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This Upcoming Sunday

Easter Sunday

9 April 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist B

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David Burton

Thurifer: Alex Buckley

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Owen
Buckley

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:
Gregory Proctor

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Coffee Hour Host: David Burton



LESSONS for Easter Sunday

New Testament – Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-43

Psalm – 118: 1-2, 14-24 (Sung)

Epistle – Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel – John 20: 1-18

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Holy Week

Orders of Worship

For those who want an early look, here are drafts of the services prepared for use the choral scholars.

[Order of Worship Maundy Thursday \(draft\)](#)

[Order of Worship Good Friday \(draft\)](#)

[Order of Worship Easter Vigil \(draft\)](#)

The Women of Good Friday ***A Meditation for Good Friday***

Women are essential to Good Friday and the Church. Women are prominently featured at Jesus' crucifixion as a sign of love and support. Luke's Gospel mentions the women who wept and wailed as Jesus carried his cross to Golgotha. There is the legend of a woman named Veronica who stepped into the street as Jesus was struggling with his cross and offered a bit of refreshment by wiping the blood, sweat and tears from his face. The Gospel of John specifically mentions four women at the foot of the cross: Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. All these brave women were a presence of love and compassion; in many ways they suffered with Jesus as he died. The influence of women on Good Friday does not end there.

For over sixteen hundred years Christians around the world have gathered on Good Friday to participate in a liturgy like the one we are in the middle of thanks to a woman named Egeria. In the mid-380's Egeria went on an extensive pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. She spent three years in Jerusalem where she observed and attended many church services. She wrote about her observations in a letter she sent to the women of her hometown. That letter was eventually published under the title *The Pilgrimage of Egeria*. In it she described a Good Friday service that influences the services observed around the world today.

She wrote that at noon on Good Friday the faithful gathered to hear scripture read aloud, to pray for forgiveness, and to participate in an immersive kind of

prayer called the veneration of the cross.

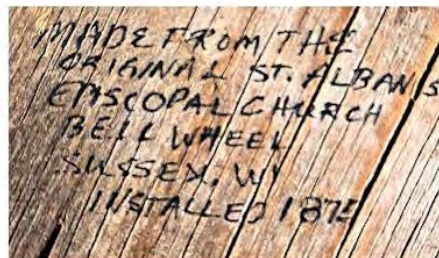
According to Egeria, a small part of the actual cross Jesus died on had been discovered by a woman named Helen. She was the mother of the emperor Constantine and she had made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem long before Egeria. That very same piece of the cross Helen found was kept in an ornate box and every Good Friday, a priest or bishop would bring the piece of the cross into the church built where Jesus was crucified and placed it on a table in front of the altar. Those in attendance could then come forward and touch the piece of the cross while the priest or bishop said, "Behold the wood of the cross."

This type of prayer was taken on by the church throughout the world and is one of the seven types of principle prayer mentioned in our *Book of Common Prayer*. If you turn to page 857 in the *Book of Common Prayer* you will find adoration, another word for veneration, described as a prayer where we lift up our hearts and minds to God with no expectation other than to be in God's presence. When we venerate or adore the cross of Christ, we are, through prayer, lifting up our hearts and minds, letting go of expectations, to be, like the women of the Gospels and legend, present with Jesus in his darkest hour. It is a way to honor Jesus and acknowledge how through God's tremendous love an instrument of suffering and death is ultimately transformed into the pathway to new life in Christ.



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We do not have a piece of the original cross at Church of the Good Shepherd. But we do have a wooden cross that has historical and personal significance. It is made from the original wooden wheel of the bell in St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Sussex, Wisconsin, the first church Mother Deborah served as rector. When the bell wheel, which was installed in 1875 started to weaken from age, it was replaced. The wood from the original bell wheel was made into small crosses, and the folks at St. Alban's were kind enough to remember her and sent her one. It is this cross that was used in Good Friday service because it is a symbol connection to each other, God's love, and the women who believe and continue to follow him along God's way of love.



Coming up on the Calendar

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Maundy Thursday)

Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon - - Good Friday

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. - - Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Easter)

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Looking Ahead

April 6 - Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm a simplified service from the Book of Common Prayer commemorating Jesus' last night before his death.

April 7 - Good Friday 12:00 we are holding this Book of Common Prayer service at the traditional time of noon.

April 8 - Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 pm this year's vigil will be an intimate worship service reflecting on the resurrection.

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III Dr. Gregory Crowell, guest organist.

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

April 9	David Burton
April 16	Anne Walker
April 23	Alex Buckley
April 30	Lynn Greham

Taken Dates for Altar Flowers

[To Altar Flower Open Dates and Procedure.](#)



Remember **Bells** on Saturday April 8

One of the highlights of the Great Vigil of Easter service is ringing bells when the word *alleluia* returns to the liturgy after its Lenten absence. You are encouraged to bring a bell from home to ring to help experience the joy and fun of bringing alleluia back to the service. It can be noisy, which is

reminiscent of the earthquake mentioned in the resurrection account in Matthew 28:1-10.

Join us at 7:30 pm for the immersive worship service that is the Great Vigil of Easter.

Easter Message



April 2, 2023

BELIEVE

Dear Parishioner and Friend of Church of the Good Shepherd,

Do you have trouble believing? It appears many people not only struggle with belief, they seem afraid to believe in anything. Skepticism, judgmentalism, and cynicism are more likely to be practiced. But there are a few exceptions.

Ted Lasso, one of my favorite television shows is all about belief. And it works; mainly because *Ted Lasso* takes place in the world of European football, and sport stories often feature believing your team can win against overwhelming odds. In the first season, just before an important game against a better team, several characters told Ted they couldn't hope for a win because, "It's the hope that kills you." That phrase reveals their fear of being disappointed or proven wrong.

In his characteristic style of fearless integrity, Ted responded by saying what

he believes. Ted believes in hope. And he believes it is the lack of hope that will come and get you. Then he says one of my favorite quotes from the show, "I believe in believe." His belief is contagious, and as each character in the show learns to be courageous enough to believe, we watch them grow.

The accounts of Jesus' resurrection in all the Gospels feature the message from angels and the Risen Christ himself, "don't be afraid." Perhaps that message is short for *Don't be afraid to believe Jesus is raised from the dead*. I understand it is hard for many to believe in Jesus' resurrection, and I understand why some folks might be afraid to believe it. But like Ted Lasso says, not believing is far more detrimental.

It doesn't take much to despair and lose hope when we read about the violence, injustice, climate change, and war in the news. Such news might seem like justification to fear being hopeful. But the power of Jesus' resurrection is that it can give us hope even in the worst of times. Easter Sunday is one reminder belief isn't only for sports, it is for life. Whether you prefer the message of the angels or that of *Ted Lasso*, they are the same. Believe, even when everyone else is afraid. Believe and you will find hope. Believe and you will find freedom. Believe and you will encounter the life-giving Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Alleluia!

I hope you will join us in celebrating Easter at Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 am. In the midst of a lovely liturgy and beautiful music I hope you will come closer to believing and discover for yourself hope is what makes us stronger.

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen Indeed,

Mother Deborah

The Rev. Deborah Woolsey, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, Athens, Ohio

Easter Sunday Special Music

This year's Easter Sunday service will be even more joyful than usual because it will feature an original piece of music composed by **our very own Gregory Proctor**. Congratulations Gregory! Thank you for sharing your gift with us and adding to the celebration. (See Below)

On Easter Sunday, the choir will sing the premiere of an Easter anthem - "Alleluia, Christ is risen" for choir and oboe. It was composed by our very own Gregory Proctor!!! OU senior, Sophia Newman will be our guest oboist.



We will also have guest organist, Dr. Gregory Crowell. Below is some

information about Dr. Crowell.



Gregory Crowell has appeared as organist, harpsichordist, clavichordist, lecturer, and conductor in Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Spain, Japan, Canada, and the United States. He has performed in many international festivals and conventions, including the Boston Early Music Festival, Regional Conventions of the American Guild of Organists, National Conventions of the Organ Historical Society, the Saugatuck Chamber Music Festival, the Fontana

Chamber Music Festival, the Boston Clavichord Society, the Westfield Center, and the International Clavichord Symposium (Magnano, Italy). Particularly noted for his performances of the keyboard works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Crowell has been a featured performer at the Weener (Germany) International Bach Series, the Grand Rapids Bach Festival, the Old West Organ Society (Boston) Bach Marathon, and the Valparaiso Bach Institute. In the spring of 2000, Dr. Crowell performed and lectured in the Bach Organ Festival held at St. Luke's in Tokyo, during which time he also served as visiting scholar at Rikkyo University in Tokyo. Crowell has spoken on interdisciplinary models of teaching music history at Oxford University as part of the Oxford Round Table. Recent appearances include solo recitals at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the National Music Museum, Notre Dame University, and the Grassi Museum in Leipzig, Germany.

Crowell has served as a member of the jury of a number of prestigious organ competitions, including the Quimby, Fort Wayne, Strader, Rotman, and American Guild of Organists Improvisation Competitions.

Gregory Crowell's performances have featured on WCRB Boston, WGUC in Cincinnati, WFMT Chicago, Northwest German Radio, Belgian Public Radio, WBLU in Grand Rapids, WMUK in Kalamazoo, and NPM's Pipedreams. His compact disc recordings include live organ performances on the OHS label and, with hornist Paul Austin, the critically acclaimed compact disc *Moons and Ancestors: The Music of Robert Shechtman*.

Crowell's solo performances have been described as "beautiful, flexible, expressive" (The Diapason), "full of panache and expression" (Ostfriesen Kurier), "reliable as a sunrise, steady as a rock" (The Grand Rapids Press), and "masterful" (North American Keyboard Society). The Tracker praised him for "his stylish, lickety-split passagework [that] brought the program to a dazzling conclusion," and the Boston Herald noted "this listener cannot recall ever having heard better."

Crowell has also published widely on subjects related to early keyboard instruments and their repertoire in such periodicals as *The Diapason*, *The American Organist*, *Harpsichord and Fortepiano*, *Clavichord International*, *The Tracker*, and *De Clavicordio*. From 2004 to 2008, Crowell was the

Director of Publications for the Organ Historical Society, in which capacity he served as editor of *The Tracker*, a quarterly scholarly journal dedicated to the historic pipe organ. He now serves as the editor of *Clavichord International*, the only scholarly journal devoted entirely to the clavichord.

Dr. Crowell holds degrees from the New England Conservatory of Music and the University of Cincinnati, and has studied further at the North German Organ Academy, Academia del Organo (Pistoia, Italy), and Musika Hamabostaldia (San Sebastian, Spain). Dr. Crowell has taught at the New England Conservatory, the University of Cincinnati, and at Hope College. He is Senior Affiliate Professor of Music at Grand Valley State University, and Director of Music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Crowell performs under the aegis of Independent Concert Artists.

Vacation

Mother Deborah and Michael will be on vacation April 10 – 17.

Please contact Alex Buckley the Senior Warden for pastoral emergencies.



Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry's Easter 2023 message.

... “We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it,” ...

... “Jesus lives. He has been raised from the dead. That is the message of Easter, and that is the good news of great tidings.”...

Workers Memorial Friday April 28 at 12 noon

Mother Deborah will once again be giving the opening prayer for the Athens Workers Memorial on Friday, April 28 at noon at the parking lot next to Attractions on Court Street. Everyone is invited to attend the brief ceremony honoring the people who lost their lives while working. Box lunches are provided for free.

Repeats & More



CrossRoads Café is closed until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to chogs@chogs.org or revedebwoolsey@gmail.com.

We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans. \$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luelloff at michael.luelloff@hotmail.com if you want to purchase a bag.

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by environmental disaster and war anywhere in the world please consider contributing to **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church. You can select which fund, such as Ukraine Crisis Response.



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