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# Easter by Itself Is No Big Deal

from Rector Mike Kinman

*"Grace transforms our failings full of dread into abundant, endless comfort ... our failings full of shame into a noble, glorious rising ... our dying full of sorrow into holy, blissful life. .... Just as our contrariness here on earth brings us pain, shame and sorrow, so grace brings us surpassing comfort, glory, and bliss in heaven ... And that shall be a property of blessed love, that we shall know in God, which we might never have known without first experiencing woe." ~ Julian of Norwich*

Easter by itself is no big deal.

By itself, the Easter proclamation of "Christ is Risen!" only means that "God is alive!" And while that is a significant article of faith, it begs the question, "What does that mean for us?"

The empty tomb is only amazing.... the empty tomb is only scandalous... the empty tomb is only life transforming if we remember what was put into it:

The dead, tortured body of God incarnate.

Julian of Norwich wrote the words at the top of this page in the midst of deep agony, believing she was near death. And in the midst of that pain she found Jesus. She found grace. She found joy. She found life.

That's Easter.

Easter by itself is no big deal. But Easter in the context of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Easter in the context of God in human form washing the disciples' feet, being betrayed by the closest of friends, being dragged before the scariest of authorities, being stripped naked and beaten, having crowds call for her torture and death and being executed by the state in front of a jeering crowd with almost everyone who had said they loved him in hiding. Easter in that context means everything.

Easter in that context means what Julian discovered in her revelations of divine love. That God meets us in the midst of the worst pieces of us, our worst moments, our lowest lows, our deepest griefs and sorrows. God meets us there in the depths of death itself.

And God stays there. Refusing to leave us alone.

God stays there. And then God transforms. And God brings life.

"And that shall be a property of blessed love, that we shall know in God, which we might never have known without first experiencing woe."

If all we do is show up to church on Easter Sunday, we'll hear beautiful music, and smell gorgeous flowers,

and be a part of a wonderful party ... and maybe hear a decent sermon. But in the grand scheme of things, it will be no big deal.

But if we walk with Jesus and one another – and let Jesus and one another walk with us – through Holy Week. If we let Jesus and one another into those places of failings and dread, sorrow and death. If we wash one another's feet, and collapse in shame with Peter as the cock crows, and despair with Jesus in Gethsemane, and cry with Mary Magdalene at the foot of the cross. If we can hold hands and together do those things ... let the drama of the passion meet the drama of our lives ... then Easter shall be that "grace (that) brings us surpassing comfort, glory, and bliss."

If we walk with Jesus and one another on the way of the cross that leads to the empty tomb. If we are honest about our woe, that blessed love that we shall know in God will live in us.

And Easter will not just be a day ... or even a season. If we can do this, not just this Holy Week and Easter, but every day. Laying open our wounds and inviting God's love. If we can do that, than Easter will not just be a day or a season but who we are. We will be an Easter people. An Easter people who go into

the depths of the deepest pain the world has to offer and lets God's love shine through us.

An Easter people who will be a transformed people.

An Easter people that God will use to transform the world. Alleluia.

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First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day is now a world-wide event that focuses on the protection of the environment. 47 years later, Earth Day is more important now than ever before. Our world is in ecological crisis and we must draw attention to this fact, and educate the world's people on what we can do—what we must do—to mitigate the impact of our modern lifestyles on the environment, especially with regard to the negative effects it has on the poor and communities of color across the world.

Earth Day 2017 is officially April 22 and it is All Saints' tradition to celebrate Earth Day on the closest Sunday so we can do so together – as a community of faith. So, this year we will celebrate on Sunday, April 23, on our quad lawn—with special thanks for the Leadership of our EDEN ministry! All are welcome to spend time

visiting a variety of tables featuring local eco-relevant organizations and educational opportunities regarding the environment, ecology and sustainability. With the recent adoption of the Climate Change Resolution by the vestry of All Saints which calls on the institution and members of the congregation to help combat the threat of climate change, it is a good time to remember and recommit our efforts to live more sustainably.

There will also be special activities for children and youth, including flower pot painting (and lavender planting) to show God's creation can grow out of the dirt; an intergenerational recycled-paper chain project to generate ideas about creation care; and environmentally-friendly sidewalk chalk art to express our love for the planet. Come and have fun as we celebrate the Earth!



# Earth Day

By Juliana Serrano





Spotlight by Wendy Edwards

# Susan Adkins

Susan Adkins says she feels God's presence in "Grace Moment" surprises, and most surely through connection with others. Sometimes its appearance makes her laugh. For instance, one Sunday morning when she was quite new to All Saints, she was sitting before worship began in what was becoming her usual pew: Pew four pulpit side. A man near her stood up to go out, so Susan shifted sideways to make room. En route to the aisle he tripped over a kneeler and went sprawling, kicking Susan's leg and sending her sandal flying into the center aisle. All of this coincided with the procession! The man reached into the aisle and grabbed Susan's shoe just before the crucifer got there. Awkwardly

extricating himself from her lap, the man apologized and asked if she was all right. She responded, "I may never walk again, but other than that, I'm fine." To her relief, he laughed! That man, Roman

Borek, became her dear friend, and they have been 9 a.m. pew buddies ever since.

Before finding All Saints, Susan attended United Methodist churches, starting during her childhood in Pittsburgh. After college in Ohio, she married and moved with her husband to Ann Arbor, Columbus, Santa Barbara, Houston and then Ventura. They had three boys in three years, and since she'd been an only child, she looks back on raising her own family as "hilarious and loud!" Those boys, now in their 40s, live with their respective families along the west coast from Seattle to San Diego.

After those three sons were launched, Susan's marriage ended, but with continuing friendship. Not feeling tied to Ventura, she liked the idea of a new city for this new chapter in life. After visiting Huntington Gardens, discovering several good restaurants, and hearing a lecture at the Norton Simon she narrowed her search to Pasadena. She purchased a condo in Old Town that suited her and her dog to a tee. One Sunday morning, while walking the dog around City Hall, Susan came upon a church where a lot was happening on the front lawn. The choir and acolytes were lined up and there was a brief prayer

before they went inside. It was a beautiful moment, and Susan longed for a faith community. When she discovered it was an Episcopal church, her curiosity dimmed a little. She'd been to liturgical services and always felt like she was standing up or sitting down at the wrong time. Imagine her delight when she braved a visit to All Saints and found a printed liturgy with clear directions! That and the beauty of the Gothic architecture brought her back.

In addition to the Labyrinth Ministry, Susan volunteers with the Food Ministry. Recently, she found herself sharing a good laugh with one of our Monday morning guests as they practiced saying "thank you" in different languages. "There were no barriers between us. We were both clumsy!" Susan appreciates Richard Rohr's teaching about non-dualistic thinking that resists labeling or categorizing anything too quickly. "Once you get 'God dwells in you' into your head, you look for God's spirit in other people, and it's there!"

One last thing about Susan: She has a particular interest in Early British Christianity and has enjoyed coursework toward an MA through the University of Wales. "When my father was dying, a cousin talked a lot about our Welsh grandmother whom I was named after but never knew. I became curious about the very early Welsh Christians; their reverence for nature and non-dualistic sense of the sacred and secular. Women often had more spiritual leadership equality with men than evident in Rome. Incorporating Early British Christian tradition with the faith of my childhood has been immensely enriching, and I am so grateful to be rooted in a church like All Saints where each person's faith journey is received and encouraged."





# How it all happens in the room where it happens.

by Susan Russell

Between 7:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday and 1:00 p.m. on Easter Day All Saints Church is the venue for twenty-five services. Bookended by Sundays with hundreds of people packing the pews for the pageantry of Palm Sunday and the glory of Easter Sunday we weave a rich tapestry of prayer and liturgy throughout the week. From a few faithful gathered in the chapel at 7 a.m., Noon, and 7:30 p.m. for weekday Eucharists to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and our Easter Vigils – each and every one is a movement in the great liturgical symphony that is Holy Week at All Saints Church.

And to make it all happen in the room where it happens takes quite literally a legion of unsung heroes working behind the scenes.

In our adult choir program alone between Canterbury and Coventry Choir there are 105 people either rehearsing or leading liturgies – for a total of 1750 person hours. From the 84 acolytes serving at eight services to the 44 altar guild members setting up for 22 services to the 120 children and youth choristers singing in eight services it is an “all hands on deck” week.

Throughout that week members of the labyrinth ministry maintain and monitor the labyrinth set up in the south transept; Gary Leonard leads 20 members of the flower guild in dozens of hours of preparation, and our clergy – staff and adjunct – celebrate at twenty-two Eucharists and preach twenty-six homilies or sermons. Our six vergers will assist throughout the week, culminating with 14 hours of service between them on Easter Sunday alone. Liturgy Director Melissa Hayes will design, staff and

print out liturgies for all twenty-five services ... and prayers for good copier karma are always in order at this time of year! Ushers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, members of our Healing Prayer team: the list of those making Holy Week and Easter happen goes on and on.

And undergirding all of it ... from the biggest event to the smallest detail ... is the extraordinary work of our Buildings & Grounds team. While All Saints is always a bit like a beehive humming with activity, making Holy Week and Easter happen in the room where they happen could not be done without the dedication, competence and flat out hard work of these members of our staff who are truly our backbone. The skill, expertise, experience and commitment they bring to every aspect of their work far exceeds the limits of the term “custodian” – so we have moved to acknowledge that by adopting the language “Buildings & Grounds Staff” (B&G for short) to more accurately describe their centrality to our work and witness here at All Saints Church.

As we continue the countdown in our forty day Lenten journey I invite you to add to your prayers of thanksgiving all those who labor in love to make All Saints happen ... not just during Holy Week and Easter but throughout the year as we live out our call to make God’s love tangible 24/7.





# LEVs: Who are they and what do they do?

by Judith Fischer and Carolyn Garner-Reagan,  
Co-Facilitators, Lay Visitation Ministry

"The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." These are the familiar phrases heard as people receive the bread and wine during communion in church. These sacred phrases can also be heard and the bread and wine received, even when you or someone you know cannot attend church.

The Lay Visitation Ministry, under Pastoral Care Healing and Health, includes both Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) and Lay Pastoral Ministers (LPMs). More than 45 All Saints members have been trained to assist the clergy in bringing Christ's presence in the Eucharist to parishioners who are

unable to attend church due to recovery from surgery, hospitalization, or chronic conditions. They may also simply offer a pastoral care visit.

These dedicated and compassionate individuals also bring a sense of the All Saints community to those who are confined to home, the hospital, or skilled nursing facility. Some LEVs have served the same parishioner for many years; others may go out once or twice on short-term assignments. And many LEVs and LVMs travel considerable distances to serve the far-flung All Saints Diaspora.

Recently, Nicole Gatto, in her first experience as a LEV, served communion to Greg Tomkiel in Huntington Hospital. Greg said, "It was nice of you to come. It spiritually uplifted me. Thank you a

million times!" Nicole reflected that "'I got more out of it than I gave," an impression and feeling shared by many LEVs.

"I look forward to my lay minister's visit. It is always a positive spiritual and social experience. Her visit makes me feel more a part of the church community," says 96-year-old Hannah Lafler.

Mel Soriano, shown visiting Carminnie Doromal with both communion and cupcakes, puts it this way, "I have staggered away from LEV sometimes thinking how sacred those moments were, and how fortunate I was to be a part of their healing. I may be bringing them the bread and wine to feed and nourish, but my soul is fed and my heart is strengthened."

Sharon Weiser and Nicholas are a special LEV team who bring cheer to all whom they encounter on their visits to nursing homes and retirement communities.

If you would like to receive communion from a LEV or simply a visit from a LPV volunteer while unable to attend church, or know of someone who would benefit (whether a member of ASC or not), please contact Ana Camacho, 626.583.2737, [acamacho@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:acamacho@allsaints-pas.org).



# Holy Week and Easter

Commit yourself to walk with Jesus this week. The services of Holy Week commemorate Jesus' descent into death before the great miracle of Easter. The crowds' cheers at Jesus' triumphal parade into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday turn to jeers and the demand for his blood on Good Friday. If you allow yourself to descend to the depths of despair in what seem to be Jesus' final hours, you will experience in new ways the incomparable power of the resurrection of Easter. Services marked with an asterisk (\*) will be streamed live at [www.allsaints-pas.org/worship/streaming](http://www.allsaints-pas.org/worship/streaming).

## Palm Sunday Eucharist, April 9

Begin your Holy Week with the waving of palms during the grand procession followed by a dramatic telling of the Gospel.

7:30 a.m. (Chapel); 9 & \*11:15 a.m. (Church) Coventry Choir offer music of Casals and Bach; Zelda Kennedy preaches.

At 9 a.m. Gospel drama and Minisingers, Mastersingers and Trouvères Baritones offer music. At \*11:15 a.m. Gospel drama and Trouvères offer music.

There will be an extended Children's Chapel at both the 9 & 11:15 a.m. services.

At 1 p.m. Spanish Language liturgy, Dan Cole leads music; Antonio Gallardo preaches.

## Holy Week Daily Eucharists

**Monday, April 10:** 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Chapel)

**Tuesday, April 11:** 7 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. (Chapel), 7:30 p.m. (Guild Room)

**Wednesday, April 12:** 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Chapel)

## Maundy Thursday, April 13

**Maundy Thursday Eucharists:** 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Eucharist (Chapel);

### Maundy Thursday Evening Service:

**Washing of the Feet:** At 7:30 p.m. in the Church a beautiful evening service recalls the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. The congregation is invited to participate in the washing of the feet, symbolic of the servant ministry Jesus instituted with the disciples. The Trouvères offer music; Mike Kinman offers a meditation. This is a Spanish/English liturgy. All are welcome. Parking is available at Plaza Las Fuentes.

### Prayer, Meditation and Reflection

**Vigil:** (Church), Follows Maundy Thursday service until 7 a.m., labyrinth available.

## Good Friday, April 14

**\*Three-Hour Service:** Noon to 3 p.m. (Church) This service commemorating the passion and death of Jesus is a major moment in Holy Week. Mike Kinman and members of the staff offer five meditations on the meaning of the crucifixion in our own time. Each meditation is part of a fabric of worship and reflection that includes hymns, scripture, prayers and silence. Canterbury and Coventry choirs offer spirituals and music of Scroggins, Parker, Bruckner, Montoya, Casals, Howells, Dvorak and Hogan. Parking is available at Plaza Las Fuentes. Signs and parking attendants will direct you.

**Stations of the Cross:** 6 p.m. (Quad Lawn) Journey through Pasadena, recreating events that led to Jesus' death, reflecting and praying at each station. We journey through Pasadena and recreate events that encompassed Jesus' journey carrying his cross from the Hall of Pilate where he was condemned to death to the site of his execution on Golgotha, reflecting, and praying at each station. Bilingual Spanish/English service.

**Tenebrae: God in the Darkness:** 7:30 p.m. (Church) This ancient candlelight service commemorates the somber in-between-time of waiting, offering an opportunity to grieve Jesus' death and sense a glimmer of hope of the resurrection. Coventry Choir Renaissance Singers offer music of Victoria, Croce and Anerio. Parking is available at Plaza Las Fuentes.

## Holy Saturday, April 15

**\*Children's Easter Vigil:** 4 p.m.

(Church) Celebrate the conclusion of Holy Week and beginning of Easter with children leading this service through reading and music with infant and child baptisms. Troubadours offer music. Bring a bell to ring at the Easter proclamation!

**\*The Great Easter Vigil:** 7:30 p.m.

(Church) The service begins at 7:30 p.m. in the street with the kindling of the fire and lighting of the Paschal candle, then proceeds into the Church to experience the stories of our faith and to baptize adults by candlelight. Bring bells to ring during the Gloria. The journey continues into the Church to welcome new members into All Saints, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Canterbury Chamber Singers offer music of Billings. **Note: Incense will be used at this service.** Parking is available in the Plaza Las Fuentes.

## Easter Sunday, April 16

**Festive Eucharist:** 7, 9 & \*11:15 a.m. (Church); 1 p.m. Bilingual Spanish/English service (Church)

The rector preaches in the midst of a blaze of candles, lilies and trumpets. At 7, 9 & 11:15 a.m. Coventry and Canterbury choirs and Trouvères, brass and percussion ensemble, and soloists offering music of Phillips, Ives, Marshall, Beethoven, Cunliffe and Brahms; At 1 p.m. Dan Cole leads music. Normal Sunday parking is available in Kaiser and Plaza Las Fuentes—remember, the Plaza is free only until 1 p.m.

**Child Care:** is available for children 4 yrs. and under in Scott Hall for 7:30 p.m. weekday Eucharists, Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday noon and evening, the Children's Vigil, the Great Vigil and all services on Easter Sunday.



**Calendar of events for the month.** Please check our website at [www.allsaints-pas.org](http://www.allsaints-pas.org) and the weekly *This Week At All Saints* for details and contact information.

# April

*Click on the blue titles to see more information.*

**3** — Monday, **Woman's presents Bruce Feiler**, 7:00 p.m., Forum  
**4** — Tuesday, **Vestry Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall  
**6** — Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:00 p.m., Seminar Room  
**7** — Friday, **Not So Bored Game Night**, 6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall  
**8** — Saturday, **Free Legal Clinic**, 9:00 a.m.-noon., Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103  
**9** — Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, Eucharists at 7:30, 9, 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m., Church  
**10-12** — Monday-Wednesday, **Holy Week Eucharists**, 7:00 a.m., 12:10 and 7:30 p.m., Church  
**13** — Maundy Thursday, **Eucharists**, 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (with foot washing) **Maundy Thursday Vigil**, 9:30 p.m.-7:00 a.m., Church

**14** — Good Friday, **Three Hour Service**, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Church  
**Stations of the Cross**, 6:00 p.m. **Tenebrae**, 7:30 p.m., Church  
**15** — Holy Saturday, **Children's Vigil & Baptisms**, 4:00 p.m., Church  
**Great Vigil**, 7:30 p.m., Euclid Avenue & Church  
**16** — Easter Sunday, **Festive Eucharists**, 7:00, 9, 11:15 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Spanish service, Church  
**17** — Monday, **Church Offices Closed**, for Easter Holiday  
**21** — Friday, **Theatre Ministry: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**, 8:00 p.m., Antaeus Theatre  
**22** — Saturday, **Women's Retreat: Let's Be Clear...Linking Meditation to Life**, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., La Casita Del Arroyo  
**22-23** — Saturday-Sunday, **Foster Care Project Art Show**,

Saturday, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall; Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall and Guild Room (Guild Room from 11 a.m.)  
**28** — Friday, **Fiction Fun!**, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room  
**29-30** — Saturday-Sunday, **Michael Lapsley Event**, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Learning Center; Sunday, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Learning Center

## Continuing in Lent

**Lenten Meditations:** Daily reflections posted to the ASCIdeas blog, on Facebook and Twitter.

**Gnaw on This:** Weekly reflection by Mike Kinman on the Gospel text for the week, via email and on the ASCIdeas blog.

## Adult Ed in April 10:15 a.m. Sundays

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- **Fear: The Enemy of Christian Discipleship**, with Dan Horan, Rector's Forum, Forum
  - **The Complexities and Dynamics of Domestic Abuse**, with Virginia Classick, Sweetland Hall
  - **The Prophetic Tradition and the Church's Future**, with Zelda Kennedy, Brian Robinson & Jason Lyon, Guild Room
  - **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2

## 9 & 16

- **Palm Sunday and Easter. Adult Education will resume on April 23**

## 23

- **TBD**, Rector's Forum, Forum
- **Foster Care Art Show**, Sweetland Hall & Guild Room
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2

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- **TBD**, Rector's Forum, Forum
- **My Confirmation Decision**, (closed session) Guild Room
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2

## Budget 2017

The Finance Committee approved the 2017 budget on March 2 and sent it to the Vestry, who approved it on March 7 in a unanimous vote.

The budget is what we call a "status quo" budget, meaning that we were not able to add to program budgets or add staff, and added only those things necessary to keep us at the staffing and mission level of 2016 (increases for insurance, administrative costs and utilities). We were able to include a 3% cost-of-living increase for staff and additional increases for Building and Grounds staff and childcare staff to keep ahead of the Pasadena Worthy Wage standards. The budget includes the clergy position which has been unfilled since last summer, although it is only budgeted for six months. It is a balanced budget, however it was balanced by transferring in \$227,000 of cash from our 2016 surplus. Our challenge moving forward will be to create a 2018 budget that includes a full year's salary for the clergy position and doesn't depend on cash from prior years.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of all pledgers and givers who made this budget possible. You can see the 2017 budget here: <http://www.allsaints-pas.org/about/finance/>.