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Bishop Maxon to Confirm Class Sunday

The Rt. Rev. James M. Maxon, D.D., Bishop of Tennessee, will be at Christ Church at 11 o'clock on Palm Sunday to preach and to confirm



a class of adults and young people. We shall all wish to be present to greet the Bishop and also to welcome those who are confirmed.

Calendar for Holy Week and Easter Day

MONDAY BEFORE EASTER:

- 11:00 a.m. Settlement Guild meets in parish house.
- 12:05 p.m. Noon-day service, Princess Theatre. Speaker the Rt. Rev. Almon H. P. Abbott, Bishop of Lexington.
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon, Woman's Auxiliary. Speaker, Bishop Abbott.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER:

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 12:05 p.m. Noon-day service.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER:

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Meeting of the Board of St. Luke's Community House at St. Luke's.

12:05 p.m. Noon-day service.

- 6:00 p.m. Bishop Dandridge Chapter will meet for supper.
- 8:00 p.m. United Service, Church of the Advent. Preacher, Bishop Abbott.

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King will meet.
- 8:00 p.m. Handel's Messiah (second part).

GOOD FRIDAY:

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

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The Reverend W. Fred Gates....Assistant Rector
Mr. F. Arthur Henkel....Organist & Chorister
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson.....Parish Secretary
PARISH TELEPHONE 6-3722

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12 M. to 3:00 p. m. The Three Hour Service. Address on The Seven Last Words given by the Rector.

3:30 p.m. Rehearsal of boys' and girls' choir.

EASTER EVEN:

4:00 p.m. Holy Baptism.

7:00 p.m. Senior choir rehearsal

SERVICES FOR EASTER DAY:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion.

11:00 a.m. Choral Celebration of Holy Communion and sermon.

4:00 p.m. Church School Easter Festival. Easter Pageant and Mite Box offering

Parish Notes

Bishop Abbott will be the special speaker at the luncheon of the Woman's Auxiliary, Monday, April 3rd, at one o'clock. Let us have a full attendance to hear him.

There are several articles in the parish office which have been picked up at various times in the church in the parish house. If you have lost any gloves, umbrellas or belts, perhaps you will find the lost article in the office.

From the Parish Register

Baptized—Jean Parkes, Mrs. Estelle Bailey, Mrs. Helen S. Grant, Miss Kate D. Green, Hester Warfield.

Transferred—Mr. M. V. Farr Smith, 109 Woodmont Blvd.; Miss Katherine Rogers, 2528 Blair Blvd.; Mrs. Charles Moss, Aberdeen Rd.; Mrs. Felix Green, 3804 Central Ave.

Presbyterian Pastor to Address Young People's Service League

The Rev. W. Murdoch MacLeod, Pastor of the Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Young People's Service League, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Dr. MacLeod will speak on the characteristics of the Presbyterian Church. This program is a part of the general study of the Young People's Service League for this Lenten season, on the subject of "Worship," and is suggested by the Bishop's test. Since the recent conversation concerning a possible union of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, this program should be unusually interesting. A committee from the League has been appointed to attend the service at the Moore Memorial Church next Sunday in order that the League may be better prepared to ask questions at the close of Dr. MacLeod's address.

Ushers for Sunday

Marshall Gaither, Jr.
James A. Hamilton
Charles Hillman
George Hillman
Richard Norvell
Haskell Tidman

Choir to Present Handel's Messiah

Christ Church choir, under the direction of Mr. F. Arthur Henkel, will render the second part of Handel's Messiah on Maundy Thursday at 8 o'clock. There will be an offering at this service for the work of the choir.

Easter Even—Holy Baptism. 4:00 P.M.

For many centuries Easter Even has been especially appointed by the Church for administering the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The Rector urges all parents who have children who are not baptized to arrange for this service on Easter Even at 4:00 p.m. Please call the parish secretary, 6-3722, and given her information as to name, age, sponsors.

Palm Sunday

(Sunday before Easter)

11:00 A.M. Confirmation Service and Sermon

Prelude—"Adagio" *Andrews*
Processional hymn—No. 145
Creed and Prayers (Page 15 of the Book)
Confirmation hymn—No. 379—Stanzas 1 and 2
Confirmation service—(Page 296 of the Prayer Book)
Confirmation hymn—No. 379—Stanzas 3, 4 and 5
Sermon—Bishop Maxon
Offertory—"The Palms" *Faure*
Closing Prayer and Benediction
Recessional hymn No. 152
Postlude

5:15 P.M. Evening Prayer

Processional hymn—No. 159
Psalter
Vesper hymn—No. 27
Sermon hymn—No. 154
Sermon—Mr. McCloud
Recessional hymn—No. 149

Good Friday Offering

According to custom your free will offering on Good Friday will be for Christian work in the Holy Land. This work is directed by the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, and it is unique in the fact that it is the only project in which the entire Anglican Communion unites its resources. Contributions for this work therefore, come from every continent and every part of the civilized world.

The Good Friday Service

On Good Friday we shall have the Three Hour Service commemorating our Lord's agony upon the cross. The address will be given by the Rector and will be upon The Seven Last Words. It is earnestly hoped that all members of the Parish will attend this service.

ALTAR FLOWERS—The flowers on the Altar this Sunday are in loving memory of Mrs. Norman Farrell.

The Question Box

We have two questions for this department of the Bulletin.

Question 1. "Is there any Scripture reference to prayers for the dead?"

Answer. I cannot locate any reference in either the Old or the New Testament to prayers for the dead. Like many other accepted practices of Christianity, this practice grew up in accordance with the general Christian attitude toward the dead. That we should still care for those who have passed through the experience of death seems to be a normal and universal feeling. Such a deep-seated universal feeling could scarcely be wrong. I cannot cease to love my friend just because he has died, and I cannot cease to pray for him.

In the Apocrypha (II Maccabees 12: 43-45) there is a definite reference to prayers for the dead, and such prayers are taken for granted. Read this passage.

Question No. 2

"Will you please tell me in the Question Box what you consider the best test of the spiritual health of a parish?"

Answer. This is a difficult question to answer. Had you used the plural and asks for "tests" rather than a "test" I believe we might give a better answer. I know of no single "test" or measure that seems reliable. Some of our Protestant brethren used to say that the measure of spiritual health of any church

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The Rt. Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, D. D., Bishop of Lexington will be the speaker at the noon-day services, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week. He will speak at the Princess Theatre at five minutes past 12 daily, and at the United Service at the Church of the Advent, Wednesday at 8 o'clock. He is known as an able preacher and there should be an excellent attendance at all services.

The Question Box

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was the attendance at the mid-week Prayer Meeting. Why this Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting was considered more sacred and "spiritual" than the Sunday morning service is a little difficult to see. Possibly it was because it was more difficult to get a large attendance at the prayer meeting and the clergy circulated the notion that this service was really the key service for all in order to bring the people out. Whatever the reason, it is certain that for a long period no one questioned the doctrine that the prayer meeting was the real test. But was it the real test? I am inclined to believe that very few today would contend that it was.

A Clergyman of our own Communion said to me recently that the best test of a parish he could think of is the pledging in an Every Member Canvass. Well, if we had to choose any one test, this might be as good as any other. No parish could be described as being in good health which does not practice systematic and proportionate giving. No parish can be in good health in which a large percentage of the members are marked "no pledge." But even this is not an adequate test. It is possible to conceive of a parish in which the giving of money is beyond criticism, but in which the attendance is poor and the attitudes on great human problems is pagan rather than Christian. There are in some Communion those who hold that the attendance at the early service Sunday is the real test. But here again, why this service in preference to the later morning service or in preference to the evening service? To single out any one of these services seems to us arbitrary and unwarranted. Certainly there is something vitally wrong with any parish which habitually neglects the Holy Communion, but is there not also something vitally wrong with any parish which habitually neglect instruction? Worship and instruction are both essen-

tial to spiritual health. A parish well informed on doctrinal, ethical, and social problems, but without a sense of need for God could not be described as "spiritual". On the other hand, a parish which attends regularly to worship, but which is not interested in ethical and social problems could not be described as "spiritual."

We come back, therefore, to our original contention: No single test is reliable. The test would have to take the form of a questionnaire. And we would suggest in the questionnaire such questions as these: What of the attendance at all the services of the Church? How many of the members give systematically and proportionately to the support of the Church and the extension of the Kingdom? How many of the members are actively interested in some phase of the parish work? How many are studying the principles and problems of Christianity with a real desire to learn and a willingness to change their minds if they discover that they have been wrong? What is the attitude of the parish in regard to the great social problems; war and peace, race, industry, poverty, crime and punishment? In these matters does it reflect the spirit of Christ?

A Note to the Rector

(Fill in, tear out, and place in alms basin or mail to Christ Church, Ninth and Broad Streets.)

The following person

- wants to be placed on the mailing list.
- wishes the Rector to call.
- would like to be Confirmed.
- would like to be transferred to Christ Church.

Name

Address
