

Our AGO Message for Easter 2020

Dear Members,

We are all experiencing the uncertainty and stresses caused by the pandemic which has swept around the world. Your chapter leadership urges you to keep safe, practice social distancing, and keep in touch with loved ones and our chapter member friends.

The sad news is:

1. The Handbell Worship for Saturday, April 25th has been cancelled.
2. The annual banquet scheduled for Monday, May 11th will most likely be postponed



The good news is:

1. Handbell clinician John Behnke has offered to schedule another handbell event in 2020 - 2021.
2. Shortly after Easter we will canvas our members to offer different options for the postponed May 11th annual banquet.

To help you remember this Lenten Season we would like to share with you a passage of scripture and a recording for both Good Friday, and then with Easter to follow. May it be a blessing to you all.

Isaiah 53:3-9

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.



II. Crucifixion from Three Windows of Peace and Love, John A. Behnke,

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Matthew 28

Jesus Has Risen

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Hallelujah - Choir of King's College, Cambridge live performance of Handel's Messiah

Click [here](#) for the YouTube video.



P.S. – Remember to watch the live online Lenten recital video at 12:15 pm today from the Church of the Redeemer.

Click on the YouTube box to the right.

