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Dear Friends

Reverend Michael has shared some of the poetry by Ann Weems with us over the past couple of years. We thought we would do the same for Lent and Easter.

“Holy Week” by Ann Weems

Holy is the week ...  
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God ...  
We move from hosannas to horror  
with the predictable ease  
of those who know not what they do.  
Our hosannas sung,  
our palms waved,  
let us go with passion into this week.  
It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.  
It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.  
It is a time greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,  
to lavishly break our alabaster  
and pour perfume out for him  
without counting the cost.  
It is a time for preparation ...  
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.  
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.  
Eat, drink, remember:  
On this night of nights, each one must ask,  
as we dip our bread in the wine,  
“Is it I?”  
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand  
beneath the tree  
and watch the dying  
if we are to be there  
when the stone is rolled away.  
The only road to Easter morning  
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.  
Only then will the alleluias be sung;  
only then will the dancing begin.

## COME TO THE EASTER PARTY

I think on Easter morning we should throw confetti in church!

No?

What about a little fanfare?

A deafening drum roll?

A three-minute standing ovation?

What? Have we had the drums beaten out of us

That we in the celebrative community can't really

Get excited

About God's aliveness?

About God's love given to us unconditionally?

Have we given Easter up to the lily bearers, the bunny rabbits, the patent leather shoes?

Let's face it:

We live as though we don't believe in Easter.

Easter scares us

Because we're the people who can't believe

That God gives us abundant Life;

We think we have to earn it.

But Easter says it's already been paid!

Easter says, no matter how prodigal,

We can go home again!

Let's celebrate that amazing grace

That in Christ's resurrection

We are still loved even at our most outrageous.

The Lord has given us the music;

All we need do is dance it!

Come to the Easter party!

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We hope you enjoy these thought provoking poems.

Our Holy Week services are

Palm Sunday, April 2 - 10:30AM

Good Friday, April 7 - 10:00AM

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 10:30AM

Reverend Jim Roberts will be presiding.

Please Join Us!

Everyone is Welcome!

Wishing everyone a blessed Lent and a

Happy Easter!

Your Wardens

Kay Stanley and Karen Talgoy



### Spring and Summer Update

Reverend Michael Fleming will be returning on April 16.

During the summer, while Reverend Fleming is on holiday we will have a mixture of morning prayer and Holy Eucharist services. Dates have not been confirmed yet for these.