



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

After a typical Holy Week and Easter Sunday, the first few days of the Easter season often feel like a well-deserved break. But this year, many of us may feel as though we have been on a break of sorts for quite a while. We have missed the familiar rhythms, especially the emotional ones so deeply rooted in our faith—from the ambivalence of Palm Sunday to the bleak sorrow of Good Friday to the rich exhilaration of Easter. We have made what effort we could. But it has not been the same, and it is probably just as well to acknowledge that.

In his sermon on Easter Sunday, Bishop Curry observed that Easter this year did not look like, sound like, or even smell like Easter. But that was the case for the women who approached the tomb on the morning of the first Easter. With them, we experienced this year *the fundamentals* of Easter.

Easter eggs and bunnies are cheerful. But they are not "Easter." Easter dinners offer the people of God an opportunity to give thanks for God's many blessings. But they are not "Easter." Grand services with memorable music and inspired liturgies and stirring (at least occasionally) sermons celebrate Easter appropriately. But even they are not essential.

The heart of Easter lies in what the women discovered on Easter morning. God's love for humankind has prevailed over hatred and over death. The Lord had risen. And, for us, the

Lord IS RISEN INDEED. If we keep that affirmation in our hearts through this Easter season, we may find a particular blessing in a focus on the essentials. That focus may be sharper this year than it has ever been before—with the exception of that first Easter, of course.

Fr. Paul

Online Giving

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's.



You can add instructions to your donation. (IE: operations, mask initiative, restoration, etc.) If you have questions on this, please contact the [office](#).

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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"350 in 3" Outreach Project

Our mask production team currently consists of nine ladies. 75 masks have been completed thus far. This is a great start as three of our volunteers the haven't been able to dive in yet due

to sewing machine issues but hope to get up and running this week. Two of us came to the rescue with second machines we loaned out. Now, that's teamwork! There are two or three different styles being made in two different sizes and a variety of fabric patterns, so we will be able to offer the medical community a selection.

Many thanks to those who have donated their skills, materials and talents. I have every confidence we will meet or surpass our 350 goal by the end of April!

Kathy

Please join me in making a difference in our community by engaging in this mission and encouraging the use of God-given talents of your friends, neighbors, and families. To join in the mission and for instructional information please email me at mskathykennedy@gmail.com or call 330-317-8068.

If you are a parish member in need of a mask, please email Kathy.*

Second Sunday of Easter

Read This Week's
Lessons

An Interview with Beth Bletzacker

Where were you born? What is something from your childhood you remember fondly?

Canton, Ohio

Swimming at Willow Springs, which is now Rice's Nursery.



How did you meet Kirk?

Kirk was helping my brothers with something, they invited him to a family dinner, and let's just say...he became my knight in shining armor!

How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?

I was raised Presbyterian and Kirk was raised Catholic. When Derek Gordon (21 at the time) and our daughter, Emily (17 at the time),

started dating, Derek and his parents invited us to St. Mark's. It was a good fit for us!

Do you think you could beat Derek swimming across Meyers Lake?

That's a great question! Only if I'm in the boat and he's in the water!!!

He does this once a year the "long way".....from 12th Street to 20th Street. We follow him in the boat to keep him safe and "hydrated".

Let's say you have to be a character in a movie. Who do you pick and why?

I would be "Allie" (Rachel McAdams) from The Notebook because Kirk is definitely my "Noah" (Ryan Gosling). If you know the movie, you know "the why".

Tell us something about yourself we wouldn't otherwise know.

We have three children (2 boys and a girl). Emily is in the middle. Our youngest son weighed 10 lb 5 oz at birth and I delivered him naturally without any drugs!! Kirk is still recuperating from the pain in his hand that I squeezed so hard....poor Kirk!

What is one of your favorite memories?

All of our vacations at Oak Island, North Carolina with our kids and now, grandkids. It's one of my favorite places on this earth. I'm a die-hard true beach bum!

What do you like most about St. Mark's?

The traditional worship and the friends we've made over the years.

Would you rather eat sardines for the rest of your life or be permanently covered in glitter?

Glitter! No doubt about it. I'm actually gagging right now at the thought of sardines...ugh.

Who do you nominate for the next interview?

Caroline Willoughby

A Note from Mr. Bob Morrison:

The first time I met Father Gaston he gave me his monograph on the poetry of George Herbert as texts for hymns. And quite a few Christmases ago, Father Sloan gave me three little volumes of hymn studies with the delightful titles "A Closer Walk," "New Every Morning," and "Awake, My Soul" by Rev. Nancy Roth (b. 1936), teacher of music and dance before entering seminary and now assisting priest at Christ Episcopal in Oberlin. She travels widely as retreat leader and author. Nancy Roth comments that she lived near a Russian

Orthodox Seminary for a while and would attend their lengthy Easter worship (since the Orthodox calendar differs from ours) - a service that started in darkness and finished with the first light of Easter dawn. My tenor friend David White gave me an exhaustive study of Methodist hymnody, and I inherited Bruce Schutrum's Handbook on the 1940 Hymnal. I have also hymn studies by Austin C. Lovelace, Kenneth Osbeck (a gift from my former organ student Bob Morehead). Diane Sanchez, and a Handbook of the 1935 Methodist Hymnal. These rich resources give me background data on the great religious songs that enrich our devotion.

Since this is Easter Week, here's a word about "Easter Hymn," which is always our Entrance Hymn on Easter Day. It started life as a nine-stanza Latin hymn. In a 1708 hymnal, it was reduced to three stanzas. That volume had a lengthy title: A Collection of Diverse Songs and Hymns, partly new composed, partly translation from the High German and Latin, hymns set to easy and pleasant tunes for general use. Charles Wesley, brother of John and credited with some 6000 hymns, supplied a fourth stanza. This 1708 hymnal was an effort to bring more singable tunes to the public than the more austere Psalm-tones of the day. What a heritage we have of these musical elements - and we can hope for the opportunity once again to join in corporate song.

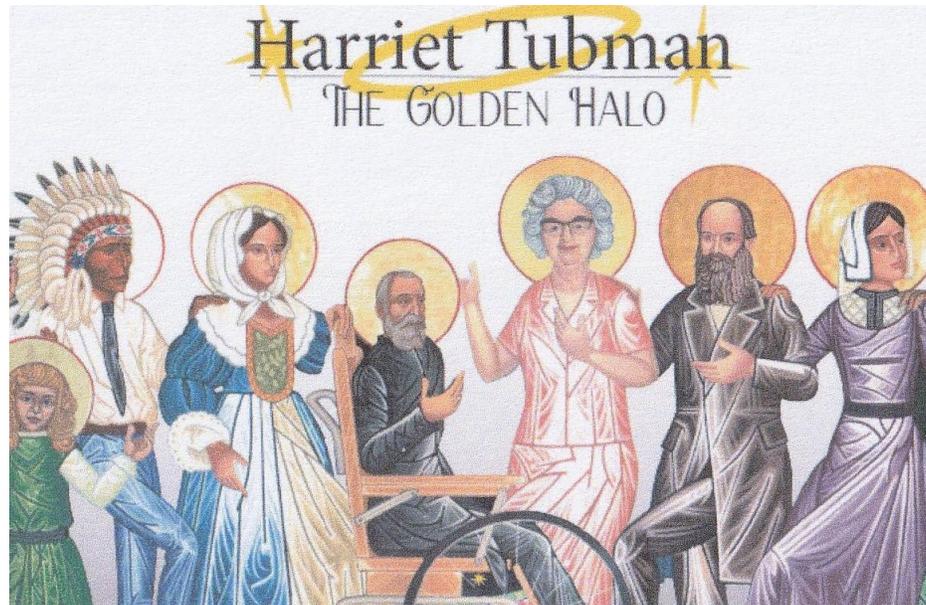
Due to the backstock of our generous parishioners, we were able to deliver food on April 15 for six families and some extras for Schreiber School to disperse out as

needed. We will have enough in our pantry to deliver more care packages of food in May before the official school year ends. If school should not happen to resume, we will make sure this food gets delivered before the end of May.

Mandy Pelger and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated food over the course of the school year. The school families have truly appreciated it.

Thankful

Thursdays



LM 2020 XI/III

Congratulations to this years LM St. Mark's winners!!!

The Golden Halo - Susie Hines

St. Mark's Silveren Halo - Derek Gordon, Joe Hoot
Kathy Kennedy, Bruce Schutrum, Chuck Violand and Karen Violand

St Mark's Bronzen Halo -Geof Gordan and Rhonda Warren

LM 2021 XII/IV "is coming up at a day and an hour no one knows."
Be watchful!

Prayer Concerns

Paul Welch, Ken McPeek, Billie
Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan
Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley
Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Mike
Cochran's (friend of Gordons'),
Olivson Family (friends of Violands'), Mary Fejes (friend of Diana
Cornell), Eleanor Found (MaryAnn Kiesling's Aunt), Corbin Angeli,
Thelma (friends/family of Jan Hudson), Suzy Clark (friend of
Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn
(granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana
Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Olivia
(friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's

Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Bridgette and Randy (friends of Ron and Cindy Brown), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Kristina Brinkman (friend of Kathy and Bob Kennedy), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Ed Ott (friend of Ted and Cricket Boyd), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Fletcher, Jamie, Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

Louise Olivson

Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at

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Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



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