St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly News and Updates

March 22, 2024



Join Us for Holy Week!

PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday at 10am

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" *Mark* 11:9-10

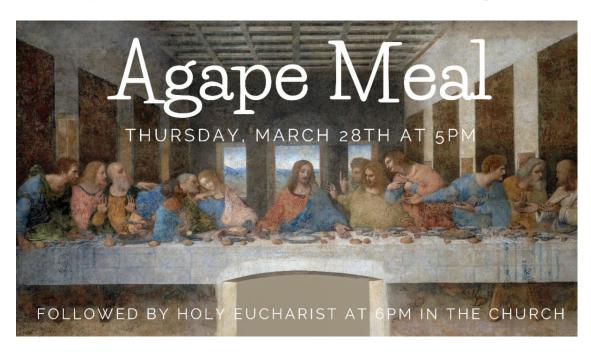


Maundy Thursday March 28th

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave

it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." BCP p.362-363



The Agape Meal is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with his disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ. Traditionally, the meal is a simple fare of grapes, cheeses, nuts, dried figs and other fruits, olives, pita, and hummus, bread and wine.

Join us this Thursday at 5pm to enjoy an Agape Meal provided by Kay Ayres and her Parish Life committee. You do not have to bring anything. Just be present for the sharing and fellowship.

At 6pm, we will share a very different meal of bread and wine, the Holy Eucharist, as we prepare for Jesus' arrest.



Maundy Thursday Service Will Feature Guest Harpist, Joy Slavens

Joy Slavens grew up in Trappe, Maryland, and has lived in Sussex County, Delaware, with her husband, Tom, since 1988. She learned to play the piano at age seven and has been giving lessons for more than twenty-five years. She is also a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

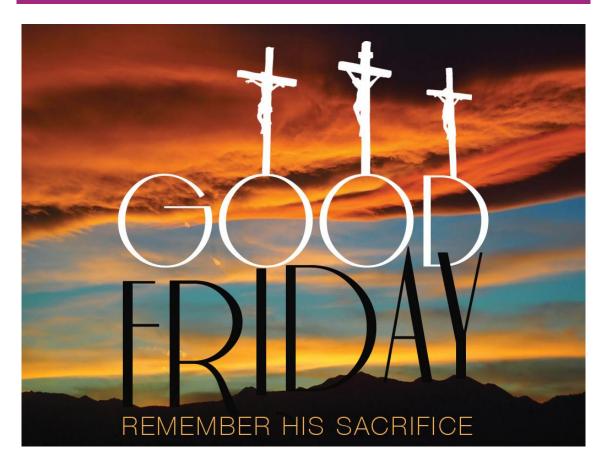
After watching a harpist perform at a local church, Joy was fascinated by the unique instrument. She took lessons for eight years, eventually graduating to a

concert pedal harp on which she now teaches lessons. Currently, she teaches about 25 piano students and ten harp students.

Joy is music director of Centenary U.M. Church. She also performs regularly on harp and piano and offers an extensive repertoire of music from many genres for any occasion.

The Expressions of Joy harp ensemble was formed after Joy and three students performed together at a recital in 2013 and has grown to include an average of ten members. They perform together several times a year at local churches, historical events, and retirement homes.

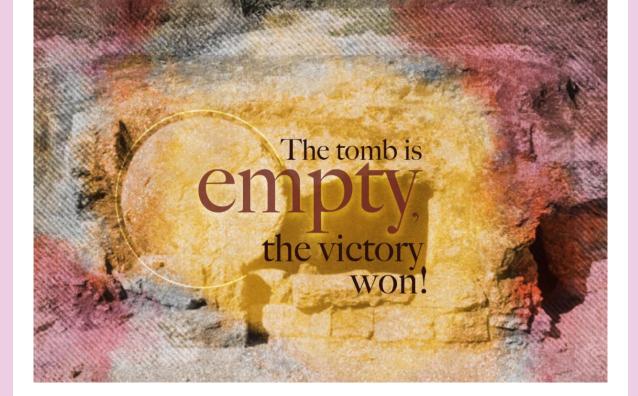
Joy loves to create new arrangements of many styles of music. She writes original compositions and publishes her own music which is sold throughout the U.S. and has been favorably reviewed by Folk Harp Journal and Harp Column.



March 29th at Noon

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble) tremble

We will gather in the church in silence for the Good Friday Liturgy, including the Stations of the Cross.



EASTER SUNDAY

Next Sunday at 10am

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia! *Hymnal* 1982, #207

Easter Sunday Service Will Feature Guest Violinist, Slava Gelfand

Slava Gelfand is a professional violinist, a graduate from Gnesin Musical College in Moscow, Russia. A laureate of an international competition. Versatile in his performances, he plays classical music, rock music, popular songs, waltzes, and music from popular films. He has enchanted audiences in big concert halls in America and Europe with his performances. He has great experience in playing at different kinds of events: weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, Bar/Bat-Mitzvahs, receptions, dinner parties, corporate parties, and other events. He is fluent in English and Russian.



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