

# St. John's Announcements

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### Three confirmands at Camp Washington making communion bread.



Today we begin our observance of Passiontide, or Deep Lent. Passiontide is a time to recognize and meditate on our Lord Jesus' suffering and death. Since Septuagesima Sunday, the church has slowly been getting simpler and starker. At first, it was just sticks within the flowers on the altar, then, the flowers were gone and the altar had wood and cloth replacing the brass and gold, and, now, in Deep Lent, further ornamentation has been covered by purple, or unbleached burlap, veils. By the end of Maundy Thursday, the altar will be completely stripped. The church must acknowledge the disciples' abandonment of Jesus, and the world's judgement that he, who was love incarnate, was actually worthy of death. It is not an easy time of year, but we must acknowledge the darkness of the world if we are going to be guardians of the truth. The more we acknowledge death, however, the more we can rejoice in the defeat of it on Easter Sunday.

Blessings, *Marc*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/9 - Wednesday  
Eucharist @ 10:30am

4/9 - Stations of the  
Cross @ 5:45pm

4/9 - Men's Ministry  
@ 6:30pm

4/10 - Lenten Soup Series @  
6pm

4/13 - Palm Sunday

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**Lenten Soup Supper Series** – Please join us for the Lenten Soup Supper Series on Thursday evening from **March 13th through April 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm**. This year, Deacon Scott will be leading a program he has developed entitled "Living Our Baptismal Promises". We will delve into the implications of the five Baptismal promises contained in the Baptismal Covenant (*Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 304-305) for our daily life and ministry both as individuals and as a congregation. Please join us for a light supper and interesting conversation!

**Palm Sunday Readers** – Please email or call Christina if you would like to be a reader for the Passiontide at Palm Sunday's Service.

### **Holy Week & Easter Schedule at St. John's**

Sun, Apr 13 Palm Sunday Usual two services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Mon, Apr 14 Online Compline 7:30 pm

Tues, Apr 15 Holy Tuesday Evening Prayer 3:00 pm

Wed, Apr 16 - Spy Wednesday - Holy Eucharist - 10:30 am

Wed, Apr 16 Online Compline 7:30 pm

Thurs, Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm

Fri, Apr 18 Stations of the Cross with Communion from Reserved Sacrament 3:00 pm

Sat, Apr 19 Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday 9:00 am

Sun, Apr 20 Easter Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 8:00 am

Sun, Apr 20 Easter Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 10:30 am (Note: later time than usual)

**Special Coffee Hour** – There will be a coffee hour held after the 8am service on 4/6 to welcome our guest preacher, Bart Geissinger, Executive Director of Camp Washington.

**Parish Prayer Group** - Parish prayer teams are an effective way for a large group of people to pray about the concerns of the parish. Mary Wilson administered a group of people who prayed for each other and their deepest concerns. We would like to continue this effort and enlarge it to include others who are interested in prayer. This group would be invited to meet in person, on occasion, but prayer concerns would primarily be spread through email. This group is welcome to include people who are homebound and/or not connected to the internet. I am fully aware that there are prayer groups that exist at St. John's. This is **not** an effort to push them all together. There are good reasons to have different groups praying for different things, but I want to make sure that everyone feels invited to participate in the prayer life of the church that goes beyond Sunday and Wednesday morning. If you have an interest in helping administer such a group by sending emails with prayer requests, please let me know. If you have an interest in serving on a prayer team (which means no more than promising to pray for the requests as part of your personal prayer life), please contact Christina [cmorin@stjohnsvernnonct.org](mailto:cmorin@stjohnsvernnonct.org) or call the church office.