

# Christ Church Weekly

A newsletter for members and friends

## Christ Church Parish • Friday, April 7, 2023

### A Message from Fr. Samuel Torvend

#### Mid-stream

We have celebrated the Institution of the Lord's Supper and this evening we will keep vigil with Christ in his passion: come prepared to hear our choral scholars sing a beautiful and haunting setting of the gospel reading from John. On Saturday, the *chief liturgy of the entire year* - the Great Vigil of Easter - will begin at 8:00 PM. Should there be rain, we will gather in the covered walkway between Wells Hall and the church for the lighting of the New Fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle, and our procession into the church with flickering flames. We will celebrate the baptism of Savannah McClellan, the newest member of the Christ Church - what an incredible joy to be with her! - and the First Eucharist of Easter.

What might surprise some is that the Easter Vigil is the first celebration of Easter. Those who participate in the Vigil liturgy need not return on Easter Sunday (well, with a few exceptions: musicians, clergy, and other liturgical ministers!). As one of my liturgy professors said years ago: "We should expect to be both *inspired* and *exhausted* after three days of intense ritualizing as such ritual taps into deeper dimensions of our lives." Yes, may the power of these actions and words deepen our love for Christ, for each other, and for the world itself.

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### Upcoming Events

- **Good Friday, April 7**  
**Holy Saturday, April 8**
- **Easter, April 9**
- Secular Book Club,  
Choir Rehearsal, **April 13**
- Vestry Meeting, **April 18**
- Choir Rehearsal, **April 20**
- Third Friday Concert, **April 21**
- Veterans Village Prep, **April 23**
- Veterans Village Service, **April 24**
- CSLT Meeting, **April 25**
- Choir Rehearsal, **April 27**



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We strongly encourage masking during worship, mindful that we worship among people who need added protection. Masking not only protects us but also our neighbors.

## NEED HELP??

To add to our prayer list, email the [Parish Administrator](#). If submitting a name other than your own, please ask permission from that person first. Names remain on the list for **four weeks**, unless renewed by the one who submitted them.

In a **pastoral emergency**, please contact [Fr. Torvend](#).

**Parish Help Team:** Errands run, groceries, meals provided, medication pickup, vaccination transportation, etc., contact [Deacon Gen Grewell](#) or call her cellphone at 360.280.5593. You may speak with a deacon on Sunday at the **10:30am Holy Eucharist**.

# Christ Church Prayer List

Our baptismal commitment calls us to pray for the world and the needs of our community, including those who are experiencing any sort of trouble, illness, or grief.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### Members and Friends of our Community:

Betsy Buck; Al Buck; Liz Heath; Robert Reeves; Miri Hinds; Christina Amos; Dick Gregory; Bill Garriott; Stephen Behr; Danielle Olsson; Melissa Glick, Ginny Peterson; and Jim Pierson.

**Those who have died in Christ, who holds us in life and death, and all who grieve for them:** Morrie Stafford; and Jason Schroedel.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. David's, Friday Harbor • Grace, Lopez Island

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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### Christ Church Calendar

To submit an article to the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the [Parish Administrator](#).

Articles must be submitted by Tuesdays to be included in the Friday edition, and may be edited.

We never share your information outside the church family.

**Land Acknowledgement** We gather at 310 North K Street. Let us give thanks to the Creator for the Puyallup and Nisqually people on whose ancestral land this church and many of our homes stand. Their descendants live among us still. For their wise stewardship of the creation, we offer our gratitude. May we never forget that their land was taken by force and broken treaty.

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# Worship and Formation

## Worship 101

### Our pillar of fire



This towering paschal candle is made possible by the work of bees and human labor. *Paschal* is the Romanized form of *Passover*, as in the passover of the Hebrews from slavery to freedom, the passover of Jesus from death into life, and our

passover in baptism from the powers of this world to the radiant kingdom of God. We have evidence from the late 4<sup>th</sup> century of a song in “praise of the candle” to be used at Easter. Consequently, for close to 1,500 years, Christians have gathered around the Paschal or Easter candle as a symbol of the light of Christ that radiates forth from his resurrection. We might say that it is our pillar of fire that guides us through the year and blesses every baptism, every renewal of the baptismal covenant, and every funeral liturgy. This year our great thanks are due to **Milana McLead** who has prepared the adorning of the candle. Thanks are also due to **Caroline Huckaby** for preparing a second candle that, with its presence, will bless Trinity Chapel and all who worship there.

### Third Annual Psalm-A-Rama

**Saturday, April 8**

**9:00am in the Chapel**

Join members of the parish in the time-honored practice of holding vigil by praying the psalter. We begin in the Chapel following morning prayer at 9:00 AM. There is a 10-minute break every hour. Lunch is from 12:00 -1:00 in Trinity Library. We anticipate being finished in the sanctuary around 4:00PM.

Lunch and snacks provided. You are welcome to stay for a few minutes or for the entire transformative experience.

At the Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 8, Savannah McClellan** will be baptized and anointed as one of Christ's own. Her sponsor is David Pierce who was confirmed by Bishop Melissa Skelton this past Advent. It is an incredible joy to witness such a momentous thing in a culture that seems ambivalent if not skeptical concerning any kind of affiliation with spiritual community. Might you consider being present to welcome Savannah into this parish and its common life?



**Sunday, April 30**

### Monthly Reading Group

Meet at the home of King and Dee Schoenfeld to discuss chapters 7-11 of *A History of God* by Karen Armstrong. Newcomers are welcome!

**Questions? Contact**

**Don Johnson.**



# The Three Days

## The Three Great Days at Christ Church Parish

**April 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **Maundy Thursday | The Institution of the Lord's Supper**

The Holy Eucharist with foot washing, Holy Communion, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in Trinity Chapel

Alexandre Guilamant, "Adoro devote" ("Humbly I Adore Thee")

Ola Gjeilo, "Ubi caritas" ("Where charity and love are found")

Anonymous, "A New Commandment"

Thomas Aquinas, "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"

**April 7**

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross in the church at 12:30 p.m.

### **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 p.m.**

Sung Passion gospel, the Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Ormond Platter, "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,"

sung by the Christ Church Choral Scholars

Quirino Gasparini, "Adoramus te, Christe"

Venantius Fortunatus, "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle"

Pal Gerhardt, "O sacred head, sore wounded"

**April 8 at 8:00 p.m.**

### **Holy Saturday | The Great Vigil of Easter**

The Lighting of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle, the Word of God, Holy Baptism, and the First Holy Communion of Easter

Anonymous, The Exsultet | The Easter Proclamation

The Song of Moses, Anglican chant

John Arthur, "The is the feast of victory for our God"

Vidi Aquam, "I saw water flowing from the temple"

Jean Tisserand, "O sons and daughters, let us sing!"

Percy Dearmer, "Draw us in the Spirit's tether"

Cyril Alington, "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

Jacques Lemmens, "Fanfare"



## **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

### **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Happy Easter! Happy season of Resurrection! Have you ever heard the phrase, “we are a Resurrection people”? What does that mean? It means that we live, or try our best to live, into the promise of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. His emerging from darkness to light allows us to move from despair to hope, from sadness to joy. We can relate to Mary in the garden, when she sees Jesus and recognizes him: pure joy when just a moment before she felt anguish.

What has been your “resurrection” time? I think of childbirth, both when our daughter was born and also when she birthed our grandbabies. The (often) long and painful labor seemed to never end. But then the indescribable euphoria of new birth.

Sometimes, we have the privilege of providing “resurrection” to someone, or something else. When we adopted our puppy from the SPCA, she was sad, confused, uncertain of where she was or where she was going. But we brought her home, and she started living her second life, her resurrection.

It is indeed joyful to live in resurrection times, and it is an incredible blessing to be able to help others into their resurrection time. This is truly being Jesus for others.

Starting soon, we will have a unique opportunity at Christ Church to be that for someone else. We are starting a new ministry,

called One Parish One Prisoner ([www.undergroundministries.org/opop](http://www.undergroundministries.org/opop)).

Did you know that there are roughly the same number of men and women in Washington state prisons as there are churches in Washington? The question is, what if every church or parish became a local reentry team – a resurrection community – to walk alongside just one neighbor leaving the tombs of incarceration?

We at Christ Church will be that partner, that resurrection team, for one releasing friend. The team at Underground Ministries will prepare us, provide us with resources and support as we take this journey. They will pair us with one person being released to our area, whom we will assist in their walk away from the darkness of a cell to the light of freedom.

We will provide support such as pre-release housing search, rides to appointments, job connections, funds to pay stranglehold fines, and more; but mostly we will build a trusted friendship and community for our friend. “It’s the reality of personal relationships that saves everything.” ~Thomas Merton

This is not a small undertaking. It is a 2-year journey, starting with the preparation provided by the Underground Ministries team and material, through the relationship building with our new releasing friend, and on to the ups and downs of their journey after release as they navigate the unknowns and challenges of their new life, their resurrection life.

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But I know we can do this! This is Jesus work!

Please go to their website and see what they are doing. Soon (dates have not yet been set) one of the Underground Ministries team will come and talk to us, and answer your questions and concerns. ~**Deacon Donna Arellano**



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**Thank you to our Garden Crew** for working so hard in the Reflecting Pool Garden. With the help of our Arborist Robert Sweet, the team, which included **Len and Linda Johnson, Ronn Johanson,** and our **Sexton, Tim Williams,** trimmed the beautifully blooming camelias and cleared out debris from the pool.

Thank you all!



# Community



A person between the ages of 90 and 99 is referred to as a “nonagenarian.” There are already some of you in the congregation and others who have or are going to join this exclusive club in 2023. Parish Life would love to celebrate you young folks at the next Christ Church Potluck on **Sunday, April 30, in Wells Hall**, following the 10:30 service. If you or someone you know in our congregation is in the club, please let the office know so we may include you/them in the celebration. ~**Parish Life Committee**



## Happy Easter!

### Daily Office at Christ Church

◇ Monday 9:00am\*  
Morning Prayer

◇ Tuesday 7:30am\*  
Lectio Divina

◇ Thursday 7:30am\*  
Morning Prayer

◇ Saturday 9:00am  
Morning Prayer

\*zoom link available at  
[christchurchtacoma.org/  
calendar](https://christchurchtacoma.org/calendar)

## Worship at Christ Church

Sunday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church and



[Bulletin for 10:30am](#)

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