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# the Messenger

Charleston, South Carolina

The Church of the Holy Communion

April 2021

## FROM OUR RECTOR

Thursday morning at the 8:00 Mass we celebrated the Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is celebrated, as you might imagine, the 25th of March, exactly 9 months prior to the Nativity.

On this special feast we celebrate the revelation to Mary by the angel Gabriel that she would give birth to the Son of God.

What exactly are we celebrating on this day? We are celebrating the fact that Mary was destined to become the Mother of God, the God-bearer. As with all saints, there are insights into Mary's story that can have bearing in our lives. There are some ways in which Mary's story *is* our story.

Firstly: Mary had been prepared by God for this mystery before time began.

Secondly: being prepared did not mean that Mary did not have any fear when the angel suddenly appeared in front of her. The statement "Fear Not" expresses the angel's acknowledgement of that fear. But God gave Mary sufficient grace in order to walk in integrity and persevere in the plan of salvation. God's grace was sufficient for all her needs. God's grace is sufficient for all our needs.

Thirdly: Mary was chosen by God to bear the Savior, Jesus Christ, and she cooperated. Her cooperation with God in this plan of salvation was necessary in order for it to be accomplished. Her "yes" was required. We are chosen as well. We have a preordained mission here on earth. We do not choose God without God having first chosen us.

If we answer "yes" to God, the gift of God's grace will enable us to do whatever is

required of us in his plan of salvation for all. The difficulty we face lies in saying *yes* to God's grace in *every* moment of our lives not just from time to time. The challenge is to invite God's presence into every *arena* of our lives, to let His light shine in every dark spot that is within us, so that we are transformed by God's love.

The trouble lies in trying to tame *self*, in order to listen to the soul. Perhaps this is so difficult because our minds are too busy, playing out how things will turn out in our lives, and trying to figure out the motivations of others.

The problem with this busyness of mind is that our assumptions and assessments are missing a *key* ingredient. They do not include the biggest factor of all: God's grace and presence, which is *the way* we are transformed.

*Fear* is also real in our lives, just as it was in the lives of Adam and Eve after they had transgressed. Just, as it was for Mary when the angel Gabriel appeared in front of her. Just as it was for Jesus when he asked if the cup could pass, in the garden of Gethsemane. We fear failure in our work, in relationships, in trying to live our lives with integrity. We fear the unknown, we have an anxiety that encompasses a large spectrum of realistic and unrealistic fears concerning our family, our career and our social life.

Mary is our forerunner and model in faith who allowed God's grace into moments of fear and anguish, joy and mystery, suffering and loss.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you.

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## Prayer for the Search and Election of the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina



Almighty, eternal and loving God, we humbly come before you as the people of this diocese seeking your guidance. So guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so rule our hearts as we seek to find the one that will lead us as Bishop. May your Holy Spirit move the hearts and minds of those who may be called to come forward, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people, and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE AND AN INVITATION  
FROM FATHER RICHARDSON AND THE VESTRY

*"I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks."*



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- William Shakespeare

Eighteen years ago, Clara Godshall came to the Church of the Holy Communion as our Choir Director and Organist. She has been a leader, a teacher, story-teller, confidant, friend, and, lest we forget, a musician of the highest quality. Her love for the music of the Anglo-Catholic Liturgy has fostered in each of our musicians a desire not to perform music merely for its own sake, but to "sing" the liturgy, to give it greater heights of expression for all those who gather here.

In her time here, Clara has led the music of our Liturgy in over 900 Solemn High Masses. That number does not include years of Christmas Eve Services, Christmas Pageants, Holy Week services, Easter, All Saints' and All Souls, numbers of joyous wedding celebrations and Requiem Masses.

On April 4, Easter Sunday, Clara will lead her final Solemn High Mass as Organist/Choir Director at the Church of the Holy Communion.

Directly after the 9:15 AM Easter service, we will have a "Drop-In Farewell" in the Garth to celebrate Clara's time with us and to thank her for her ministry in leading us to "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

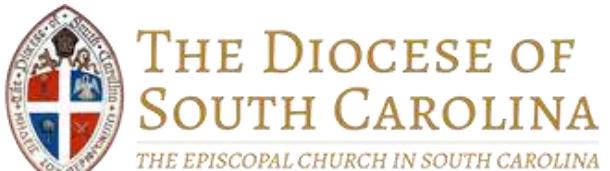
We hope you will join us for a few moments before going on to your Easter Day activities. Our safe practices remain in place, but we will have light refreshments to carry you through to dinner-time or Brunch.



*We would like to send Clara on her way with a generous "thanks, and ever thanks." If you wish to contribute you may send or bring your offering.*

*If your offering is in the form of a check, you may make it to: The Church of the Holy Communion for Clara Godshall.*

*If you use Realm, contribute under the Miscellaneous tab and send an e-mail to Chris Jennings: [cjennings1@mac.com](mailto:cjennings1@mac.com). She will make sure your offering goes into the proper account for Clara's Farewell. God's Peace to All!*



Follow this link to The Episcopal Diocese of SC:

[www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org)

This is where you can find out about what's happening in the Episcopal Church. Sign up for their newsletter, receive email updates and devotions.



### Atrium News:

The atrium hour begins at 10:30 following the Sunday Social.

Baptized individuals interested in Catechism instruction are encouraged to contact Father Jeff. The first meeting is April 11 following the Mass.

### ALL THINKING

I would rather be what God chose to make me than the most glorious creature that I could think of;

For to have been born in God's thought and then made by God is the dearest, grandest, and most precious thing in all thinking.

George MacDonald 1880

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Submitted by Sharon Dean

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION LEADERSHIP & STAFF

**The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson**, Rector  
**The Rev. Jerry J. Jellico**, Deacon  
**Clara D. Godshall**, Choirmaster/Organist  
**Dorothy Holland**, Youth/Children's Minister  
**Mary Neale Berkaw**, Coordinator of Altar Guild Ministries  
**Stephanie Jellico**, Parish Administrator

### HOLY COMMUNION'S DAY SCHOOL STAFF

**Stephanie Jellico**, Day School Director  
**Cappy Traywick**, Day School Committee Chairperson  
**Belinda Dymek**, Day School Teacher  
**Beth McKie**, Day School Teacher  
**Emily Mills**, Day School Teacher  
**Lisa Clarke**, Teaching Assistant  
**Katherine King**, Teaching Assistant  
**Conner Caraman**, Teaching Assistant



### The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### VESTRY MEMBERS:

Christine Jennings, Sr. Warden  
Mark Gould, Jr. Warden  
Sue Cavanaugh, 21  
Martin Gramling, 21  
Patricia Henley, 21  
Jan Schumann, 21  
Michael Jones, 22  
Roy Schmarkey, 22  
Skip Schumann, 22  
Morey Lent, 23

### VESTRY PERSONS OF THE DAY FOR APRIL:

Easter Sunday, April 4  
Mark Gould & Jan Schumann  
April 11  
Roy Schmarkey & Morey Lent  
April 18  
Michael Jones & Skip Schumann  
April 25  
Patricia Henley & Sue Cavanaugh

### VESTRY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

**Christian Education:** Skip Schumann  
**Communications/Website:** Mike Jones  
**Day School:** Patricia Henley  
**Vestry Person of the Day, Ushers, Greeters:** Patricia Henley & Roy Schmarkey  
**Outreach:** Mike Jones & Jerry Jellico  
**Parish Life/Hospitality:** Roy Schmarkey, Lisa Covington & Sharon Dean  
**Pastoral Care:** Sharon Dean  
**Young Adults:** Martin Gramling  
**Inreach:** Jan Schumann & Mike Jones  
**Finances:** Sue Cavanaugh  
**Stewardship:** Morey Lent

# HOLY COMMUNION PODCAST CLUB

*...like a book club, but for podcasts!*

## ZOOM in on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Church of the Holy Communion invites you to participate in our virtual podcast club (like a book club, but for podcasts!).

We gather over Zoom each **Sunday night at 8pm** to discuss a preselected podcast episode on a spiritual or religious topic. Our conversations are a time to connect, ask questions, and learn from others. Over the past year, we have discussed podcast episodes ranging from the book of Job, intercessory prayer, systemic racism, and the water molecule.

To sign up to receive email notices and the Zoom meeting link, please contact Lauren Schumann at [LaurenJSchumann@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenJSchumann@gmail.com). No long-term commitment is required - feel free to pop in any Sunday that suits your schedule or interests you. We look forward to having you!

The next CHC Food Pantry is Saturday, April 7!!!

Please consider coming at 7a.m. to help bag & distribute!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the CHC Food Pantry in March! We truly cannot do this without you. Thank you: Father Jeff, Mark Gould, Michael Liao, Erica Lagerson, Alice, Mary Neale Berkaw, Dawn Balsam, Janet Gallagher, John Ettling and Morey Lent, Two Visiting Volunteers, and to all of you who have supported the Food Pantry Ministry with non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

Please contact Deacon Jerry at 843-751-8108 or [jerico@knology.net](mailto:jerico@knology.net) for more information.

*"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noon day."*



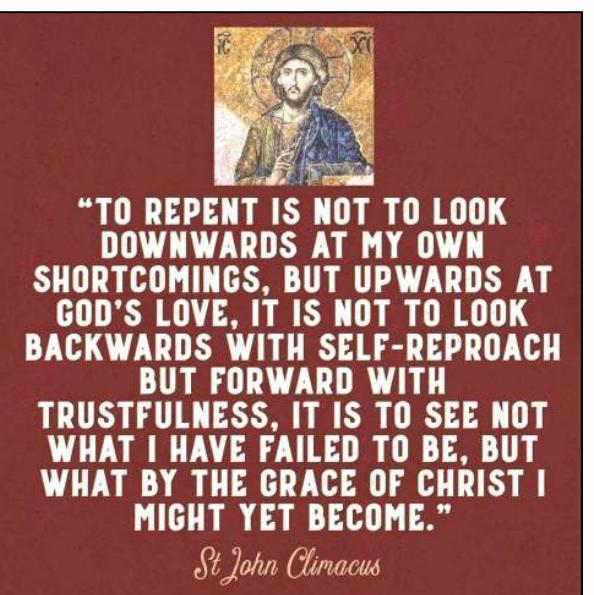
Isaiah 58:10



*Bring your flowers on  
Easter Sunday!*

On Easter Sunday, come early and help flower the cross on your way in for Easter Mass! Beginning at 8:30 a.m. until the start of Easter Mass at 9:15 a.m. we will flower the cross at the front entrance of the church on Ashley Avenue. Please bring flowers (these can be from your yard or the store); all are welcome to participate, especially children of all ages. The cross will be at the front entrance of the church - add your flowers anywhere you can find space!

If you have any questions you may contact Cappy Traywick, by telephone: 843-810-2806 or by email: [mchtraywick@gmail.com](mailto:mchtraywick@gmail.com)



We worship God with our heart, mind and soul.

*All are welcome in this place.*

We meet for Said Mass with choir on Sundays at 9:15 am.

Safe Practices & recommended precautions are being used:

- The church is disinfected and sanitized prior to your arrival, and then again upon your departure.
- There are markings on the floor to ensure proper physical distancing,
- There is hand sanitizer at the entrances to the church
- We have masks available to those who need one

There will be a few choir members in place and our organist will be here to provide music for the Mass.

For those of you who are not quite ready to return to in-person mass, the service will be available on our YouTube channel later on Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0RN1r3JX8Va7aD-R60-HCw>

**Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m.  
and Said Mass at 8:00 a.m.  
is offered  
Monday—Thursday**

*Easter Week the Church Offices and Day School are closed.*

# Masses & Opportunities Holy Week through Easter

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS is at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday  
and on Good Friday at 5:30 p.m.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**  
**Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. and Said Mass at 8 a.m.  
&  
Said Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1**  
**Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. and Said Mass at 8 a.m.  
&**

**Solemn Mass, Stripping of the Altar and  
Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose at 6:30 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**  
**LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY at 12/NOON**  
**Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.**

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
**Office of Holy Saturday at 10 a.m.**

**EASTER DAY, APRIL 4**  
**Said High Mass with Choir at 9:15 a.m.**

**Please note: the Church Office and Day School will be closed Easter week.  
Morning Prayer and Mass will not be held this week(04/05—04/10).**

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to...

- 4/2 Amber Harrell  
4/2 Dargan Shaw Sutherland  
4/6 Corey Hume  
4/8 Dana Armstrong  
4/9 David McElveen  
4/9 Robert Wallace  
4/13 Tania McElveen  
4/14 Helen Traywick  
4/17 Sally Burton Schumann  
4/22 Tricia Nimocks  
4/23 Erica Harrell  
4/23 Brittany (Hilton) Wasilowski  
4/24 Lisa Clarke  
4/24 Matthew Johnston  
4/26 Peter McElveen  
4/28 Butch DaCosta

### Happy Anniversary to...

- 4/1 Corey & Joy Hume  
4/2 Jerry & Stephanie Jellico  
4/3 Adam Moore & Anna Walston  
4/19 Dan & Lisa Clarke  
4/20 Noah & Sarah Sanderson  
4/24 Christopher & Catherine Yaw  
4/28 Peter & Debbi Everitt



Join us for light refreshments at the Sunday Social after Mass.

### THE MESSENGER

Newsletter information is due the 20th each month. Please send information to Stephanie at [syjellico@hotmail.com](mailto:syjellico@hotmail.com) or [office@holymass.org](mailto:office@holymass.org)

### Prayers of the People

*Please join us in praying for the following:*

We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor...

*Barbara, Nathlyn, John, Monica, Christian, Sarah, Brad, Shirley, Mary, Katie, Sue, Avery, Ford, Betty, Lucia, Bob, Michael, Ariel, Janice, Billy, Anna, Millie, Maffett, Jane, Krista, Bill, Susan, Frances, Ruth, Caryl-Sue, Jaellene, Carson...*

and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in thy mercy, Hear our prayer.

### Life Changes...

We pray....

for the family and friends of Johnny Lou Emory, at her death March 17, 2021.

&

for the family and friends of Father Randy Morgan, at his death March 25, 2021

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Anyone wishing to share a celebration with your church family please email: [syjellico@hotmail.com](mailto:syjellico@hotmail.com) -or- [office@holymass.org](mailto:office@holymass.org) with the details.*