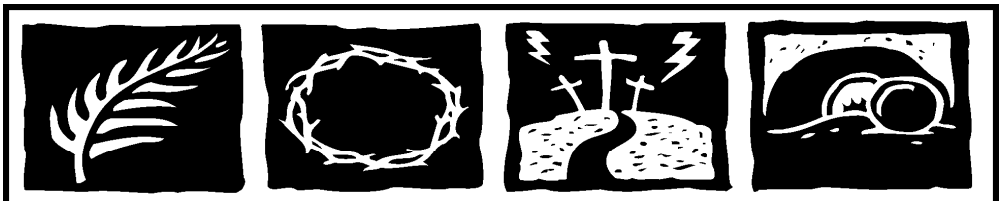
THE ALMOND TREE

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

The Rev. Corry Weierbach, Interim Associate Rector

March 28, 2012



Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I with reading of the Passion Gospel
9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Palms and Procession with the Donkey
10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II with reading of the Passion Gospel
7:30 p.m., Concert for Lent and Remembrance, Chapel

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Informal Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Thursday, April 5, Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Liturgy with foot washing and solemn stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 6, Good Friday
Good Friday Liturgy, Noon and 7:30 p.m.
The Prayer Vigil will begin at 9:00 p.m., following the conclusion of the evening service, and will conclude just before the Great Vigil of Easter.
The Vigil will take place in the Vestry Room.

Saturday, April 7, Easter Saturday
The Great Vigil of Easter, 6:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II with baptism
This is a family-friendly service. We conclude this first celebration of Easter with a Breaking of the Lenten Fast/Reception with champagne and delicious treats.
Sue Gilbertson and Mary-Jo Cooney of the Vestry Community and Nurturing Committee would welcome any offers of help with set up and clean up for the Great Vigil reception: susan.gilbertson@verizon.net, mary-jo.cooney@comcast.net

Sunday, April 8, Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite I at 7:30 a.m. (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME!)
Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt in Zabriskie Gardens following the 9 a.m. service
(Rain date March 15)
Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II at 11:15 a.m.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Duncan MacDonald, Morgan, Lloyd Mostrom, Nancy Wise, Bobbie King, Marcia, Tom Murray, Janet Siegrist, Mary, Annie, Catherine Sinclair, Sky Beaven, Jessi Macleod, Yvonne Pover, Margaret Messenger Kerekes, Linda Murphy, Sally Guy Brown, Barbara Fornoff, Vivian Gray, Mary Goeser, Christine Michaelis, Susan Dawson, Linda Donahue, Dana Hengst, Chris Stanek; Mei-Lung DeVight, Dan Stewart.

Pease also remember in your prayers members of our extended Parish family: Joan Aldretti, Tim Boyd, Mary Lou Johnson, Dean and Charlotte Kellogg, Tennille Littleton, Chris Rarick, Susan Shallbetter, June Sheets, Ellen Shreve, Tom Stasz, Bob Davies, Eleanor Boothe Smith, Bill Rarick, Stephen Miller, Jim Rarick, Irv Schiff, Jim Pearson, Patricia Smith, Josie Guardipee, Helen Butler, Sam Faeth, Bill Nations, Lawrence Sanchez, Paul, Joan Cummins, Eric Reading, Sr., Cameron.

Serving our country at home and abroad: Todd Bates**,** Paul Bednar, Tom and Anne Duffy, Philip Smucker, Ian Phillips, Liza Conrad,.

CHOIR CONCERT: On Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m., the choir will present A Concert of Lent and Remembrance. Included will be works of Chilcott, Shepard, Crecquillon, Handle and Preisner among others. Please join the choir and choir soloists for a musically thoughtful and reflective evening.

EASTER PRAYER WATCH (in the Vestry Room): Our annual Easter Prayer Watch will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 6th, following the Good Friday Liturgy service and end at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 7th, prior to the Great Vigil service. **Note: The Prayer Watch will not be in the chapel but in the Vestry Room to allow the Altar Guild to set up the chapel on Saturday morning.**. You are invited to take part in the Prayer Watch by giving one hour of your time, for an unbroken, 20-hour vigil. This will be a time for prayer, reading, music, art work, writing/journaling, or just being present in silence. A sign-up board will be placed in the Narthex. Questions: call Andy Biache, 703-836-6853.

A THOUGHT FOR LENT: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.* Such simple words, really, we say them every Sunday, if not every day. But have you ever thought that this is the only conditional statement in the Lord's Prayer? "Forgive us…as we forgive." That is really something to contemplate. When I think of times that I have been angry, when I have refused to let go of resentment against someone, when I have closed my heart to someone, are those times that Our Lord has closed his heart to me? I pray that the next time I pray the Lord's Prayer that I may truly mean the words that I say. In the words of another famous prayer, I ask God to "grant that what we say with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives."

Jennifer Addington

JOIN THE ICOH YOUTH GROUP on April 15th after the 10:00 a.m. service for Lunch & a Movie, featuring the playful movie musical, "Godspell." We will enjoy a turkey chili lunch in the kitchen and adjourn to the Fairchild Room to watch the movie and participate in lively discussion. We may even break out into song if the mood strikes! Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate, and we welcome any potluck contributions people would like to make. Plan to spend from about 11:30 am – 2:00 pm just "clowning around" with us and exploring what it means to be a community. Questions? Contact Jeannie Cummins at (703) 851-5257 or jceconsulting@comcast.net.

SPRING INTO FITNESS...NEW INOVA FITNESS CLASSES STARTING APRIL 2 Inova is registering now for spring fitness classes held in the ICOH Parish Hall. Yoga, Tai Chi, and senior exercise classes are offered 1-2 times a week beginning the week of April 2nd. Register now, as classes will be cancelled if there are not enough people enrolled. For a list of classes, prices and dates, call 1-855-694-6682 for information and registration.

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY PRACTICE OF FOOT WASHING—WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A very ancient tradition in the Christian church is the practice of foot washing on Maundy Thursday, as part of Holy Week observations. This practice is drawn directly from Jesus' instructions to the disciples at the Last Supper (found in the Gospel of John, chapter 13): "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

During our Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 on April 5, I will invite the congregation to remove their shoes and socks (leaving stockings on is fine) and come forward. One by one, we will each sit in one of two chairs and have our feet bathed in water and dried with a towel. Then, each of us will wash another person's feet before resuming our place in the congregation.

Coming forward for foot washing is optional, of course. However, I encourage us all to do this. There is something very powerful in this physical reminder of Jesus' infinite care for us, his brothers and sisters. Along with Jesus' caring and service to us, we in turn embody this caring and service by washing the feet of our brother or sister. It reminds us of the promise we made at our Baptism, "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus became human to show us God's love and desires for us in a way we can understand and imitate. Please consider participating in the foot washing service, which will be followed by Holy Eucharist and the stripping of the altar to symbolize Jesus' arrest and abandonment. I believe you will find the experience deeply moving.

Corry+

FAREWELL FROM CORRY: My last day with Immanuel will be Easter Day, and I want to thank everyone for welcoming me back these past two months. Being with you here has been a true pleasure and a blessing for me! You are very blessed to have the Rev. Mary Sulerud join you for the next year or so, as she is a prayerful, inspiring, and fun person, as well as being a wise priest. This is a marvelous parish and I have no doubt that together with Mary, you will move forward boldly in Christ during this time of transition. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you.

For my part, I ask your prayers for my pilgrimage walk through northern Spain. I'll depart on April 29 on the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) pilgrimage route, walking (God willing) 450 miles from Roncesvalles to Santiago de Compostela, and return June 12th.

God bless you all! Peace,

Corry+

SHRINE MONT FAMILY RETREAT: The annual Immanuel Church-on-the Hill parish retreat at Shrine Mont retreat center in Orkney Springs, VA (about 2 hours away) will be *Saturday, May 26(noon) through breakfast Monday, May 28, 2012.* What better way to start your summer than with wonderful friends in a beautiful and relaxing setting?! There will be time for fun, food, swimming, singing, relaxation, spiritual reflection, worship, hiking, yoga (tbd), porch entertaining, and spending time with family and friends.

Cost: $155 per adult, $90 for children 8-12, $40 for children 4-7, free for children 3 and under. For those wanting to come up Friday, the cost is $45 extra per person (no meals). Please contact Senior Warden Tom Kerns to discuss scholarship options – full or partial. We would like to collect money before the weekend so please bring checks, payable to "ICOH", with a notation saying "Shrine Mont" to the church office before the weekend.

For more information or to register, contact Lisa Frye at wlifrye@comcast.net or
Tel. 703-548-8591 (h) 571-214-4735 (c)

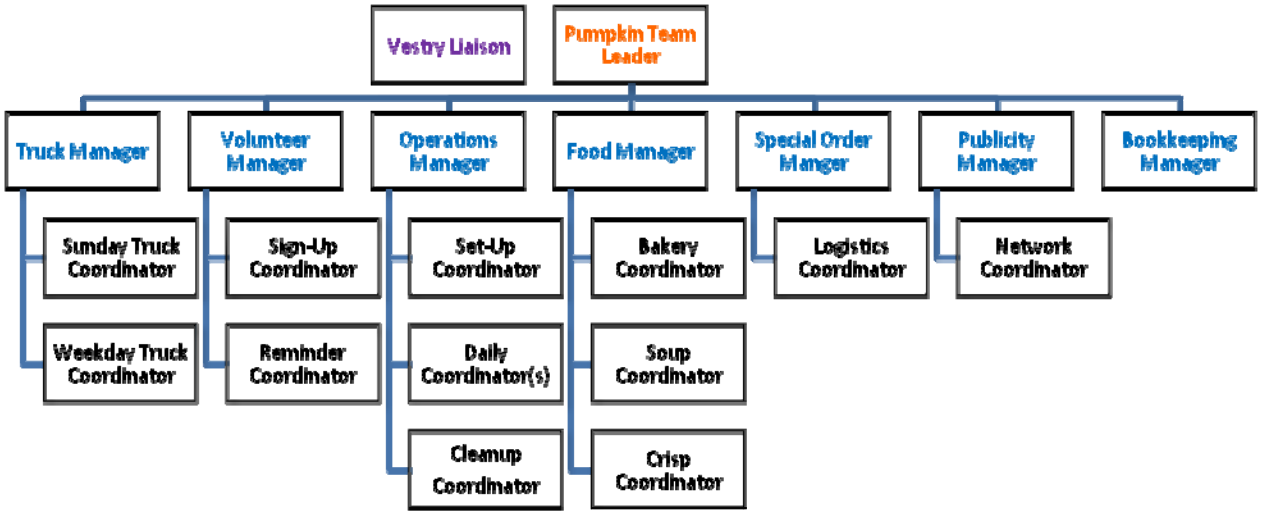
Pumpkins in Spring?

The Almond Tree, 28 March 2012 — John von Senden, Action Steward

It is twenty-eight weeks to Pumpkin Sunday. Most people are planning spring break and summer vacations; however, now is the time to get our plans together for having another year of successful pumpkin sales in October. In the past, Wendy John has quietly performed all of the background work to ensure ever-growing pumpkin sales. Last year Melinda Ashton started the transition from Wendy's one-woman show. This year we are continuing the transition to a team structure.

As most parishioners know, the overwhelming majority of ICOH's Outreach funds are obtained during the month of October. In 2011 we grossed $129,878.00 (which isn't gross at all). Of that, almost $20,000 was made from Icon soups, cupcakes, apple crisps and donations. After paying what we owe Pumpkin Patch International for the pumpkins and paying sales tax, our profit (and this year's Outreach budget) is over $60,000 – solely because of everyone's selfless and terrific work last October.

The organization of this year's patch is similar to last year:



The chart above shows 20 people involved in leadership roles. While some of the Coordinator roles could be performed by their respective managers, the chart exemplifies the approach of "many hands make light work." It takes a lot of work to set up and operate the Patch; however, the rewards for ICOH and for the groups we help is much more massive than the hours we spend.

- The Truck Manager and Coordinators are responsible for coordinating the arrival and unloading of the Pumpkin Trucks from New Mexico.
- The Volunteer Manger and Coordinators are responsible for ensuring we are fully staffed during the month of October.
- The Operations Manager and Coordinators are responsible for ensuring the Patch is properly set up, effectively opens, operates and closes each day, and completely cleaned up afterward.
- The Food Manager is responsible for ensuring we have copious quantities of goodies to sell.
- The Special Order Manager is responsible for fulfilling large special orders of pumpkins.
- The Publicity Manager is responsible for helping get the word out – before and during the month of October – so everyone knows where to buy their pumpkins; this year we'd like to add someone adept at social media as a Network Coordinator.
- And finally, Jim Snow has volunteered to continue his role as keeper of the Patch Books; a task that keeps him up late at night trying to read everyone's handwritten records of soup and crisp sales.

If you are interested in joining the leadership team for this year's patch, let John von Senden know. We will be looking to fill all of these positions this spring. We have a detailed (and flexible) plan to ensure we are again successful – but it will take *your* help.

FROM OUR HANDS TO HAITI: Oral re-hydration packets, made by Alexandria volunteers, got routed to Haiti to combat the 2010 cholera outbreak that followed the earthquake. On April 22, we hope to make 200,000 more!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

ORAL RE-HYDRATION PROJECT!

SUNDAY APRIL 22: ALL HANDS ON DECK! We need EVERYONE to assemble the packets, any time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

WHERE: Temple Beth El, up the street from ICOH, at 3830 Seminary Road.

WHY: People's lives depend on it!

Once again, ICOH parishioners will participate in one of our largest Outreach effort of the year, when we join our neighbors at Beth El Temple to **assemble 20,000 packets of dry ingredients** (sugars and salts) that, when combined with boiled water, can save lives.

ICOH has contributed special plastic zipper bags using Outreach funds — our "Pumpkin dollars" at work in the world. These oral rehydration packets are then distributed by the United Nations and other international relief agencies to the scenes of natural or man-made disasters — caused by war, famine, earthquake, hurricanes, flooding, drought.

This Outreach project reduces infant mortality, involves international outreach and is both ecumenical and fun. Bring friends and family members. You don't have to sign up, just show up ready to work! You'll receive simple instructions from the organizers, and snacks are provided. Stay as long as you like, but let's plan on being there and setting a new record!

APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday **8:00 AM** HE-I, Zabriskie **9:05 AM** Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist II, Chapel **11:30 AM** Youth Group **7:00 PM** A Concert for Lent and Remembrance	**2** **11:00 AM** Qi gong, Parish Hall **7:30 PM - 8:45 PM** Yoga, Parish Hall	**3** **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Benedictine Community, Vestry Room, Undercroft	**4** **6:30 AM** Early Christians, Fairchild **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes	**5** **7:00 PM** Choir, Choir Room **7:30 PM - 9:00 PM** Discernment Group, Vestry Room **7:30 PM** Maundy Thursday Liturgy	**6** TAT deadline **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes, Narthex **12:00 PM** Good Friday Liturgy **7:30 PM** Good Friday Liturgy **8:30 PM** AA, Fairchild	**7** Flower Set Up, Parish Hall, Chapel **6:30 PM** Great Vigil of Easter **7:30 PM** Reception following the Great Vigil
8 Easter Sunday **7:30 AM** HE-I, Zabriskie **9:00 AM** Holy Eucharist II, Chapel **10:15 AM** Easter Egg Hunt, Immanuel Gardens (Rain date April 15) **11:15 AM** HE-II	**9** OFFICE CLOSED **11:00 AM** Qi gong, Parish Hall **7:30 PM - 8:45 PM** Yoga, Parish Hall	**10** **9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** Downs Syndrome Assoc. meeting, Fairchild Room **12:00 PM** Goodwin House luncheon **6:30 PM** Vestry, Vestry Room	**11** TAT Mailing **6:30 AM** Early Christians, Fairchild **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes	**12** **7:00 PM** Choir, Choir Room **7:30 PM** Seminary Hill Association, Parish Hall	**13** **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes **12:30 PM** Muslim Worship, Parish Hall **8:30 PM** AA, Fairchild	**14** **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Dignity, Zabriskie
15 **8:00 AM** HE-I, Zabriskie **9:00 AM** Sunday School **9:05 AM** Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist II, Chapel **11:00 AM - 12:30 PM** Youth Clay Class **11:30 AM** Youth Group **3:00 PM - 6:00 PM** Beau Soir Ensemble,	**16** **11:00 AM** Qi gong, Parish Hall **7:30 PM - 8:45 PM** Yoga, Parish Hall	**17** **6:30 PM** Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Benedictine Community, Vestry Room, Undercroft	**18** **6:30 AM** Early Christians, Fairchild **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes **7:00 PM - 9:30 PM** School for the Spirit	**19** **3:30 AM** Saints in Prayer, Fairchild Room **7:00 PM** Choir, Choir Room	**20** TAT deadline **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes **12:30 PM** Muslim Worship, Parish Hall **8:30 PM** AA, Fairchild	**21** **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Dignity, Zabriskie
22 Oral Re-hydration Project **8:00 AM** HE-I, Zabriskie **9:00 AM** Sunday School **9:05 AM** Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist II/Baptism, **11:45 AM** Goldsmith family reception	**23** **11:00 AM** Qi gong, Parish Hall **7:30 PM - 8:45 PM** Yoga, Parish Hall	**24** **7:30 PM** Outreach Committee, Fairchild Room	**25** TAT Mailing **6:30 AM** Early Christians, Fairchild **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes **7:00 PM - 9:30 PM** School for the Spirit	**26** **7:00 PM** Choir, Choir Room	**27** **8:20 AM - 11:35 AM** Senior Exercise Classes **12:30 PM** Muslim Worship, Parish Hall **8:30 PM** AA, Fairchild	**28** **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** Philomela Rehearsal, Choir Room **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Dignity, Zabriskie
29 **8:00 AM** HE-I, Zabriskie **9:00 AM** Sunday School **9:05 AM** Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist I **11:00 AM - 12:30 PM** Youth Clay Class **11:30 AM** Youth Group **3:00 PM - 6:00 PM** Convivium concert, **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** Randi Rowe discernment group, Fairchild Room	**30** **11:00 AM** Qi gong, Parish Hall **7:30 PM - 8:45 PM** Yoga, Parish Hall	**1** **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Benedictine Community, Vestry Room, Undercroft	**2** **6:30 AM** Early Christians, Fairchild **7:00 PM - 9:30 PM** School for the Spirit	**3** **7:00 PM** Choir, Choir Room **7:30 PM - 9:00 PM** Discernment Group, Vestry Room	**4** **12:30 PM** Muslim Worship, Parish Hall **8:30 PM** AA, Fairchild	**5** **1:00 PM** Opera rehearsal **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** Dignity, Zabriskie

April Birthdays

04/01 Laura Curtis
04/01 Kathryn Haskin
04/01 Alexander Donlon
04/01 Samuel Donlon
04/02 Melissa Ennis
04/02 Sarah Corkern
04/02 Will Ashton
04/03 Ian Donahue
04/03 Woodford Pollach
04/04 Dan Kelly
04/04 Bonnie Fairbank
04/04 Cyrus Murphy
04/04 James Rath
04/05 David Fite
04/06 John Henderson
04/07 Celina Stewart
04/07 Matt Curtis
04/07 Elizabeth Anderson
04/07 Robert Scheible
04/07 Amanda Eisenhour
04/07 Anderson Davis
04/08 Warren Phillips
04/08 William Eisenhauer
04/08 Anna Biache
04/08 Jonah Wagner
04/08 Hayden Wagner
04/09 Katherine Ferguson
04/09 Jim Clausen
04/09 Chris Rodriguez
04/09 Scott Warlick
04/10 Peder Sulerud
04/10 Dana Compton
04/11 Maria Burke
04/11 David Hurley
04/11 Tyler Gehrs
04/11 Conner Parks
04/12 Michael Briggs
04/12 Elizabeth Hussey
04/13 Jim Martin
04/13 Montie Martin
04/13 Isabelle Young-Smith
04/14 Sarah Fite
04/15 Edith Bradbury
04/15 Ginny Graef
04/15 Christopher Calloway
04/16 Carla Murray
04/16 Chandler Kourtesis
04/16 Madeleine Compton
04/17 William Dols
04/17 Thomas Curtis
04/18 Stephen Hansen
04/18 Harrison Barnes
04/19 Pam Hunt
04/19 Rebecca Cooper
04/19 Timo Kirby
04/19 Lila Greiner
04/19 Nicholas King
04/19 Sofia Richter
04/20 John Smucker
04/20 Dylan Brown
04/21 Joan Raybold
04/21 Joanna Baltes
04/22 William Davidson
04/22 Barb Bassett
04/22 Pat Bassett
04/22 Peter Ackerman
04/22 Elizabeth MacIntosh
04/23 Roz Kerns
04/23 David Tinkle
04/23 Chris Hagan
04/24 Eric Reading
04/25 Mary Ingold
04/26 Martha Blakeslee
04/26 Lisa Siegrist
04/26 Pete Toman
04/26 Alexander Skubel
04/26 Hunter Davies
04/27 Virginia Guild
04/27 Douglas Coleman
04/27 Martha Shimkin
04/27 Lucas Thompson
04/28 Janet Siegrist
04/30 Michael Amato
04/30 Catherine Guzzi

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be, keeping *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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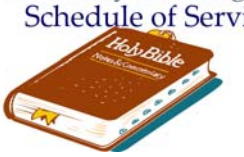
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING ALMOND TREE SCHEDULE

April 11, 25 (second and fourth Wednesdays of April)
May 9, 30 (second and fifth Wednesdays of May (Jennifer will be away the fourth Wednesday)
June 13, 27 (second and fourth Wednesdays in June
July and August still to be determined – probably only one issue the middle of each month

Lectionary Readings and
Schedule of Services



April 1, Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:32—15:47
8:00 a.m., HE I, 10:00 a.m., HEII
April 7, The Great Vigil of Easter
Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-8
6:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist II and Baptism
April 8, Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John20:1-18
7:30 a.m., HEI, 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., HEII