



*To love the Lord God above all,
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to live out our Baptismal covenant
so that we build a community transformed by the love of
Jesus Christ.*

From the Rector

The holy season of Lent, which culminates with Holy Week, marks one of the most important times in the Christian year for disciples like us. I can't say it any better than the Prayer Book does in the Ash Wednesday liturgy:

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Many opportunities are available for observing a holy Lent at St. John's this year, including our Taizé services on February 27 and **March 13**. You can also participate in the Good Book Club, the Episcopal Church's initiative to read Luke & Acts through Lent & Eastertide. The Sunday Forum and Wednesday Bible study offer

opportunities to learn more about the texts in community each week. St. John's also offers two book clubs, which meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A lot is happening at St. John's this Lent.

This reflection and action all lead to Holy Week, the observance of Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and his trial, crucifixion and death.

- On Palm Sunday, we hear the story of the Passion, and come together to ride into Jerusalem with Jesus on his donkey (breakfast is at **9 a.m.** The service is at **10 a.m.**).
- Maundy Thursday begins the Three Great Days (called the Triduum in Latin) with our celebration of the night that Jesus gave us the Eucharist. Then we prepare the church for the solemnity of Good Friday by stripping the altar.

Good Friday brings the Passion from St. John and the Stations of the Cross.

On Saturday night, we will kindle new fire on our front steps just as the sun sets (at 7:34 p.m.) and tell again the story of how Jesus passed over from death to life, destroying death once and for all. It's the most dramatic liturgy of the year, on the holiest night of the year.

Even though we all know how the story ends, I am always amazed by the surprise and joy I feel when we proclaim "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" at the Great Vigil. I hope you will join us for these profound worship experiences and join Jesus as he redeems and renews the world all over again.

I wish you every blessing for a profound Lent and a joyful Easter.

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The Chronicle

Artículos en Español y Inglés

Decorations for Lent

The season of Lent is a time when we do not decorate the church with the beautiful flowers we enjoy at other seasons.

For some years now, the Altar Guild has placed vases of bare branches in the church instead. These symbols of dormancy and bleakness fit so well with the themes of Lent. This year, the huge branches in stoneware jars are fruit tree prunings. These limbs were removed from the trees to give more strength and health to the rest of the tree. The result should be healthier and large fruits.

Is not God asking us to prune and purge excess and unhealthy branches from our own lives so that we too can produce more healthy fruits of the spirit?

Plans for First Communion Celebrations and Baptisms

Through the history of the Church, Easter has been the prime time for the celebration of Holy Baptism. For those families who also wish to observe the custom of First Communion celebrations, this is also an excellent day for it.

Each Sunday in Lent, there are classes for children during the first part of the 6 p.m. liturgy. These classes end at the time of the peace, allowing the children to join their families for the final part of the mass. Attendance at these classes is required for children who are to receive Holy Baptism or celebrate First Communion. ALL children are welcome at the classes, as are parents and other older relatives. We have a good time together while learning about Jesus and his church.

Planes para Celebraciones de Primera Comunión y Bautismos

A través de la historia de la Iglesia, la Pascua ha sido el mejor momento para la celebración del Santo Bautismo. Para aquellas familias que también desean observar la costumbre de la celebración de la Primera Comunión, este es también un excelente día para ello.

Cada domingo Cuaresma, habrá clases para niños durante la primera parte de la Liturgia dominical de

las 6 p.m. Estas clases terminarán al darnos La Paz, lo que permitirá a los niños unirse a sus familias para la parte final de la misa. Se requiere la asistencia a estas clases para los niños que van a recibir el Santo Bautismo o que celebrarán la Primera Comunión. TODOS los niños son bienvenidos a las clases, al igual que los padres u otros familiares mayores. Pasaremos un buen rato juntos mientras aprendemos sobre Jesús y su iglesia. No se lo deben perder.

Fiesta Latina

The date for Fiesta Latina 2018 has been set. This year Fiesta will be held on **Friday, June 29**. The gathering will begin at **5:30 p.m.** with dinner at **6 p.m.**

We are now ready to receive your gifts of goods and services for the auction at the event.

Candalaria Photos



Young Mary and Joseph prepare to bring the Niño Jesus forward for the Candelaria procession.

Los niños María y José se preparan para llevar al bebé Jesús a la procesión de la Candelaria.



Charo Portaro reads the Gospel at the February 4 Feast of the Presentation, or Candelabra.

Charo Portaro lee el Evangelio en la fiesta de la presentación, o Candelaria, del 4 de febrero.



Daren Chidester (center right) prepares incense at the start of the Candelaria procession.

Daren Chidester (centro derecha) prepara incienso al comienzo de la procesión de Candelaria.

Faith Formation

Adult Forum Schedule for March

- **March 4**, The Good Book Club: Luke 10:25-37
- **March 11**, The Good Book Club: Luke 12:22-34
- **March 18**, The Good Book Club: Luke 16:19-31 and preview of Luke 24:13-35
- **March 25**, Palm Sunday, no Forum
- **April 1**, Easter Sunday, no Forum

Lenten Taize Services

On **February 27** and **March 13**, two Lenten Taizé services will be offered at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

Come and rest in God's presence in the candle lit church. Join in singing the chants of the French monastic community of Taizé.

If you are an instrumentalist, please contact Curt Sather about playing in the ensemble, which will help to lead the music. On both those evenings, the canvas Labyrinth will be set up in the Parish Hall from 6-8:30 p.m. for a quiet, meditative walk.

“The Stations of the Cross” by Marcel Dupré, Dr. Curt Sather on organ

The French organ virtuoso Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) improvised a concert in 1932 based on the mystic poetry of Paul Claudel.

Dupré later wrote down these 14 meditations on the Stations of the Cross, which will be presented by Curt Sather during Holy Week on Monday evening, **March 26, at 7 p.m.**

The program will feature the descriptive music, Claudel's poetry, projected visual art and dance.

Women's Spirituality

St. John's Women's Spirituality Group invites you to join us for our **March 3** lecture program entitled *Miriam*.

Miriam fulfills many roles in the few verses of the Bible that she occupies. Highlighted are seven snippets that introduce readers to a depiction of Miriam as the deliverer of the nation. We're in for lively discussion and exploration following the video lecture!

Our studies this year are structured around the video lecture series entitled *Chasing Canonical Characters*. We watch ancient texts come to life as we learn about the colorful personalities within the Biblical narrative. Our video guide, biblical scholar Phyllis Tribble, uses literary, rhetorical and feminist methods to weave a vibrant tapestry, illuminating the tales of the Hebrew Bible and their unforgettable characters

St. John's Women's Spirituality Group meets the first Saturday of each month. Our next meeting is **March 4 from 11 a.m. – noon** in the Guild Room. Please come and bring a friend! Each lecture stands alone. You are welcome every first Saturday!

March Readings for the Good Book Club

Starting Sunday, February 11, St. John's joined Episcopalians around the world in reading Luke & Acts together during Lent & Eastertide.

The Good Book Club is an invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent for Easter 2018.

The following is a list of daily March readings:

- Thursday, March 1, Luke 10:1-20
- Friday, March 2, Luke 10:21-42
- Saturday, March 3, Luke 11:1-13
- Sunday, March 4, Luke 11:14-54
- Monday, March 5, Luke 12:1-21
- Tuesday, March 6, Luke 12:22-59
- Wednesday, March 7, Luke 13:1-21
- Thursday, March 8, Luke 13:22-35
- Friday, March 9, Luke 14:1-24
- Saturday, March 10, Luke 14:25-35
- Sunday, March 11, Luke 15:1-10
- Monday, March 12, Luke 15:11-32.
- Tuesday, March 13, Luke 16:1-18.
- Wednesday, March 14, Luke 16:19-31.
- Thursday, March 15, Luke 17:1-10.
- Friday, March 16, Luke 17:11-37.
- Saturday, March 17, Luke 18:1-17.
- Sunday, March 18, Luke 18:18-43
- Monday, March 19, Luke 19:1-27

- Tuesday, March 20, Luke 19:28-48.
- Wednesday, March 21, Luke 20:1-47.
- Thursday, March 22, Luke 21:1-38.
- Friday, March 23, Luke 22:1-23.
- Saturday, March 24, Luke 22:24-46.
- Sunday, March 25, Luke 22:47-71.
- Monday, March 26, Luke 23:1-25.
- Tuesday, March 27, Luke 23:26-43.
- Wednesday, March 28, Luke 23:44-56.
- Thursday, March 29, Luke 24:1-12
- Friday, March 30, Luke 24:13-35
- Saturday, March 31, Luke 24:36-53

Children & Youth

Sunday School Schedule

Looking ahead, the March and April schedule will involve lessons on how God is a part of our community and the choices we make on living in harmony together. We will also incorporate lessons related to the liturgical calendar.

Please note that **there will be NO Sunday School on April 1 due to the Easter holiday.** That's no joke! Sunday School starts at 10:30 a.m. and ends when the children return at the time of the Peace.

The Sunday School Schedule for March and April follows.

- **March 4**, Third Sunday in Lent, Lesson 45: Harmony, How We Live Together
- **March 11**, Fourth Sunday in Lent, Lesson 21: Loved and Forgiven
- **March 18**, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Lesson 25: Never Give Up
- **March 25**, Palm Sunday, Lesson 33: Jesus' Last Meal
- **April 1**, Easter, No Class
- **April 8**, Second Sunday of Easter, Lesson 36: Jesus on the Road Toward Emmaus
- **April 15**, Third Sunday of Easter, Lesson 30: Stories about Choices
- **April 22**, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Lesson 48: What is this Community Like?

- **April 29**, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Lesson 38: Philip Baptizes an Ethiopian Man

Youth Group Strikes Success!



On Sunday, February 3, at 3:30 p.m., the first joint Youth Group of St. John's and St. Christopher's met at Westside Lanes. A dozen youth took up three of Westside Lanes' alleys. Balls were thrown, pins fell, the pizza was eaten and all enjoyed fun camaraderie.

Plans are in the works for another fun meetup! If you or a youth in grades 5-12 were unable to attend this time, get ready to roll out those skates for a fun adventure at Skateland! Date and time is still to be determined.

Around the Parish

Bees' Buzz

By Jenny Loudon

The Busy Bees had their February meeting on February 13.

We discussed who will attend the Community Youth Services breakfast in March. Another issue considered was whether to expand our giving to a new group, and two of our members volunteered to research a new agency in the next month. Most importantly, we all provided Valentines and other small surprises for each of the five girls who are currently residents at Brentwood Girls' Home. Lucy Reuter of St. Benedict's agreed to deliver the Valentines to Brentwood in the

afternoon. Finally, we talked a bit about what we would be giving the girls there, next month, to fill their Easter baskets.

Our next meeting will be on **March 13**. As always, visitors are most welcome!

Library Ministry February, 2018

By Janet Jackson

Lent is coming fast! We have wonderful books in the Library that are great for the season. Come in and check one out to learn more about Lent and Easter. Many books marked Lent and Easter are on the cart in the Parish Hall. Check one out there.

When you check out a book from the cart, please return it in the return box on the left as you enter the library. That way the card will be returned to the book and ready for the next person. For those who check out books without a card, fill out a slip and let us know you have the book.

We have added more books that deal with medical problems like PTSD and Alzheimer's. Did you know we have Music to check out?

We are pulling older unread books and looking for books to add in the near future. Please send us an email at JJac1945@aol.com with any wishes for new books, or drop the information on a book you would like to have in the Library in the checkout box to the left of the door!

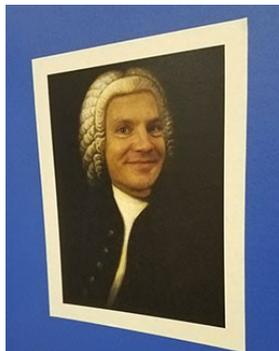
Our new Artist of the Quarter, Lou MacMillan, has an absolutely stunning picture on our Artist of the Quarter wall in the adult library. Come in and loo. It is hard to look away, it is so beautiful. Hopefully many of you saw his presentation of pictures in the Parish Hall when he returned from travels abroad.

Bach Birthday Recital

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 21**, to celebrate the birthday of J. S. Bach.

The Pastoral Care committee is hosting a soup lunch at **11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.

Curt Sather will perform an organ recital at **12:15 p.m.** in the church.



As work on the Schlicker pipe organ progresses, we will continue to see and hear changes. Bond Organ Builders Inc. of Portland, Oregon, is working hard on the project.

2018 Annual Meeting Report

St. John's Annual Meeting was held on February 4 at 9:20 a.m.

Retiring Vestry members Mary Conley Law, Ron Leo, Elaine Ross and Laura Tayne were thanked for their three years of leadership and service. The Vestry Class of 2020 was then elected by acclamation: Andrew Bird, Mark Hampton, Michelle Sadlier and Ric Weatherman. Mary Knotts was elected to complete an unexpired term in the class of 2018.

Julia Moore and Daren Chidester were elected delegates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held in SeaTac this coming October.

Our treasurer, Lance Avery, made a presentation on the financial position of the parish (healthy) and on the reorganization of our budgeting and reporting processes, which he undertook with the Budget & Finance Committee in 2017 (and which continues into 2018). Fr. R.C. re-appointed Bill Van Hook for a second term as Senior Warden.

Potluck Schedule for 2018

Here is the (proposed) St. Johns Potluck Schedule for 2018: (all are at 6:30 p.m., except for the July 4 Barbeque, which starts at 1:30 p.m.).

- February 9, Pre-Valentine's Day Potluck
- March 16, St. Patrick's Day Potluck
- April—no potluck (due to Easter)
- May 4, Quattro De Mayo
- June 15, Seafood Potluck
- July 4, Parking Lot Barbeque
- August 10, Hors d'oeuvres
- September 14, Harvest Potluck
- October 12, Autumn Talent Show
- November 22, Thanksgiving Potluck
- December 7, Winter Stew Potluck

Seattle Promusica Concert

By Curt Sather



Laura Tayne and Meg Jones look over a spread of Shakespearean-era treats — sweetmeats, marchpane shortbreads, Empire and Shrewsbury biscuits, Cornish saffron buns and more — as they await reception guests following the Seattle Pro Musica performance of “Sounds and Sweet Airs” February 11.

Thanks to all who helped to make the Concert Series presentation of Seattle Pro Musica on Sunday 11 February a success!

We really appreciated the posters, advertising, baking, ushering, donations collection and hosting of the reception. All those who attended this fine concert helped to fill the church with great music and the spirit of St. John's.

The Bookworm's Nook

By Jenny Loudon

One of our two Book Study Groups here at the church is reading a book by Madeline L'Engle, *The Rock that is Higher, Story as Truth*.



Frankly, this old reviewer is unsure whether or not that book has been reviewed in this column years ago. And of course, since the book group is only about half way through the book, I don't want to write anything here that could be seen as a “spoiler.” Still, it's a fine book, and I'm unable to resist sharing a line about it, because it relates to our commitment as Episcopalians to read, this spring, the two Biblical books attributed to Luke.

Throughout *The Rock that is Higher, Story as Truth*, two kinds of stories predominate: stories of the author's horrific car accident at the age of 72 and her slow recovery from it, and Bible stories, particularly stories about King David. There are many more stories about family and her personal experiences and about other Bible stories. All these can help us understand how stories of all sorts may be helpful to us, as well as may express many aspects of truth.

We have *The Rock that is Higher, Story as Truth* in our church library, and I encourage anyone interested in reading the Bible to also read this book. It certainly has helped me to appreciate all literature, and most particularly the more “difficult” parts of our “Good Book.”

Beyond the Walls

CROPWALK Version 2

Interfaith Works will not be able to organize CROPWALK this year, so teams are on their own.

I propose to walk from Church to the Artesian Well and back (with some water of course!). Others are welcome to join me. There will be more details soon.

Bill Unbehaun unbie1@comcast.net

Faith Lutheran Rummage Sale



Faith Lutheran Church is hosting their semi-annual rummage sale. It will be held on **Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and **Sunday, April 8, Noon - 3 p.m.**

We have filled the Community Center gym with treasure for you to peruse.

All proceeds benefit the youth ministry program. Faith Lutheran Church is located at 7075 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey, 98503.



Preparing a wonderful meal for those who residing at the Interfaith Works Shelter Friday, February 16. Janet Cherry, Julia Moore and Karen Bray

Greater South Sound Network for Immigrant and Refugee Support

By Mark Tepley

During February's Vestry meeting, we took up consideration of an agreement to join the Greater South Sound Network for Immigrant and Refugee Support.

The group's purpose is to "amplify the moral imperative to stop deportations, provide short- and long-term sanctuary housing, and provide support to the people in sanctuary and their host congregations." The Network is the outcome of organizing efforts by Strengthening Sanctuary, a group that meets every two weeks at St. John's and other Faith subcommittees. This entire effort builds on the Olympia Charter for Compassion, a faith-based resolution signed by our own clergy, and the city's resolution to be a sanctuary city.

Other congregations considering this agreement include Temple Beth Hatfiloh, South Sound Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, United Churches of Olympia, St. Benedict's Episcopal, First Christian Church, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and Olympia Friends Meeting.

The Vestry will take up the agreement again at our March meeting, looking to pass a resolution to sign the agreement. Before then, we provide more information to the congregation about the Network and what participation in the Network may look like. We encourage those with questions or concerns to have them heard. If you have any questions, please

contact me at marktepley@msn.com or Helen Johnston at hjohnston44@gmail.com.

Tacoma Detention Center

We need backpacks! When released, Immigrants are carrying their important papers and personal effects in a clear plastic trash bag. Our goal is to give each of them a small backpack (we include a small toiletries kit) for their travels. A few can use a small duffel or very small suitcase, but most of the immigrants only need a backpack. Please help if you can.

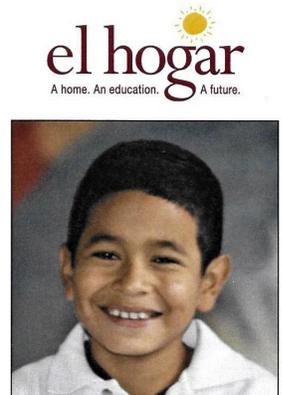
Three clothing items are also needed at this time (no more coats please!):

- Pull-over stocking style caps, especially if they have a snappy logo printed on them
- Gloves--the type you would wear into an airport, not big heavy ones
- Men's belts, size 34 & under

Our Student Arnol at El Hogar in Honduras

By Sue Michie

Thank you for your continued support of Arnol at El Hogar in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He is a student at the "School of Love and Hope". As I write this, I do not yet have the name of our second student. The May Chronicle will have an article on her (or him).

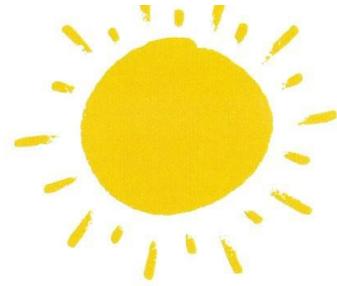


ARNOL JOSUE LOPEZ GONZALEZ

On the next page are pictures showing the third grade at El Hogar - Arnol's class this year. I notice how many girl students we see in the photos!

With the February *Second Sunday* offering we have begun collecting our 2018-2019 support of Arnol and a second student to-be-named. All change, dollars, and checks (with El **Hogar** written on the memo line) in the colorful offering baskets will go towards our new goal of \$4,200 per year. The next *Second Sundays* are **March 10** and **April 8**. Continue to keep Arnol, the other students and the staff at El Hogar in your prayers.

Life In The Classroom



El Hogar's Third Grade

With the 2017 school year finished, we want to share some photos and information from your sponsored child's classroom. It was a busy year for our students. They learned a lot and had fun in the process. Thank you!



Profe Virginia with Heydi Mairena and Maria during the Independence Day Parade in September.



Estiven writes the name of his uncle on a heart during a Social Studies class. As part of the exercise, students filled in hearts with the names of their family members.



Iris enjoys some pizza on *Día del Niño* (Day of the Child).



Some of the girls in formation before they head to class for the day.

Community Kitchen Ministry: It's About Love

By Mark Teply



When St. John's serves dinner at Salvation Army, every third Saturday, we not only meet physical needs--providing protein, a warm place, and a smile or two--but we also meet a need for love.

If you ask a high-school student today, "Where do you see yourself in two years?" I think many would be surprised to hear, "Honestly, I see myself out on the streets."

While many factors contribute to homelessness, the migration of young people to the streets often arises out of abuse and abandonment. Many are escaping emotional, physical, and sexual assault, having cried out for help and had no one listen. Others are disowned by their family, perhaps because they are not heterosexual, told to leave and never come back. Though I know we have programs in town for teens, there aren't enough. So, many become refugees. This is but one backstory for the many walking through Salvation Army's doors, looking for a place to eat and to be loved.

Every onion sliced, potato mashed and pot cleaned in preparation for serving dinner at Salvation Army is done with purpose: to share our love, to share Jesus' love, to share God's love. Yes, we cook --which is fun. I look forward to surveying the walk-in for fresh vegetables--many donated from gardens--that we can incorporate into the Shepherd's Pie. Tim sometimes throws us a challenging dessert recipe--like Coca Cola Cake--that makes it feel like an episode of *Chopped*. And I swear Ric wants a Hobart

commercial grade dishwasher for Christmas! But, everything we do is done to love.

I did the math and found that our time spent in this ministry provides only 0.5% of the love needed for the 150 or so people we serve each month. Or, if I calculate this in terms of meals--assuming three squares a day (which isn't necessarily the case)--we meet only 1% of the love demand. That might not seem like a lot, but haven't we all been buoyed by a small boost of love? Haven't we all taken encouragement from God's love? I heard that last month's apple crisp was a rousing success. Tim shared with those served that Dottie donated the apples from her tree. I have to believe that it filled everyone's heart to know someone loved so much that they gave, freely and abundantly, and gave something so personal as their own fruit. Sound familiar?

If you want to share your love, St. John's Ministry Team is looking for eager people to prepare the meal (3 to 5 p.m.) or to serve and clean up (5 to 7 p.m.). St. John's serves a simple and delicious dinner at the Salvation Army Kitchen (on the corner of Plum and 5th streets in Olympia) to over 125 men and women on the third Saturday of every month. For questions, email Sherry Sullivan, sherrysullivan08@gmail.com, or Deacon Terri Lolcama, tlolcama@gmail.com.

Recurring Schedule

Sunday

- 8, 10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, childcare at 9 a.m.
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum, Parish Hall
- 6 p.m. *La Santa Eucaristía*
- 6 p.m. Compline Choir Practice
- 8 p.m. Compline Service

Monday

- 10 a.m. Monday Morning Crafters, Parish Hall
- Noon Quilting Group, Parish Hall

Tuesday

- 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group, Guild Room

Wednesday

- 7 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, Chapel
- 10 a.m. Bible Study, Parish Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Book Group, Parish Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Parish Choir, Parish Hall

Thursday

- 10:45 a.m. Book Group, Parish Hall

Noon Centering Prayer, Parish Hall
 1:30 p.m. Jubilate Choir, Parish Hall
 5:30 p.m. EfM, Guild Meeting Room

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Men's Group, Library

Note from your Chronicle Editors

Please see the back page (page 12) for a schedule of Lenten and Holy Week services. The calendar for next month is unavailable. In its place, we are featuring a special article by Tithia Sum. Enjoy!

Update on Events in Cambodia

By Tithia Sum

My mind is still reeling over the events in Cambodia during the last few months.

I had to leave the country sooner than originally planned.

In June of last year, I observed with my own eyes the rising hope among Cambodian people for change. Indeed, the counts at the ballot boxes attested to a huge wave of change. The main opposition party, the Cambodia National Rescue party (CNRP), gained substantial ground. Out of the over 11,510 seats total council seats in the country, the CNRP went from 1,200 commune council seats (10%) to 5,007 commune council seats (44%).

This big gain for the opposition party threatened the power of the ruling party, power they have been clinging to for over 30 years. Up until now, the elections had been rigged to keep the ruling party in power.

Today, Cambodia's democracy is in peril. The main opposition party, CNRP, was dissolved on November 16, 2017 after the arrest of CNRP President, Mr. Kem Sokha. All 55 parliamentary seats belonging to the CNRP and 5,007 of the newly elected commune council seats were redistributed among other parties, including the Cambodian People's Party (CPP) itself.

Not only is Prime Minister Hun Sen targeting the CNRP, he is also going after civil society. The Cambodian Daily, the only English language independent newspaper in Cambodia, was recently

ordered to discontinue, as was the National Democratic Institute (NDI), an organization working to support and strengthen democratic institutions worldwide. Their staffs were expelled from Cambodia. In addition, Radio Free Asia (RFA), the best known Khmer language radio and its 25 subsidiary stations were forced to shut down.

The dissolution of CNRP, the banning of NDI and Cambodian Daily and the closing of Radio Free Asia came amid Mr. Hun Sen's political paranoia at the possibility of losing the National Election on July 29, 2018. His actions over the past several months also demonstrate his willingness to deter the continued development of democracy and to undermine its institutions in Cambodia.

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Hear Ye Hear Ye! April Chronicle!

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Lenten Taizé Evenings, Tuesday, February 27 & March 13, 7 p.m. (The Labyrinth will be set up in the Parish Hall for use before and after the service.)

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, March 25:

- NO 8 a.m. service
- **9 a.m.** Breakfast for all in the Parish Hall
- **10 a.m.** Palm procession & Holy Eucharist

"The Stations of the Cross" by Marcel Dupré, **March 26, 7 p.m.**, Dr. Curt Sather will perform Dupre's "Stations" in a multi-sensory, multi-disciplinary presentation of music, poetry, dance and visual art.

Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday

- **6 p.m.** The Agape Meal
- **7 p.m.** Liturgy of Maundy Thursday & Foot-washing

Friday, March 30: Good Friday

- **Noon** The Liturgy of Good Friday
- **3 p.m.** The Way of the Cross (stations, with music)
- **7 p.m.** The Liturgy of Good Friday (bilingual)

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Vigil at St. John's, held with St. Benedict's Church, Lacey, and St. Christopher's Community Church, Steamboat Island. Festive reception to follow.

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday Services

- **8 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- **6 p.m.** La Santa Eucharistia
- **8 p.m.** Compline