



MATTHIAS MIDWEEK

Inspired by the life and compassion of Jesus Christ,
We are a church of action in our community, engaging in
Hospitality by offering bread for body and soul

REFLECTION FROM ANN+

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday. We'll meet at 9:00 am in front of the church armed with noisemakers and swinging ribbons and join the crowd gathered to greet the long-awaited King as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Generally, we pay little attention to one feature of that entrance:

"When Jesus and his disciples had come near... Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey ... untie and bring it to me.' "

However, it has not escaped everyone's attention, as the following poem by Mary Oliver illustrates:

The Poet Thinks about the Donkey

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited,
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.

How horses, turned into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight!

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I like this poem because it captures the trepidation of that day. It captures a moment in each of our lives when we have some huge and critical thing that needs to be faced, something we'd rather not address. But knowing that our life and well being demands we deal with it, we step, as we have to, forward. What Jesus was doing on the first day of that week, when the donkey took that hesitant first step forward, was above all else stepping into our lives, into the things we face, into our own suffering.

A good reflection for us on the verge of the week we call "Holy" and before the Friday we have come to know as "Good".

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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 6: 6:30 PM
AA Meeting, Parish Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 8:
9:00 AM: Vestry Meeting
11:30 AM: Morning Prayer - Sanctuary
11:00AM- 2:00 PM: Loaves & Fishes

SUNDAY APRIL 9: PALM SUNDAY
9:00 AM: Liturgy of the Palms, in front of the Church
9:30 AM: Worship
Readings:
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians : 5-11
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

10:45 AM Coffee & Conversation - Parish Hall
11:00 AM: SOS - Scripture on Sunday

11:30 AM: Rebirth Ministries Worship
1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 16:
EASTER DAY

OUR PRAYERS

Mel Berk

Ellen Berk and Lois Johnson as they prepare to move in together

Linda Boyd, as she, too, prepares to sell her home next month

Darlene Wilson, as she recovers from a knee replacement

All those suffering with flu

MONDAY- SATURDAY, APRIL 10-15
HOLY WEEK

4/10, 4/11, 4/12: 10:00 AM: Morning Prayer

4/13: 7:00 PM: Maundy Thursday

4/14: 12:00 PM: Good Friday Service

4/15: 11:30 AM: Holy Saturday