II
Thursday
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and
Holy Eucharist, Rite I