

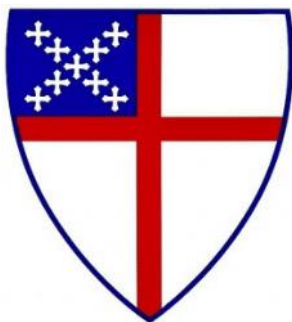


THE ANCHOR

MARCH 2018

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

Welcoming all since 1929



**Member, Anglican
Communion**

PARISH MISSION:

*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.*



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

-The Most Rev. Edmund
Browning Emeritus
Presiding Bishop



Journeying...

Lent is one of those seasons when we often hear, "we are journeying with Jesus" in this case to Jerusalem. That is absolutely so and this forty-day season rightly begins with Jesus' forty days in the "wilderness" where he was tempted (or "tested") by Satan. Some have argued that it was in these forty days when Jesus discerned what it meant for him to be God's Son. These forty days are for us also a season of self-reflection about our call to discipleship and how we can better follow in the footsteps of our Messiah and Lord. The Christian life is a journey, of figuring out how we can live more faithfully for him.



I've been thinking a lot about what it would mean for me to literally walk in Jesus' footsteps, that is to say, to travel in the Holy Land and to visit those places where he said the things he said and did the things he did. This contemplation started in earnest last year, when *Christ Walk* was our Lenten discipline. Several of you participated in that program, where we very intentionally walked distances that Jesus walked and imagined what things he might have seen or heard or smelled in his travels. And even before that, in 2015 when we read, *Jesus, a Pilgrimage* together, I contemplated going to Holy Land.

As a priest, who is almost always thinking or talking about Galilee or Jerusalem or Palestine, it is something I've prayed about too. What would it be like to be there? I've discerned that now is the time. And by "now," what I mean is sometime within the next 12 months. Why now? I've put off this journey for a long time. I've always been troubled by the Israeli and Palestinian conflict and wanted to wait until these two peoples learned to have some peace with each other before embarking on this trip. Sadly, one could wait a seeming eternity before that issue is resolved.

There were also, always, more pressing concerns right here which needed my attention. It reminds me of a story I heard somewhere, where a friend of Mark Twain apparently once wrote to tell him that the friend was going to Mount Sinai and that he was going to climb up that mountain and read aloud at the top the

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Ten Commandments. Twain is said to have written his friend back and quipped, “you’d do better to stay right there in Boston and LIVE THEM!” That has, more or less, been my mindset for some time now. But there is something to being on the mount where Jesus preached the beatitudes, or on the shore of the Galilee where he called his first disciples, isn’t there?

I’m reminded of a scene from the movie “Good Will Hunting,” in which Robin Williams (who was a good Episcopalian, by the way) tells Matt Damon about art. Will, the Matt Damon character, can only tell Williams about what he has read in books about art. But as Williams points out, there is something more, there is standing in the Sistine Chapel and staring up at Michelangelo’s ceiling, and the affect that has on you cannot be encapsulated in a book.

Well, why am I telling you all this? Many of you have probably made a journey to the Holy Land yourselves already. I’m telling you because I’m hoping you’ll help me to honor this commitment. This year will be the tenth anniversary of my ordination. I think it is time to finally make the trek to Galilee and Jerusalem, and any other holy sites I can fit in during a week or so. This would be part of my continuing education, something that is budgeted for every year, but which I haven’t used every year (don’t worry it isn’t cumulative, it would just be what has already been budgeted for this year). I’ll admit that I have more than a little trepidation, even now. But this will surely inform my ministry for years to come.

Nonetheless, I do not plan this journey with any illusions. I don’t expect to meet people dressed in first century clothing and living in the kind of houses that people lived in Jesus’ time. I don’t expect to find Roman oppressors or the Temple or Pharisees or Sadducees. What we might call the “Holy Land” has obviously been transformed by 2,000 years of history and is made of modern states now. But there is still something to be gained by walking in those places where Jesus once walked, and where the biblical text was experienced.

Help me to hold this in prayer, won’t you, and that if it be truly God’s will that a plan will emerge for this to happen, whether sooner or later. I’ve heard that Spring or Fall are the most suitable times to be in that part of the world, and these times might well coincide with significant religious events that would have been important to Jesus and the Resurrection community. I believe I am finally ready. I’ve resisted this journey with Jesus for a long time, and it is pretty liberating to simply say, “yes Lord, let us journey together.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

- Holy Week -



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25th

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

12:00pm - Domingo De Ramos

Holy Wednesday, March 28th

7:00pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

6:00pm - Lamb Supper

7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, March 30th

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

See Easter schedule on next page



Annual “Palming” and “Palm Crosses”

Saturday, March 24th

9:00am

Mark your calendars to prepare our Sanctuary for our Palm Sunday services. Plan to join your fellow parishioners in making palm crosses and in decorating the Sanctuary!

- Easter -



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

 Christ Lutheran Church

Easter Vigil



Saturday, March 31st, 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 1st

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

Busqueda de huevos después de la misa



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.



Easter Flower Offerings

You will find Flower Envelopes in your Sunday Bulletins, beginning March 11th. Please turn in your Easter Flower Offering, along with your dedication by Sunday, March 25th.

- The Great Watch -



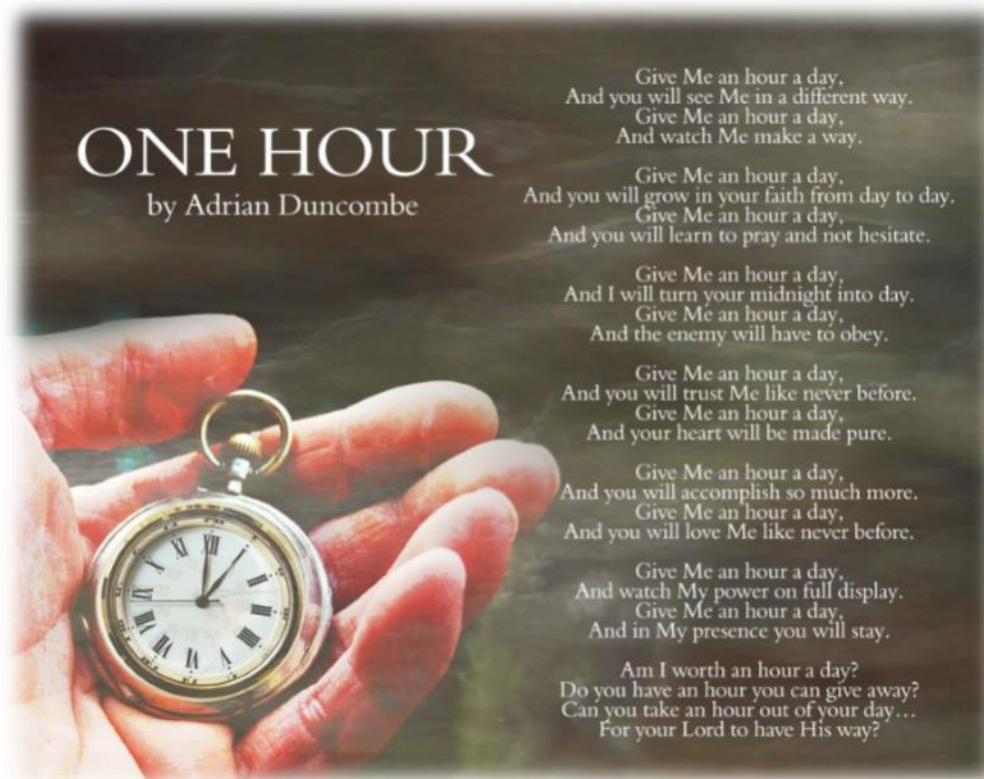
The Great Watch - March 29-30

by Katrina Soto

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." *Matthew 26:36-41*

To me, these are some of the most heartbreaking words in the story of the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we read this, we hear the very real humanity of Christ as he expresses his feelings of dread concerning what he knows will soon come to pass. Let us heed the plea of Jesus on the night of Maundy Thursday and the morning of Good Friday. Let us sit with our Lord one hour. Do not let him be alone when he asks for our companionship.

To honor this request, we will begin The Great Watch in the church directly after the Maundy Thursday service on the evening of March 29th and continue until noon on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour on Sundays, or you may call the office (949.492.3401) to sign up for a time. The Lord asks one hour of you. Please do not deny him this.



- Something for Everyone -



Manhattan Beach

by Jennifer Egan

Tuesday, March 6th

5:00pm at Rocco's

A sign-up sheet is in the church hall for those who wish to attend.



Anchors Potluck Supper Club

Friday, March 16th at 7:15pm

please note time change

Hosted By: The Sawyer Family

Where: Villa Granada Clubhouse

405 Avenida Granada, San Clemente, CA 92672

If you need help with directions, please call Pat 949.498.6460. On the evening of the potluck, please call 818.281.9943.

Please contact Pat Sawyer (sawlp@sbcglobal.net) with any questions, or if you would like to sign up as a host in 2018!



Sandwich Making for the Welcome Inn

Join us in the Parish Hall on

Sunday, March 18th, at 1:00pm

to help make sandwiches and sack lunches for those in need!



When: March 21st from 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Laundry Basket-South

2405 S. El Camino Real in San Clemente

New volunteers are welcome and should arrive at 1:30pm for a brief orientation.

Laundry will be done in two hour shifts between 2:00pm-6:00pm

The first Sunday of every month we gather donations for Laundry Love. The monthly collection takes place during coffee hour. Since November 2016, this ministry has done over 2,000 loads of laundry for families in need. Let's keep the momentum going!

Contact Jan Geneviro for more information on this ministry: outreach@scbythesea.org

- Volunteers Needed! -



ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED!

The altar guild is seeking members to help set the Lord's Table.

Training is "on the job."

Time commitment is one Saturday and Sunday a month. Altar guild is by invitation of the Rector.

If you would like to become a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Fr. Patrick or any member of the Altar Guild.



ATTENTION: Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Coffee Hour is a well-loved time of weekly fellowship at St. Clement's - We need your help to keep the tradition alive! Coffee Hour is a great way to meet new people, the perfect time to catch up with friends, and a wonderful excuse to enjoy the sea-salt breeze on our patio.

If you have never hosted Coffee Hour before, *we will show you how!* You are also able to partner up with another member, and host Coffee Hour together.

If you are interested in hosting a Sunday Coffee Hour, a sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall. Or, you may contact Alicia at the Church Office (info@scbythesea.org). Please review available dates and choose one that best suits your schedule.

Thank you to all our wonderful hosts - this time of fellowship after Sunday services is so important to maintain.

- San Clemente Day -



A huge "Thank You!" goes out to this wonderful community and all of those who visited, supported, and celebrated with St. Clement's on San Clemente Day!

The weather was perfect for our Open House, which was featured on the City's historical Trolley Tour. The turnout was great and we would like to thank our volunteers who helped make the event so successful.

Bob and Pat Corless led informative tours through the Sanctuary, which included marvelous piano accompaniment by our Music Director, Larry Gates. Thanks also to Jan Genevro, Tina Inglish, and Britta Wilder-Ross, whose efforts made the Parish Hall very festive and welcoming for our guests. Refreshments and conversation in our Spring-themed hall with Fr. Patrick provided visitors with the hospitality that St. Clement's is so well known for.

Thanks again to all who made this such a memorable celebration for the 90th anniversary of our beloved city by the sea!



- Winter 2018 Recital -

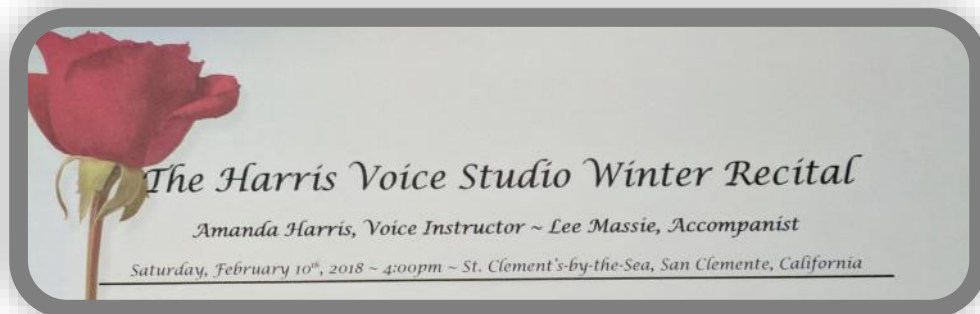


Dear friends, family, and my wonderful students:

We had another successful Winter Recital—thanks in large part to Fr. Patrick's assistance in setting up and breaking down the room, since I have a sprained ankle. This time we had a Valentine's theme, so all the songs were about romantic love and longing. Sadly, we were missing four students due to illness, but the remaining students all gave fantastic performances. Both Isabelle Cervantes and Maya Kernot sang the pieces they will be using for their auditions at The Orange County High School of the Arts next month. Parishioners may remember Isabelle from the cancer benefit concert at St. Clement's, where together she and I sang the Flower Duet from *Lakme*. All in all, a very successful recital!

Don't forget to save the date for our next recital on Saturday, May 5th. We will be dedicating our Spring Recital to a Mother's Day/Father's Day theme!

-Amanda Harris



- Women's Lenten Retreat -



Wisdom of the Ancient Celts

Please join the women of Deaneries 9 & 10
along with The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce
for the Annual Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 17

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1221 Wass Street, Tustin, CA

Lunch and Retreat supplies are included in the \$25.00 ticket price. Childcare will be available.



Retreat Leader Dr. Rebecca Prichard has taught theology, worship, and spirituality in a variety of congregational and academic settings. A 2007 Lilly-sponsored sabbatical drew her more deeply into the study of Celtic history, art, and spirituality. Rebecca has traveled widely throughout the British Isles, having lived and worked in Scotland. A calligrapher, she draws upon the words and artistry of the Celtic Gospel books as prayerful practice. In recent years she has taught Celtic spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union, Whittier College, Chapman University, and the New Theological Seminary of the West. Rebecca has served as a Presbyterian minister for nearly 30 years and is now happily at home worshipping at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tustin.

The retreat will explore the wisdom of the ancient Celts and of Celtic Christians in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. The art, music, and stories of these people offer us a spirituality that is centered in creation, connection, and community. Celtic Spirituality can help us reconsider our relationship to God, to one another, and to the natural world. The hope is that our faith and practice will be enlivened and deepened by reflecting on Celtic wisdom and creativity.

Meditation, writing, and art workshops will be offered following the morning plenary session.

- Birthdays -

1-Carolyn Ferreira
 2-Bill Green
 7-Teresa Hite
 8-Lauri McIntosh
 10-Jack Hattem
 11-Jane Fladd
 13-Katie Golay
 15-Olga Harris
 15-Thuy Jones
 18-Julia Rae Walz

20-Robert Kensler
 22-Pam Kerr
 23-Sergio Lovell
 25-Tom Fahney
 29-Trevor Allen
 29-Audrey Daigle
 29-Jan Genevro
 30-Gloria Jean Rodriguez
 31-Leo Gibbons

**- Anniversaries -**

26-Juvenal Delgado & Diana Olmedo
 26-Russ & Tina English
 27-Russ & Pam Kerr
 31-Neal & Sarah Harrison



Do you know a parishioner that needs help with
 rides, meals, or that would like a home visit?

Please contact:
 the church office, Fr. Patrick, or Carolyn Ferreira

Bible Studies



Every Wednesday
 in the Library

11:00am (English)

6:00pm (Spanish)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:00pm in the Library

For more information,
 please contact Matt Duncan:
morphix1@cox.net

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00am Holy Communion Rite I, Nursery

10:00am Holy Communion Rite II with Choir, Nursery, Sunday School

12:00pm La Misa en Español

202 Avenida Aragon
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Monday—9:00am-1:00pm

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