

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II



**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**April 7, 2019**

## Prayer List

### Let us pray...

**...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation:** Gloria Hampton, Dan Hockett, Sue Huntt, and June Leyland;

**...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad:** Mike Busey, Christopher Walker, Steven Mattingly, Sam Gray, Wes Dyson, Michael Petrusic, and Thomas J. Huntt;

**...for those in need of God's healing grace:** Vivian Aldridge, Missy Bowie, Mary Coughner, and Lindy Lynch; *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* George Dyson, Butch Helwig, Dian Lockamy, Buddy Linton, Sam Linton, Rhonda McGraw, Jeanne Read, Jean Santora, Rose Speake, Joan Shoemaker, Roy Squires, Tom Saxton, and Luci Wright.

**The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer:** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Calvary Church, DC; Church of the Atonement, DC. *The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer:* Pray for the Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke - Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

## Announcements

*Don't forget that these announcements can also be found on the church website, OldDurham.org. You can view them in the calendar (look under "About Us" in the upper left) or view the service bulletin via the 'Bulletin Announcements' button.*

**Adult Forum:** Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee, learning, and thought-provoking discussion.

**Worship Committee Meeting:** today after church.

**Joe's Place Food Pantry** distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are April 11 and April 25. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

**Safeguarding God's Children:** The spring training sessions for Safeguarding God's Children have been scheduled. The Southern Maryland training session will be held Saturday, April 13: St. Andrews, Leonardstown, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There is also a session on May 9 in Hyattsville. This training is recommended for all church leaders. Safeguarding God's Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve. Registration is open for all workshops through May, and can be found at <https://www.edow.org/forms-and-resources/safe-church>, or looking under Resources and Forms>Safe Church on the diocesan website, edow.org.

**Funeral and burial of The Rev. Arnold Taylor.** A funeral for The Rev. Arnold Taylor, long-time Rector of Durham Church, will be held at St Mark's Episcopal Church on Capitol Hill (301 A Street, SE, Washington, DC) at 2pm on Saturday, April 13. A second funeral service,

followed by burial in the church yard and a reception in the Parish Hall, will be held here at Durham Church at 2pm on Sunday, April 14.

**Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Sunday Services:** See separate announcement for details of Durham's worship services, which will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 10:30AM; Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6PM, Good Friday, April 19, at 7PM, and Easter Sunday, April 21, at 6:15AM (at Friendship Landing), and 10:30AM in the church.

**Spring Concert:** The Kassia Music Collective will be performing here at Durham Church on Saturday, May 5 at 5PM. Local favorites and members of the District New Music Coalition, they are a chamber ensemble dedicated to new music with a traditional twist. They have performed as a group at the Kennedy Center, the National Music Festival, and the National Gallery of Art. Their members have played all over the world in venues from Carnegie Hall to Transylvania Philharmonic Hall, and have been commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony and renowned violinist Robert Lipsett. Admission: free will donation.

**Diocesan News:** If you are not receiving the Diocese of Washington's newsletter, you might want to sign up for it. It typically contains a reflection from Bishop Mariann along with news about diocesan plans and events, as well as functions at other parishes. Especially now with the diocese entering into a strategic planning process (see separate announcement), there's a lot to keep up with! Sign up under News and Events on the diocesan webpage, [www.edow.org](http://www.edow.org)

## **Becoming Good Soil**

The Diocese is putting forth a lot of effort to help the various regions and parishes within the Diocese discover what's healthy (strengths), what's stuck (weaknesses), what's unclear, and what's missing.

Where does Durham Church fit in? There is a Discovery Day on April 27 from 10am -2pm at St.Paul's Piney in Waldorf. It is free and lunch is provided. Registration (required) is at <https://www.edow.org/good-soil/regional-discovery-sessions>

Each parish is expected to send at least two people to this event. Please let Rev. Catharine know when you register so she will have an idea how many folks we will have from Durham. If you do not plan to attend, please take the time to fill out the survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDOWGoodSoil>

*A bit more info directly from the Diocese website:*

"We know that the most transformative work requires intentional planning and strategic effort. To that end, we are embarking on a diocesan-wide strategic planning process that we hope will allow us to take stock together of where we are now -- our strengths and our challenges, where we see fruitfulness in our ministries and where we struggle -- and then commit to a mutually discerned vision of God's preferred future for our diocese.

Our planning will be most effective if it includes the views of the full range of our community and takes into account the distinctive contexts of each geographic region, building upon work our leadership has already begun to cultivate in collaboration among

our constituencies.

The Diocese of Washington has hired a consulting company, The Unstuck Group ,to lead us through the strategic planning process. The Unstuck Group has worked with hundreds of churches of all shapes and sizes to assist those communities to understand their current level of “health” and to plan for their futures. We hope that the Unstuck Group will help us also to set our vision, mission, and goals while undertaking the work of becoming good soil.”

The main website with links and a short video from the Bishop: <https://www.edow.org/good-soil>

## **Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - REST**

*Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. Learn more at [episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed](http://episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed).*

**READ** Ezekiel 37:1-14

We do not live in a culture that encourages REST. All too often, we are forced to work harder and longer hours, and it shows in our health. Yet, from the beginning, God – who rested on the seventh day of creation – set rest into the pattern of all life. Truly practicing the Way of Love means spending time with God in sabbath rest. Not everyone has the luxury of long breaks and vacations, or even days off. Still, we can help each other find ways internally to pause and receive the gift of sabbath. The act of rest and restoration is a part of the cycle of rebirth that is God’s hope for us and gift to us.

In the exciting story of the Valley of the Dry Bones, we hear the way God sent God’s breath, the Holy Spirit, onto a field of bones. That very breath was enough to reanimate them and bring them back to fullness of life. Making sabbath rest has the same impact. Sabbath rest provides the opportunity for God to refresh us, to breathe new life into us. When we neglect sabbath time with God, we can begin to feel withered and tired, just like those dry bones. This is no coincidence. When we constantly run from activity to activity without breathing and returning to God, we become depleted and dry.

The gospels record numerous times when Jesus retreated to a place of sabbath to reconnect with God and to receive the strength he needed to continue his ministry. In Luke 5 when the news about Jesus spread and crowds gathered around him, Jesus withdrew and prayed. Studies have shown that people who take regular breaks from work have higher rates of creativity and productivity. It should come as no surprise that the ritual of baptism follows the pattern of death into life – that is the sabbath cycle in action.

**REFLECT:** It has been said that we don’t take a sabbath, but rather make sabbath. Rest is an intentional act. Do you currently have a practice of reserving a block of time each day, week, or month for sabbath rest? If so, how does it restore you? If not, what has the effect of that

lack felt like? Lent is a chance to reevaluate our patterns of living. Is God calling you to explore the gift of sabbath this Lent?

### **Ministers in Today's Service**

**Crucifer and Acolyte:** Carl Lockamy; **Readers:** Patrice Rohde and Jane Linton; **Intercessor:** George Chisholm; **Chalichists:** Barbara Macri and Mary Lou Clem; **Altar Guild:** Patsy Welch; **Flower Contact for April:** Melissa Gibson.

# HOLY WEEK 2019 AT DURHAM

## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY: APRIL 14, 10:30AM

Our **10:30AM Eucharist** will start with a blessing of the palms and a procession into the church.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 18, 6:00PM

The service this evening kicks off the Triduum, or three holy days, of 2019.

We will begin with a **eucharistic pot-luck supper starting at 6:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Then we will process to the church for the stripping, washing, and anointing of the altar.

*What/whom we'll need (see sign-up sheet to volunteer):*

- **Set-up crew:** Set up tables, including a 'head' table and lectern, and access to the piano.
- **Shopper/coordinator:** Someone to make sure that we have candles, matches, bread baskets, grape juice, and orders of service for each table.
- **Food:** Please bring a contribution for a light supper. It is still Lent, so a meatless (or meat-light meal) is appropriate. No sweets or dessert. Please bring something that can be tidied up easily, as we will go directly from dinner to the church, and then depart in silence.
- **Readers:** There are readings in the service. We need a "regular" reader, a 'Narrator,' and a 'Jesus.'
- **A congregation:** It would be helpful to have a rough idea of attendance in advance. Please sign up to let us know if you're coming.

## GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 19, 7PM

We'll be conducting the **Prayer Book liturgy for Good Friday at 7PM** on Good Friday.

We'll need some song-leaders and readers for the passion narrative.

## EASTER MORNING: APRIL 1, 6:15AM & 10:30AM

Sunrise Service at **6:15 AM at Friendship Landing Park**

Festal Eucharist at **10:30AM at church**

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