



# St. Michael's Messenger

April 5, 2026



## The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35)

Tonight, we begin what is known as the Triduum. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Great Vigil of Easter) are really one service spread out over three days. Our service tonight at 6 PM will include foot washing, Holy Communion, and the striping of the Altar. As I mentioned in last week's Messenger and on Palm Sunday, if you have not attended this service before, please give it a shot. (If you are wondering, no, you do not have to have your feet washed. That said, it would be an honor for Archdeacon Mary or myself to wash your feet.) However, to receive communion, to watch the Altar stripped bare, and witness the procession of the Blessed Sacrament out of the Nave, is so powerful. Plus, it sets the table, so to speak, for Good Friday.

On Friday, we will have a service at 12 PM and Stations of the Cross at 6 PM. At 12 PM, we will have a Passion Narrative, Veneration of the Cross (a time of personal prayer), and the Solemn Collects (like on Ash Wed., these collects are intercessions for humanity's sins). The offering that we collect on Good Friday goes to The Church in the Middle East. The Episcopal Church has taken up a Good Friday Offering since 1922. The goal is to assist fellow Christians in need and to have solidarity with them, even if we are half-way around the world. Obviously, given the current circumstances, prayers and assistance will benefit the many who are in need. For more information, please [click here](#) and here.

For our Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday, we have a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for people to participate in the service. Please consider being a part of that service. The more voices, the better. There is still time to sign up!

As a reminder, Holy Week is a great time to invite folks to church. In love, reach out to folks and invite them to come here. You can sit with them too to help them navigate the service. Coming to church as a visitor can be a trying experience. If you see someone you do not recognize, please take a moment and introduce yourself. By acknowledging a person's presence, that disarms a visitor's potential angst. It is also loving our neighbors...

I want to thank our Altar Guild, Choir, Altar Servers, Lectors/Passion Readers, Deacon Mary, Anita Valentin, Tom McCabe, Nancy Owens, and Tia LaMance for all of their hard work in getting us ready for Holy Week. The folks here work hard and I am profoundly thankful for their faithful work.

Please remember, next week, the Church Office will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. We will not have a healing service on April 8. Deacon Mary and I will be laying low, recharging our batteries. Please give us this holy time to rest.

Finally, on Tuesday of Holy Week, the clergy of our Diocese gathered at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia for the Renewal of Ordination Vows and for a Chrism Mass (when the Bishop blesses oil that congregations receive for the year). As the new Archdeacon, Deacon Mary was privileged to be the litanist for the Litany of God's Mission for the Church.

I pray that we all have a hopeful and joyful Holy Week and Easter. Know that God loves you. He sent His Son into this world to save the world. We will walk these holy days together, joyfully contemplating the mighty acts of Jesus. By Sunday, our sorrow and shame will turn to joy... Rise, let us be on our way.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Dan

**MASTER SCHEDULE:** Tia is putting the Master Schedule together for the next part of 2026. If you are a server and know of dates that you cannot serve from May through August, **please email that information to [office@stmec.org](mailto:office@stmec.org) by 4/12.**

**APRIL ECM MEETING:** We will have a Fish Fry **THIS Thurs.**, 4/9 at 6:30 PM, Social 7 PM meal. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, so we know how much food to prepare. Invite someone who hasn't been to a meeting.

**ECW SPRING HIGH TEA:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring High Tea will be Sat., April 25 from 12 to 2 PM in the Parish Hall. Dress in your Sunday best, Hats preferred but not required. All women are invited for tea, food, door prize, lots of fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. To purchase your \$10 ticket, or if you have any questions, please see Ellie.

**APRIL MEET 'N' EAT:** This month we will meet Thursday, April 23, at Buffalo Cornbread, 1712 SC-86, Piedmont, SC 29673, at 7 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board, so we know how many to plan for.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION:** The Altar Flower chart and dedication sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Here's how to sign-up: Put your name on the Altar Flower Chart then on the dedication sheet, write your name and how you want your dedication to read in the bulletin for the date you select. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! Altar Flowers are \$40; Greenery is \$20 and special request may cost more.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED:** Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry. Hosting is easy and makes a big contribution to welcoming guests and enhancing our parish fellowship. Nervous about doing it by yourself, why not partner with a friend? If you have any questions about serving, call the church office or email [office@stmec.org](mailto:office@stmec.org) or [rector@stmec.org](mailto:rector@stmec.org).



Let us love one another by refraining from wearing scented products including perfumes, colognes, & lotions to church or church events. These products can trigger serious health issues such as: asthma attacks, migraine headaches, and even nausea. We appreciate your cooperation. The goal is everyone's health. Please reach out to Fr. Dan if you have any questions.

## SPRING CALENDAR

04/02	6:00	Maundy Thursday Service
04/03	12:00	Good Friday Service
04/03	6:00	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
04/05	10:30	Easter Sunday (One Service)
04/06 & 04/07		Church Office Closed
04/09	6:00	April ECM Social
04/12	11:30	Finance Meeting
04/15	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
04/15	4:00	Choir Practice
04/19	9:30	DOK Meeting
04/20	6:00	Vestry Meeting
04/22	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
04/22	4:00	Choir Practice
04/23	6:00	April Meet 'n' Eat
04/25	10:00	ECW Spring Tea

### SERVING MAUNDY THURSDAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner  
 Preacher: The Ven. Mary Jeffers  
 Organist/Choirmaster: Nancy Owens  
 Special Musicians: Tony Burns, Prissy Golas, & Susan Wallace  
 Altar Guild: Kim Frost  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ethel Lawler & Parker Bailes  
 Lector: Mark Pesnell  
 Intercessor: Ethel Lawler  
 Special Psalmist: Mark Pesnell  
 Crucifier: Kim Pesnell  
 Torch Bearers: Parker Bailes & Ethel Lawler  
 Greeter: Anita Valentin

### SERVING GOOD FRIDAY

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner  
 Assisting: The Ven. Mary Jeffers  
 Organist/Choirmaster: Nancy Owens  
 Readers: Jonnie Holt and Ethel Lawler  
 Greeter: Joe Lawler

### PASSION NARRATIVE PARTICIPANTS:

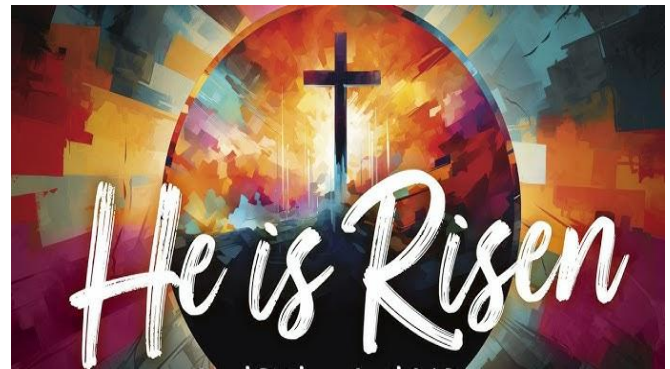
Narrator – Jeri King	Woman – Ethel Lawler
Police – Dea. Mary	Jesus – Bob Cook
Priest – Robert Pinkston	Pilate – Fr. Dan
Peter – Tony Burns	Soldier – Bruce Wallace



- 1 Baker Cleveland
- 2 Christopher Borowski  
Ellie Cook
- 4 Bill Boumil  
Ethel Lawler
- 6 Jean Jordan
- 7 Dea. Mary Jeffers
- 9 JoAnn Hicks
- 10 Le Grand Fowler
- 19 Catherine Borowski  
Susan Wallace
- 26 Michael Pulley

**May God Bless You  
On Your Birthday!!**

Please email [office@stmec.org](mailto:office@stmec.org) if we've missed your birthday.



### 10:30 EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner  
 Assisting: The Ven. Mary Jeffers  
 Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens  
 Altar Guild: Anita Valentin  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Pinkston & John Dickey  
 Readers: Robert Pinkston & Ron Hicks  
 Psalmist: Jonnie Holt  
 Verger: Tom McCabe  
 Crucifer: Parker Bailes  
 Torchbearers: John Dickey & JoAnn Hicks  
 Banner Bearer: Robert Borowski  
 Clergy Crucifer: Summer Robbins  
 Greeters: Teri Swann & Cheryl Borowski  
 Vestry Open-up Church: Teri Swann  
 Vestry Lock-up Church: Salvina Cascio-Brewer  
 Sunday's Counters: John Dickey & Joe Lawler

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