



The Episcopal Church of the Advent

April 22, 2025 Newsletter

Easter Sunday



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A message from Father Mark

At the Great Vigil of Easter this past Saturday, I followed the tradition of many churches of reading the Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom in lieu of a homily. John Chrysostom was an important figure in the early Church. He lived mostly in the fourth century and, among other positions, was Archbishop of Constantinople. But maybe more than anything else, John Chrysostom was known for his preaching. The word “Chrysostom” is an anglicized version of a Greek word which means “golden-mouthed.” He preached an Easter sermon that is so evocative, so moving in its description of the importance of the resurrection, that it remains powerfully

relevant, sixteen centuries removed from when it was written. Since Saturday night, I've had many requests for it, so I'm printing it here in its entirety:



Are there any who are devout lovers of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Are there any who are grateful servants? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; if any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first.

To this one he gives, and upon another he bestows. He accepts the works as he greets the endeavor. The deed he honors and the intention he commends. Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of his goodness! Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hell when he descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of his flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering him below." Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting? O Hell, where is thy victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

Peace,
Mark+

Holy Week Pictures

If you have any pictures of activities during Holy Week that you would like to share, please send O. J. Booker a copy and he'll add them to the album – info@adventmadisonga.com

Wednesday, May 7, Next "First Wednesday" Drop-in
Host: Annie Hunt and Woody Burriss
Address: 912 Dixie Avenue

Please mark your calendars for the next "First Wednesday"! Join your fellow parishioners and guests in a casual gathering from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Please bring a snack or dessert or beverage to share, and feel free to bring a guest. Those who would like to host a First Wednesday gathering can email the church at info@adventmadisonga.com or call the church.

Easter Flower Arrangers



Many thanks to our Easter flower arrangers who transformed our church into a stunning oasis and to parishioner and nurseryman **Joe Napoli** who decorated our front walkway with 60 beautiful plants - Viburnum 'Summer Snowflake' and Azalea 'Renée Michel' - for grateful Easter attendees to take home, which they quickly and happily did! *Thank you, Rick Crown and Richard Simpson.*

2025 Madison in May Spring Tour of Homes

Church of the Advent will be in the Spring Tour of Homes, May 16 and 17, 10 AM – 4 PM.

Rota for the Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025 10:30 A.M.

Altar Guild – Bennett-Roman
Flower Guild – Glenn Eskew
LEM/PoP – Paul Roman
1st Reading – Maryann Dartnell
2nd Reading – Devon Dartnell
Vestry of the Day – Devon Dartnell
Organ Tech - Betsy Quillin

Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025 10:30 A.M.

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

The Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Parish Prayer List

Parish: Carol Blow, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Sally Green, Kate Jackson, Shandon Land, Kathy and Brian Lehman, MaryAnn Lisle, Janet Mason, Charles, Dutton Morehouse, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, and Betty Thomas.

Friends and Family: Eugene Broadbridge, Jane Brooks, Hunt Brown, Daphne Carter, Lynn Cupples, Lillian and Turner Eby, Mary Ann Edelman, Joseph Gagliano, Maddie Gartland, Annita Hunt, Grainger Hunt, Johanna Dufort Hunt, Norinne Hurst, Matt Hurst, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Nancy Labak, Meg Limmer, Tracy Limmer, Jerry Maddox, Ross Mason, Dustin Pullen, Dennis Reeder, Carla Sherrill, Wayne Tamplin, Robin Thomas, Parker Westphal, and Jay Whitecombe.

Community and Beyond: Iliana Arias, Bishop Michael Curry, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz, Sherry MacMahon.

April Birthdays

24 Will Eskew; **30** Ann-Marie Walsh, Sam Easton

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, April 21, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Tuesday, April 22, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Wednesday, April 23, 2025	9:00 AM	CH	Morning Prayer, Rite I
Thursday, April 24, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open Book study)
Thursday, April 24, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed discussion)
Thursday, April 24, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AI-Anon (open meeting)
Friday, April 25, 2025	7:00 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed Book study)
Sunday, April 27, 2025	8:00 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
Sunday, April 27, 2025	9:15 AM	PH	Sunday School - Lectionary Study
Sunday, April 27, 2025	10:30 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Sunday, April 27, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (open meeting)

PH - Parish House CH - Church

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The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright - Bishop of Atlanta.

Reverend Mark Stewart Johnson - Interim Priest-in-Charge.

Devon Dartnell - Senior Warden, Vic Jackson - Junior Warden.

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