

# ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

MARCH 26, AD 2010

## FELLOW TRAVELERS,

Holy Week is upon us. I love the way we remember these amazing days, from triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, to Passover Seder on Maundy Thursday, to the Passion Gospel on Good Friday, all the way to the empty tomb on Easter. In a way, sermons are redundant during Holy Week. The story of Jesus is so compelling, so engrossing. I will in the course of this week watch, again, Gibson's "Passion of the Christ." I'll listen to Weber's Superstar and Peter Gabriel's "Last Temptation." Hollywood production values, killer music, eye-popping costumes, sets, and special effects are great devotional aids. But the most important thing we can do in Holy Week is attend the services, and enter into the stories with a full heart and mind. If you do that, you cannot be the same on the other side.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 28, 10:00 A.M.**

**Scriptures:** Psalm 22:1-11, Isaiah 45:21-25, and the Passion Gospel according to Saint Luke.

### Serving Sunday

Lector: Denise Walker

Usher: Tom Cook and Friends.

Acolytes: All Hands on Deck! (Be at church at 9:30 for rehearsal.)

Chalice: Charles Johnsen

Prayer Team: Erin Cook and Mary Renton

Fellowship: Butter Braids by Pam Hotchkiss! All penitential foods should be that good.

### **Palm Cross Assembly Saturday, March 27, 10:00-12:00**

All are invited to join Becky Brennan and Pat Suro in making palm crosses at Emmaus. Fear not, they will teach us how (its really not hard). This is a simple act of service and devotion.

**Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.:** This liturgy is a remembrance of Jesus' Passover Seder, his Last Supper with the disciples. In the liturgy, we recall how he washed his disciples' feet and gave us the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The liturgy ends with the stripping of the altar as Christ was betrayed and handed over to sinners.

### **Good Friday:**

**2:00 (note the time change): Stations of the Cross at Emmaus**

**7:00 (note this additional time): Liturgy of the Day:** The Passion Gospel according to Saint John, the

Solemn Collects of Good Friday, the Communion of the Presanctified Gifts, and the Commendation (Christ's burial).

## **Easter Brunch**

April 4th after worship at the home of Alan and Pam Hotchkiss

Alan and Pam welcome all Emmaus Members and Families to an Easter Potluck Brunch at their house. (5 minutes from church: 1078 Eaglestone Drive [Crystal Valley Ranch] Castle Rock,) **Please let us know who's coming and what (if you're able) you want to bring 303-254-9591 or by return at p.hotchkiss@hotmail.com.**

## **Building Access**

If the building is locked, and you need to get in, keys to the exterior front door and interior front door are in the locked box east of the exterior door. The code is the prime numbers under 10 (1,3,5,7). The kitchen key hangs in the closet.

## **Community Service**

I have been asked to coordinate the community service endeavors for Emmaus Anglican Church. Our first such effort began last Saturday when some of us volunteered at St. Francis Center in Denver. That will be an ongoing Emmaus activity the first Saturday of each month. I would like to identify community service activities closer to home, here in Castle Rock or somewhere else in Douglas County. One suggestion has already been made - bringing the Word to the those serving time at the Douglas County Jail. Do you have an idea of a community service we, as a group, might provide locally? It could be either an ongoing activity or a one-time event. If you have an idea, please give me a call. Once we have a few ideas, we will decide how to proceed. Joe Clements - 303-660-9033

Thanks,

Joe Let me know if you have any questions. Our next volunteer day is April 3. I will contact you before then to see if you are planning to go.

Joe Clements

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## **The Signs are Coming**

The Interim Executive Council has been working on affordable, high-impact signage. We should have our roadside sign early next week. This two-sided, 4x8, color, light-reflective sign is costs \$905, and then there's two more (a directional sign, and a building sign), plus installation (we'll do that ourselves). A few folks have come forward with special gifts, but you too can help with **labor** or a **financial gift**.

## **A Time for Vision: Sunday April 11**

Nancy Newton, with the able assistance of Andy Cooley, has been working with the Interim Executive Council on a process to include as many people as possible in discerning our basic statements of purpose, vision, and mission. They are working on a special **ONE HOUR compact-retreat for all ages** to have a deep encounter with the Emmaus story, trusting that, in community, through Scripture, the Lord will reveal to us how to best articulate the words of our calling (where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet). We'll keep you posted, and ask that you save the date.

## **Emmaus is on Facebook!**

Denise Walker (the queen of awesome), has started a community Facebook account for Emmaus. This is an amazing, easy access way, in addition to our Webpage, to communicate, share pictures, visit with one another, ask for prayers, and so on. Here's the address:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?group.php&gid=108696545815077&mid=214943fG4a7c69fcG1b752bcG6&n m=trwalker%40mac.com>

## **Diocese of the Holy Spirit Communications**

I hope all of you received the "Word from the Bishop" which was sent out March 19th. It was sent from Diocese of the Holy Spirit <[newsletter@diohs.org](mailto:newsletter@diohs.org)> If you did not receive it and it isn't in your spam please let me know. Also, since the formatting doesn't lend itself well to forwarding, would you please put a notice in your Sunday bulletin or church newsletter with directions on how to subscribe? This will be a monthly letter. To sign up for the Bishop's newsletter go to [www.diohs.org](http://www.diohs.org) and click on "newsletter." Thanks for your cooperation with this and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,  
*Heather*

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## **Incorporation**

Thanks to some yeoman efforts of Caroline Cooley, Joe Procopio, and the Interim Executive Council, **we are now officially incorporated** with the Colorado Secretary of State, and have our tax identification number. We still need to work through the details on a certificate for non-profit tax exempt purchases.

## **Diocese of the Holy Spirit Application Process**

The Interim Executive Council has formally adopted the Constitutions and Canons of the Anglican Church of North America, and has applied for admission into the Diocese of the Holy Spirit. Wow.

## **Easter Lillies and Altar Flowers**

Becky Brennan and Pat Suro have been exercising their creative and organization gifts to make sure the altar is decorated with all the beauty and grace that becomes an Anglican church at Easter. If you would like to make a special Easter offering towards flowers, please contact Becky [gammyspluto@gmail.com](mailto:gammyspluto@gmail.com) or Pat [TheSuros@aol.com](mailto:TheSuros@aol.com).

Questions have come up about how we are going to do altar flowers throughout the year. An altar flower policy was suggested and accepted in the immediate interim, pending final approval by the IEC:

Memorials/Thanksgiving Special Offering: Easter, Christmas, and All Saints' Day  
All other Sundays: Paid for out of the General Fund.

The logistical and financial issues around weekly flower charts and printed acknowledgements are legion. We hope this approach will give us several special opportunities for flower gifts, while dodging the flower fund blues. If you would really like to make a special gift during the year, contact Becky or Pat directly. Your gift will be acknowledged through personal correspondence. Our aim is to pray for all anniversaries, birthdays, etc... in the Prayers of the People.

## **Items Needed**

Changing Table  
A Good Strong Bell (even on loan)