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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

From Marel Rogers, Junior Warden

Last Sunday, if you heard Randy DiPentima's homily, you learned a lot of what I had already written for this week's E-Pistle. Great minds work in the same channels! So with apologies for repetition, here is another look at Laetare Sunday, when you may have noticed something different at Morning Prayer.

Flowers, not where they usually are, but definitely gracing the church with a bit of color. A small cardinal and butterfly tucked into the Lenten sticks behind the altar. If we had celebrated the Eucharist, the priest would have been wearing rose colored vestments, a color we only see twice in the liturgical year.

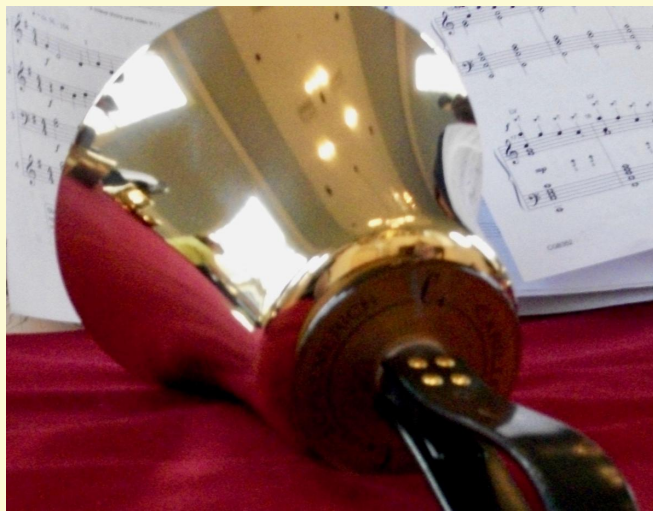
The Fourth Sunday in Lent is called Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. We are halfway through a long penitential season and a little relaxation is in order. Laetare means "rejoice" and refers to Isaiah 66:10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her". This verse was the beginning of the Introit for Lent IV, when the old Latin Mass began with a bit of the

Scriptures. The Gospel for Lent IV used to be John 6:1-14, which is the miracle of the loaves and fishes, a story that would nicely echo the relaxation of Lenten fasting with the story of Jesus satisfying the hunger of the multitude. Now the Gospel of John speaks of darkness and light (after a nod to the serpent) which, in my humble opinion, is more suitable for Advent.

This Sunday is also called ‘Mothering Sunday’ and in England the custom was to either visit one’s mother on that Sunday (after church!) or to worship that day at the cathedral (the ‘mother church’) or the church in which one was baptized. Another name is ‘Refreshment Sunday’ which is self explanatory—the flowers, the rose colored vestments, the John 6 Gospel, but also to the relaxation of Lenten discipline, often celebrated by eating simnel cakes: rich fruitcakes which were also eaten at Christmas and Easter.

We won’t see those rose colored vestments or flowers in the midst of a penitential season until the Third Sunday in Advent, when we also light the pink Advent Candle. You might bake a simnel cake for that day!

Music Notes with Susan Guse, Music Director



The 10:30 am Worship Service on the 5th Sunday of Lent will have a guest Flautist, Pam van Siclen, accompanied by four bell ringers, on the offertory anthem. They will be playing *What Wondrous Love is this*, arranged by Michael Burkhardt. The organ prelude will also be based on the same tune, in excerpts from *Variations on Wondrous Love*, arranged by Samuel Barber.

Last Sunday, the congregation sang *Amazing Grace*, a much beloved hymn tune. Both *Amazing Grace* and *Wondrous Love* were first published in the early part of the 19th century in the collection “The Sacred Harp.” Sacred Harp singing is a tradition of sacred choral music that originated in New England and carried on in the American South.

Next Sunday we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem followed by a reading of the Passion. As we look ahead to this change in our worship, the postlude this Sunday will be a quiet setting of *Go to dark Gethsemane*.

A lovely article was written about our handbell group and was just published in the Kent Good Times Dispatch. **Click here** to read the article!

Easter Flower Envelopes Now Available in the Narthex



As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter, we also take a moment to cherish the lives and memories of those who have left an indelible mark on our hearts. The flowers that appear on Easter Sunday create a serene and uplifting atmosphere —a symbol of renewal and everlasting love.

To participate in this meaningful tradition, you can pick up an Easter flower envelope in the narthex and leave it in the offering plate, with an usher or bring it to the Parish House during office hours. You can also email KC at **office.sa.kent@gmail.com** with your flower request. Every donation, regardless of size, is a cherished gesture that helps us create an altar of remembrance and joy.

You are invited to share the names of those you wish to remember or celebrate, to be included in our Easter bulletin.

Maundy Thursday Potluck at 6:00 pm and Service at 7:30 pm, Thursday, 28 March



Join us for a special evening of fellowship as we gather to remember the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. On 28 March at 6:00 pm, feel free to bring a dish to share at the Parish Hall. The traditional Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:30 pm.

It's a special evening of reflection and a harmonious way to join other parishioners for a meal before Easter Sunday.

The Pawling Concert Series Presents: Canellakis-Brown Duo on piano and cello



On March 22, 2024 at 8:00 pm the Pawling Concert Series will present the Canallekis-Brown Duo. Cellist Nicholas Canellakis and pianist-composer Michael Brown, colleagues at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, have been playing duo concerts together throughout the world for more than a decade. In addition, Michael Brown is a critically acclaimed composer and Nick Canellakis a filmmaker and actor. They have been described as “a pair of adventurous young talents who play with their antennae tuned to each other.”

The program will include works by Edvard Greig, Clara Schumann, Camille Saint-Saens and Claude Debussy, as well as other works by other classical composers and contemporary composers.

This PCS concert will take place in the Gardiner Theater on the Trinity Pawling School campus. Tickets and directions to the school are available online at www.pawlingconcertseries.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert.

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For further information on the Pawling Concert Series, including directions and future concerts, visit our website at www.pawlingconcertseries.org.

A New Parish Directory is Now Available!



A newly updated Parish Directory is now available! With new parishioners and many changes since the last directory was published, it's a fresh format in a smaller-sized booklet.

A few directories will be available to take home after Sunday's services. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office or contact KC (office.sa.kent@gmail.com) if you would like a directory mailed to you.

UPDATE: Clothing Donations for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen



**Four South Kent School boys on Sunday, January 28, with a happy Hartford resident at cathedral soup kitchen and clothing boutique.
Photo courtesy of Steve Klots**

Cathedral Clothing Drive - UPDATE

From Steve Klots: With South Kent on spring break for the next few weeks, please hold off, for now, on bringing any further donations to the parish. Let's resume the clothing drive on Palm Sunday, March 24. In addition, while I'm always happy to take winter coats--I can store them for next year--with spring approaching, when the time comes, feel free to donate pants, casual shirts, sweats, and t-shirts. Men's sizes L, XL, and 2XL are needed in particular. Please contact me at klotss@southkentschool.org if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, 28 March: 6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday & Potluck

Friday, 29 March, 6:00 pm
Good Friday

Sunday, 31 March :: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist with Bishop Laura Ahrens

This Week at St Andrew's

Sunday, 17 March :: 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fifth Sunday in Lent* (spoken)

Sunday, 17 March:: 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Fifth Sunday in Lent* (with music) (in-person and live-streamed)

Sunday, 17 March:: 10:30 am

Church school

Sunday, 17 March:: 12:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Monday, 18 March:: 8:00 pm

LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 20 March :: 6:00 pm

Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 20 March:: 7:00 pm

Kent Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, 21 March: 7:00 pm

A.A. meeting

Thursday, 21 March: 7:00 pm

Al-Anon meeting

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund

P O Box 262

Kent, CT 06757

memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Samantha's office in Town Hall, or placing it in the offering plate, marked for the food bank.

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

Lectons for this Week

The Fifth Sunday in Lent *Year B*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-13

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33



Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

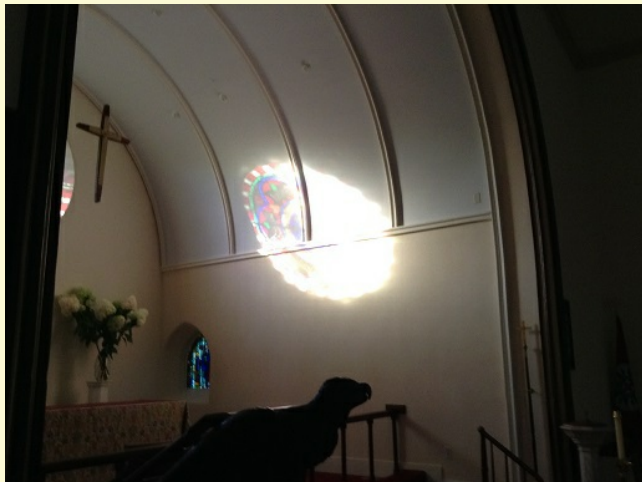
In person

(10.30 a.m. available live stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

Mondays
LGBTQ+ A.A.
(Parish House)

Thursdays
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm
(Parish House)



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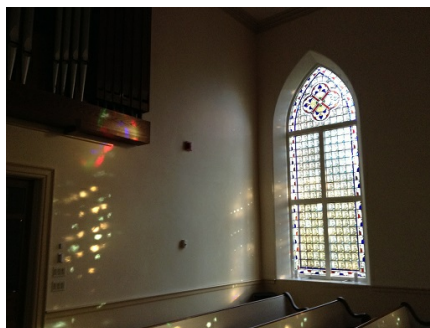
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