

# ❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Eastertide!!!

First, a huge thank you to everyone who worked hard to make our Easter celebration glorious, both our liturgy and our luncheon. For those not present, we hope your Easter was joyous!

April is the first half of the season of Easter, sometimes called Eastertide. On the Second Sunday of Easter, we hear John's account of Jesus appearing to the disciples on the evening of Easter Day. On the Third Sunday of Easter, we hear the report in the Gospel of Luke of Jesus appearing among the disciples in Jerusalem after encountering the disciples on the road to Emmaus. These are core stories for us about the Resurrection. The Fourth Sunday of Easter we call Good Shepherd Sunday as Jesus teaches about the role of the Shepherd. On the Fifth Sunday of Easter Jesus continues teaching, this time about being branches of the Vine. These passages help us understand our role as disciples of the risen Lord Christ.

Eastertide invites us to make some changes in our worship. It is a very old tradition of the Church to NOT kneel during the Easter season. You may stand as you are able, or sit. God cares more about the posture of our hearts than the posture of our knees. We will also omit the Confession for some Sundays, as a celebration of our identity as those God has redeemed and forgiven, another ancient tradition. We will return to using the "Glory to God" or other song of praise at the begin

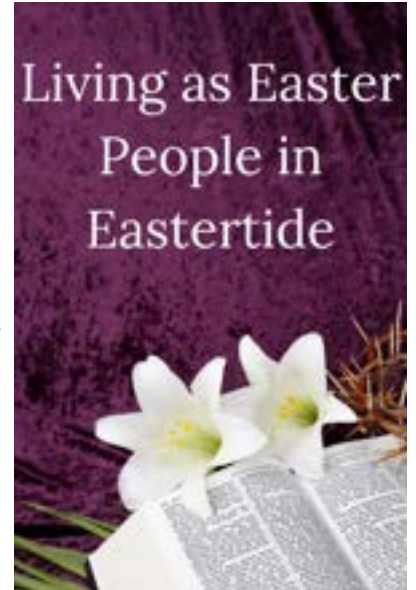
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## Easter Sunday is only the beginning!

A great fifty-day feast (known as "Eastertide," "Easter Season," or "Easter Time," as well as "Paschaltide," "Paschal Season," or "Paschal Time") kicks off on Easter Day. In the Church Year, this is quite literally fifty days of feasting.

Easter is the high point of the Church Year. So it makes sense that we would party for so long. After all, the main point of the whole gospel is to prepare us for an eternal celebration and feast.

This is reflected in the fact that our Lenten fast only lasts forty days (not including Sundays), while Easter is fifty days. Fasting will pass away, as Jesus said, but the Great Feast of the Lamb will last for ages of ages (a Hebrew into Greek idiom for eternity!)



## Links to Sunday Services

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun>  
or <https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
March 17, 2024

**In attendance:** Rev. Linda Pineo, Susan Skaggs, Beth Vaughn, Charlie Phelps, Lisa Dunbar, Jeannie Vaughan

### Call to Order with Prayer

1. *Approval of previous Minutes*
2. *Treasurer's Report February:* accepted
3. *Items to be added to the Vestry Agenda*
4. *Action Items:*
  - a. Report from the Priest in Charge (Rev. Linda) reported on plans for Palm Sunday and Easter. Might offer monthly on Celtic Spirituality this summer.
  - b. Vestry retreat -April 13, 9:30am-3pm
  - c. Vestry handbooks/resource guides passed out
  - d. Shed and lawncare: Jess Shirley (Facilities Liaison) has requested that we get a shed for storage of the lawn equipment, fuel, and grill. Approved
5. *Committee reports and Updates*

Communications- Investigation needed as to why emails from Rev. Linda and St. Tim's account sometimes go to recipient's Spam or Junk folders.  
Education/Youth -no summer program due to scheduling problems. Adult

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book study was delayed until April 14 (*Holy Envy* by BBTaylor).

Evangelism - BBQ Boogie & Blues participation discussed

Outreach-Wonderful report

Parish Life- Graduation party will be May 5. Lisa will decorate; Parish Life in charge of food.

#### 5. Future Calendar

April meeting date: Retreat on April 13;

**Next Vestry meeting on Wednesday, April 17.**

#### Adjourn with Prayer

**Easter eggs**, also called **Paschal eggs**, are eggs that are decorated for the Christian holiday of Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. As such, Easter eggs are commonly used during the season of Eastertide (Easter season). The oldest tradition, which continues to be used in Central and Eastern Europe, is to dye and paint chicken eggs.

Although eggs, in general, were a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth, in Christianity, for the celebration of Eastertide, Easter eggs symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus, from which Jesus was resurrected. In addition, one ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with the colour red "in memory of the blood of Christ, shed as at that time of his crucifixion."  
- Wikipedia.org



**Ascension Day** is officially celebrated on a Thursday on the 40th day of Easter (or 39 days after Easter Sunday). This year it will be Thursday, May 9.

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals, dating back to the year 68. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day celebrations include processions symbolizing Christ's entry into heaven. In the Western Church, Easter ends on Pentecost..

## EVANGELISM

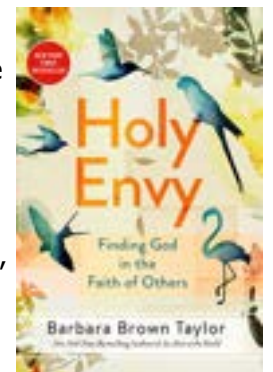
We are doing something totally DIFFERENT and hopefully EASIER this year for BBQ, Boogie, & Blues! Dates: April 26—27 Due to festival changes, we will not have a tent this year. We will, however, be reaching out to pet owners by distributing bags with pet treats and St. Tim's literature. The Evangelism Committee requests your help in stuffing the bags and with passing out the treat bags during the festival. Please donate boxes of MILK BONES downstairs in the Green Room. We will meet on April 20th in the Parish Hall at 10am to make the bags and explain what to do at the festival. Please sign up downstairs.



.NOTICE: Date change of then Outreach meeting previously scheduled on May 26th (a holiday weekend) has been changed to April 28th.

**The Education Committee** announces the continuation of the weekly Sunday morning book study group. The book is *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

"Part of my ongoing priesthood is to find the bridge between my faith and the faiths of other people, so that those of us who draw water from wells on different sides of the river can still get together from time to time, making the whole area safer for our children," says Taylor, an acclaimed pastor, educator, and author. While comparative religion's founding educator, Huston Smith, taught by conveying his world travels, Taylor, who approaches world religion as both teacher and explorer, reaches her students with experiential field trips to places of worship closer to home. She nudges them away from spiritual appropriation and comparison, moving them instead toward challenging discernment of their faith and the faith of others."



This group will meet before church in the Parish House beginning at 10AM with coffee and muffins provided. Books can be purchased online for as low as \$3.00. See Charlie or Linda Phelps or Kelli DeGuire if you have questions.

ning of the liturgy. We will also return to various different musical settings for the Doxology. The Sanctus bells will ring again after their Lenten silence. We hope to reintroduce a fraction anthem which was a favorite in years past at the Breaking of the Bread.

Some of you have commented on the length of our prayer list in the Prayers of the People. We have some number of folk who are dealing with long-term or chronic health issues. If you have placed someone on the list (including yourself) and prayers are no longer needed, please let us know by email or phone message. If you wish to place someone on the list, please be sure you have their permission. Some folk do not wish to be prayed for publicly. For more confidential prayers, the Daughters of the King have a text message prayer chain that is very effective. A part of our privilege as the family of God is to pray for one another, so I urge you to take the bulletin, or the back page at least, home to include those on our list in your personal prayers.

Blessings to you in this joyous season,  
Rev. Linda +

What makes Easter so glorious is it refreshes our resolve to live out a dark defying hope! "To trust God in the light is nothing" Charles Spurgeon said, "but to trust him in the dark, now that is faith." And we who follow Jesus know that darkness does not disprove the fact of God nor does it prove that God is indifferent. Easter proves that God does some of God's best work in the dark. Easter proves that God can be trusted to make an Easter out of the dark times of our individual and collective lives. Happy Easter, beloved!

- Bishop Rob Wright

**Slate of 28th presiding bishop nominees to be released Tuesday, April 2, starting petition process**

From this list and any petition nominations, bishops will elect and deputies will confirm a new churchwide leader when they gather in June for the 81st General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop selects the nominees. The committee's member bishops, clergy and lay leaders were elected by the church to develop a nominating process and produce a slate of at least three bishops. On March 18, the church's Office of Public Affairs issued a news release with the committee's latest timeline, including the process by which any bishop or deputy to the 81st General Convention may petition to add a name to the committee's slate after it is released. Those additional nominations must be made April 3-15 with the consent of the bishop being nominated by petition.

The 28th presiding bishop is scheduled to take office on Nov. 1, and an installation is scheduled for Nov. 2 at Washington National Cathedral, the traditional seat of the presiding bishop.

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/03/18/slate-of-28th-presiding-bishop-nominees-to-be-released-april-2-starting-petition-process/>

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April 8	Spencer	Dunn
April 12	Louise	Purdy
April 14	Daniel	Bennett
April 16	Callie	Ensley
April 17	Rebecca	Richardson
April 21	Mike	Gunter
April 26	John	Anderson



**Save the date:** May 5th First Sunday Brunch as we celebrate Dani Tate's graduation from Calhoun High School and Cinco de Mayo. Prepare your favorite Mexican inspired dish and let's have a party!

**COVER TO COVER Book Club**

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, April 15, we'll discuss ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE by Gail Honeyman. "The story centres on Eleanor Oliphant,



a social misfit with a traumatic past who becomes enamoured with a singer, whom she believes she is destined to be with." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.



A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up to offer flowers for the altar. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed for the month. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For April VAC requests that we provide boxed/bagged cereals. These are the items they are needing to refill their pantry.



Together we emulate Christ!

