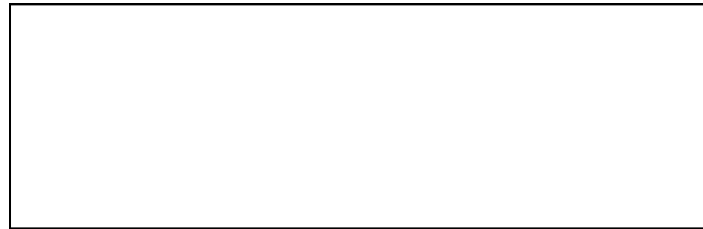


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EASTER 2024



A POEM FOR YOUR LENTEN REFLECTION

"A Better Resurrection" was written in 1857 by Anglican poet Christina Rossetti. Two of Rossetti's other poems, "Love Came Down at Christmas" and "In the Bleak Midwinter," provide the lyrics for two Christmas hymns in the 1989 Hymnal.

A BETTER RESURRECTION

I have no wit, no words, no tears;
My heart within me like a stone
Is numb'd too much for hopes or fears;
Look right, look left, I dwell alone;
I lift mine eyes, but dimm'd with grief
No everlasting hills I see;
My life is in the falling leaf:
O Jesus, quicken me.

My life is like a faded leaf,
My harvest dwindled to a husk:
Truly my life is void and brief
And tedious in the barren dusk;
My life is like a frozen thing,
No bud nor greenness can I see:
Yet rise it shall—the sap of Spring;
O Jesus, rise in me.

My life is like a broken bowl,
A broken bowl that cannot hold
One drop of water for my soul
Or cordial in the searching cold:
Cast in the fire the perish'd thing;
Melt and remould it, till it be
A royal cup for Him, my King:
O Jesus, drink of me.

Christina Rossetti

Holy Week and Easter At Christ Church

Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024

Holy Eucharist with liturgy of the Palms
Services at 8:00 (Rite I) and 10:00 am (Rite II)

Wednesday in Holy Week: March 27, 2024

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 2024

5:30 pm Agape Simple Supper
7:00 pm Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday: March 29, 2024

12:00 pm (with choir) and
7:00 pm Good Friday Services

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024

Festive Holy Eucharist with music at 8:00 and 10:00 am
Nursery care available during both Services



Altar Guild meets every Saturday at 9:00 am

Sunday, March 10 Children's Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Adult Forum
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am Children's Chapel and Nursery Care
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, March 11

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen Class
11:00 am Finance Meeting
12:00 pm Caregivers' Luncheon
5:45 pm Vestry
7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 14

9:30 am Qi Gong

Sunday, March 17

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Adult Forum
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, March 18

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 21

9:30 am No Qi Gong

Friday, March 22

6:30 pm Solemn Communion Class

Saturday, March 21

9:30 am Solemn Communion Class

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am Nursery Care
10:00 am Sunday School Workshop PreK-Grade 5
10:00 am Sunday School Middle and High School
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, March 25

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Service
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday
5:30 pm Agape Simple Supper
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

Good Friday
12:00 pm Good Friday Service
7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Easter Day, Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Easter Day, Rite II
10:00 am Nursery Care
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Monday, April 1 Church Offices Closed

7:00 pm CODA

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen Class
7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, April 3

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Service

Thursday, April 4

9:30 am Qi Gong
7:00 am Women's Book Club

Saturday, April 6

10:00 am Women's Retreat

Sunday April 7

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 am Stretch and Strengthen
7:00 pm Debtor's Anonymous

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Service

Thursday, April 11

9:30 am Qi Gong

Sunday, April 14 Children's Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Solemn Communion)
10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
11:15 am Coffee Hour

Outreach Lenten Collection

A Meal and More is a community kitchen based at Christ Church Rochester. It offers a free hot noon meal to all in need every Sunday and Wednesday. The meals are prepared by a paid chef assisted by teams of volunteers who help prepare, set tables and serve the dinners. Christ Church Pittsford supports A Meal and More with volunteers, grants and donations of food and other needs.

Items Needed:

Canned Tomatoes: Crushed, Diced, or Sauce, 28 oz.

Dried Pasta: all types

Salad Dressing: Italian or Ranch

Canned vegetables: 28 oz. preferred

Zipper top sandwich bags

Fostering Hope NY, Inc. provides every child entering foster care in Monroe County with a backpack filled with age-appropriate toiletries, a stuffed animal, book, journal or coloring book and writing utensils. They are also working with the residential placement group at Hillside Family of Agencies, and the Crisis Nursery. Christ Church has provided them with stuffed animals in the past.

Items Needed For school age children and teens:

Socks, Hats and Mittens, and underwear.

Veterans Outreach Center is dedicated to providing high-quality individualized services to the men and women who served our country.

In honor of Maundy Thursday, we will collect socks for those in need. This year they will go to the Veterans Outreach Center.

Items Needed: Socks for men and women.

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Retreat Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am

We will co-create an enriching morning of learning about "Spiritual Keys to Aging". It will be a meaningful time of self-reflection, learning from each other and nurturing relationships and connections while building our faith. Please feel free to invite your friends. We hope to see you there either in person or via Zoom, (whose link will follow closer to the time of the retreat). For more information, please contact Nancy Dhurjaty (nancydhurjaty@gmail.com).

Women's Book Club

Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 pm (Hybrid meeting)

The book is *The Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson. This is the remarkable story of the intrepid French archaeologist Christiane Desroches-Noblecourt, who led the international effort to save ancient Egyptian temples from the floodwaters of the Aswan Dam. It is billed as a female version of Indiana Jones.

Easter is coming soon! Our **Pre-K through 1st grade** children are learning stories about Jesus' interactions with others using the Godly Play curriculum. **Second through fifth graders** are studying parables and other lessons during Lent, and will return to the Lectionary after Easter.

On the second Sunday of each month, children up through grade five participate in **Children's Chapel**. Everyone starts out in church, and are led to the Fellowship Room during the hymn before the Gospel for a lesson, crafts, and song. The children rejoin their families at the Sign of Peace. Children's Chapel has provided a nice change of pace and an introduction to the liturgy for our younger Sunday School students.

Our **Middle / High School** class has served on Children's Chapel Sundays as worship ministers, and will have several more opportunities to do so before the end of the program year. They have been working on designing a bulletin board in the main hallway, and hope to complete a service project in the near future. Missionpalooza will be back this August – please see next the page for more information!

The Christ Church **nursery** welcomes our smallest parishioners ages birth through age 2 during the 10:00 am service each Sunday as well as during holiday services. On Easter Sunday, the nursery will be available at both 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Madeline and Tori are excited to provide safe, loving, and fun care to your child, so be sure to stop by and say hello.

Palm Sunday, Easter, and April 7 Update:

On Palm Sunday (March 24), Pre-K through 5th graders will gather for a Palm Sunday-themed workshop. Please note that everyone will gather in the Fellowship Room to process into church, but the Sunday School children will go from the Fellowship Room downstairs to the 2nd – 5th grade classroom. There will be regular Sunday School class for the Middle / High School youth in the library that day. Youth are invited to serve as crucifer / acolytes at 10:00 am.

On Easter Sunday (March 31), all Sunday School children and youth will attend church with their families so we can celebrate Easter together. (There will be no workshop that day.) The nursery will be open for infants through age 2. Special activity bags will be available for children as they enter church. We need youth to serve as crucifer and acolytes on Easter Sunday; please contact Liz to sign up.

Sunday, April 7 is near the end of April break and the day before the eclipse. Pre-K through fifth graders will have a workshop that day and youth are invited to attend church or help with the workshop. We will have a special eclipse-related craft in the workshop that day!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILIES CONTINUED

Family Walk after Palm Sunday Service: Please join us on Sunday, March 24 after the 10:00 service for a family trail walk. More information will be shared via parish emails.



Help Wanted! Opportunities abound for youth and adults. Please contact Liz at sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com if you are interested. Youth may also be able to earn school community service credit for these volunteer activities.

Volunteers During Worship:

Acolytes and Crucifers: Children and youth in grades 4+ are invited to assist during the 10:00 service as acolytes and crucifers. Training is available. Serving as an acolyte or a crucifer is a great way for youth to learn more about liturgy and traditions in the Episcopal church.

Chalice Ministers: This important role is another great way for youth to explore Episcopal faith traditions and get involved during the liturgy.

Ushers and Greeters: Christ Church youth make great ambassadors for our parish. With training, youth can also learn the duties of ushers.

Classroom Volunteers: The Pre-K-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade classrooms are always looking for volunteers! Adults and youth in 7th grade or higher are encouraged to consider getting involved in this important ministry. Schedules are flexible and no experience is necessary.

Summer Preview:

We are planning **Missionpalooza's** return for youth entering grades 7-12 for the week of August 5-9. Missionpalooza is a week-long event where youth participate in community service projects throughout the Rochester area for the first four days and enjoy an optional outing to Seabreeze on the last day. More information about volunteer sites will be shared later in the spring. If you have any questions, or have a youth who is interested in participating, please contact Liz at sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com.



Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School program this year will be held on rotating evenings mid-summer and will have a nature/God's creation theme. Dates and details will be shared soon. We are excited to try something new this summer!

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee awarded a \$5,000 grant to **Cameron Community** in February. This is a \$2,000 increase in our grant. The grant is designated to help cover the shortfall Cameron is currently facing in funds while an investigation into the originally promised monies is being investigated.

Pittsford Rotary Club Drive

Saturday April 6 (Pittsford Sutherland High School Bus Loop)

Christ Church has supported the **Pittsford Food Cupboard** through their breakfast shelf and other needs over the years. Our regular donations became a trickle during the pandemic, and have not resumed. If you would like to donate shelf stable food to the Pittsford Food Cupboard please take advantage of the Pittsford Rotary Club drop off collection the first Saturday of most months. It is a very convenient drive thru and drop off system. Alternatively, there is a drop box at Pittsford Library, or you can take donations directly to the Food Cupboard at 3800 Monroe Avenue, Door #26, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am - 1:30pm and 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am. For current needs, check the website: Pittsfordfoodcupboard.net.

Family Promise

During the month of April, Christ Church Pittsford is "adopting" Family Promise of Greater Rochester (FPGROC) in their efforts to fight against homelessness in families. These are two opportunities to help out, look for more information after Easter or contact MaryEllen Stockham at mstockham21@gmail.com.

April 13 is Second Saturday, when volunteers from churches throughout Monroe County help with tasks at the Day Center, 142 Webster Avenue in Rochester.

April 17, if you eat at (make reservations!) or take out from Benucci's, in Pittsford Plaza, the restaurant will donate 20% of its proceeds that day to FPGROC.

Outreach Meetings are the second Sunday of each month. If you would like to join us in planning our activities, and distributing our grant money, please join us, or contact Laura Despard at Laurades@rochester.rr.com.

FELLOWSHIP

Caregivers Luncheon: Tuesdays, March 12 and April 9 at 12:00 pm

Caregivers meets the second Tuesday of the month, participants must be caring for a loved one in their personal lives. This group is not limited to members of Christ Church, if you have a friend or relative or even "friend of a friend" in need, they are welcome. Please contact Cindy through the church office at 586-1226 or Laurie Sorge at 703-3503.

Non Fiction Book Club: March 19 at 3:00 pm

The book is *Hitler's Aristocrats: The Secret Power Players in Britain and America who supported the Nazis* by Susan Roland. Roland examines the shadowy world of aristocrats and business leaders on both sides of the Atlantic who secretly aided Hitler and Nazi Germany. For more information please contact Jim Broody (jimbroody@gmail.com).

The book selection originally made for our April meeting date on the 16th of April has been delayed until our May meeting. So we will select a book for the April meeting when we meet on March 19th.