Die Harder screams pain—the pain of nails, whips, and spears; the pain of being rejected and misunderstood; the pain of sin; and most of all, the pain of being separated from the Father. Lest we think that Jesus suffered silently on the cross and then slipped peacefully into the Father’s arms, Mach reminds us of the horrors he underwent on behalf of the world that hung him there.

This photo was taken by the Daily Mail in July 2010, outside of St. Giles’ Church in Edinburgh. The piece is now on exhibit on the second floor of the Edinburgh City Art Centre. The crucifix pictured above is unique in that it is made not of marble, bronze, or terracotta, but of repurposed coat hangers, welded together around a plastic positive and then nickel-plated. “We use [coat hangers] as contours to describe the shape of something,” Mach said of his method. “When we see those thousands of hooks that appear in such a construction, we provide our sculpture with an aura—a double image, something that is difficult to read and to see. … The hooks also provide a kind of movement. The sculpture might look as if it has a vibration or, at any rate, it animates the sculpture.”
If you need pastoral support or know someone that does, please call Fr. Charles+, at 435-901-2131. Remember, Charles+ still can’t read minds so he will not know unless you tell him. Calls will be kept confidential.

**HOLY WEEK AT ST. LUKE’S**

**Sunday - April 9th - Palm Sunday**
7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church

**Monday - April 10th**
10:00 AM Centering Prayer

**Wednesday - April 12th**
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
4:00 PM A Course In Miracles
6:30 PM Existentialism Class with the Rector

**Thursday - April 13th - Maundy Thursday**
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday - April 14th - Good Friday**
10:00 AM Centering Prayer
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Sunday - April 16th - Easter Sunday**
Normal Sunday Schedule
12:00 PM Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:**

**7:45 AM**
Altar Guild: Janet van Hartesvelt
Layreaders: Abbey Cordery
Crucifer: Lou Giacoma
Chalice Bearers: Mary Parsons, Teddi Reeves (Roger & Harriet Stephens)
Prayers of the People: Harriet Stephens
Ushers/Greeters: John & Karan Swanger
Coffee Hour: John & Karan Swanger
Vestry Person: Karl Sears
Tellers: Karl Sears, Linda Dugins

**10:30 AM**
Altar Guild: Teddi Reeves
Layreaders: Mary Parsons
Crucifer: Eric Smith
Chalice Bearers: Mary Parsons, Teddi Reeves
Prayers of the People: Roger & Harriet Stephens
Ushers/Greeters: John & Karan Swanger
Coffee Hour: John & Karan Swanger
Vestry Person: Karl Sears
Tellers: Karl Sears, Linda Dugins

**Our Staff is There for You!**
Please do not hesitate to contact us.
A full listing of all positions and ministries is available on the information table at the church.

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The Rev. Claudia Giacoma, Asst. Priest
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In Need of Prayer of Home Communion?
St.Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com If you know of someone who needs Home Communion, contact our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team by calling or emailing the Church Office. Blessings!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR.............**

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**
Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for **Diocesan Lay Staff**.
All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of **The Church of England**.

**OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:**
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

**THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:**
Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Pat++++ (Sanger), Rita++++ (wife of Kevin Tischner), Alexa++++ (granddaughter of Deedee Sihvonen), Gerry++++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom++++ (mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Gabrielle++++ (daughter of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Mary Gene++++ (mother of Sharon Christiansen) Laura++++ (sister in law of Deedee Sihvonen) Bonnie++++ (wife of Fr. Charles) John++++ (son of Dave & Nancy Garrison) Carolyn++++ (sister of Anne Bransford) Ethel++++ (friend of Teresa McMillan

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**
† Healing for the victims targeted by the chemical attack in Syria and healing for the families that lost loved ones.
† Comfort and Peace for the many families that lost loved ones in the landslide in Columbia.
† An end to terrorism and the wisdom to find a way to live together in peace.
† An end to the conflicts in Yemen, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
† A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.......**

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR......
For our **Nursery Worker, Jackie Prince** and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week: Barbara Andrews today; Tom Biersbach on Monday; Karan Swanger on Tuesday and Julie Crittenden on Wednesday.
The Scripture Passages
Palm Sunday A - April 9, 2017

From the Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Today’s passage from the Hebrew tradition is found in the 50th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. What is the meaning of suffering? This is one of the most profound questions that confront the human condition. In today's passage from Isaiah, we hear the musings of a prophet who is seeking to make sense of the painful realities of exile. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print. The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Here ends the reading.

From the Taoist Scriptures:

Murder is condemned by all faiths, by reason itself. Nevertheless, there is often a line between murder and sanctioned violence, and this line is drawn in various ways. In Jainism, and among some Buddhists, Hindus, and Taoists, the concept of absolute nonviolence encompasses all animals and living beings. In Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, on the other hand, the scriptural prohibitions against murder are restricted to the killing of human beings. Some passages in the Christian, Buddhist, Taoist, and Jewish scriptures may be interpreted as teaching that killing a human being is a sin under any and all circumstances. Hence, some in these traditions regard it as wrong to use violent means to defend against harm. Pacifism and objections to capital punishment likewise derive from this scriptural foundation. Other passages may be interpreted as restricting the definition of murder to an individual killing for selfish purposes. They permit killing in self-defense, permit killing to prevent greater crimes, sanction state enforcement of the death penalty, and support the waging of war for just cause. Nevertheless, killing in such circumstances should still be viewed as evil, albeit the lesser evil. Please read with me from the Taoist scriptures by reading the parts in bold print. Fine weapons are instruments of evil. They are hated by men.

Therefore those who possess Tao turn away from them.

Weapons are instruments of evil, not the instruments of a good ruler.

When he uses them unavoidably, he regards calm restraint as the best principle.

Even when he is victorious, he does not regard it as praiseworthy,

For to praise victory is to delight in the slaughter of men.

He who delights in the slaughter of men will not succeed in the empire.

For the slaughter of the multitude, let us weep with sorrow and grief.

Here ends the reading.

From the Christian Gospels:

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passion Narrative

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Sentence:

Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these:

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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COFFEE HOUR COORDINATOR

Sharon Christensen is stepping down as coffee hour coordinator. Thank you, Sharon for your hard work and service in this important ministry. Barbara Wine will be serving as the interim coordinator, and in an effort to recruit more families to join the "coffee hour" ministry, she is suggesting two changes.

1. The possibility of two families sharing a coffee hour and
2. That ONLY cookies or donuts be served, making it easier and less costly.

We would love your input, please talk to Barbara Wine, e mail wine1466@comcast.net, or call her at 435-640-3770.

We will need a new coordinator, if you're interested please let Father Charles know. How about talking to a friend about job sharing? Barbara will be happy to answer any questions.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO OUR ST. LUKE’S MISSIONS FUND DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

During Lent each year, we appeal to all of the members of our parish community to make a generous donation in support of our missions for the coming year.

All donations are combined and are used where it is most needed. The Executive Missions Committee (the leaders of each of or mission enterprises) meet together to have a conversation about the amount of financial support needed by each mission. The Committee then allocates the money in the Mission Fund to each mission according to their need.

Please examine the Missions Fund catalogue. It describes the purpose and needs of each of our mission enterprises. Also, please be generous in giving for the continued work of our missions, both locally and regionally. 100% of all donations are used for missions.

To donate to the St. Luke’s Missions Fund, please make a check out to St. Luke’s and write “Missions” in the memo line.

OR you can go to our website and make a donation towards "Missions.” For those of you that have already made a donation in Tithe.ly, just change the giving line from offering to Mission. It’s so easy! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Blessing from Jan Richardson’s
The Painted Prayerbook

May the path that Christ walks to bring justice upon the earth, to bring light to those who sit in darkness, to bring out those who live in bondage, to bring new things to all creation:

may this path run through our life. May we be the road Christ takes.

In some ways Lent is a lot like Advent. Waiting, preparation, anticipation; the invitation to live both in the now and the not yet; the call to recognize God in the present even as we yearn for a time of fullness. The call to enter into the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is a call to envision and act toward the healing of the world. It is a call to joyfully embrace a personal and community life of greater justice, moving toward true freedom and peace given in resurrection life.
Holy Week Schedule

The Stations of the Cross
Wednesday at Noon at the Church

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday at 6:30 at the Church
During the service and before Holy Communion, you will be invited to participate in one of two options for the spiritual practice of humility:

OPTION 1 - FOOT-WASHING:
If you wish to wash the feet of a fellow parish member, please invite him or her to accompany you to the foot-washing station.
There will be towels and a bowl of water waiting for you to use.

OPTION 2 - KNEELING TO ASK FOR A BLESSING - STANDING TO GIVE A BLESSING:

Step 1: Move to the prayer-bench and kneel.
Ask the person standing behind the bench, “May I have your blessing?”

Step 2: The person behind the bench then lays their hands gently upon your head and says,
“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” AMEN.

Step 3: You then take the place of the person standing behind the prayer-bench and you bless the person who comes to kneel in front of you….etc…..until everyone in line has participated.

Please avail yourself of this special opportunity.
You may be surprised to discover how moving it can be.

The Stations of the Cross
Friday at Noon and 6:00 PM at the Church

Easter Sunday
7:45 AM Chapel Service
10:30 Church Service
**Exciting Happenings**

**NUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**
The Sunday School is now gratefully accepting donations of candy and/or empty plastic Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to contribute, please bring items to the church office OR leave them in the basket by the entrance to the sanctuary no later than Wed April 12th. We ask that all candy be individually wrapped, and please: no candy with peanuts/nuts or peanut butter. Thank you so much for your support!

**HOSPITALITY GROUNDS COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Spring is here, and if you’re wondering about gardening, you might consider a plot at Hospitality Grounds Community Garden on the other side of the St. Luke's parking lot. To learn more and to register, please visit dHospitalityGrounds.com or email hospitalitygrounds@gmail.com. Garden areas are $25 each for a 4’ x 5’ raised bed plot. We also have a Facebook page you might be interested in taking a look at. We will have an informal get together at the picnic table by the garden at Noon Sunday, April 9, for all the those planning on gardening this year.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** We meet on Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 PM in the Library.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:**
www.stlukesparkcity.org Newcomers will find info about our church and what to expect when they visit. In addition, there is information about all of our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, then St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

**CENTERING PRAYER** Meets Monday and Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

**CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?**
Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

**ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD** If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435)655-1888.

**A COURSE IN MIRACLES** Join us in the St. Luke's Library each Wednesday at 4:00 to read and discuss this spiritual mind-training course. It is not necessary to have been attending in the past—you are welcome to come join this fun and lively group anytime. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery at 304-617-5714. Or you can visit www.acim.org

**TAI-CHI:** Tai Chi meets on Wednesdays at 5:10. There will be no class on April 12th. Registration for new students is currently closed until the next round in mid May.

**AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP:** Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives, and are currently reading "Autumn Gospel" by Kathleen Fischer. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Ann Deyo, 435-615-7478 or Judy Hanley, 435-649-7607.

**WOMEN'S GATHERING:** Our April 11th gathering will be at Anne Bransford house in Park Meadows. We will meet at 6:30. Please bring a dish or a drink to share. Let’s think about new life and new beginnings! This is just before Easter! Thanks and hope to see you there. Please let us know if you are coming but come anyway if your plans change last minute.