

# The Disciple



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As we move toward Easter's joyous season, all creation bursts forth in a glorious display of the colors and beauty of our Creator God's great imagination.

Jesus Christ's resurrection reminds us that for those who put their trust in the faith of Christ, death does not get the last word. However tragic our demise in this life may be, there is hope still to come. The sorrow will be drowned out in great joy and eternal triumph on the last day when we too share in Christ's victory through our own resurrection.

Easter gives us the strength and courage to face all things in this world. Whether it is hardship, loss, or persecution, the resurrection means that there's nothing this world can throw at us that can separate us from the love of God or disrupt God's ultimate victory.

What's more, the same Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is at work in the church even now. The Spirit is sustaining our witness and working to proclaim the Word of God to the world. When we gather in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are at home with Christ, and are given little glimpses and tastes of life in the heavenly city itself.

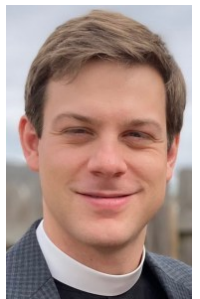
Even while Satan and the forces of evil seem so powerful in our world right now, we know that he has already been

fully defeated. His prowling is on borrowed time while God, in his patient sovereignty, forebears from judgement until the entire harvest (that's us!) has been gathered in.

Bask in the glory of Easter this spring. In Christ's resurrection we are given a foretaste of the eternal victory that God has stored up for those who believe in the good news of Jesus Christ's glorious reign.

This broken and fallen world is quickly passing away, and when it comes to naught, the sin and pain we've experienced will be remembered no more. Instead, our bodies and minds will rise to their full glory, and we will be immersed in a life of praise, finding everlasting fulfillment in perfect communion with God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This is the peace and the joy that is yours in Christ Jesus. Don't let anyone ever sell you a counterfeit; hold out for the real thing, and feast upon the fullness of the promises God has spoken to you.

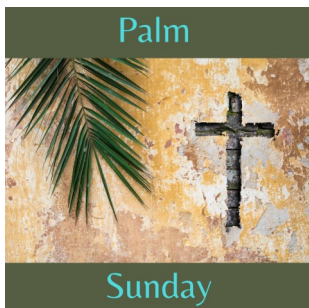


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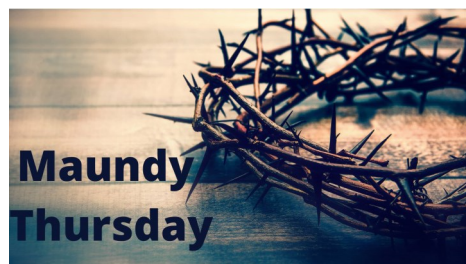
# HOLY WEEK

**JOIN US FOR  
EASTER WEEK SERVICES**



Palm Sunday-April 2, at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday-April 6 at 6:00 PM



Stations of the Cross-Friday, April 7 at Noon  
Good Friday-April 7 at 6:00 PM

Holy Saturday-April 8 at 10:00 AM



Easter-April 9 at 10:00 AM

# Men's Fellowship



A great Men's Fellowship dinner in March with an excellent twist—the young men fixed the meal for the, ahem, older folks. It was outstanding. Landon Hobgood took honors for the Boston Butt cooked to perfection. Sid Cameron, who aspires to be young again, helped with the sides. And, to complete the evening, Fr. Jim and Caleb Cripe serenaded the crowd. There were some 26 men present—not a record but a good showing for a memorable event.



## Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter service this year! It will be immediately after the service in the garden in front of the cross. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the kids hunt eggs!



Begins  
April 26, 2023  
Following Evening Prayer

## ABOUT GAFCON IV:

# Kigali 2023-April 17-21, 2023

The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) is a member of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON). GAFCON is a global family of millions of authentic, orthodox Anglicans, many in South America and Africa., and is chaired by our Archbishop, Foley Beach.

The Conference will be assembling in Rwanda this April with representatives of provinces from around the world. Our own Fr. Jim has been asked to join the ACNA delegation, which will be led by Archbishop Foley. He will be watching history unfold as there are a number of important issues being faced, not the least of which is reviewing the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the orthodox church.

It's a great honor for Fr. Jim to be asked to participate in this event. That, coupled with the work George Peagler is doing in canonical matters, gives our little parish an outsized role in the life of the Province. We don't want to be prideful but have reason to be proud. Keep Fr. Jim in your prayers as he travels to and participates in the Conference.



The fourth Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) will be held at the Kigali Convention Center, Rwanda, in April 2023.

As the worldwide church moves into the 2020s, there is increasing pressure to look for life's answers in many places; there are certainly many voices offering suggestions to us as individuals and as a church. But to whom shall we go?

Firstly, we should go to Jesus, as He is revealed to us in God's unchanging, inspired Word, not picking and choosing the bits that suit our own purposes or that help us to fit comfortably into our society. We should then go to the Church, to encourage each other with God's Word, to live and grow with our fellow brothers and sisters, under God's direction.

Finally, we are to go to the world, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life as revealed to us in that same unchanging Word.



### Coffee & Conversation

We welcome everyone to coffee and conversation each Sunday in the Parish Hall from 9:30-10:00 AM. This will give us an opportunity to visit before Church and at the same time give people a quiet time to pray in the sanctuary before Church.



### Men's Christian Fellowship

April 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Parish Hall

Fish Fry-Bring a friend



## MEETING NOTICE!

### Vestry Meeting

April 25, 2023

6:00 PM

### April

1-Hunter & Leigh Peak

3-Ric & Susan Brenner



happy anniversary

### April

5-Frank Romeo

15-Jim Argo

15- Lisa Jones

18-Rhett Brenner

19-Pam Dowdy

21-Hunter Peak

23-Ashley Ray

24-Reggie Daniel



# APRIL ROTA

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>USHER</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
4/2	Palm Sunday	Beth Cameron	George Peagler	Jeff Joiner	Selby Fowler
4/5	Evening Prayer & Healing		Everett Byrd		
4/6	Maundy Thursday		Lou Chase	Sid Cameron	
4/7	Good Friday Stations of the Cross				
4/7	Good Friday	Beth Cameron	Jeff Joiner	Brady Fowler	
4/8	Holy Saturday		David Snell		
4/9	Easter Sunday	Lou Chase	Peter Banse	Jeff Joiner	
4/12	Evening Prayer & Healing		Jeff Joiner		
4/16	Morning Prayer	David Snell	France Pierce	Jeff Joiner	Beth Cameron
4/19	Evening Prayer & Healing		Everett Byrd		
4/23	Holy Communion	Jeff Joiner	Courtney Wingfield	Sid Cameron	Kelsey Barton
4/26	Evening Prayer & Healing		Beth Cameron		
4/30	Holy Communion	George Peagler	Everett Byrd	Brady Fowler	Lou Chase