



### *this month at Christ Church*

**April 1**

Taize | 7:30 p.m.

**April 2** | Maundy Thursday

**April 3** | Good Friday

**April 4** | Holy Saturday

**April 5** | Easter Sunday

**April 6 & 7** | Office Closed

**April 16**

LGBTQ+ Theology & Faith | 7:30p.m.

**April 19**

Democracy Circle | 11:30



## Christ Church During the Civil War

On May 24, 1861 Union troops crossed the Potomac and occupied Alexandria for the duration of the Civil War; Alexandria became the gateway for invasion into the south. Soldiers poured through heading toward the battlefields of northern Virginia, the wounded returning to be nursed in the town's thirty hospitals.

In August 1862, fifteen months into the occupation, General John Slough (pictured above) arrived by ferry from DC with orders to restore order in Alexandria. He was the fourth military governor appointed in fifteen months. When he arrived in the town he found disorder and drunkenness, provoked by an angry, large, armed mob. His modus operandi was the enforcement of stringent and sometimes prohibitory orders.

Christ Church had been given 'on loan' to the first military governor to use as a military chapel at the beginning of the occupation of Alexandria. The stipulation was that it would be returned to the vestry elected in April 1861 as needed. When General Slough arrived in August 1862, the keys were still in possession of the military government. At that time the vestry requested return of the church, citing their need of a worship space. General Slough responded that "whatever property he found in his possession he intended to hold, and that he recognized no right, either in them [the wardens] or in the vestry to interfere with the Church." General Slough then went further and ordered that a new vestry, made up of Union sympathizers, be elected and installed as the Christ church governing body.

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In a follow-up letter dated 24 September 1863 from the original church wardens, it was pointed out that it had originally been 'lent' to Gen. Montgomery, with a promise to return it when the vestry had need. In his response the following day, Gen. Slough made his position very clear. He maintained that the old congregation was composed mostly of disloyal people, that the proper services were currently being held in the church, and that the previous congregation was going against the teaching of "the great Washington," and he

must "decline to deprive loyal people of a place to worship and give it to the disloyal."

With that, the church had become a political pawn. According to Gen. Slough, the 1861 wardens, the vestry and the congregation who had supported the Confederacy were no longer worthy to worship in the church of the great George Washington. The vestry saw the situation differently: "The vestry and congregation thus forcibly dispossessed of their property, have endeavored, but thus far in vain, to obtain its restoration." Sixty years

later, Powell records the same event in her history: "The southern element had been evicted from their beloved shrine at Christ Church."

The American Civil War sputtered to an end in the spring of 1865. The use of Christ Church as a military chapel during the years of occupation had saved its sacred space from desecration. In April 1866 the southern vestry met again and recorded their meeting in the vestry book, the first entry since April 1861.

--Charleen Smith-Reidel,  
*special to extraOrdinary Times*

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## Holy Week & Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

### March 29 – Palm Sunday

*Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist*  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### March 30

*Holy Eucharist* | Chapel | 7:30 a.m.

### March 31

*Holy Eucharist* | Chapel | 7:30 a.m.

### April 1

*Holy Eucharist* | Chapel | 7:30 a.m. & Noon  
*Taize Service* | Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

### April 2 – Maundy Thursday

*Holy Eucharist* | Chapel | 7:30 a.m.  
*Agape Meal* | Auditorium | 6:00 p.m.  
*Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar* | 7:30 p.m.  
*All-Night Prayer Vigil* | 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. | Chapel

### April 3 – Good Friday

*Morning Prayer* | Chapel | 7:30 a.m.  
*Labyrinth* | McMurray Commons | Noon - 3:00 p.m.  
*Good Friday Liturgy* | Noon  
*Family Stations of the Cross in Nature* | 4:00 & 4:30 p.m.  
Jones Point Park  
*Good Friday Liturgy* | 7:30 p.m.

### April 4 – Holy Saturday

*Morning Prayer* | Chapel | 10:00 a.m.  
*Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Baptism* | 7:30 p.m.

### April 5 – Easter Sunday

*Holy Eucharist* | 7:00 a.m. | Churchyard  
9:00 a.m. | *Holy Eucharist* | Church  
9:00 a.m. | *Family Holy Eucharist* | Auditorium  
*Holy Eucharist* | 11:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. | Church



## Blessings On...

- Amy Wilczynski, Mary Dixon & Jack Hutcheson, Claudia Ellet, Amy Bacon, Maryann Jones, Emily Soapes, Maude Williams, Ruth Arnold, Cara Alfano, Claire Chow, and Emily Bryan for making and serving Bag Lunches at Meade Memorial Church. Amy Wilczynski, Maryann Jones, and Roseanne Bennett for making soups served during bag lunch service.
  - The Shrove Tuesday Crew for pancakes, gumbo, and the greatest celebration in town: Alan Adenan, Amy Bacon, Megan Bower, Brian Butcher, Bob Cady, Paula Dubberly, Bridget Floyd, Andrew Floyd, Tom Hahn, Jenna Mayer, Jean Mayhan, Emily Meeks, Blakely Mulder, Jan Slaton, Charleen Smith-Riedel, Elizabeth Trigg, Libby Witt. With over 110 people, it was our largest yet. Thank you!
  - Those who donated groceries and cooked and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter: Claire Chow, Jim Beattie, Rosanne Bennett, Christine Jones, Joe Shull, Carol Shull, Rob Spiller, Robin Campbell, Micaela Shaughnessy, Barb Boehm, and Bradley McAllister.
  - The parishioners who provided food and beverages, served and hosted our incredible Choral Evensong Reception, Cindi Bartol. Anne Ramsey, Steve and Jan Slayton, Denise Jean Claude, Karen Hill, Barbara Fallon, Virginia Amos, Barb Boehm, Claire Chow, Andrea McNicholas, Amy Bacon and Jane Baird.
  - Megan Cavanaugh, Cristin Jones, Van Ellet, Kathy Bowdring, Cornelia Horner, Micaela Shaughnessy, Barbara Boehm, Bradley McAllister, and Robin Campbell, who shopped, cooked, and served dinner to the residents of Carpenter Shelter.
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  - Rosanne Bennett, Parks Gilbert, Liz Mendel, Bradley McAllister, Michaela Shaughnessy, Megan Cavanaugh, Ann McMurray, Robin Campbell and Barbara Boehm for shopping, cooking and serving dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter.
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## Rites of Passage

### Deaths

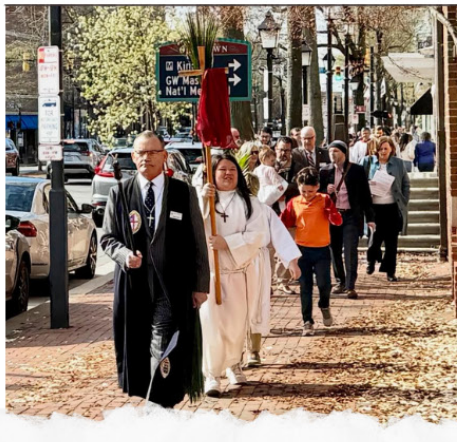
John Prevar  
Joel Carlson  
Tom Coffman  
Rusty Lynn  
John Kristensen  
Doug Rendleman  
Marcie Corbett  
Delia Neuman  
Rusty Lynn  
Thomas Wright  
Robin Chambers

### Births

Zariah Maddox Brown,  
daughter of Amanda &  
Lauren Brown

### Transfers Out

Elizabeth MacIntosh  
Paige Reese



**MARCHING INTO APRIL**