



# The Albanac

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**The Rt. Rev. Alfred Clark "Chip" Marble**  
*Eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi*  
April 4, 1936 – March 29, 2017

## Remembering Bishop Alfred Clark “Chip” Marble



In 2014, the Rt. Rev. Bruce Curry, then bishop of North Carolina, presented Bishop “Chip” Marble with the *Bishop’s Award* for his humanitarian work.

Alfred Clark (Chip) Marble, Jr., eighth Bishop of Mississippi, was born in 1936 in Oneonta, New York. At the age of three, he moved to Vicksburg with his parents, Alfred and Charlotte, where his father was a popular organist at Tuminello’s Restaurant. The family lived in the Culkin community near Bovina, and became communicants of St. Alban’s where Alfred Sr. served as church organist.

The entire family, including Chip’s five siblings, was active in the church. As a teenager Chip served in various capacities including driving the church bus, sexton and editor of *Magnolia Leaves*, the diocesan youth newspaper. He graduated from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, the University of the South’s School of Theology, Sewanee, and later attended the University of Edinburg.

In 1967, to the delight of St. Alban’s community, Chip was ordained deacon at St. Alban’s Church by Bishop John Maury Allin. A year later he was ordained priest at St. James Church, Jackson, and began ministering to various churches throughout the diocese—St. Timothy’s (Southaven), Holy Cross, (Olive Branch), St. Peter’s, (Oxford), and the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, (Meridian). While in Oxford, he also served as chaplain at Ole Miss and the Church of the Nativity, Water Valley.

In 1991, at the age of fifty-five, The Rev. Marble was elected bishop coadjutor, and in 1993, after the retirement of Bishop Duncan Gray, Jr., was consecrated diocesan bishop. During his tenure as Mississippi's eighth bishop, he worked for social justice and racial reconciliation. After serving the Mississippi Diocese from 1993–2003, he resigned and moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, where, from 2005–2013, he served as Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of North Carolina.

In 2014, during the 198<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, The Right Reverend Michael Bruce Curry presented Bishop Marble with *The Bishop's Medal* in recognition of his work on behalf of the poor, immigrants, LGBT persons, and those who are disenfranchised or ignored. Of Bishop Marble's ministry, The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple commented: *"If ever there was a saint who understood that the work of reconciliation is the work of evangelism, it was Chip Marble."*

After several years of failing health, Chip passed away on March 29 at his home in Greensboro. His wife, Diene, and sons, Matt & Jonathan, were by his side. His final words were, *"There is joy in everything."* Brian Seage, Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, reflected on Chip as a disciple of Christ: *"Bishop Marble loved the Lord and joyfully represented Jesus' love for the world."*

The beloved bishop whose service to God began as a child at St. Alban's Church, is now at rest beside his parents in St. Alban's Cemetery. *"May he rest in peace and rise in glory."*



*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."* 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Rebecca Blackwell Drake

# Journey to Easter

## Lent and Holy Week Services



Ash Wednesday

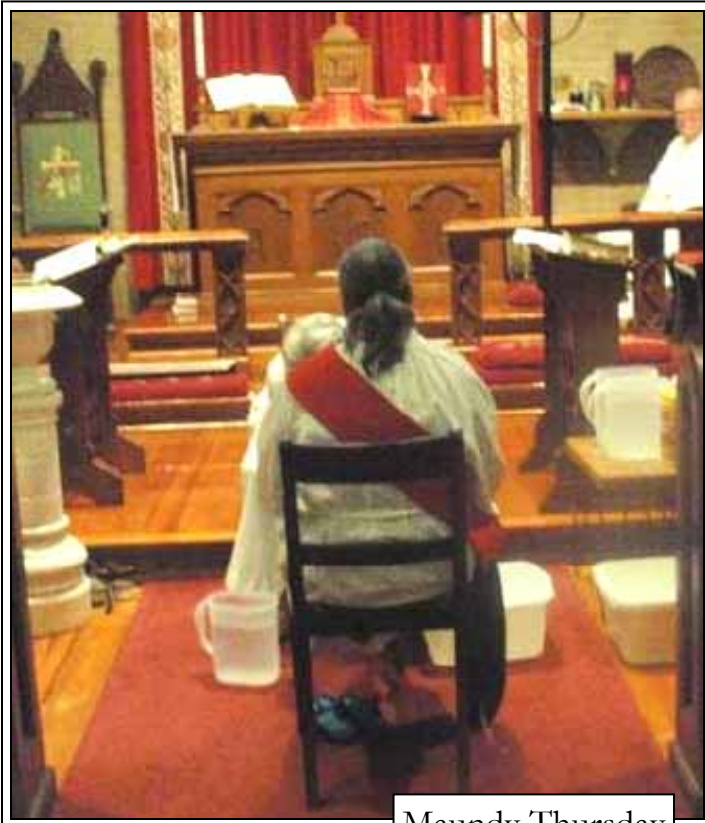


Stations of the Cross



Altar of Repose

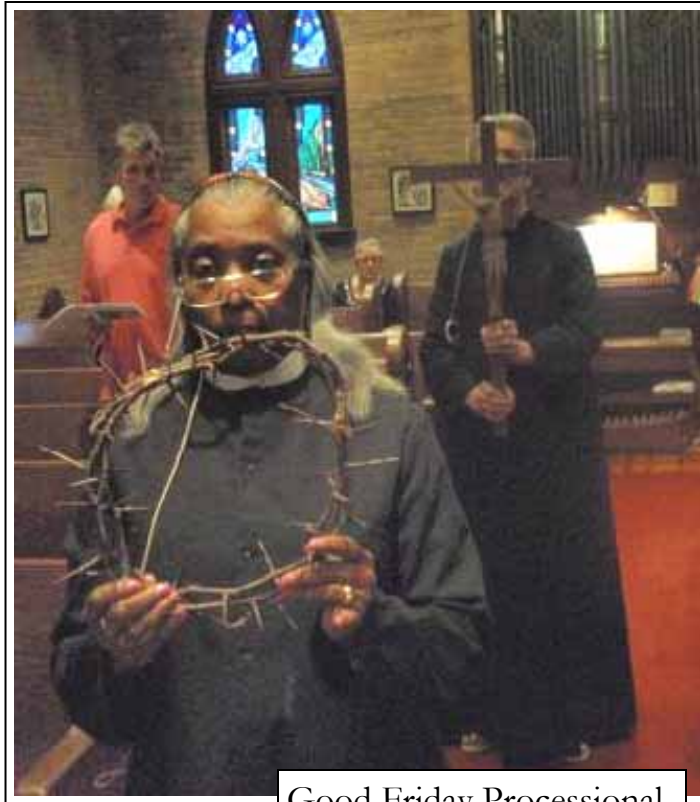
Symbols of Easter



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



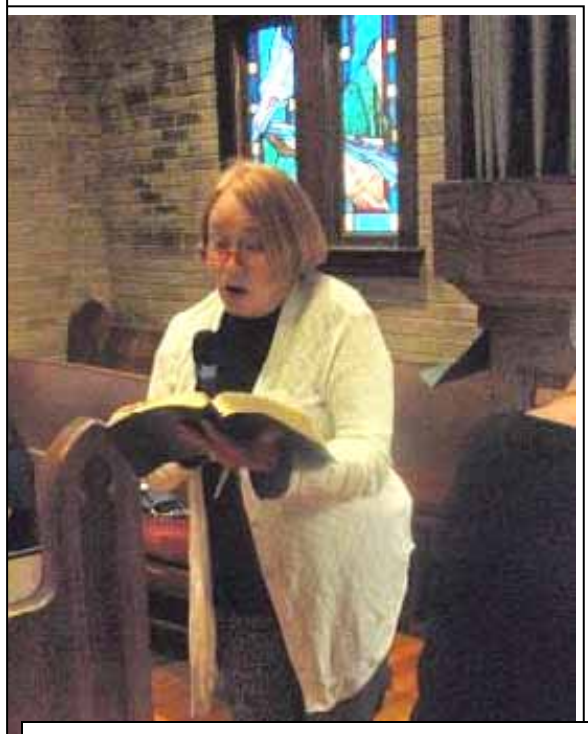
Good Friday Processional



Replica of *The Pieta*



Karen Sanders & Sharon Hanks perform *Pie Jesu*



Wanda Warren performs *The Holy City*

## Stained Glass Windows Dedicated

*“Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”*



for of such is the	Kingdom of Heaven
John Berryman Scott by	Margie A. Scott and Children

On Easter Sunday, approximately thirty members of the John Scott Family gathered for the dedication of the new stained glass windows that now adorn the altar of the Parish House. The windows were donated by Margie A. Scott and children in memory of John Berryman Scott, a life-long member of St. Alban's Church. The wooden cross (center) made by John and Margie's son, John Scott Jr., was also dedicated during the Easter service.

# Easter Egg Hunt



Jeff, Josh and Jake Artman Hide Eggs



Rue Selby's First Easter



Lucas Guynes



Campbell Ritchie



Gabby Rushing



Allison Rushing



Carter Guynes



Roux & Remi Lauritzen

Jonah Artman



Hayden Guynes



Carter, Hayden & Lucas Guynes



Mason Selby



Roux Lauritzen



Sara Jane Selby

# Easter Reception



## ECW Tours Eudora Welty's Home



Eudora Welty's home in Jackson is one of Mississippi's most popular tourist attractions. In 1986, fifteen years prior to her death, Eudora, bequeathed the family home and its contents to the State of Mississippi. Today, the home appears the same as it did during Eudora's lifetime: paintings, photographs, tapestries, objects d'art, furniture and - above all - bookcases lining the walls. An old-fashioned typewriter still sits on the desk in her bedroom—the same typewriter used to write *The Optimist's Daughter* and *The Ponder Heart*. Those attending the tour were: Wanda Warren, Margie Scott, Wilma Mitchell, Sharon Hanks, Beth Guynes, Susan Price, Harvey Smith, Joan Parsons, Rymn Parsons, Frank Skinner and Tommy Skinner.



## † Billie's Corner

### Praying

By Mary Oliver

*It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch*

*a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway*

*into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.*



It is Eastertide and it is Springtime. The combination of Easter and Spring seem to cry out PRAY! Saint Paul tells us to “*pray always.*” Mary Oliver’s poem tells us how and where to pray—to make prayer simple—to open our eyes and see the world around us—the very sights we see are an act of praying. Perhaps add a few words, but even that is not absolutely necessary. Silence will do—silence offers the opportunity to hear the small, still voice of God.

Mary Oliver, age 82, worships daily in a “cathedral without walls.” The world is her cathedral—she walks in it, she rests in it, she ponders in it, she sees in it, she listens in it. Worship for Mary is as majestic as any contained inside a church structure! God is as near to her as the breeze that brushes against her skin. The birds make music as pristine as any master choir. And the sights are as intricate as any stained glass window.

Take a walk. Walk a prayer. Meet the Divine Creator in His divinely designed creation that is as broad as the horizon, as tall as the sky, as soft as a moss carpet, as fluid as a running stream, as bright as the sun, as dark the night, and as sparkling as the stars.

Mary Olivier says that our prayer doesn’t have to be elaborate—and it doesn’t. God provides the elaborate. All we have to do show up!

In Peace

Billie+

## “Driving Miss Josie”



Dear St. Alban's Community,

Everyone needs a sabbatical, but not everyone gets to take a sabbatical. One of the many advantages of working with the Episcopal Church is that the value of sabbatical time is honored. In the spirit of Jesus, who frequently went apart from the crowds and the demands of life, Josie is going to take a sabbatical.

Bishop Duncan Gray III referred to Josie as “Radar”—the character on MASH who was always two steps ahead of the colonel. Josie is always two steps ahead of me—she knows what needs to get done and sees to it!

Josie has been dealing with multiple health problems for the past several months. In addition to receiving on-going physical therapy she tutors after school hours—helps with Peter's care—is diligent with her juvenile court responsibilities—and, all the while, adjusting to sleeping with a breathing machine. It is time to slow down.

Theo is taking a sabbatical from Sunday duties at church. He and Josie are going to take road trips throughout the diocese to visit churches on Sunday mornings. Theo will be “*Driving Miss Josie.*”

Josie will return to active deacon duty at the beginning of August. In the meantime, let us pray that the sabbatical will provide rest, refreshment and relaxation—all in abundance.

In peace,  
Billie+

## May Birthdays

2 Scott Burr	17 Carey Price
Robin Toups	18 Lillie Lovette
4 Christopher Price	John Tompkins
Bitsy Sloan	19 Dan Carleton
5 Tanner Kitchens	Jessica Gates
9 Lindsay Bailey	Amanda Rose Price
10 Colby Langford	22 Billie Abraham
Grant Toups	24 Dalton Glatt
11 Brantley Dwayne Dunaway	Gloria Hall
16 Gabby Rushing	27 Ben Porter
Matthew Guynes	Jim Dooley

## May Anniversaries

18 Carey & Amanda Price	29 Richard. & Susan Price
22 Buddy & Jane Hanks	

## Prayers for the People

### *For those Sick or in Need:*

AmeriCorps Youth	Drew Kitchens	Lucas Guynes
Analiese Wasson	Frank Skinner	Mary Ann Seage
Anita Collins	Glenda Ferguson	Martha Benson
Ann Hanks	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Norma Jones
Ann Jones & Family	Jackson Monti	Parker Ramsay
Barbara Ramsay	Jean Hall	Rachelle Ferris
Bertha Kolb	Jean Hartley	Richard & Margo Massey
Betty Biedenharn	Jerry Normand	Family of Rt. Rev. Chip Marble
Carol Simmons Family	Jim & Sherry Horan	Rev. Manney Murphy
Charlie Brantley & Family	Jim Dantin	Shirley Lowery Powers
Dalton Glatt	Kristi Biedenharn	The Lambiotte Family
Damion Hansford	Linda & Jim Dooley	The Selby Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Liz Curtis & Family	

## Schedule of Events

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM  
 Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM  
 Children's Chapel during 11:00 AM Eucharist

#### Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM  
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, 12:30 PM, Parish House

**Wednesday, May 3**—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

#### **Sunday, May 14**—**MOTHER'S DAY**

Announcement of plans for additions & repairs for church & rectory  
 Mother's Day Reception between services & following 11:00 AM Eucharist, food will be provided by the vestry

**Sunday, May 14**—No Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton. Services will resume June 11th, 4:00 PM

**Monday, May 22–Saturday, June 3**—Rev. Billie's on Vacation

**Sunday, May 28**—[Tentative] Morning Prayer 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
 FINAL Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

**Sunday, June 9–August 13**—Inquirer's Class/Refresher Class, 10:00–10:45 AM with Bishop's visitation [tentative], Wednesday, August 23, 6:00 PM



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## Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in May

	<b>May 7</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>May 14</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>May 21</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>May 28</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Morning Prayer	Mother's Day	Children's Water Slide Party	
<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:1-11
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 23	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalm 66:7-18	Psalm 47
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	Ephesians 1:15-23
<b>Gospel</b>	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	Luke 24:44-53
<b>LWL 8:30 a.m.</b>	Penny Freund	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Betsy Selby	Herb Jones	David Pruett	Ann Tompkins
<b>MC</b>		Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins
<b>Lector 8:30 a.m.</b>		Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>		Rymn Parsons	Lance Stewart	Sharon Hanks
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>		Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Kerri Williams
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Harvey Smith	Bruce Carleton	Sharon Hanks
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>		Leigh Devine Lance Stewart	Sally & Michael Southall	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	David Normand Ann Tompkins	Allan Leese Jeff Artman	Lance Stewart Leigh Devine
<b>Standing Communion Station</b>		Ann Tompkins Harvey Smith	Mary Ruth Jones Herb Jones	David Pruett Herb Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Mother's Day Reception- Food Provided by Vestry	Betty Rushing Rev. Billie	Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	Courtney Taylor	Bonnie Pruett		Ann Tompkins
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Herb Jones	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Michael Southall	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby
<b>Healing Service</b>	<b>May 3</b> Ann Tompkins	<b>May 10</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>May 17</b> David Pruett "Ascension Readings"	<b>May 24</b> Ann Tompkins