

April 14, 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter 8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Processional Hymn:

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain of Triumphant Gladness!
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:
Loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

"Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison, And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying From his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joys to render; Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal: But today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord

People: Amen.

Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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BCP, p. 355

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (8:45 am: spoken responsively/11:00 am: sung by Choir)

BCP, p. 587

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

(During the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee; By thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, Till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of tructh unclouded; Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding, Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry thy church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (Silence)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem:

Quietly Beneath the Dark Earth- Text by Sally Lee, Music by Don Michael Dicie

Quietly, beneath the dark earth wait the seeds 'til spring shall come,

When a stirring warmth shall waken those that need the aid of sun.

In the early change of season God plans much that must be done;

Now the seeds beneath the dark earth stir with strength, life to be won.

Slowly seedlings rise and strengthen early while the spring is cold,

Pale and tender, now uncurling, newly born and newly bold.

Sun will warm them as they strengthen, little leaves can now unfold.

Reaching skyward, God is leading toward a future yet untold.

Sturdy plants rejoice in living, spread their leaves and flowers wide.

Send their seeds to scatter freely toward dark earth where they confide

These new lives to lie in soft peace, waiting time that God provides,

Full-grown plants, complete, accomplished, on his will have now relied.

When our lives seem in dark places, God is giving us a shield,

a protection from wild forces 'til the right time be revealed,

We will come forth when we're ready, God to praise, our lives unsealed. We'll rejoice, our lives to strengthen, God's rich world to be our field.

Presentation Hymn: Love's Redeeming Work is Done

Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.

Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted head;

Made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

Celebrant

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

H-188, vs 1 and 3

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

... Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Music During Communion

8:45 am: Pastorale- Don Michael Dicie (Derek Pell, violin, Bryan Jepson, organ) 11:00 am: I Come with Joy- Land of Rest, American Folk Melody, Words by Brian A. Wren

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.

If you need to receive a gluten-free host,

please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Christ is Alive! Let Christian Sing

H-182, v. 1, 3-5

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

510 West Main Street, Franklin, Tennessee 37064 Church Office: (615) 790-0527 www.stpaulsfranklin.com The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, Rector The Reverend Monna Mayhall, Associate Rector The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, Assisting Priest, Retired

Donna Stokes-Rogers, Music Minister • Rick Jackson, Organist Libby Sullivan, Children's Minister • Kristy Moore, Finance Manager

Shannon Buttrey, Parish Administrator • Paula Sherman, Communications Manager

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Caroline Butler, Tim Sumja Monday: Olivia Miniat, Sam Yeager Tuesday: Abby Helper, Lea Larsen Wednesday: Don Hughes, Callie Garner Thursday: Sarah Karpie, Kathleen Webster, Cindy Shapiro Friday: Sean Impeartrice, Margaret Brown, Francee Preston, Sally Johnson, Elizabeth Grant Saturday: Georgie Blackhurst

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Mark and Catherine Mayhew Wednesday: Creighton and Lynn Cook Friday: Charles and Elizabeth Marshall

PARTICIPANTS:

8:45 am 11:00 am Usher: Brandon Sullivan Judy Stockton Usher: Mike Wesson Heather Bottoms 1st Reader: Chris Oberholtzer Jim Lambert 2nd Reader: Cyndy Howes Desi Noller Ron Howes Prayers: **Judy Culver** Altar Guild: Laura McCown Karen Montefiori

Altar Guild:

Chalice Bearer: Lucinda Dyer Katie Faulkner Ann Denson Chalice Bearer: Gerald Hancock

Crucifer: Katie Faulkner

Torch Bearer: IT Sullivan Hattie Lambert

Kathleen Webster Torch Bearer: Vestry Person of the Day: Paul Hannah Musicians: Derek Pell, violin Bryan Jepson, organist

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Bob Kinsley, Joy Craig, Scott Faulkner, Bettie Shepherd, Lois & Huba Nagy, Sarah Karpie, Bob Van Dervoort, Amanda Ryden, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Judy Oxford, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, Walter Lampertz, Rob Miller, Bob Abstein, Suzanne Robertson, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Joe, Reed, Molly, John, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Adam, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Jessica, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, Amanda, Duncan, JoAnn, Bailey, Ann, Sam, Duncan, Brittain and Strider, Tony, Robert, Robin, Tyler Rainey, Beverly, Sam, Frank, Suzanne, Glenda, Robin, Ollie, Margo and Matt, Charlotte, Carola, Debbie, Sharlon, Tyler, Pat, Cheryl, Vivian, Asher, Evelyn, Kay, Patricia, Mackenzie, Chandler, John and Donna, Wendi, Sara, Barbara, Eleanor, Lynn, Lisa, Kristen

Currently deployed: Danny, Colin, Nick, Jake, and Gray

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Pete, Zach, Daniel, Roy, and Amanda



TODAY - April 14, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 8:45, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

- 8:45 am & 11:00 am Children's Chapel
- 9:45 10:00 am **Biscuit Minute**
- 10:00 11:00 am **Seekers's Class**
- 10:00 11:00 am Christian Formation for All Ages
- 5:00 7:00 pm **Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)**

Special Events

OUR ANNUAL PARISH TALENT SHOW!

Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm in Otey Hall

This year we are expanding the show to feature not only live acts, but visual and textile arts, as well. If you paint, weave, knit, tat, draw, sculpt, turn pottery, or create some other form of beauty, please consider bringing a piece with you that night, and we will display your work for everyone to enjoy. Dinner is served at 5:30 and the Live Show begins at 6:00 pm. If you can arrive by 5:00 with your item(s), we will have easels and tables in place. Call Donna Stokes-Rogers [(615) 481-5144] or email donnastokesrogers@gmail.com if you have any questions. We are still looking for live acts as well! Call Donna to be put on the set list. If you have a talent that can't be shared live, Donna can come film you, and we will create a movie as part of the intermission. Don't be shy! It is an evening full of applause, cheering, and love. We hope everyone will come for an evening full of food, music, art, and a great time.

Adult Christian Formation – now through mid-May

St. Paul: His Life and Writings - Perhaps no other follower of Jesus Christ has been studied more than our own namesake, St. Paul. His ministry and faithful Christian journey is a holy foundation of our faith. We will meet each Sunday at 10:00 in Otey Parish Hall.

Coffee Club

Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45 am in Barnabas

Come join the men of St. Paul's bible study with Rev. Rusty. Questions? Email <u>rusty@stpaulsfranklin.com</u>. Women in Theological Studies (WITS)

On April 18, we will hear from Padraig O'Tuama, an Irish poet and theologian. *Join us in Founders from 9:30-11:00 am on these Thursdays in April: April 18* (Spring Street Outreach is April 25) If you have any questions about WITS or wish to be added to our weekly reminder email, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Women of St. Paul's Social

We are looking forward to gathering again! Our next social will be at the home of Susan Myers, 314 Wandering Circle, Franklin. **April 12 at 6:00**, board meeting at 5:00. Here are directions from Susan: To get to my house, I live in the gated community of Meade of Avalon which is near McKay's Mill community, off of McEwan Road which is east of 65.

The Philadelphia Eleven

A Documentary about the First Women Ordained to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church

Fifty years ago, eleven women became the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. A documentary about their story and struggle has recently been made and is available for viewing. On **Wednesday April 17**, St. Paul's in Franklin will host a screening of "The Philadelphia Eleven," for anyone interested. Thank you to the Women's group of St. Paul's for sponsoring this event.

WHEN: Wednesday April 17

6:30 - 7:00 pm Social time with light refreshments

7:00 – 8:30 pm The Philadelphia Eleven

WHERE: Otey Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Franklin

COST: Free!

WSP Fern and Flower Pick-up

Saturday, April 20th 8:30 am-11:30 am

If you are able, we hope that you'll consider volunteering on Sat, April 20 to help us distribute the baskets. This is a great opportunity for school children to fulfill community service hours! Please note on the sign up genius if you need a community service letter to give your school. This will be a "drive through" pick-up behind Barnabas. Cars should enter from Fair St and exit to Fair. Thank you!! Find link in NFTPs, Facebook, or here: https://bit.ly/3vzt3TV

St. Paul's Young Adults Group

The Young Adults will be hosting a family friendly April event on 4/27 at 2pm at the home of Brett and Josh Smith. The Young Adults range from early 20s-mid 30s. Some of us have kids, and some of us have none! None of us are in the same profession, but we all love to fellowship together! We invite any young adults to join us- even if you've never been to an event before! If interested, please RSVP to Ellen at 615-306-4615. Mexican food will be provided!

Holy Hikes of Middle Tennessee

Saturday, April 27th at 9:00 am – watch take out for location details

People have asked, "What is a Holy Hike?" A Holy Hike is more like a spiritual stroll and stational Eucharist combined. It is not intended to be strenuous exercise, but rather a way to connect to the Holy One through the great outdoors. If you have questions about Holy Hikes, please email Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Education for Ministry (EFM) – Open House April 30, 2024

St. Paul's Education for Ministry (EfM) group will hold an open house in Damascus **Tuesday April 30th**, **6:00 pm**. You're invited! EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South, that examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology. The St. Paul's group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm. For more information about the open house or the program contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949 or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net. Preregistration is required.

St. Paul's Night at the Ballpark

We are heading back to the ballpark again this May for some fun with your parish family! Join us **Wednesday, May 1st at First Horizon Park to watch the Nashville Sounds** take on the Norfolk Tides. The game begins at 6:35, and we will have a block of seats to enjoy the game together. Tickets are \$20 each. Please email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com by April 22nd to sign up. See you there!

Historic Tour of the Shiloh Battlefield

The Historic Committee is offering a wonderful opportunity to tour the Shiloh Battlefield with our very own Margaret Ann Horn as our tour guide on Friday, May 10th. We will tentatively leave St. Paul's around 8 am, enjoy a delicious lunch at the Catfish Hotel before exploring the nearby battlefield. We will return to St. Paul's around 5 pm. There are lodging options nearby, but if you are interested in taking a chartered van and going just for the day, the cost will be around \$115 per person and will be limited to the first 14 people to register. If you are interested in taking the van, please contact libby@stpaulsfranklin.com as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

Parish Outreach - Love Thy Neighbor

St. Paul's is beginning a partnership with United4Hope, an organization dedicated to connecting churches and public schools to help students thrive. We will be supporting a few schools in our neighborhood throughout the year, beginning with Franklin Elementary and are seeking volunteers to help with two events. For Franklin Elementary's Spring Field Day on Friday, May 10th we need 7-10 volunteers to help from 8:30 a.m. to noon and/or 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For an end-of- school-year Teacher Appreciation event on Friday, May 24th we'll be preparing box lunches for 73 teachers the morning of May 24th. We'll have ingredients, just need help making sandwiches and assembling the meals. Volunteers need to register and attend one hour of online training over the next few weeks and a background check will be done. Once completed, volunteers can help with any future projects. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Pat McCracken at pat@newleafpartners.com or 615-351-1113, or Laura McCown at lmccown17@gmail.com or 205-601-6959.

Announcements

Garage Space Needed to Store Tools

Every summer our Youth and Accompanying Adults attend Mountain T.O.P (Tennessee Outreach Project) for a week and assist local residents with service projects and childcare. Over the years, our St. Paul's EYG has accumulated a wonderful assortment of tools needed during the week. The tools are currently stored in a closet in Barnabas, but **they need a new home until July!** With the upcoming construction, we need to move them just until mid-July. We are hoping someone in the church can accommodate our tool storage until we pack up for the Mountain. Upon our return, the tools can go into deep storage. If anyone has space, please contact Donna Stokes-Rogers (donnastokesrogers@gmail.com or (615)481-5144). We will transport them to and from your home. Thank you for your help!

Spring Street

Next month is bingo! We will need about 30 small prizes. We will be using the women's retreat bee themed centerpieces so if you have any items from the goodie bags you would like to pass on, they would make good prizes. We appreciate all prizes! Small grocery or other gift cards, lotion or other self care items, laundry detergent, or even small potted plants or flowers would be great. Items can be dropped off in the basket by the church office. Thank you! If you would like more info about volunteering, sign up here: https://bit.lv/3|5FvOl

Or please contact: Jackie King. 914-329-3017 or momking2nd@yahoo.com

Food Pantry

We are fed 15 families last week and the pantry is really low. We need some donations! Thanks to all who contributed. We are out of: cereal, peanut butter, individual juices, snacks, mac 'n cheese, cake/brownie mix, jelly, canned chicken and tuna, canned dinners, pasta sauce, fruit cocktail. Remember we need regular size portions. Sugar-free items are always needed. We also need recyclable bags with handles. Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box). Thanks to all who donate!