

All Saints' Memorial Church
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"God needs the whole heart."

Tuesday, April 9 is the day that the Episcopal church commemorates Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian and martyr. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran minister who was arrested in 1943 for his refusal to serve in the Germany military. He was outspoken in his opposition to Hitler in the name of his Christian faith. Bonhoeffer was executed on April 8, 1945, a month before the German forces surrendered. He was 39 years old.

Bonhoeffer proclaimed a deep and abiding discipleship, a giving of the whole heart to God. This faith led to his imprisonment and execution. The camp doctor at Flossenburg who witnessed Bonhoeffer's execution wrote, "In the almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God is on the Cross: Reflections on Lent and Easter, 2012*, Compiled and Edited by Jana Reiss). Bonhoeffer's life is a story of deep courage, faith, and selfless giving. He leaves us many writings and meditations about faith and commitment to Christ in a harrowing moment in history. Bonhoeffer challenges us, "God needs the whole heart."

Discipleship can be costly. Mary of Bethany in last Sunday's Gospel also shows us this. John's gospel story takes place only a week before Jesus is arrested. Jesus and his disciples arrive for dinner at the home of his friends - Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. It was the custom to wash the feet when guests arrived for dinner. Mary takes some costly oil and pours it over Jesus' feet. The cost

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of this perfume was one year of wages for a laborer. Mary lavishes something very extravagant on Jesus.

Think a bit about the precarious position Jesus was in at this time, only a week before he was killed. Jesus had many enemies who would bring him down if they could. Jesus certainly knew he was in danger and that his ministry would likely end in a terrible death. Jesus was aware that many misunderstood what he was about. He knew that some feared and hated him. It is very likely that Mary also knew the danger that Jesus was in. Such discipleship may have costs. Immediately, Mary of Bethany's action provoked Judas' protest. And of course, if we understand the anointing as a preview of Jesus' death, we know the high cost of Jesus' ministry. His life was at stake.

Mary of Bethany acts with fearless love and commitment. She is bold. She is prophetic. She steps into danger when she communicates Jesus' identity. She proclaims the total commitment to Jesus with her actions.

We may not be asked to give as extravagantly as Dietrich Bonhoeffer gave to God. Our call may be closer to that of Mary of Bethany who anointed Jesus. Both disciples challenge us this week as we approach Holy Week and ponder the words, "God needs the whole heart."

Lenten Peace,
Julie

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UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS

April 12: Deadline for Easter flowers

April 14: Palm Sunday

April 17: Noon Eucharist

April 18: Maundy Thursday (see below)

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER**

Palm Sunday April 14, 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 18, 5:30 p.m. A meal of soup and bread followed by The Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 19, 12:15 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday and reading of The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ; **1:00 p.m.** The Way of the Cross

Easter Day April 21, 9:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Eucharist celebrating The Day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for John Angell, Robert Angell, Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Madhia Cooper, Olive Cooper, James Davies, Florence Depatie, Rick Edwards, Anthony Eke, Patricia Fahnbulleh, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Ernest Hirsch, Barbara K., Erma Kla-William, Jeffry Knapton, Katie Lawton, Virginia Meade, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Richard Rebello, Tomasina Sinnott, Lori Spaziano, Eric T., Frances Tait, Virginia Thompson, Mary Tryforos, Martha Zeekah, Teddy Zeekeh, April Beth, Renée, Kristen, Amer, Michael, Bendu, Ruby, Kenneth, Melissa, Gene, Roberta B., Thomas R, and Mary Kraemer.

Remember those who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Raymond Tanguay and Matthew Degree.

Altar Flowers: Are given in loving memory of Grace C. Gruger by Rebecca Silliman.

UPDATED PRAYER LIST

It is time to update and refresh the prayer list. There is a list of everyone currently on the Prayer List in Rose Hall. Please highlight anyone you wish to remain on the list, which will remain available until **April 14**. After that, any name not highlighted will be removed from the Prayer List. As always, you may email or call the parish office with your request. Thank you.

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KNITTING, CROCHETING

The knitting and crocheting group meets every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. This group is open to anyone in the parish. You are welcome to come as often as you can and you are welcome to bring a friend.



Please note that the next meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2019

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ALL SAINTS' YARD SALE

Saturday May 18, 8:30-1:00

Do you have yard sale items to donate? Outreach is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, May 18 as part of the West Broadway Neighborhood Annual Yard Sale. Please bring yard sale items to Rose Hall on Sunday, April 28, Sunday May 4, and Sunday May 11. No clothing items will be accepted; gently used shoes may be donated.

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**WEST BROADWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP**

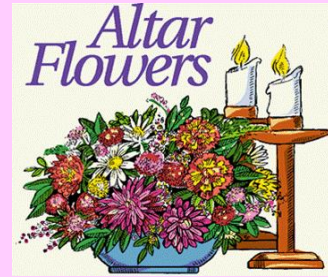
Saturday, April 27, 9AM-12

Join friends, kids and neighbors for WBNA's annual Neighborhood Spring Cleanup. The Outreach Committee is organizing a team from All Saints' to join the spring clean-up. Please sign-up in Rose Hall if you would like to participate.

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ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to remember a loved one who has passed away or give thanks for someone special. You may reserve dates for Sundays in 2019 by using the yellow forms on the information table in Rose Hall.



During Lent, we will be using greens on the altar in lieu of fresh flowers, but you may still designate a Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one.

If you would like a form mailed to you, please call Kathy in the parish office.

FOOD COLLECTION

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. You are asked, as you are able, to bring one item on the monthly list each Sunday.



April, canned fruit
May, cold cereal
June, rice

As always, thank you for your generosity.

PARKING LOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

The parking lot adjacent to the church lot is once again available for additional parking, during Sunday services only. If you are the last car leaving the lot, please lock the gate after you leave. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES

April 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Marybeth Hanavan

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Anne Tait

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11; Becky Silliman

Prayers: Patricia Fahnbullah

Gospel: The Passion according to Luke

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott, Maryann Darbeh

Altar Duty: Cecilia and Paul Connors

Coffee Hour Team: April Donahower and Alex Perdue

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April 21, 2019 (Easter Sunday)

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25; Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43; Monika Kraemer

Prayers: Charles Smith

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Chalice: Harrington Evens

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott, Rita Madave

Altar Duty: Dan and Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: Marybeth Hanavan and Gloria Perry

NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on April 18. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, April 16. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Becky at rsillima@bu.edu.

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