



### Risen (for Easter Day)

If you are looking  
for a blessing,  
do not linger  
here.

Here  
is only  
emptiness,  
a hollow,  
a husk  
where a blessing  
used to be.

This blessing  
was not content  
in its confinement.

It could not abide  
its isolation,  
the unrelenting silence,  
the pressing stench  
of death.

So if it is  
a blessing  
you seek,  
open your own  
mouth.

Fill your lungs  
with the air  
this new  
morning brings

and then  
release it  
with a cry.

Hear how the blessing  
breaks forth  
in your own voice,

how your own lips  
form every word  
you never dreamed  
to say.

See how the blessing  
circles back again,  
wanting you to  
repeat it,  
but louder,

how it draws you,  
pulls you,  
sends you  
to proclaim  
its only word:

Risen.  
Risen.  
Risen.

—Jan Richardson

## EASTER 2024

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Recently we have enjoyed some glorious sunshine and warm weather. Though I don't mind clouds, cold or rain, I am nonetheless delighted! It turns out I had forgotten about the power of changing seasons to inspire new possibilities and hope. Every turning brings its own farewells and greetings, but none perhaps more striking than Winter giving way to Spring.

Now, there are buds on nearly every tree, blossoms and blooms abound, and bulbs pop up with their thick green sheaths and shocks of purple, yellow, and white (and more colors to come)!

I've been thinking about those bulbs—their life cradled by the ground during winter now past. But if they stay in their dark refuge when warmth and light beckon, the dirt becomes a tomb—no more a place of safety but of death and decay. Now, the life that was lying dormant is called forth into the light, each to reflect that light in their own unique, fanciful, phantasmagorical way.

As Easter dawns, I pray we can hear the Good News of what is possible now. The life we as Christians celebrate is the most alive of all—no longer subject to death, but springing from beneath the surface and reflecting the light that awakens everyone and everything. This is a transformation like no other, and it bursts forth to grow and spread as a perennial goodness.

“This blessing was not content in its confinement.” Like the blessing, we are called to break free from the shackles of doubt and despair, to embrace the boundless possibilities of renewal. As we breathe the fresh air of the coming morn, we ourselves emerge from the darkness and raise our voices in the blessing. “Risen. Risen. Risen.” This is the proclamation of Easter, the resounding announcement of hope.

May this Easter season fill our hearts with renewed faith and stir our souls with rising hope. Together, let us journey forth, guided by the light of the risen Christ.

With you,

The Rev. R. Scott Painter, Rector

*P. S. Please see the back of this letter for our Holy Week & Easter schedule.*

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

**9:00 & 11:00 am** Both services will begin in the courtyard.  
9:00 am — Procession in the neighborhood (weather permitting), Eucharist, Blessing of the Palms & Passion Narrative  
11:00 am — Eucharist, Blessing of the Palms, Processional & Palm Sunday readings (no Passion narrative at this service)

**1:00 pm** *Domingo de Ramos. Bendición y Procesión comenzará en el Nativity Hall. Tendremos la narración de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo durante la Eucaristía.*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

**6:00 pm** Agape Supper in the Parish Hall  
**7:00 pm** Liturgy of the Last Supper. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. All are invited to participate in the foot-washing, symbolic of the servant ministry Jesus instituted with the disciples. Music will be led by the St. Michael's Singers and the Choristers.

## GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

**10:00-11:30 am** Church open for prayer and meditation  
**12:00 noon** Good Friday service (spoken)  
**1:00-6:30 pm** Labyrinth open to walk (Nativity Hall)  
**6:30 pm** Bilingual Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of the Cross beginning in the courtyard; music led by the St. Michael's Singers.

## HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**9:00 am** A brief service will commemorate Jesus' body resting in the tomb.

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, SATURDAY NIGHT

**8:00 pm** The service begins in the Church. As darkness comes, we light the Paschal Candle and re-tell ancient stories of God's love and call to us. We renew our own baptismal promises in the water of life. With the announcement that the Lord is risen, bells will sound and we will celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Music will be led by the St. Michael's Singers. *Light incense will be used at this service.* A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

## EASTER DAY, MARCH 31

**7:30 am** Holy Eucharist  
**9:00 & 11:00 am** Festive Easter Eucharist, with Music for Congregation, Portland Brass Quintet and St. Michael's Singers; Children's Liturgy of the Word  
A reception in the Parish Hall will follow each service.  
**1:00 pm** *Santa Eucaristía* (Eucharist in Spanish)

\* **Childcare will be provided on Easter morning.**

\* **Confessions by appointment on Monday & Tuesday of Holy Week – email Scott+ at scottp@stmaa.org or SuEllen+ at suellenp@stmaa.org.**

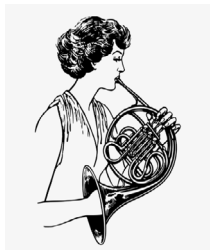
## PARKING AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Broadway Medical Clinic's parking lot and the **right-hand side** of the Liebert & Liebert building (4300 NE Broadway) parking lot are available **Monday through Friday after 5:00 pm, Saturday after 12:00 noon, and Sunday all day.**

Until after April 15, the left side (as you face the front of the building) of Liebert & Liebert's parking lot is available on **Sundays ONLY.**

The Dollar Tree lot is **NOT** available for St. Michael's parking. Also, do not park in the Hollywood East parking lot, just west of the high-rise.

## GIFTS FOR EASTER FLOWERS & BRASS



Gifts for flowers in the church at Easter and brass players on Easter Day are most welcome and may be given as memorials or thanksgiving offerings.

Checks should be made payable to St. Michael's or STMAA, with "Easter Flowers" or "Easter Brass" in the memo line. You may also donate through the website, stmaa.org, using the "Donate to our Ministries" button. If you donate that way or with cash, please use this form or email gloriao@stmaa.org to make your memorial/thanksgiving wishes known. Gifts must be received by **Monday, March 25**, to be included in the Easter bulletins. If you use this form, please circle "In Thanksgiving for" or "In Memory of" to indicate your wishes.

Flowers     Brass

In Thanksgiving for / In Memory of

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Parish Office, email gloriao@stmaa.org, or call 503/284-7141.

## WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

### MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28 - SUPPER AT 6:00 PM

Help serve (arrive at 5:30)     Clean up

### EASTER VIGIL - MARCH 30 - AFTER THE 8:00 PM SERVICE

Bring a dessert or cheese/cracker plate (finger food)  
 Set up     Help during the reception     Clean up

### EASTER DAY - MARCH 31

Be part of the team after the 9:00 am service  
 Be part of the team after the 11:00 service  
 Clean up after the 11:00 reception  
 Bring treats (dessert item or cheese/meat/cracker plate – finger foods only, please.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the parish office for more information or to sign up, at 503/284-7141 or gloriao@stmaa.org, and/or return this form to the Parish Office.