

APRIL 2019

St. Clement's by-the-Sea EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



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Follow Christ through the way we live and love, spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all, and experience and spread joy in the process.

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"This Church of Ours is Open To All...There Will Be No Outcasts."

-The Most Rev. Edmund Browning *Emeritus Presiding Bishop*



Golgotha...

"He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. And on the third day he rose again."

You recognize those words no doubt from the Apostles' Creed, the oldest of our statements of faith. Many have wondered throughout the centuries why we continue to recall Pontius Pilate by name. And the purpose is to point to the historicity of this event. The suffering, crucifixion, death and burial of Christ are historical, as is his Resurrection. All these events we experience in our way this month, as we complete our Lenten journey, moving through Palm Sunday, Holy Week and finally to the Easter Vigil (the first service of the Resurrection), and Easter Sunday.



Visiting the site where these things took place in Jerusalem last Fall was certainly formative in my faith journey. Due to time constraints in November, we didn't have a forum at St. Clement's on the Holy Sepulcher, surely the holiest site in all of Christendom. Today, the church that sits upon that site is well within the city walls of Jerusalem. But in Jesus' time, it was just outside the walls. In fact, it was a quarry which was no longer in use, and into whose walls the Jewish populace had hollowed out graves, some simple some more elaborate. This becomes significant when a place to entomb Jesus becomes needed.

The place of the crucifixion is at a high point in the present church. One enters the main doors, turns to the right and ascends the stairs to Calvary. This was a high outcropping of stone in the abandoned quarry of Jesus' time. The crucified would have been easily seen from the adjacent road entering the city gate, a warning to would-be rebels and revolutionaries. As far as I could tell, there is always a line of pilgrims waiting to touch that place. Once you reach the altar erected over that spot, you bend down below that altar, put your hand through the hole in the floor and touch the very stone that held his cross. Did his blood and tears fall upon these stones? Surely, they did!

Going down again into the main part of the church, you can follow the stone from that high point down many stairs to the lowest point of the quarry, where there is a chapel dedicated to St. Helena, Emperor Constantine's mother, who is credited with having her son destroy the pagan temple that had been built on this site and exhumed it to reveal Calvary, the quarry and the tomb (or sepulcher) of Christ once again. Ascending and descending those stairs you see, carved in the rock, crosses said to have been put there by Crusaders who were there a thousand years before, and who shared your same devotion to Christ. Of course, there are several chapels here and there, where one can stop and pray, with other pilgrims from around the world. The cacophony of different languages, and gestures of prayer, making a lovely offering to the Lord. It is a reminder that you are in a place praying, as people have done, in many tongues, since at least the fourth century, remembering Christ self-offering for the life of the world. The church itself is a bit of a hodgepodge, bearing the changes of almost two millennia, and wounds both natural and manmade, not unlike God's people who gather there every single day to pray.

Passing again by the entrance on the way to the Aedicule, one encounters the Anointing Stone. This is a latter addition, but still significant, made holy by the devotion of those who have acknowledged it since the crusader era as the place where Jesus' body was anointed and prepared for burial by Joseph of Arimathea (and possibly Nicodemus). The accounts of the burial of Jesus vary slightly, though all say it was the righteous Joseph who asks Pilate for Jesus body, wraps it in a linen cloth and who buries our Lord, in a rock hewn tomb, some say Joseph's very own tomb (Mt 27:60). John's gospel says that Joseph and Nicodemus first prepare Jesus' body with about a 100lbs of myrrh and aloes (19:39).

We then move to the Aedicule, or shrine which houses the tomb itself. This structure is protected under a large rotunda. As you wait to enter the tomb itself, you pass a little prayer space, with a monk inside, where you can light a candle signifying the light that came into the world and that the darkness could not overcome. That is to say, you light a candle as a symbol of our proclamation of the Resurrection, the Word eternal, the light that pierces through even the veil of death. As you come around the front of the Aedicule, you encounter a great many Pascal (or Easter) candles which likewise testify to this Good News!

On entering, just a few pilgrims at a time, you see the place where Christ was lain. And here, everyone is brought to their knees. So, overpowering is that experience. I put my face upon that stone and wept and kissed it. Others had their own way of showing reverence for what had happened there. Upon walking out of the Tomb, I was immediately put in mind that someone else had once walked out that way before, Jesus Christ, the glorious Son of God. Was this how the world looked to him upon his "bursting from the spiced tomb"?*

To me, this was the place of his burial and Resurrection. Yet, something was different, and I couldn't quite put my finger upon it. But then it hit me. Of course, this place didn't look much like this is Jesus' time! It would have been open to the air. No Aedicule, no rotunda, no enormous church. Just Christ, the angels who moved the stone, the sleeping guards perhaps, the abandoned quarry, and soon the rising sun. It would have been the Cathedral of the Almighty, the Creation itself rejoicing in the Resurrection of the Son.

There is much more that can be said about this site. I should note that it is not the only site that claims to be the burial place of Jesus. There is the so-called, "Garden Tomb" many blocks away. However, the fact that there were graves here already and surely some that had been prepared beforehand for future use, argues for this being the place. Further, the fact that most the gospel accounts point to the hastiness with which our Lord was buried, as the sun was soon setting and the Sabbath (some say, Passover) was starting, suggests this is the place. As John notes, "because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there" (19:42).

Ultimately, it is we who are the bearers of the Good News of the Resurrection into the world. With those pilgrims who have come before us, and those who will come after us, we are the community of the Resurrection. I am grateful to be sharing this Holy Week and Easter with you, as we once again remember the things that took place in those days and proclaim the Good News of eternal life given in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

*Hymnal 1982, #370, "I bind unto myself today."

ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA | CHRIST LUTHERAN

Joint Lent Series Art & Prayer 6:00pm-7:00pm

Every Thursday in Lent, following the St. Clement's|Christ Lutheran Joint Retreat (except Maundy Thursday)

April 4

St. Clement's Exploring Art & Prayer through Writing led by: Jim Prothero

April 11

Christ Lutheran

Please contact Mo. Norma with any questions: normayanira@yahoo.com

- Your Personal Property Memorandum: 4 Tips for Success -



What is a personal property memorandum? It is a frequently-used estate planning document that provides an opportunity to expand upon your will or trust. Many wills or trusts simply divide the whole of an estate equally between surviving family members. But, what if you'd prefer a more detailed plan for particular items you want to leave to specific individuals?

If you'd like to ensure that specific property or items in your estate are left to certain relatives or friends, a personal property memorandum is a great option. It's a detailed accounting of items of personal property listed with the corresponding person you'd like to receive those items.

It's simple but powerful, and we can assist you in making one. The best personal property memorandum will work in concert with your will or trust to bequeath your estate and belongings exactly as you want. Further, it must be referenced in the will or trust to be effective. Here are four tips we need to consider that'll ensure your memorandum works as desired.



Use detail When preparing your memorandum, include specific, detailed descriptions of each piece of property. For example, if describing a car, it's best to add identifying descriptors such as model year, model number, and color. When conveying that you'd like someone to receive a piano, rather than simply "piano," write "my black 1980 Steinway grand piano." For an even more exact description, you may choose to include a photograph, especially if you own many similar items.

Be specific about who will receive the item Because a personal property memorandum is a legal document, you'll want to use a full legal name and relationship. Avoid confusion that could arise from listing only a relationship, using a nickname, or other ambiguity. Your list will be clearest if you write "my daughter, Emily Smith," as opposed to just "Emily." Readers of the memorandum will know your intent without a doubt if they see "my daughter, Emily Smith, to receive my 1980 black Steinway grand piano." Remember, when the memorandum becomes effective, you'll be deceased so no one will be able to ask you for clarification.

Update your property memorandum frequently For this document to be useful, it must be current. If you give away an item, to the eventual recipient or otherwise, sell an item, or if an item is lost, stolen, or destroyed, such as by fire or flood, it's time to amend your memorandum.

If you find yourself needing to make significant changes to your memorandum, one helpful approach is to photocopy the original, make notes on the photocopy about changes you'd like to make, then use the notes to produce a new, updated memorandum. It is important that the updated personal property memorandum include all of the specific items you want distributed to the named individuals. Once you've concluded this process, you can avoid any confusion by shredding the old memorandum— but of course, before shredding any estate planning document, check with a us.

Ask for help If your personal property memorandum creates any challenges, such as an item or collection that's difficult to describe, contact us. We're here to help, and we can make sure your estate plan works just as you intend. We hope these tips have been helpful. Your personal property memorandum can be an important document in the execution of your estate plan. But it must be detailed, accurate, up to date and mentioned in your will or trust to be effective.



April 12th | 5pm-7pm

Cost: \$10.00

St. Clement's will be hosting a Fish Fry on April 12th! Bring a friend and stop by for a delicious fried fish dinner.

Each Dinner Includes:

Fried Fish Cole Slaw Cookie Peas Bread Drink

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SAVE THE DATE:

'Called to the Wall' planned for April 13

"Called to the Wall," the diocese's annual pilgrimage to the U.S. - Mexico border in support of immigrant rights, has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13 - the day before Palm Sunday.

Members of the Episcopal Dioceses of Los Angeles and San Diego, including the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, assisting bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, the Rt. Rev. John Taylor, bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, and the Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, will draw attention to the plight of immigrants as they travel the way of the cross, the Via Crucis.

All are welcome to join in at any of the stops. At each stop the pilgrims will pray the Stations of the Cross, arriving at the border about 3 p.m. for the last station and celebration of the Eucharist. We will travel by car caravan.

At the border we will bear witness to the plight of those affected by immigration by celebrating the Eucharist, remembering that Jesus was an immigrant.

For more information, please contact Mo. Norma: normayanira@yahoo.com



- Palming of the Church -





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Palm Sunday, April 14th

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

12:00pm - Misa en Español, Domingo de Ramos

Holy Wednesday, April 17th

7:00pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

6:00pm - "Agape" Lamb Supper

7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

followed by The Great Watch

Good Friday, April 19th

12:00pm - Stations of the Cross

1:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy

6:00pm - Via Crucis

(Stations of the Cross en Español)

at Max Berg Park

MAUNDY THURSDAY LAMB SUPPER

APRIL 18TH | 6:00PM



Join us for our Annual Lamb Supper followed by our Maundy Thursday Service and The Great Watch. Choice of lamb or chicken.

> **Cost:** \$15.00 - Adults \$7.50 - Kids (8 & Under) \$7.50 - Active Military

You may sign up in the Parish Hall or by contacting the Church Office: info@scbythesea.org



The Great Watch - April 18-19

by Katrina Soto

Each year, one of the most sacred traditions we have at St. Clement's is the keeping of the Great Watch – sitting in vigil with the reserved sacrament in the garden of repose, which is set up in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine next to the entrance to the church. We begin the Vigil directly after the Maundy Thursday service, and it continues uninterrupted until noon on Good Friday. Faithful watchers sit with our Lord for an hour, in response to Jesus's plea to his apostles: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." *Matthew 36:38*. What an honor it is for us to fulfill this request, all these years later. I have heard from many parishioners that it is a very moving experience. I know it is for me. I encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity for a unique way to worship and deepen your relationship with our Lord and Savior.

You will find a sign-up sheet during coffee hour in the parish hall, or you may call the church (949-492-3401) to reserve your desired spot. The hours are not limited to one person per hour, so feel free to add your name to an hour that is already "taken." Please include your phone number as a courtesy to the person who precedes you, in case you are running late. Please do not deny the Lord the one hour he is asking of you.



Easter Flowering of the Church APRIL 20TH | 9:00AM-12:00PM



Join us in adorning the church in flowers and preparing the Sanctuary for our Easter services! *All are welcome*!







Saturday, April 20th, at 6:00pm North Beach, San Clemente

St. Clement's will be uniting together with Christ Lutheran Church for an Easter Vigil Bonfire. Please join us in worship at 6:00pm for a service at the beach!



Easter Sunday, April 21st

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I Brass Ensemble 10:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II Brass Ensemble Easter Egg Hunt follows the service 12:00pm - Misa en Español Easter Egg Hunt follows the service

Easter Flower Offerings

You will find Flower Envelopes in your Sunday Bulletins. Please turn in your Easter Flower Offering, along with your dedication by Sunday, April 14th.

Easter Flowers

Easter Eggs Needed!

Please consider donating filled, plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunts on Easter Sunday. If you wish to contribute, please bring the eggs to the Church Office.

- Something for Everyone -



East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Tuesday, April 2nd 5:00pm at Rocco's in San Clemente



For more information, please contact: Mary Ann Morrison at (949) 361-0031



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Note: Sandwich Making will NOT be meeting in April.

We look forward to seeing you next month to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!



Note: Anchors Potluck Supper Club will NOT be meeting in April.

In lieu of our monthly potluck, we encourage you to join us in supporting St. Clement's at the Fish Fry on April 12th between 5:00pm-7:00pm!

Please contact Pat Sawyer (sawlp@sbcglobal.net) with any questions or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2019!



Social Justice Book Club

Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship by Gregory Boyle

> Thursday, April 11th in the St. Clement's Library

Questions? Please contact Jan Genevro at <u>outreach@scbythesea.org</u>.





A NOTE FROM OUR MONDAY MORNING COUNTERS:

We would like to remind you to please write your pledge number on all your gifts for special events and services at St. Clements. Also, please indicate what you are paying for i.e. pledge, Good Friday, etc. By your doing so, saves us a huge amount of time, because we have to look up the pledge number for every loose check. We appreciate your cooperation.

Also: a reminder that you will not receive credit for payments for meals, according to the IRS Laws.

Treat yourself to a churro...



CINCO DE MAYO *Churro Fundraiser*

MAY 4TH | 2PM-6PM at Max Berg Park

For more information, please contact Margarita Farias: 949.444.4843



Bring your friends and family to dine at Ruby's Diner at Outlets in San Clemente on Wednesday. May 22nd. and 20% of all food and non-alcoholic beverage sales (when accompanied with this flyer) will be donated to: St. Clement's by-the-Sea. Episcopal Church

Ruby's does not count purchases paid for with gift certificates as qualifying towards Fundraiser Night sales. Thank you! Remember: flyers must be passed out prior to your fundraiser and may not be passed out at the restaurant during the event.

- Outreach Fundraiser -

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Flamenco Fiesta! All proceeds to benefit St. Clement's Outreach Projects JUNE 2ND | 1PM-5PM at the home of Judy & Mark Johnson



Join us for an afternoon of BBQ, drinks, desserts, and a fabulous performance by wellknown Los Angeles dancer Jessica Pacheco!

Only 50 tickets available. Buy yours today! \$50.00/person Tickets available during Coffee Hour (dates TBA) or online at www.scbythesea.org

For more information, please contact Judy Johnson: 949.422.8210 or jjohnson120@cox.net



3-Lanneau Miller
4-Larry Gates
5-Brandon Berube
5-Cameron Berube
6-Wes Ulz
7-Karen Williams
11-Hailey Allen

13-Tina Inglish
14-Jack Clarke
14-Fred Stewart
18-Rebecca Marcu
25-Mark Pocino
26-Evelyn Seech



- April Anniversaries -



10-Kent & Laurie Adamson 19-Mark & Judy Johnson 29-Marc & Carolyn Allen





6:00pm (Spanish)

For more information, please contact Matt Duncan: morphix1@cox.net PAGE 20 • APRIL 2019

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00am Holy Communion Rite I 10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School 12:00pm La Misa en Español

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OFFICE HOURS Monday-9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday-Friday-8:00am-1:00pm

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