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The Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek

Close Encounters of an Extraordinary Kind

As a kid growing up in the Sixties, nothing captured my imagination more than the space program—the race for the moon against the Russians. I followed it religiously, you might say. Neil Armstrong's "giant leap for mankind" remains indelibly etched in my mind's eye. Even today, the current space program evokes memories of that old feeling.

On the second day of Spring in March, I went outside at 5:54AM and stood in my driveway to view the passing over of the International Space Station by the dawn's early light. The ISS is best viewed flying over at dusk or dawn, when the light reflects off of it, making it plainly visible. Of course, it passes over us during the day, too, but is much harder to view that way.

This particular ISS flyover occurred almost directly overhead. You need to know that the space station hauls... well, it goes a little over 17,000 MPH, give or take a few hundred miles per hour. This particular morning the path of its flyover started W-NW just north of the White Tank mountains from where I stood, went directly over my head, and headed long off to the E-SE, whizzing along as a beautiful waxing crescent moon entered the field of vision, until it fell out of sight. It lasted only six minutes. This recent sighting became my most favorite "close encounter" with the International Space Station to date. Six crew passing over busy at their tasks for the day, as we on earth waking up in Arizona, get busy with our tasks for the day. I get lost in wonder at that.

Have you considered that the ISS has passed over you many times in your life without your knowing it, or ever realizing it? But with the right information, about time, location, and heading—that is, "direction"--you can see it; quite easily, in fact. You, too, can experience a close encounter with the space program—an extraordinary sight and idea.

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, April 9, through Saturday, April 15, and it, too, provides us with a close encounter of sorts, as well. An encounter with the passion of Jesus, and his glorious resurrection, through the numinous mystery of the Three Great Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, concluding with The Great Vigil of Easter. Please, mark these days on your calendar or put them in your smart phone or in whatever system you use to make an appointment for yourself with someone—in fact, if at all possible, do it now. (Unless you're driving, of course—say, why are you reading while driving? Never mind.)

The same is true of the experience of God. The church offers close encounters with God week by week, yet most people are unware of it, or don't see it—even some people sitting in church do not see it! Yet opportunities to encounter God happen, and people miss them because they do not know the time, location and direction of where to encounter God easily and be changed by the encounter. Have you been changed by an encounter with God? Are you in need of one?

This is your invitation to join us for an extraordinary "close encounter" with God as we journey through the Three Great Days. It is a great time to invite a friend or loved one who is also in need of such an encounter with God in Christ Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Unless we make a commitment to actually walking these days together, something else will fill them in, and like the ISS passing overhead unbeknownst to us, you will miss out on the church's most powerful worship in its annual calendar.





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Nothing else the church does throughout the year compares to the worship of Holy Week. The pace and dignity of the services, the great texts of scripture that we embrace and breathe in, the celebration and remembrance of history changing events—of life changing and faith changing events—comes to the surface as we wade in and immerse ourselves in the waters of death and resurrection, of baptism and Eucharist, and participate in them.

On Palm Sunday, April 9, we enter the holy city of Jerusalem again, waving our branches of palm, experiencing the triumphal entry. *The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each evening during Holy Week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 5:00 PM*, in preparation for walking the next three evenings on this beautiful, mystical path. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Great Vigil of Easter comprise one service done over the Three Great Days known in Latin as the *Triduum*.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, at 5:00 P.M., gather with us as we sit in at the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples, and celebrate that first Eucharist again. No dismissal is given, as the service continues the next day. For those interested, you may choose an hour during the night or early morning to sit with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane at the Altar of Repose set-up in the back of the church. The *Triduum* continues on Friday, as we walk the path Jesus walked and stand at the foot of the cross itself at **12 Noon on Good Friday; this service will also be offered at 5:00 PM.** Again, we leave without a dismissal, as the service concludes Saturday night.

For those who wish to come, Holy Saturday begins at the graveside at the tomb of Jesus; we will meet in our own Memorial Garden at 9:00 AM. This brief service recalls that Jesus' body spent time in a tomb. It is the shortest service in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP, 283).

Then on Saturday evening, we gather at dusk in the church at 7:00 PM and continue with the Great Vigil of Easter, the queen of all worship services in the church year. Come experience an Easter like you never have before, as the Early Church intended us to experience from its earliest days.

If you have participated in this journey of Holy Week before—Palm Sunday, and the Triduum—then I know you will be here, because you wouldn't miss it. But if you have never walked this path before, try it this year. Try it once. See how it feels to you. It promises to be a close encounter with Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified and Risen One. If we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts and hands to receive, we might truly be changed in unexpected ways heretofore unknown.

For this one week in the year, come walk with us the extraordinary path that Christians have walked for centuries, and have found life giving, life sustaining, and renewing. Join us for Holy Week and you will see and experience the death and resurrection of Jesus like you have never before. **Reserve the dates; plan to attend. Mark it down now, please, so you won't forget**. Trust me: You'll be glad that you did.

Holy Week at Advent: An extraordinary sight and idea.

Canon Timothy



Episcopal Church Women E C W NEWS

On March 16th, forty eight plus ladies of the parish and their guests enjoyed a tasty salad luncheon and learned interesting facts about the origins of Sun City West, Del Webb himself and our own church. Thank you Dotty Eubank for arranging our speaker, Connie McMillan, from the Sun City Area Historical Society. Trish Carter-Diers and her crew, Barb Wolfe, Paula Bachman, Grace Roumell, Sharon Navratil, Harriett Thurstlic, Joyce Rozon, Judy Purdy, Karen Andrews and Sharon Mather prepared, set-up, served lunch and helped clean-up. Table decorations, center pieces and individual favors, were created by Sharon Gullickson. The theme, Spring and Blooming Tulips, were in evidence by purple and white Tulips in clay pots as our center pieces. I cannot forget our faithful ticket sellers Betty Pettit, Joyce Rozon, Barb Wolfe, Grace Roumell, Dotty Eubank and Judy Purdy. Last, but very important, our Meeting Hostess, Hanne Mueller. Hanne also donated three plants as door prizes. Thank you to all.

Thank you again to Sharon Mather and Grace Roumell for a stellar fashion show and Arlene Arnold, Barbara Childs, John Long and Chuck Smith for another successful rummage sale. Profit from the fashion show was \$2,471.99 and the rummage sale \$7,828.89. Money from these projects will be used for Outreach and In Reach awards.

Our April General Meeting, Installation and Tea will be held on April 20th. Tickets will be \$10 or a plate of tea sandwiches. Tickets will go on sale April 2nd. We hope everyone will wear a hat. Please contact Trish Carter-Diers if you would like to help in any way.

Sunday, May 7th and Mother's Day, May 14th is our annual ECW Diaper Drive. We collect diapers and baby wipes to be distributed to families in need through St. Mary's Food Bank. Please contact Judy Purdy with any questions.

Happy Easter to all and if you will not be with us, safe travels.

Ann Fletcher-ECW President

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Newcomers' News

In February we welcomed 4 new people to our church community – Kim and Maureen Haskell, Jesse Tavares and Raph Martin. Please welcome them when you see them at our church functions. If you have friends who are searching for an openhearted church family, please invite them to our services and activities – many of our new members were introduced to Advent by their friends and there are still a few church functions in the future before the summer months and the heat decrease our numbers. During the past couple of months, we have greeted visitors from Michigan, Colorado, Minnesota, Alaska, Washington, Pennsylvania and Texas.

On April 9th, from 3-5 pm, there will be a Meet and Greet for the recent new members of our parish. The clergy and vestry members will be present to discuss their ministries and future plans.

If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact me – we always welcome assistance with our endeavors.

Pat Carroll

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Spring Tea Luncheon



ECW General Meeting, Installation & Tea

Wear your tea hat and join us for our Annual General Meeting, Installation & Tea Thursday, April 20th at 11:30 am in Paine Hall Tickets will be \$10 or a plate of tea sandwiches. Tickets will go on sale April 2nd before and after worship services.

of the Clare of Assisi Chapter Daughters Blessings to you and yours from St. Clare of Assisi Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

We had a busy month in March. We volunteered to serve as hosts for the 2nd Quiet Day that we had on Saturday, March 11th. We provided the food for the day and we were able to participate in Quiet Day which was a wonderful experience. The facilitator was Rev. Howard Storm. After 15 minute presentations throughout the day on how to experience prayer we were then on our own for an hour to meditate and pray. I took this opportunity to walk in our meditation garden and paused and just marveled at the beauty that was so visible to me. The sky was such a rich shade of blue with streaks of white clouds. The cactus garden was so well cared for and the fountain was trickling water and birds were chirping. When I saw Glenn Gullickson on Sunday I gave him a hug and thanked him for all the years he strived to make this garden what it is today.

We also have served as coffee hour hosts in March with the exception of the third Sunday which is our meeting time. We are also leading the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:00 followed by a brown bag lunch for those who wish to stay and participate in what we are calling Table Talk. This consists of a short reading followed by discussion on the content. The Daughters follow a Rule of Prayer and Service and we welcome anyone who is interested in developing their prayer life and living a life of service and spreading the Good News to contact me or Judy Huffman for further information. April will no doubt be busy as well The Daughters will have a spring gathering at St. Peter's in

Litchfield Park on April 29th. Bishop David E. Bailey will be the keynote speaker and we are looking forward to attending. We pray that you will attend the Holy Week services so you may fully experience the joy of Easter.

For His Sake

Sharon Mather, Chapter President

Aluminum Cans Recycling Program

Many Thanks to all our friends that have made the program a successful one throughout the years.

To those who do not know about the system that has allowed the Men's Club outreach to provide some financial assistance for those parish youngsters that attend the Episcopal summer camp at Chapel Rock in Prescott.

We have an enclosed drop off area in the main parking lot (former trash dumpster area), just east of where the office staff park while at work. There is a double door with a slide bolt type handle that makes opening the doors pretty easy. We ask that you collect <u>aluminum beverage cans only.</u>

No other aluminum cans are accepted here (save them for the home recycle trucks).

The recycle center that we transport the bagged cans to has requirements that are to be followed for proper handling; please do not crush the cans flat (better if not crushed at all). Do not use cardboard containers nor paper bags for storage in your garage. Plastic bags hold up better in the rain and hot sun during the summer. Please open the door and place the bags in the enclosure and remember to close and slide the bolt back to keep the doors closed (windy days are sure to blow the doors open).

There is a sign on the doors that says "Aluminum Cans only, no trash" The dumpster for trash is located behind Paine Hall.

Thank You for supporting this Men's Club Outreach Program

Marketing News

We have had another busy month. The Joni Harms concert was a big success with our own Earl Thomas put on a cowboy hat and got up and sang "O What A Beautiful Morning" which was not planned. Great job Earl.

The Advent choir is working very hard getting ready for the next concert April 2. They will be singing 3 movements from John Rutter Requiem along with 12 members from the West Valley Chorale. There will also be solos. This should be a very good concert so plan to attend. There will be a free will offering with the proceeds going to the choir.

Also the Surprised "Pops" Band will again present a concert on May 7. They always play for food for the West Valley Food Bank. So plan to bring a non perishable food as admittance to the concert.

The marketing committee could use a few more people to help sell the tickets on Sundays etc. You do not have to have any marketing experience so if you are interested please call Tom Carroll. Believe me you will get much more than you give. Besides it is a good way to meet new people at Advent.



For those of you who have been waiting in breathless anticipation to hear the theme for this year's Camp 60s. It is here, AT LAST!

For registration forms please see the Chapel Rock website. Remember, the medication form is used only by the Camp 60s nurse - during camp - and then is destroyed. Both forms may be filled in on your computer, then printed out and mailed to the address on the bottom of the registration form. For more information, you may call Leslie at Chapel Rock 877-445-3499 or email <u>lglenn@chapelrock.net</u>.

Blessings to you,

Lee Brunson

Dean, Camp 60s More or Less

Join us as we explore the program "HALF TRUTHS - God helps those who help themselves and other things the Bible doesn't say" by

Adam Hamilton, senior pastor at

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the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area.

During our sessions, which will be led by our own Chaplain, the Rev. Julie O'Brien, the discussions will center on the following common sayings which some attiribute to the Bible...

- Everything happens for a reason
- God Helps those who help themselves
- God won't give you more than you can handle
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it
- Love the sinner, hate the sin

It should provide for lively discussions and perhaps a new perception of your own way of thinking.

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Flower Guild Forming Have you been enjoying the flower arrangements behind the altar? These were the result of the newly forming flower guild. Last Christmas Pat Fishbach and Beverly DiCicco did the flower placements in the altar area and Pat Kindle worked on the Japanese floral arrangements at the back of the church. We owe them a big thank you, especially since they were unable to get many poinsettias at the last minute. Now they are looking for others to join them in this enjoyable and satisfying ministry. A

Class in basic flower arrangement will be held on Tuesday, April 18th in the North Hall of Paine Hall at 10:30 am. Any novice and experienced flower arrangers are invited to join this group and learn some basics of arranging. Come, whether to join us or just to learn basic arranging and then see if you would be interested in helping out a few weeks each year.

Did you know that the funds donated toward Christmas and Easter flowers are used throughout the year to provide flowers? Our homemade arrangements made from flowers purchased at Costco or Safeway cost around \$50 dollars a Sunday as compared to \$160 for commercially designed bouquets.

For further information or to ask questions about this new ministry contact Deacon Meg at 928-252-2579 or following church services on Sundays.



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John Pipis & Evelyn Meyer, April 1 John & Lynn Long, April 4 Rev. Janet & Bob Gooltz, April 6 George & Chris Winandy, April 8 Jack & Kay Pridell, April 18 Richard & Arlene Arnold, April 20 Kim & Maureen Haskell, April 22 Bill & Bonita Nordstrom, April 23

FULL PANTRIES AND GRATEFUL HEARTS

As the temperatures rise in the Valley of the Sun some of you parishioners will be leaving Arizona and returning to your summer homes. This is also a time when Food Banks see an increased demand for food. This happens when the desert heats up and kids are out of school. Members of our community who are already struggling have a harder uphill battle to feed their families. Our Parish supports St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance with time, treasure and talent as one our Outreach Ministries.

Please, before leaving for the summer, clean out your pantries and kitchen shelves and donate your nonperishable items (no glass please) in our food boxes at Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity and have a blessed summer. See you again in the Fall!

"Feeding the Hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom 4th Century Archbishop of Constantinople

The St. Mary's Food Bank Outreach Volunteers



March Donations

Food = 100 lbs. YTD Food = 204 lbs.

Dollars = \$110YTD \$ = \$ 1,282

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Training - Walking the Mourners Path - Paine Hall 8:30 AM Attar Guild 2:30 PM Advent Choir Practice - Church 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner
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