



# The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church

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### Holy Eucharist Schedule

Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30

Tuesday — 12:30 (LJC)

The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett, *Bishop*

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,  
*Priest Associate*

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

Susan Musick, *Senior Warden*

Andrea Nelson, *Junior Warden*

Suzi Lore, *Treasurer*

Margo Young, *Assistant Treasurer*

Kurt Knecht, *Music Director*

Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Denise Meredith, *Administrative  
Assistant*

*St. Mark's on the Campus  
strives to be a Eucharistic  
Community of reflection and  
action, acceptance and  
growth, Gospel and world.*

## From the Rector

By Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

Holy Week is almost upon us. Holy Week is the liturgical high point of the Christian year, as we walk with Jesus through the final days and hours of his earthly life, into the grave, and then past the grave into the resurrection.

We begin with The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. As is traditional on this day, the liturgy begins with a procession with palms as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. The liturgy then progresses through the reading of the passion gospel, followed by our Eucharistic celebration — our weekly identification with everything we mark in particular ways during Holy Week.

Thus Holy Week begins. It's always moving on that Sunday to experience the dual nature of Holy Week: the triumphal entry, followed by condemnation and death, culminating with the celebration of the resurrection at the Easter Vigil (a marvelous celebration of darkness and light that briefly traces the salvation story and culminates in baptism or the renewal of baptismal vows and eucharist). The week is a whole. One piece of it can't be separated from the rest. We do not arrive at resurrection without dying. We also do not die without being assured of resurrection. Our Holy week celebration — in fact our celebrations each Sunday — always marks both death and

resurrection, not simply resurrection alone.

Sobering? Perhaps. And real. I've never found it especially helpful in the spiritual life to do anything other than what is real and honest. Healing, freedom, and life come only through being as open and honest as possible with ourselves and God. God certainly does nothing less with us.

The schedule of services for Holy Week appears on page 2. I encourage you to attend as many of these as possible. Walk the way of Jesus this year as part of your Lenten discipline; be shaped and formed by these days as Jesus was.

I remember the parish I served outside of Cleveland, Ohio. Its choir had not been involved in Holy Week services before, and then became involved. I recall the grumbling at the first Easter Vigil. Then my final year there, after six Holy Weeks, I considered not doing a Vigil (although I can't imagine why at the moment!), and the choir absolutely *insisted* that we do one!

Such is the power of liturgy. It changes us and transforms us. And it doesn't get any more powerful than the liturgies of Holy Week.

Have a blessed end of Lent, and an especially blessed Holy Week,

*Fr. Jerry*

At its March 11th meeting,  
The Vestry...



- ✘ Heard recommendations from the Finance Advisory Committee based on the annual audit. These recommendations will continue to bring St. Mark's on the Campus in line with recommended business practices within the Episcopal Church.
- ✘ Heard from Mark Musick an update on planned capital improvements and decided to revisit several at the April meeting, with further updates and possible action.
- ✘ Discussed Fr. Thompson's visit with the potential curate, and decided to invite him to visit SMOC so that Vestry members can meet and talk with him.
- ✘ Heard a report on Education within the parish
- ✘ Heard from Fr. Thompson that:
  - ◆ the new Administrative Assistant, Denise Meredith, has begun. Ben Carlisle's last day will be March 16.
  - ◆ the new thermostats have been ordered and when they arrive, Larkin will install them.
- ✘ Decided to begin paying the sexton on a monthly basis (\$300/month) rather than an hourly wage.
- ✘ Discussed its upcoming retreat in April, and decided to focus on long term visioning, including budgeting
- ✘ Heard that SMOC had received a request from an AA group to begin meeting in our space, and recommended to Fr. Thompson that he grant permission.

*Fr. Jerry +*

## Holy Week Schedule

- April 1: Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist
- April 3: Holy Tuesday**  
12:30 pm: Holy Eucharist
- April 5: Maundy Thursday**  
7 pm: Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar,  
Overnight Watch with Reserved Sacrament begins following Eucharist and ends 8 am Friday morning
- April 6: Good Friday**  
12 Noon: Stations of the Cross  
7 pm: Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
- April 7: Holy Saturday**  
9 am: Holy Saturday Liturgy  
11 pm: Easter Vigil: The First Eucharist of Easter
- April 8: Easter Sunday:**  
10:30 am ONLY: Holy Eucharist

### BOOKS/CDs/DVDs

Spring Cleaning? Drag out all those dusty books that you no longer need or want. Make room for new books. This fall is the **St. Mark's on the Campus Every-Other-Year Book Sale**. Allow us to help you out with that book crowding problem. We accept CDs and DVDs as well. Watched it one too many times? Not what you thought it was? Bring them on down to the Undercroft to our storage space. We will gladly accept all your donations. Those items we do not sell will go to the Planned Parenthood book blow-out.

### Sermon Copies

Sermons presented at St. Mark's on the Campus are always available as hard copies in the Narthex and on our Web site, [stmarks-episcopal.org](http://stmarks-episcopal.org).

### Bible Study

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford is leading a Bible Study after the 10:30 am Eucharist at St. Mark's on the Campus, downstairs in the Lady Julian Chapel.

## Adult Forum Schedule

The last Lenten program, on March 25th, will be presented by Janet Davidson on Peace Corps work in Morocco. Customarily, St. Mark's on the Campus has donated to our Lenten speakers' non-profit organizations. To personally support this outreach, send money to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

**On April 1 and April 8**, there will be no Forum because of Palm Sunday and Easter activities. Beginning April 15, Forum will resume with a video already watched by the vestry about the views of Episcopal college students. Then we'll finish the semester with intriguing short stories and essays by Flannery O'Connor, Tobias Wolff, and C. S. Lewis.

Suggestions of other authors, resources, and topics are welcome. Contact Susan Steinegger (488-8064) or Andrea Nelson (423-0663). Their email addresses are in the church directory. Adult Forum meets in the church lounge, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

# St. Mark's on the Campus Calendar: March 25 - May 12

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>25 March</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1pm - Inquirer's Class, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>29</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1 April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:45 - Choir practice No Adult Forum ~ 11:45 - Bible Study? 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>5</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 pm - Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar, Overnight Watch begins 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>6</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 8 am - Overnight Watch ends Noon - Stations of the Cross 7 pm - Good Friday Solemn Liturgy	<b>7</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> 9 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy 11 pm - Easter Vigil
<b>8</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> Choir practice? <b>10:30 Eucharist ONLY</b> No Sunday School, No Adult Forum, No Bible Study 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>12</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Campus Outreach Planning Committee meeting - ck with Office for time
<b>15</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 11:15 - Vestry, Undercroft 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>19</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1pm - Inquirer's Class, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>26</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30 - 9 am - Men's Breakfast Group - Anderson's
<b>29</b> 9:30 - Sun School, Adult Fm 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1 pm - Inquirer Class, Lounge 5 pm - Student Dinner @ Naugle's 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>30</b>	<b>1 May</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>3</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm - Vestry Pot Luck - Musick's
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**SUNDAY SERVICES: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am and 10:30 am**

**WEEKDAYS: Holy Eucharist - Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Lady Julian Chapel**

# Omphaloskepsis - Contemplating the Nave(1), Part 1

by Kurt Knecht

In my first article I posed a question that becomes very relevant as we move from the narthex to the nave: if God is everywhere, how is God somewhere? For a community that regularly professes the Father as "creator of heaven and earth," it seems a little strange to meet in a place called the "house of God." Before we get too far, I should mention that I have had plenty of granola friends who like to worship out in nature. I myself have often sensed a special closeness to God in what the ancient Celtic Christians called "thin places" in the world. There are, however, at least two problems with this kind of worship.

The first problem was best expressed to me by my Father in Christ, the Rev. Marty Barrett. One time, I told Marty about how I didn't need to go into the Church to worship God anymore. God was everywhere, and I preferred to pray on the beach. Marty quickly quipped, "Yeah, Kurt, here's the thing: When I worship apart from the community for a long time, Jesus starts to agree with me an awful lot."

The second problem is something that I learned from reading the theologian Helmut Thielicke. In his book, [How the World Began](#), he points out that one may feel very close to God staring at the moon, but no matter how long I stare at it, no matter how close I feel to God, the moon will never tell me not to cheat on my wife.

Nevertheless, it still seems strange to meet in a building to be close to God. Isn't God just as much on the outside as the inside? Is God somehow more present in the nave than the social hall?

In I Kings 8, we are given a starting place for a theology of a nave. King Solomon has just finished building the temple. They had a special procession and probably sang all seven verses of their favorite hymn.

They hadn't invented Bishops yet, so

King Solomon himself functioned as the shepherd and said the dedication prayer. When they had finished the opening rubrics, Solomon realized that he had left his copy of the Book of Common Prayer in the vesting room. He was going to have to improvise a prayer. Things started off rather well. He made a lovely invocation and recited the history of his father's original vision for a sanctuary.

In verse 27, something startles him out of his reverie. Doubt starts crawling around the corners of his mind when he is looking at the finished product. All of a sudden, he realizes he is praying something absolutely preposterous. He realizes that he has just completed building a box in which God is supposed to live. It was a nice box. It had the fancy padded kneelers with the little doors on the sides of the pews. It even had golden choir stalls, but it was still a box.

Solomon thought to himself, "Self, you can't put God in a box." Being a good Israelite, he allowed his doubts and struggles a place in his prayer life. So, in verse 27 he prays, "Yes, but will God really live on earth? Look, the heavens and the highest heavens can't encompass him. How much less so this house that I have built?"

We receive a clue about the meaning of sacred space from King Solomon in verse 29. Solomon reminds us of the promise God had made about the temple: "My Name shall be there." It turns out that the space was not made holy because Solomon had filled it with religious symbols. It was not made sacred because people decided to make a house of worship. Many people make houses of worship for all sorts of reasons. It was not even made holy because Solomon had prayed.

It was holy for the sole reason that God had promised, "my Name shall be there." The Name of the Lord is in

**Student Dinner on 4/29**  
Monthly student dinner will be held at Gretchen & Ron Naugle's on Sunday April 29th at 5:00 pm. Any University student is welcome to attend. RSVP to St Mark's on the Campus Office at 474-1979 if you need a ride.

itself a holy place. It is, in fact, what is holy in the building, and the thing that makes those who enter a holy people. God is not, as Solomon said, "encompassed" or "contained" within a building.

It is true that God is as present in the parking lot as God is in the Nave. The problem is not with God. The problem is with me. I'm not as present to God in the parking lot. God condescends to my weakness and promises to make God's Name dwell in a sacred space.

The symbols inside do not conjure up God's presence like a magician. They are powerless unless I attune myself to what is holy. The symbols are the tools by which I orient myself to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This orientation or "tuning" process is the first goal of the Nave. It helps us to find a sympathetic vibration when life has caused our strings to get out of whack so that we can't find God in the parking lot or anywhere else.

Solomon concludes this section of his prayer with a petition that I take to be the promise of a Nave as the dwelling place of the holy, "when they pray toward this place, hear from heaven your dwelling place, and forgive."

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*Kurt's articles have been structured around the physical/spiritual experiences of St. Mark's on the Campus, including approaching from the street, passing through the courtyard and into the narthex, and now, entering the church nave.*

# MARK-US NOTES

## Book Club Schedule

April 15th: *Blindness*, by Jose Saramago, host - Andrea Nelson

The Book Club meets 3rd Sundays at 3 pm at the home of the host. Please refer to the parish directory for the address or call Andrea at 423-0663.

## Thompson Phone Change

The Thompson's have canceled their land line. Pastoral emergencies should always be directed to Fr. Thompson's cell phone: 402-217-3010. If you need to get in touch with another member of the family, Carol's cell phone number is 402-617-8217.

## Sunday Early Arrivals

Want a place to hang out when you arrive early for church? Join us in the library next to the Lady Julian Chapel in the basement for coffee and conversation at 9:30 or whenever you arrive.

## Pastoral Care Committee

The Vestry would like to re-establish a Pastoral Care Committee to coordinate the needs of parish families at times of need. If you would be interested in serving as part of such a group, please let Susan Musick, our Senior Warden, know (476-9939).

## Change for Change

The last Sunday to contribute to the Change for Change fundraiser is Palm Sunday. Who will "win" -- the women or the men? Of course, the real winner will be the charity that the students choose.

## Order Lilies for Easter

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies being ordered \_\_\_\_\_  
 x\$10.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Mark's on the Campus. Please include this form with your payment, so we know have the right information for the dedications.

Please note your dedication for each Lily that you order:

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## From the Treasurer

1/1/07 to 2/28/07

	Actual	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		
Plate	2,485.52	3,334.00
Pledge	36,913.16	33,708.00
Diocese	4,166.66	4,166.00
Miscellaneous Income	71.20	716.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$43,636.54</b>	<b>\$41,924.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Diocesan Asking	4,623.00	4,700.00
Outreach	0.00	2,708.00
Salaries & Benefits	26,029.30	28,322.00
Utilities	1,565.14	2,008.00
Property & Insurance	1,461.55	1,492.00
Travel	0.00	234.00
Office	4,049.47	1,732.00
Altar & School Supplies	943.69	948.00
Congregational Life	1,642.96	760.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$40,315.11</b>	<b>\$42,904.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,321.43</b>	<b>\$ (980.00)</b>

Our financial year runs from January 1 to December 31. The month of February continued with a positive balance giving a year to date balance of \$3,321.43. Some expenses show higher amounts due to the billing dates. These will balance out over the year.

Sincerely,

*Susan S. Lore, Treasurer*

## St. Mark's on the Campus STUDY LOUNGE

Want a quiet, friendly place to study? Try the *St. Mark's on the Campus Study Lounge*, from 7 pm to 11 pm, on Sundays and Thursdays. If you'd like to help, either by staffing the lounge or spreading the word about it, contact the Office at 474-1979 or smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org.

# Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	April 1st Palm Sunday	April 7th Easter Eve	April 8th Easter	April 15th 2nd Easter	April 22nd 3rd Easter	April 29th 4th Easter
<b>8:30 RH/Acolyte</b>	Marcia White	-----	-----	Yolanda Rolle	Mark Kiviniemi	Shirley Mills
<b>10:30 Chalice Bearer</b> Lay Eucharistic Minister	Don Gray	Don Gray	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Todd Sneller	Don Gray	Mark Kiviniemi
<b>Acolytes</b>	Shirley Mills Jonathan Cole	Shirley Mills Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Logan Waite	Samantha Karas Helen Pitts	Logan Waite Michael Fairchild	Todd Sneller Abbie George
<b>Ushers</b>	Logan Waite Bob Kuzelka	Roger Waite Lisa Sutton	Michelle Waite David Sellmyer	Jack Merritt Bob Stock	Michelle Waite Doug Durham	Susan Rehn Susan Ugai
<b>Lector (OT)</b>	Todd Sneller	Opal Doerr	Colleen Baade	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Peg Sheldrick	Leroy Svec
<b>Epistler</b>	Anita Bowman	Sarah Fairchild	Pippa White Lawson	Laura Waldman	Bob Stock	Ray Lowther
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jeanine Jewell	Mark Kiviniemi	Susan Rehn	Pamela Starr	Donna Harler-Smith	Dean Settle
<b>Greeter</b>	Susan Musick	Dennis Alfrey	Pamila Starr	Leroy Svec	Joann Hruban	Jim Karas
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Margo Young	Kelly Grey Carlisle	Nan Graf	Opal Doerr	Jim Karas	Karen Krebsbach
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman	Marcia White	Margo Young	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joyce Wagner	Susan Musick	Ellie Binder	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte
<b>Tellers</b>	Stan Sipple Dorothy H. Nelson	Leroy Svec Doug Durham	Margo Young Shirley Mills	Michelle Waite Larry Krebsbach	Anne Puls Karen Vogeley	Richard Toren Andrea Nelson
<b>Crucifer</b>		~	~	~	~	~
<b>Thurifer</b>		Todd Sneller	Ardyce Welch	~	~	~
<b>Banner Bearer</b>		~	~	~	~	~

## April Birthdays

3 - Don Burge	15 - Anne Puls	25 - Grant Clough
4 - Ruth Armstrong	17 - Diana Stock	27 - Mitchell Karas
- Brenda Pope	20 - Nathan Karas	29 - Jeanne Vannorsdall
7 - Joe Kraus	21 - Stan Sipple	- Julee Lowe
14 - Jim Karas	23 - Beth Suter	

**Remember, the  
May *ROAR*  
DEADLINE  
is April 15  
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