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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
Sunday School & Adult Education  
11:15 am Holy Eucharist

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

5:30 pm St. Nicholas Training Choir  
5:30 pm St. Clare Girl Choir  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft  
7:30 pm Vestry Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Rector's Bible Study  
5:30 pm Jr. High Bible Study

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

8:30 am Parish Life Committee—Library  
5:00 pm *Sounds* Deadline for 5/03  
5:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study  
7:30 pm St Francis Choir

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday School & Adult Education  
11:15 am Morning Prayer



The Scripture appointed for the Second Sunday of Easter:  
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

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*How very good  
and pleasant it is  
when kindred live  
together in unity!*  
Psalm 133:1

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 *Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \**  
*when brethren live together in unity!*
- 2 *It is like fine oil upon the head \**  
*that runs down upon the beard,*
- 3 *Upon the beard of Aaron, \**  
*and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is*  
*like the dew of Hermon \**  
*that falls upon the hills of Zion.*
- 4 *For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \**  
*life for evermore.*

*Psalm 133*

## TRANSCRIPT OF ARCHBISHOP ROWAN WILLIAMS' EASTER MESSAGE

Surprising numbers of people still go to Church at Christmas and Easter in this country, but probably more at Christmas than at Easter. Why then is Christmas that bit more popular? I suppose it's partly because Christmas is quite a simple story – it's about the gift of God to us, in the Christ child; it's about a present that all we have to do is receive. But Easter's more complicated. Easter is a journey. Easter is lots of stories rolled into one and it can make real demands on us.

From the very earliest days of the church, celebrating Easter has been quite a *long* job. It's spilled over into the whole week before it – Holy Week – as it's been called for many, many centuries. And in holy week, what we do is walk alongside Jesus in the last week of his life. The church reads and acts out that story in all kinds of ways during those days so that by the time you get to Easter you've actually travelled quite a long way.

So the whole story of Holy Week ends with the celebration of the resurrection. We begin it on Easter Eve, and then on the morning of Easter Sunday it blazes out in all its glory, in all its triumph. The tomb is empty, there is no power that can hold Jesus down or lock him up. The stone, the entrance of this great rock tomb is heaved away by the life of God, and there is no dead body there, there is no Jesus locked up in the past, there is only Jesus alive forever more.

So at Easter we celebrate not just the fact that Jesus rose from the dead - as if that were an interesting fact that happened many centuries ago - we celebrate the fact that, in the words of the Bible, because "he is alive, we are alive".

We know that we are held in God's hands, that our lives are held firmly and lovingly forever by the mercy of God. We know we have a future in his love, and that nothing can take that away.

It's a long journey, a journey from the moment when we *thought* we could *welcome* from God cheerfully and happily because he seems to come and fulfil all our desires. Palm Sunday is a cheerful occasion. And then we have to face the fact that the Jesus who has arrived is perhaps not quite what we want, he's making us feel uncomfortable. He's changing us. And human beings push back against that change. And they do it violently and horribly. They try to push Jesus right out of the world. And we have to face in ourselves all those aspects of our lives which try to push God away. And then we realise the amazement, wonder and gratitude, but however hard we try to push it away, he won't go away. He's there, he's *promised* to be there, he will be there for us wherever we are. And so at the end of our celebration of Easter, that long journey of Holy Week, we can say, in the words of St Matthew's Gospel - right at the end of that Gospel – as we've heard Jesus saying, "I'm with you always. I'm with you 'til the very end of the world."



## *Easter 2009 Flower Memorials*

The flowers decorating our church this Easter were given  
*to the glory of God by*

✠ Sue and Bill Tull; ✠ Kathy and Norm Barker ✠ Anne T. Sidey

*to the glory of God and loving memory of*

✠ Joseph E. Swan, Jr. & Betsy P. Swan and William A. Beresford, II & Agnes Beresford by Susan & William A. Beresford, III; ✠ her husband Chuck Hunter by Sallylee Hunter; ✠ Allan & Albert Lock, Bill & Clara Yamamoto and May Lee Lock by Kathy Lock ✠ Elinor G. Burton by Warren Burton ✠ Libby Wilson Hayek by Charles & Helen Wilson ✠ Madeleine Bahar by Laurel, Hadi, Martin & Claudia Bahar ✠ John Hoke by Nancy Hoke ✠ her father & mother, Lawrence & Margaret Hoffman by Bette A. Houston ✠ her husband William and her friends, John, Walter and Nancy, who have died this year by Rosemary MacDonald ✠ John Larry King & Carol King Michie by Fred & Sandy Meloan ✠ Sam Pickard by Peggy Pickard ✠ Neal Tardy from his children, John Tardy, Diane Sickles and granddaughter Jennifer Sickles ✠ our parents by Heather and Charlie Williams ✠ Lulu and Luther Tendall by Skip and Sue Tendall ✠ George Tozer, Sr., father of David Tozer by Ellen & David Tozer ✠ Ann Lorentson, Anne Heywood Jacobus and William H. Heywood, Jr. by Barbara & David Heywood ✠ Mildred Tomellini and Norman Mitchell by Carol and Caroline Mitchell ✠ Brownie Stupar by his family ✠ Harold Astrich by his family ✠ her parents by Lynne Astrich ✠ my parents, Bob and Dorothy Windham, by Craig Windham ✠ Sue Anne Davison by Julie, Chris and Patricia Keim ✠ our parents, John & Grace Bishop and Louise & Robert Rood by Bob and Grace Rood ✠ our parents, Alexander & Victoria Courie and Michael & Geneva Skaff by Diana & George Courie ✠ our daughter, Heather Joy Wilson, by the Wilson family ✠ William Edgar Linden Jr. by Libby, Richard, Skyler, and Carson William Rubin

*to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for*

✠ their loved ones by Roy & Mary Day ✠ Easter time and the Resurrection by David, Sarah, & Katherine Kuckelman ✠ our Military serving at home and abroad by Mac Jacoby ✠ their family by Mardy & Hugh O'Neil ✠ their nine grandchildren by Cindy & Merrill Yavinsky ✠ their parents, Martha & George Wright and Pauline Tozer, by Ellen & David Tozer

*to the glory of God and in celebration of*

✠ Our Lord's Resurrection by John & Nancy Mion ✠ The Risen Christ by Jim & Fran Baker  
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