



# THE ALBANAC

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## EASTER JOY AT ST. ALBAN'S





## JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK



Holy Week started with a beautiful Palm Sunday. Fore and the other children led the way from the Outdoor Chapel into the church as we waved palms and remembered Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Thanks to the efforts of Tommy Skinner, Charlie Montague, and Jeff Artman, we once again had our own "Garden of Gethsemane" as a focal point for prayer and meditation throughout Holy Week.





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On Maundy Thursday, we learned about Jesus' new commandment to love one another as He has loved us.



We also observed traditional practices such as foot washing and stripping the altar.



We celebrated the first service of Easter, the Easter Vigil, on Saturday night at Christ Church with our Episcopal siblings from around the county. On Easter morning, we flowered the cross that had been used in our Good Friday service.





## **EASTER BAPTISMS**



Dorothy is immersed in the baptismal pool



Joseph receives the light of Christ



John Solomon & Bridgette



At the 8:30 service on Easter Sunday, in front of an overflowing crowd, Joseph, Dorothy, and John Solomon were baptized and marked as Christ's own forever.



## **A NEW (OLD) TRADITION: EASTER BONNETS**





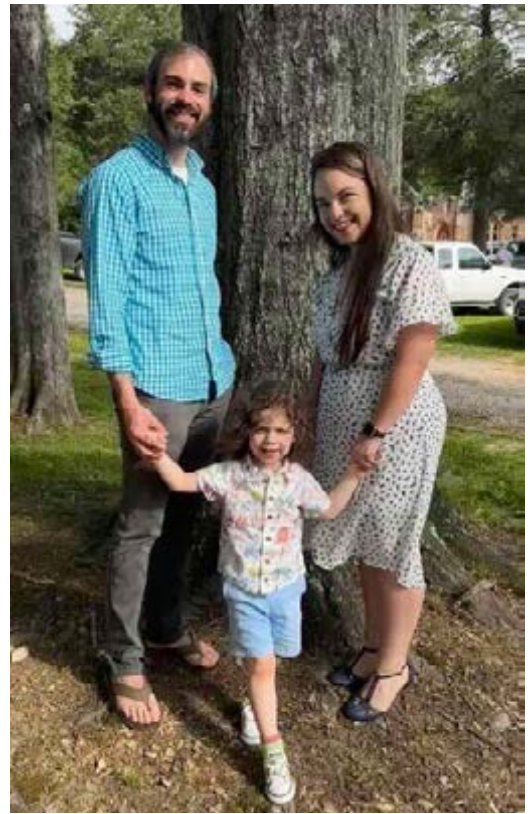
## EASTER EGG HUNTING



The children had a great time hunting Easter eggs! After opening their eggs, they had a chance to help others by depositing their eggs in one of three plastic bins representing community nonprofits. Based on their “votes,” we sent donations of \$500 to PAWS Rescue and Lifting Lives Family Shelter, and \$250 to the American Red Cross.

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## **JAZZ MASS A HIT!**

On April 27, we were treated to the musical talents of Lance Stewart on guitar and vocals and Richard Beverly on the horn as they played favorites like, "O When the Saints Go Marching In." The festivities continued after the service with a picnic on the grounds.





## **ELISABETH'S EPISTLE**



Everyone knows there are 40 days in Lent. But how many days are there in Easter? The Easter season is 50 days, also known as The Great Fifty Days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. There are so many things I love about this. The first, and most obvious, is that our season of celebration and joy in the resurrection is longer than our season of preparation and penitence. The number 50 itself is significant--in Jewish numerology, the number seven is the number of wholeness, completeness, or perfection. God created the world in seven days after all! The Easter season is seven times seven, or seven weeks of seven days (49, plus one for Easter), so perfection multiplied by itself. If every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, the Easter season is a concentrated period of celebration of God's work to redeem all of creation. It is a time of rejoicing, of seeing in Jesus' resurrection the promise God has made to us all.

We mark this celebratory season in our worship by adding in some extra "Alleluias," by singing festive music, by using our best white vestments and altar paraments. But you can mark this season in your personal life as well. I encourage you to adopt an "Easter discipline" just as you would a Lenten discipline. Your Easter discipline should be something that helps you experience wonder and awe in God's creation and the redemption of creation. Perhaps you might make a point of noticing one new flower or plant each day. Maybe you might spend five minutes thinking about people and things for which you are grateful. Or perhaps you might spend time writing about the ways you experience rebirth and resurrection in your life. This is holy time. Celebrate!

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## **IN MEMORY**



### **Joan Henderson Leese**

**Dec. 12, 1935-April 4, 2025**

“Finally Home”  
by Don Wyrzten

Just think of stepping on shore, and finding it heaven,  
of touching a hand, and finding it God's,  
of breathing new air, and finding it celestial,  
of waking up in Glory, and finding it “Home.”

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## Prayers of the People

### ***For those sick or in need:***

Anita	Ed	The Leese Family	Richard S.
Butch	Erin	Mary Lou	Ricky
Charlie & Sue	Jackson	Mike & Nancy	Sara
Clarence	James	Norma	Selinda
Dan G.	Jay	Pat	Sophia
Dan H.	Kathy	Randy	Taylor
David & Melissa	Keith	Richard P.	Terry

***For the departed:*** Joan Henderson Leese, Newell Murphy, Dot Fenwick and Del Cox

## Liturgical Schedule

	May 4	May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	May 18	May 25
<b>Rite I - 8:30 AM</b>				
Lay Worship Leader	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins
Lector	Nancy Montague	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Beth Sojourner
Healing Minister	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
<b>Rite II - 11:00 AM</b>				
Lay Worship Leader	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	Dawn Rickard	Betsy Selby
Greeters/ Ushers	Betty Rushing	Judy Gavin	Judy Gavin	Bobby Barlow
Lector	Susan Price	Dawn Rickard	Betsy Selby	James Anderson
Prayers of the People	Dawn Rickard	Buck Cooper	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks
Chalice Bearer	Susan Price	Betsy Selby	Barnie Gavin	Harvey Smith
A/V System	Harvey Smith	Buck Cooper	Harvey Smith	Jim Drake
Acolyte				
Healing Minister	Carolyn Burton	Dawn Rickard	Harvey Smith	Dawn Rickard
Altar Guild	Betty Rushing Cassandra Price	Beth Sojourner Nancy Hester Beth Guynes	Nancy Montague Sharon Hanks Barbara Frey	Tommy Skinner Susan Price

## Wednesday Healing Service

Our next Healing Eucharist will be Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 PM at the church, followed by a simple supper.

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