The Power of Saying "Yes"

At the 2009 spring retreat of the House of Bishops, I was updating Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori on the progress of the Tri-Faith Initiative in Omaha, Nebraska. This coming together of a Reform Jewish temple, a growing Muslim faith community and the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska began to take shape during my tenure as bishop.

Today, with even wider ecumenical support, the goal of a tri-faith campus with a temple, a mosque and a Christian congregation is nearing completion in America’s heartland.

I recall telling Bishop Katharine that the progress of that unprecedented initiative was primarily due to the good work of others. “All I did,” I told her, “was to say ‘yes.’” At that, she paused, looked me straight in the eye and said, “Joe, that’s your job.”

What a concept! The bishop’s job is to say yes. It’s easy to translate that into our context: the rector’s job, the clergy’s job, the staff’s job, the vestry’s job, the parishioners’ job, is to say yes to those who seek an entrance, a way, a new beginning, a ministry, a mission!

It takes courage to say “yes” to someone or something in a way that offers the prospect of new life. And it takes courage for those to whom the yes is spoken to reach out and claim the promise that it is hidden therein.

I am reminded of Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians 1:19, when he writes: For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you … was not Yes and No—but in him it is always Yes.

In the midst of this Easter season, as we celebrate new beginnings and new possibilities, it is good to reflect on how God’s spirit comes to fruition in the great day of Pentecost. The mighty wind of Pentecost becomes the divine Yes that inaugurates in and through the church the mightiest missionary movement the world has ever seen.

Learning to say yes, and to accept with courage the promise of God’s yes to us, can literally change the world. And nothing less than that—to change the world—is the missional task that has been set before us by the God who was in Christ, reconciling the whole world to God’s own self, and who has entrusted to us the ministry and mission of reconciliation.

I invite you, my brothers and sisters, as you move forward in your journey, to learn more and more the power of “Yes!” If we at St. Columba’s can learn to say yes to one another—and to others—there will be no limit to the opportunities that lie ahead.

Grace and peace,

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Worship Services

Sundays in the Church Nave

8 am Eucharist
A quiet, simple Eucharist with homily and without music.

9 am Eucharist
In the Church Nave, with sermon, choirs, hymns and the healing rite. Child care is available for children 3 and under, 8:45 am to 12:30 pm.

9:15 and 11:15 am Eucharist
for families with preschool children in the Great Hall, with story-style telling of the Gospel and songs children can sing.

10:15 am Education Hour
Sunday School, youth programs, Sunday Forum, Bible study and refreshments. (Coffee follows all morning services.)

11:15 am Eucharist
In the Church Nave, with sermon, St. Columba Singers, hymns and the healing rite.

5 pm Eucharist
In St. Aidan’s Chapel, an evening Eucharist celebrated without music and with a brief homily. (The next Live@5 will be held on Sun., May 3.)

Weekdays (in St. Aidan’s Chapel)

Morning Prayer
8:45 am Monday–Thursday
8 am Friday
Thursday Eucharist
12:10 pm

Holy Baptism
For information on baptismal preparation and registration, please contact the Rev. Rose Duncan (baptism@columba.org; 202-363-4119, ext. 212) or Pattie Ames (baptism@columba.org; ext. 222). Forms are due six weeks prior to the date of baptism. Upcoming dates: May 24, Pentecost: 9 am in the Church Nave; 9:15 am in the Great Hall. Preparation classes: May 5 & 12, 7–8:30 pm

Calendar

The Flamingos are Here!
Sun., Apr. 26
Last chance to sign up in the Common to have one of our flocks visit your neighbors. Proceeds support J2A.
Coordinator: the Rev. Jason Cox
jcox@columba.org

St. Columba’s Mothers’ Group
Wed., Apr. 29, 10 am (Rm 203)
Mothers of all ages are welcome to join in for coffee and fellowship, Wednesdays. Free child care offered.
Coordinator: Heather Cole
mothersgroupleader@columba.org

May Labyrinth Walks
Wed., May 6, 6-8 pm
Sat., May 9, 10 am to noon.
All are welcome, no experience necessary!
Coordinator: Suzi Kindervatter
labyrinthleader@columba.org

May Arts Hour: Rising Stars
Sun., May 3, 1:15 pm
(Church Nave and Common)
Come celebrate the young artists of St. Columba’s! We’ll enjoy sculpture, paintings, dance, and vocal and keyboard performances by artists who grew or are growing up in the parish. Artists include the STEP kids, Sam Guenther, Sylvaen Christopher, Carolyn Hoff, Annalise Ros and Jay Parrotta. Coordinator: Deborah Kennedy Coster
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Body & Soul Exercise Class
Wed., May 6, 9:30 am (Great Hall)
Sign up for this one-hour cardio and toning workout led by Hilda Labrada Gore. Set to current contemporary Christian music, with easy dances that anyone can do, it is both motivating and fun!
Register online @ Columbia.org
Coordinator: the Rev. Peter Antoci
pantoci@columba.org

Make a Lunch Date with CAN
Thurs., May 7 at 12:30 pm (Rm 212)
The Creative Aging Network will host guest speaker Lylie Fisher, director of community engagement at Iona Senior Services. Iona’s offerings and new their new Take Charge/Age Well Academy will be discussed. Bring a brown bag lunch!
Coordinator: Nan North
canleader@columba.org

St Columba’s Plant Sale
Sun., May 10 and 17, mornings
Come support the J2A by buying flower, herb and vegetable starter plants for your garden. The theme for this year’s sale is “Children’s Gardens,” and a list of plants offered can be found online.
Coordinator: Susan Beale
lilybygate@gmail.com

New to You Sale
Dropoffs Start Sat., May 9
Donate items for our 5th annual “New To You” sale! All gently used items are welcome EXCEPT electronics of any kind. (See pg. 6 & 12)
Coordinators: Elizabeth Rankin and Courtney Hundley
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Student Organ Recital
Sun., May 17, 2 pm (Church Nave)
Diane Heath’s organ students will perform works by Mendelssohn, Bach and more, played by young and adult students in a free recital.
Coordinator: Diane Heath
dheath@columba.org

Choir and Cookies
Wed., May 20, 6:45-8 pm
(Music Rm)
Children in grades 2-7 are invited to Open Choir Practice AND COOKIES. Come and check out what our singers are up to!
Coordinator: Diane Heath
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Since 1963, communities across the nation have joined in the commemoration of Older Americans Month, a tradition celebrating the contributions and achievements of older Americans. As a part of Older Americans Month, Seabury Resources for Aging coordinates “Senior Celebrations,” an annual event held at the Washington National Cathedral to honor the volunteer service of older adults in local parishes. St. Columba’s 2015 Senior Honoree, Inga Blust, has done an amazing amount of volunteer service! What a pleasure it was to speak with Inga about how she came to St. Columba’s, the growth she has seen over the decades and all of her volunteer service!

Inga was brought up in the Church of England and was in the British Foreign Service posted to Warsaw in 1963 when she met her husband Merc, who was in the US Foreign Service. They married the next year and were posted to Washington in the late 1960s. Inga joined her neighborhood Episcopal parish–St. Columba’s. At first, Merc was not as interested, but those were the Bill Swing days. When Merc brought one of their daughters to church to practice in a theatrical production of Joseph and the Jazzy Jacket, he was recruited by Bill to play one of Joseph’s brothers in the show, and after that he was hooked on St. Columba’s too!

Since joining our parish in 1968, Inga has served in a myriad of ways, most notably as vestry member for two terms, as junior and senior warden and as chair of the Columba Fund Capital Campaign during Jim Donald’s tenure. Over many years, Inga held other leadership positions in the St. Columba-Truesdale Elementary School Project (STEP); in Winter Haven, our program for homeless women; and in the Stephen Ministry. Altar Guild, Flower Guild, chalice bearer, healing minister, usher, theatrical productions … you name it and Inga has probably done it! What she enjoys most is playing second violin in the orchestra and engaging as a Stephen Ministry leader.

Over the years, I have often heard about the challenges and difficulties of being a part of such a large parish such as St. Columba’s, and ideas about how to overcome being so big. Inga sees all this as positive benefits! Inga has participated in many small groups and through those groups she has gotten to know many different people. More importantly, she points out that our large parish has provided many opportunities for her and her family to do many things that she never expected she would do–like orchestra and theatrical productions.

Sophia Loren has been quoted as saying, “There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.”

Inga has the fountain of youth and she has certainly touched the lives of many people! We are very fortunate to have her energy, enthusiasm, spiritual presence and wisdom in our parish!

Nan North
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Welcome those who have completed welcome cards: Aimee Albright, DC; Jean-Claude and Brooke Brizard, DC; Cory Miller, DC

Rejoice with Robert Walters and Christine White, who were married Mar. 21; with Mike Varrone and Joy McGlaun for the birth of Beatrix Anna Varrone, Mar. 26; with LeRoy and Sue Walters for their 25th wedding anniversary, Apr. 28; with Susan Laing for the birth of granddaughter Nala Amai on Apr. 13; with George and Linda Woolley for the birth of their granddaughter Cecily Rose Stewart, Apr. 16

Pray for the souls of those who have died: Robert L. Horan, Mar. 26; Ravida Preston, Apr. 10; Barbara Wismeyer, mother of Rosemary Ryan, Apr. 12; Morgan Stark, step-brother of Jay Treadwell, Apr. 13

Let us pray for our parish and the Rector Search committee, that during this time of discernment and transition, we may grow more deeply in spirit, faith, worship and service.

Let us know when an illness, death, transition or joyful event occurs in your life. Contact the Rev. Peter Antoci (pastoral@columba.org; 202-363-4119).

A Friendly Reminder ...

The St. Columba’s parking lot is reserved for staff use during the week; all others are asked to park on the street. Thank you for your cooperation!
ST. COLUMBA'S AT THE CROSSROADS
An Interview with our Wardens

At this most interesting juncture of time at St. Columba’s, Lane Heard, senior warden and Elizabeth Taylor, junior warden, agreed to give their take on where we are just 10 weeks into their new terms. Here are their responses to some of your most pressing questions ...

Describe your path to becoming a warden at St. Columba’s?
We both came to St. Columba’s in the 1980s. Like so many others who find their way to St. Columba’s, we arrived with young families, stayed because it was a great place to raise our kids and, as we got more involved, found St. Columba’s to be a wonderful spiritual home. We both served two terms on the vestry before becoming wardens. Those were challenging years. Through them, the vestry became more cohesive, and the vestry and rector worked more productively, but we also learned some lessons about putting in place an effective system for self-evaluation and evaluation of the rector. We were fortunate enough to get to watch and learn from wardens who did the job very well–Jennifer Turner, John Nolan, Constance Azzi and Jim Sivon.

Has the interim period prepared us to call a new rector?
Joe Burnett and the clergy have been a wonderful pastoral presence, walking with this parish through a difficult interim period. Through Joe’s efforts, there is greater trust and less anxiety about our future. At the same time, Joe has challenged the parish to recognize that there is change coming, not just in the face of a new rector, but inevitably in how we do things–and we should welcome that.

Our Rector Search committee has done a great job putting us on track for success. The small group discussions they organized were not only important in enabling the committee to create a dynamic profile that captures who we are and who we want to be; the process itself was an invaluable part of our collective healing experience.

What will the new rector inherit?
Our new rector will inherit a huge array of talented, curious, questioning, generous people.

There is still work to be done, but the parish is ready to support a new rector in facing those challenges.

What are the challenges of our immediate future?
The most pressing challenge facing St. Columba’s is financial. We expect that our new rector will be a dynamic, creative leader with many ideas for moving St. Columba’s forward, but he or she will confront the reality that our pledge revenues, although they have turned upward in the last two years, still fall short of current expenses, even as expenses continue to be trimmed. Almost every decision that the clergy and vestry make must take account of that fact. We wish that we could greet our new rector with some funds to enable him or her to get started with new and exciting ideas.

We have a sense that a good part of the congregation has been in a “wait and see” frame of mind for a number of years—not wanting to leave St. Columba’s, but unsure whether they are prepared to invest in St. Columba’s future. And now, there’s a temptation to “wait and see” who the new rector will be. As a result, we have been financially underperforming when compared with other Episcopal churches our size. It’s time for all of us to commit—financially and emotionally—to St. Columba’s future.

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Vestry Notes

From the vestry’s Mar. 31, 2015 meeting:

- The vestry discussed Bishop Mariann’s call for greater cooperation and coordination among the upper Wisconsin Avenue parishes (St. Columba’s, St. Alban’s and the National Cathedral), as well as the cooperative efforts already underway.
- The vestry approved the parish’s 2014 parochial report.
- The vestry discussed issues relating to the forthcoming major upgrade of the heating and cooling systems.
- Stewardship committee chair Suzanne Burrows reported that the church has received nearly $1.86 million in pledges (with a greater number of pledges and pledge dollars than last year), and that the committee will continue with various efforts to meet the $2 million goal, as there are parishioners who made a pledge last year who have yet to do so this year.

Respectfully submitted,
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Summer Volunteer Opportunity

The Campus Kitchen Project at St. Luke’s Mission Center supplies nearly 2,000 meals monthly to veterans, at-risk youth, homeless, and the elderly throughout DC.

Volunteers are needed! Cooking takes place at the Campus Kitchen of St. Luke Mission Center (3655 Calvert St NW). Weekly shift times include: Wed. (3:30-7:30 pm), Fri. (2-6 pm), and Sat. (11:30-3:30 pm).

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NEW TO YOU 2015

My Favorite “New To You” Finds

With “New To You” (St. Columba’s annual combined yard, bake and book sale that is both a fundraising and community-building initiative) right around the corner, I sat down with event co-chairs Elizabeth Rankin and Courtney Hundley to learn about some of their favorite “finds.”

Elizabeth: The most important find for me in “New To You” has been the community work that yields such great results. In “New To You,” we find new friends, we find great spirit and generosity, and we find laughter and good humor.

Courtney: For me, it is the “inter-generational” find. Through “New To You,” I have met people in the church that I would never have crossed paths with, because they go to different services, or participate in different activities. I would have never met them otherwise.

Elizabeth: Another great “find” is the people who come back year after year to volunteer to do the same jobs without even being asked. They just show up!

Courtney: Yet another great find is the three men from the Water Ministry who help us each year: Mitch, Matthew and Joe. There are a few others, but these three are the mainstay who help us before, during and after the sale each year and contribute a lot to the success of the sale ...

Elizabeth: ... as have the St. C’s staff who we have gotten to know and develop a great relationship with and appreciate all that they do. So finding new friendships and new appreciation for people and what they do, are just some of the great treasures we find in “New To You.”

Courtney: And we certainly couldn’t achieve the success we have without Katie McGervey, John Nolan, Alex Tan and Elizabeth Pyke. The effort they put in each year is amazing and we couldn’t pull it off without them.

Elizabeth: Oh, and did I mention the lovely shoes I’ve found, and the wonderful jewelry and beautiful household goods that I have more than I need?

Courtney: I think my favorite item from “New to You” is a short, Tory Burch jacket that several other women had tried on. When I wore it to church for the first time, everyone thought it was pretty funny that I had ended up with it.

It is also amazing how people who come from many different backgrounds, come and send bags of clothes home to Africa, Nigeria and South America. It is wonderful that this event has that kind of reach. “New To You” is also wonderful exposure for the the Community Craft Collective, the group of women who have experienced homelessness and have joined together with a broader, creative community.

So Come! Donate! Volunteer! Shop! Details at: tinyurl.com/StCNew2You2015info

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This trinity of goals guides my practice as a teaching artist and playwright and, this past winter, shaped a new Adult Formation course at St. Columba’s. Six members of our community took a creative “deep dive” into moments of Epiphany captured in paintings and poetry. For five weeks, we circled comfy couches, and through improvisation and writing, probed moments of world-shifting realization; when a match is struck in the darkness; when the divine is made manifest.

With each painting, we would see (look closely without interpretation), think (make connections and inferences) and wonder (raise more and deeper questions). Each step was intended to uncover the complexity of emotions that a character might feel in the life-changing moment captured in the work of art. In Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi’s “The Adoration of the Magi,” a diverse community swarms toward the Holy Family. After choosing a character in the painting, everyone imaged a monologue (a dramatic speech by one person) that expressed three very different emotions with the strongest possible turning points between them. What a delight it was to hear from a wealthy young woman, a beggar, one of the Magi’s servants and Mary herself as the class imaginatively stepped into the shoes of people moving toward news they have just heard and have only begun to understand.

Our next monologues were strikingly different after a deep reading of William Butler Yeats’ “The Magi” in which the kings are “pale unsatisfied ones” still searching for the “uncontrollable mystery.” Imagining the kings speaking to us after centuries of wandering, the class’ monologues offered profound and provocative answers to my question, “What are you looking for?”

A highlight was stepping inside of Jacopo Basano’s “The Miraculous Draught of Fishes.” This enormous, sweeping canvas depicts a wonderful range of reactions by Christ and his disciples to the once-empty, now teeming, nets of fish. The class worked in pairs to improvise their character’s response to questions about what he senses, knows and values. Words (and some tears) flowed as each felt the lightening-bolt moment of realizing who Jesus truly was. Then each wrote a powerful goodbye letter explaining to a loved one why they were leaving to follow Jesus.

We explored the revelation of the Divine in nature through Frederic Edwin Church’s “El Río de Luz” (River of Light) and in the everyday in Pieter de Hooch’s “The Bedroom.” Remarkable monologues concluded the class inspired by one of Wendell Berry’s “Sabbath Poems” that reminds us that “we ourselves are living in the world it happened in when it first happened.” The poem says that we, too, when going out to our barns and opening a stall, might find the Holy Family. We wrote what we would say to them or what they might say to us. What would you say? Imagine.

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An excerpt from “Before Dawn in the Barn” by Jennifer Leach
“Oh, wait. Are you...? You are, aren’t you? Mary? And Joseph? And—seriously? That’s really Jesus? Wow. I can’t believe it. I mean—I do. Believe it. Believe you. In you. But you’re here, in my barn? Of all the barns in all the world—here you are. I don’t have a word for that.”
For many of our neighbors, being hungry is something they face every day. Sadly, there is more than enough hunger to go around for all the many faith and community groups that are serving up solutions. That’s one of the reasons why the Grate Patrol, a new meals ministry in partnership with The Salvation Army National Capital Area, is unfolding at St. Columba’s. It joins the Water Ministry and Loaves and Fishes as a third ministry offering food and fellowship.

The Second Tuesday Grate Patrol began at St. C’s in March and is off to a successful launch. Already 42 Columbans have participated! The Grate Patrol delivers evening meals 365 days a year to people who are homeless or in need in downtown Washington. With volunteer servers on board, The Salvation Army’s canteen van starts its route at Union Station at 7 pm, winds its way down Constitution Avenue, behind the White House, over to the West End and eventually to its last stop at McPherson Square.

St. Columba’s is one of 24 partners, including neighboring St. Alban’s and other Episcopal churches who participate. St. C’s volunteers purchase food, prepare 150 meals and travel in the van to serve the meals on the second Tuesday of each month. Each of these three activities is a ministry opportunity in itself.

**Shopping as Ministry**

Patrick and Abigail Gorman shopped for the March and April food. They found a compassionate Safeway manager who donated items when she learned their purpose. In April they found good buys at Costco and Giant. Each time they came in below the $350 monthly budget allocated from St. C’s outreach budget. With the help of their sons William and Michael, they delivered the food to St. Columba’s so other Columbans could assemble the meals. The Gormans appreciated the flexibility of being able to fit it into their schedule and found it a good way to be of service. They’re ready to invite and help others to try “shopping as ministry” too!

**Meal-making as Ministry**

So many people helped prepare the 150+ sandwiches each month, there is not room to share all the names!

A total of 26 Columbans in March and 18 in April made light work of assembling the sandwich meals with added items like applesauce, snack bars, bananas and raisins. Many families participated. How can something as ordinary as making sandwiches be ministry? It is when it is done in service as part of God’s work in the world. The meals will always be made on the Sunday before the second Tuesday of the month and walk-ins are always welcome.

**Serving on Downtown Streets**

The third Grate Patrol ministry opportunity is traveling on the van and actually distributing the meals to people. On the second Tuesday in March, Joe Kolar, Alex Acosta and Mary Beth Campbell met the The Salvation Army van at St. Columba’s around 6 pm and with food loaded up, traveled downtown to serve the meals. Alex served hot chocolate from the back of the van and Joe and Mary Beth distributed meals. An outreach worker from The Salvation Army travels separately to each stop to triage with people, helping them with whatever they may need. Volunteers may also
help distribute large garbage bags, blankets or other items. On the night that Alex, Joe and Mary Beth served, garbage bags were very popular because it was so cold and rainy. They provided added warmth and protection. In April Katie Beck, Carolyn Donnelly and Jill Lucas served on the van. Serving on the van was both fun and profoundly meaningful for each of the volunteers, but very different from shopping or making the meals. Volunteers who serve the meals depart St C.’s at 6 pm and return before 9:30 pm.

All Are Welcome
All three Grate Patrol opportunities are open to anyone in the parish, and can be taken on as a one-time commitment, though shopping and van serving must be confirmed ahead of time. All of the opportunities are eligible for community service credit for students. Each month also offers a unique opportunity for a St. C.’s group, family or individual to take on responsibility for all three opportunities. A celebration of a birthday, wedding or anniversary also offers opportunities for friends and relatives to gather in service as a celebration of the special event. Special arrangements can be made for the meal-making in these cases.

Launched more than 20 years ago, the Grate Patrol mobile meals program has served approximately 1,314,000 meals to those who are homeless and in need in downtown Washington. Join us and become part of this vital ministry!

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“PRAYING IN AND WITH YOUR BODY”
A Lenten Reflection

In response to our request for feedback from those who participated in St. Columba’s Lenten experiences this year, Ann Wakefield sent in this reflection:

I participated in the Lent Day of Reflection on Sat., Feb. 28, presented by Dr. Margot Eyring. The entire program, “Praying In and With Your Body” was very meaningful to me. I was so impressed with what Margot taught us. The highpoint of this day of reflection for me was the dedication and opportunity to walk St. Columba’s new labyrinth.

It was so moving to see the labyrinth spread out beautifully in the Great Hall. Then, it was wonderful to participate in the dedication/consecration of the labyrinth and to watch all the attendees stand in a circle as the Rev. Dr. Peter Antoci first said a prayer for the labyrinth. Then Peter and each of us in turn, sprinkled holy water on the labyrinth.

Later, I walked the labyrinth, and I could feel the Holy Spirit walking with me. I was very blessed to have this very powerful experience, and I hope to walk St. Columba’s wonderful labyrinth again many times in the future.

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Note: May Labyrinth walks are scheduled for Wed., May 6, 6-8 pm and Sat., May 9, 10 am-noon. All are welcome, no experience necessary!
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EPISCOMM 2015
Congratulations Roland Hoover!

At the 2015 Episcopal Communicators Conference held April 8-11 at the Claggett Center, Roland Hoover received Honorable Mention in their annual Polly Bond Award Competition for his New Year’s Eve Concert poster design.

Named for Polly Bond, whose life and work so inspired Episcopal communicators for decades to make her the example of excellence in church communications, these prestigious awards were given only after professional judging of over 300 entries.

Former director of publications at the Brookings Institution and University printer at Yale, Roland Hoover is founder and proprietor of his own letterpress shop, Pembroke Press in Bethesda, MD, and a longtime parishioner of St. Columba’s.

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A New Year’s Eve Concert at St. Columba’s

J. Kelly Lenz and Richard Jackson

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Retrace your Steps: Walking with Jesus

Recorded sermons from Holy Week and Easter:

April 2 - Maundy Thursday
The Rev. Jason Cox
“A New Passover”

April 3 - Good Friday
The Rev. Peter Antoci
“The Scandal of Compassion”

April 4 - Easter Vigil
The Rev. Martin Smith
“Immerse them in the Experience of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!”

April 5 - Easter Sunday
The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett
“Walk Through the Door”

Online at: tinyurl.com/StCsSermons

The Light of Christ; Thanks be to God!

... So we sang as the new paschal candle was carried into the church on Easter Eve. For the last several years our artist Nancy Frankel has painted the designs you see on our paschal candles, and also on all of the candles that we give to each person baptized here during the year. This year she used our St. Columba celtic cross logo as the basis for her design. We are so grateful to Nancy for her beautiful works, and very fortunate to have an artist of deep faith and imagination among us. Thank you Nancy!

■ The Rev. Peter Antoci
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Easter Thanks

This joyful Eastertide, we offer thanks to . . .

All who served our worship at Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, and in particular to:
Wayne Fowler and the Vergers
John Guenther and the Sacristans and Acolytes
Liina Keerdoja and all the readers and prayer leaders
Judi Kane, Peter Coe and the Lay Eucharistic Ministers
John Hurd, Diane Heath and all our Choirs and Volunteer Musicians
The Flower Guild
The Altar Guild
Woody Turner and the Church Nave and Great Hall Ushers
Serena Wille and the Greeters
Nancy Twist and the Coffee Hour Helpers
Ka Lam and Joshua Skrine for A/V and technical support
Santos Ruiz and our housekeeping staff
Parishioner Gerald Knight for generously providing security for the Maundy Thursday overnight watch

For Mary Hall Surface who organized and directed the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday and for all who read parts:
Sylvana Christopher, Gail Hill, Howard Hill, Greg Lewis, Susan Lewis, JoAnn Lin, Chris Luckett, Scott Pritchett, Kevin Reese, Chris Schumann, John Sides, Mark Smith, Chip Somodevilla, Schroeder Stribling, Marti Villareal, Josh Wilson, Cathy Wiss and Linda Yangas

Way of the Cross on Good Friday: Tom Bauder, Susan Elliott, Rose Gombe, Betty King, Joe Kolar, Susan Laing, Catherine Outten Olivo, Sue Walters

For those who read the lessons at the Easter Vigil:
Rick Dulaney, Howard Hill, Schroeder Stribling, Caroline Willis and Temitayo Wolff

For those who prepared the Easter Vigil reception: Lisa Whelan and Thorne Rankin

For Nancy Frankel for her beautiful designs painted on the Paschal candles and the Baptismal initiative candles.
THANKSGIVINGS

“New To You” Sale: What’s Your Favorite Find?

NEW TO YOU

Last year in the “boutique,” I was lucky enough to find a pair of (what appeared to be brand-new) black Prada pumps in my size. I wear them frequently for work meetings and they’ve become my “lucky shoes” when I’m expecting a challenging day. I’ve enjoyed collecting items to donate to “New to You” and will be looking forward to finding new treasures this year!

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NEW TO YOU DROPOFFS
Sat., May 9: 10-4*
Mon., May 11: 9:30-2:30
Tues., May 12: 9:30-2:30
Wed., May 13: 9:30-12
*Or until the pods fill up

SALE
Thurs., May 14: 6-8 pm
Fri., May 15: 11 am-7 pm
Sat., May 16: 8 am-2 pm

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
Sign up online at: tinyurl.com/StCNew2You2015

Help Us Get the Word Out! Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Donate! Volunteer! Shop!

My all-time favorite NTY purchase is my son Jack’s find—a $10 baritone ukelele. He picked it up last spring, learned to play, and graces us every day with the lovely sounds of the baritone uke. With his sisters on piano and vocals, there is a sweet, sweet spirit in our house. Thank you “New To You!”

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