

THE CLARION

ST. CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



The Lectionary

4 Easter, May 3

Psalm 23
Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

5 Easter, May 10

Psalm 22:24-30
Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

6 Easter, May 17

Psalm 98
Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Ascension Day, May 21

Psalm 47 or 93
Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

7 Easter, May 24

Psalm 1
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Day of Pentecost, May 31

Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Trinity Sunday, June 7

Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13
Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Greatness of these Fifty Days

From Easter through the Day of Pentecost, the opening acclamation of our Eucharist is “Alleluia. Christ is risen,” with the response, “The Lord is risen indeed.” It is so exciting to hear that first “Alleluia” of the season, after Lent when I simply refer to it as “the A-word,” since it is deleted from our liturgy.

It is easy to feel the joy of the resurrection on Easter morning. We dress up in fancy clothes, the church is full, there are egg hunts; it clearly is a special day. However, the celebration continues for the entire fifty days of the season. We continue to look around and see healing, re-creating, caring, forgiving, and loving—evidence of the Resurrection.

In some communities, kneeling and reciting the confession is not permitted during Easter season. While many of us would not feel we had really been to church without kneeling and confessing, we should be mindful of the call to celebrate throughout the season. Since Christ was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised. So, even at the grave, we make our song, “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

In peace,

Bruce D. O’Neill
Rector

TRES DE MAYO



Join your fellow parishioners as the Vestry hosts a festive “Tres de Mayo” coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, May 3.

A Piñata outside for the Sunday School, South of the Border treats for us all, and Very Special Surprise Presentation. Don’t miss the Fiesta!!!

Why Focus on Poverty?

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." — Luke 4:18

Throughout the Bible, God shows a special concern for those in poverty and acts in history to lift them up. As Christians, we are called to share God's concerns. In a time when political and social issues threaten to divide the church, many people of faith are coming together to affirm that dignity and justice for those who live in poverty is a deeply held religious commitment on which we are all firmly united.

At the end of April, I journey with members of the Diocesan Millennium Development Goals Taskforce to Washington DC to a conference called *Mobilization to End Poverty* hosted by Sojourners, a Christian advocacy organization. We will gather with hundreds of Christian anti-poverty advocates to help realize two of Sojourners' goals:

1. Reduce the number of Americans living in poverty in half in the next ten years. Here, the issues needing advocacy or addressing would be the following: health care, hunger, education, housing, tax policy, immigration and violence. There are also matters of personal and community responsibility: marriage and family, asset creation, job training, government and religious partnerships, neighborhoods, racial justice.
2. Provide leadership to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals, a set of international goals for reducing extreme global poverty:
 - (a) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
 - (b) Achieve universal primary education
 - (c) Promote gender equality and empower women
 - (d) Reduce child mortality
 - (e) Improve maternal health
 - (f) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
 - (g) Ensure environmental sustainability
 - (h) Develop a global partnership for development

The conference will deal with both *domestic* and *global* poverty because they are interconnected.

We will have many great speakers at the conference, some of whom are previous professors of mine. One noteworthy speaker is Jeffrey Sachs, renowned economist and, more importantly, freshman roommate and friend of our own Victor Gavenda. Finally, President Barack Obama is slated to speak. Very exciting indeed!

We will end our time with a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with our elected officials. If time allots, we hope to visit the offices of Episcopal Public Policy Network, our arm of government relations.

I'll be sure bring news back of this conference and share with you ideas on how we can work to share God's good news to all of God's people, and especially to those who live in poverty. Please pray for me as I journey to DC.

The Rev. Salying Wong

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONFIRMANDS

Lowell Berry
 Patrick Burcz
 Megan Healy
 Sarah Lake
 Michael Niemuth
 Molly Niemuth

They were confirmed April 18 at Grace Cathedral under Bishop Marc Andrus. St. Clement's will recognize their achievement on Pentecost Sunday.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

May 31, 2009—10:00 AM

If you or a loved one is interested in Baptism, please contact the clergy.



LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

Melvin Amundsen
 John Brigham
 Dorothy Stanger Cook
 John Edwards Jr.
 Ronald Edwards
 Joanne Estvanik
 Bennett Holman
 Amy Nishimura
 Hilah Thomas



**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
 IN THE NEXT CLARION
 MAY 15, 2009**

Annual Lawn Sale is August 22

Spring is upon us and it is not too early to think about the St. Mary's Guild Annual Lawn Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 22.

They say spring is the perfect time for cleaning out closets, garages, bedrooms, kitchens or whatever. When you are cleaning out and making new spaces, please do not forget to donate your discarded goodies to St. Mary's. Goods may be dropped off at the church any time after June 15 or, if you have a problem before that time, please call the church office to arrange for storage.

Anything except clothes, heavy items, mattresses, and most electronic devices will be happily accepted. Small furniture items are a welcome addition to the merchandise.



ST. CLEMENT'S HISTORY PROJECT

The committee for the St. Clement's History Project is working toward producing a history of the Parish's 100 years by February, 2010. This is an exciting project! Perhaps you would like to help!

You could lend us related papers or documents you may have accumulated during your years in the parish—or, you could lend us your voice to tell us of your memories of times gone by. You could also volunteer for our research project—read archival files, take notes, then submit them to us for final editing.

We look forward to hearing from you!
Please contact one of us!

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CLEMENT'S CLAN

The church office recently received a voicemail from **Jeane Endicott**. He reported that he is living in Hayward, and misses the worship and community of St. Clement's (the "best church in Berkeley").

St. Clement's and the **Rector** are included in newly released, *Cohabiting Couples & Cold Feet; A Practical Marriage Guide for Clergy*, by Virginia Theological Seminary professor Robert Prichard. Bruce researched our parish marriage registers and supplied Professor Prichard with data from different decades. This book stemmed from a classroom discussion on changing patterns of Western marriage and on marriage as a rite of passage. Bruce has a copy in his office, and if you would like to acquire one, it is published by Church Publishing, Inc. of New York.

CDSP CONNECTIONS:

The Rev. ClayOla Gitane is preaching on May 17, which will most likely be one of her last Sundays at St. Clement's. God willing and if the people consent, ClayOla will be ordained to the priesthood sometime this summer.

Vivian Lam's last sermon at St. Clement's is on May 3, and her final Sunday with us will be May 17. If God is also willing, and the Diocese of Long Island consents, Vivian will be ordained to the transitional diaconate early this summer. Vivian recently announced her engagement to **Bascom Guffin**, a graduate student at UC Davis.

Thankfully, **Michelle Meech** from the Diocese of Eastern Oregon will return this fall, after a summer of Clinical Pastoral Education in the Pacific Northwest.

Joining us as a new field education student in the fall will be **Kay Fraley** from the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and Bruce is in final "negotiations" with a third student. Details will be in the next Clarion.

NEWCOMER SOCIAL

If you have not attended a newcomer event at St. Clement's, you and your family are cordially invited to a social gathering for new members on Sunday, May 3, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, at the Rectory, 2833 Claremont Boulevard. RSVP to 510-843-2678 or stclements@earthlink.net.



AROUND PALACHE HALL

Interview with
Mary Lou Chapman

Mary Lou was born Mary Louise Weller, the fourth of five children, in Oriskany, New York, in 1919 to a father who worked for the New York State Highway Department in Utica, and a mother, chairwoman of the Oriskany Red Cross chapter, who believed in service to humanity. "She never turned down anybody who came to our house seeking help," said Mary Lou. She picked up this attitude of service to others from her mother; as a young child she had folded pamphlets, helped with door-to-door fund drives, and routines like that.

Mary Lou grew up in an athletic household. "There was always athletic equipment around the house, and I learned tennis as a small child. In fact, I played every sport you can think of."

Having graduated in Physical Education from Cortland College in Cortland, New York, she was teaching in Tarreytown when she read a magazine story about a pretty Red Cross girl and a GI sitting on a grassy English hillside. "That is for me," thought Mary Lou. So she quit teaching in 1943 (she didn't enjoy teaching—"too confining, and you didn't meet people") and joined the Red Cross. "What's so hard to explain to people who didn't know WWII is that everybody was helping in the war effort then. I wanted to do something meaningful." She's absolutely right; we all noticed the same thing, from the saving of grease to saving tin foil to volunteer air-raid wardens.

She crossed to England in the Aquitania which, at sea, was strafed twice by German planes. German bombs were a threat when she arrived in London, but Mary Lou took a sang-froid attitude towards them. "In a restaurant," she said, "the waiters would pass through carrying signs reading 'Alert,' but we just went on with our dinners. And pretty soon, more signs: 'All clear.'" While in England she was assigned to "clubmobiles," British busses converted to Red Cross coffee-and-donut units serving the GIs.

Her unit went to B-24 and B-25 groups at English air bases on donut missions.

In mid-August 1944, her clubmobile unit crossed to Utah Beach on the Cherbourg peninsula, and went ashore on August 18 from a Liberty ship, climbing down rope ladders to enter "Rhinos," sizable barge-like ferries that did the actual beaching. Her unit reported to the Special Services unit of the XX Corps of Patton's Third Army. Patton wrote to Major General Walton Walker, Commander of the XX Corps, "Of all the corps I have commanded, yours has always been the most eager to attack." Because the XX Corps was attacking the Germans well ahead of Mary Lou's unit, they had to scurry to catch up, passing through Chartres and Rheims, finally connecting with the XX Corps at Epernay on September 2. The Third Army had had to halt there because they had moved so fast against the Germans that they had outrun their gasoline supply. They stayed at a hotel in Epernay, their first in their trip so far; prior to that they stayed in tents and in abandoned private homes. In one such house, she encountered a German soldier in uniform. "That was one time I remember being really frightened," she said. Both then turned and fled.

Near Epernay there were wine caves in which downed Allied airmen had holed up to keep away from the Germans. "Well when these aviators heard that there were Red Cross girls at the hotel they came out of their caves the first night we arrived, and we had quite a champagne party!" At Epernay her unit had to drain gas from four of the clubmobiles to fuel the generators of the other four so that they could continue making coffee and donuts. The four clubmobiles that still had gas took the donuts and joined the XX Corps on a Verdun hillside.

During this two-week stall, after they had moved to Verdun, a lieutenant and a sergeant approached Mary Lou and another Red Cross girl and asked if they would get into their jeep to bring donuts to their platoon that had holed up during the delay in a French WW I bunker, a part of France's massive underground tunnel complex built during the Battle of Verdun. So while they're driving with the donuts to the bunker, the two Americans tell the girls that what they really wanted to do was to drink champagne with two American girls! Mary Lou and her friend looked askance at each other, but cooperated as the men produce a champagne bottle.

"We had no cups," said Mary Lou, "So we drank out of the bottle, a messy business because the champagne runs out of your nose and ears." After that champagne party, they delivered the donuts to the platoon in the bunker—a bunker with this 1916 inscription over the door, "Fort des Sartes." Mary Lou has a photo of herself standing in front of that door taken during a Red Cross reunion in France two years ago. She had told a Frenchman in the Mayor's office in Verdun of her visit to the bunker 63 years earlier, and he asked her if she'd like to see it again. So they drove to it and got the photo.

Mary Lou said that they often served donuts to the artillery while they were firing—that's how close they were to the front. From Verdun they went to Thionville between Metz and Luxembourg, crossed the Rhine, and then to Kaiserslauten, Gotha, Bamberg, and Augsburg and crossed the Danube at Bruneau, and thence on to Reid in Austria. In late September of 1945 she came back to the U.S. on the Gripsholm. "When we got to Marseille, the shipping company had sold our staterooms to others that wanted to get out, so I wound up sleeping in the lounge on a window seat."

Mary Lou returned to New York with a completely new outlook on life. She was now Red Cross oriented, and went to Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania, in a temporary job, assisting soldiers in filling out medical paperwork. Then a close friend in California, another clubmobile worker, asked her if she wanted a full-time job in the Long Beach Red Cross chapter. After three years in Long Beach, she moved to the San Francisco chapter as director of youth services and subsequently, Assistant Manager. She worked in the SF chapter for 35 years until mandatory retirement in 1984, although she continued part time with specific projects. When she retired a group of donors raised a fund in her name and that of her assistant. Annually, the Chapman-Holcombe fund brings international high-school students to SF for leadership training.

In 1953, Mary Lou married Dr. Max Chapman and they lived happily for 37 years despite a stroke he had suffered. They cruised a lot in the Far East, finding works of oriental art which they brought back to their Berkeley home. They also rented a Tahoe place every year and enjoyed having Max's three kids visit them there.

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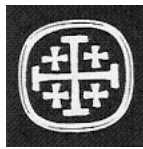
EASTERTIDE CHECKLIST

In these turbulent and uncertain times it may be therapeutic to focus on some tasks that are clearly within our personal control. In the dawning light of Easter we acknowledge that our earthly journeys will one day come to an end. Besides making each passing day more precious, this realization also prompts us to take steps to express our love for those we leave behind. Here is a checklist of six items that we owe it as stewards to Our Risen Lord — as well as to loved ones — to complete:

1. **Advanced Healthcare Directive (Power of Attorney for Healthcare and Living Will)** — so that when we are incapacitated, it's clear to doctors, family and friends who we wish to make medical decisions for us. Also, so that they may see in writing our clear wishes regarding circumstances in which we do not wish our lives to be artificially prolonged.
2. **Power of Attorney for Finances** — so that someone can step in and pay our bills and manage our affairs when we cannot.
3. **Will or Trust** — so that our earthly goods are distributed as we would have them distributed. This also requires being intentional regarding beneficiaries of retirement plans and insurance policies as well as titling of property and accounts. (See the Book of Common Prayer, page 454, regarding bequests.)
4. **Funeral or Memorial Arrangements** — so that our survivors and priest may know our wishes not only for disposition of our mortal remains but also the content of the worship service celebrating our life.
5. **Final Instructions For Family and Friends** — so that our immediate survivors can locate our vital papers including deeds, insurance policies, bank, investment and retirement accounts as well as our wishes regarding final arrangements.
6. **Ethical Will** — so that our closest survivors may hear words from us of what they have meant to us as well as our hopes for them and for our world.

For forms and more information, visit EpiscopalGift.org or call the Gift Planning Officer at 415-869-7812. I will be happy to assist you.

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One of her most interesting tasks involved Chinatown. A young volun-

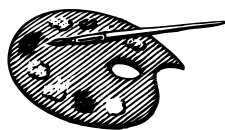
teer, Mike James, reported that terrible things were happening to Chinatown street kids. They were being recruited by gangs to carry their guns. Mary Lou got the Red Cross brass together and decided to pair up street kids, which they recruited through the schools, with Chinese elders who had been relocated south of Market. The kids—30 of them—would teach the elders the ways of modern things, such as push-button door locks, and in turn the elders would teach the kids Chinese culture. Her most enjoyable task was taking a group of Red Cross high-school kids on a European trip.

Her current activities include tennis three times a week at the Chabot Canyon Racquet Club, attending the symphony and ballet, cooking (which she loves), playing duplicate bridge (she's a member of the American Bridge Association and has accumulated 10 master points), and reading extensively.

She came to St. Clement's in 1990 after attending another East Bay Episcopal church. She already knew Marion McConnell and Ed Waller and some other St. Clementians. Our church physically resembled east-coast churches, and she had been an Episcopalian as a child, so she joined us. She likes the people here, and she sees our ambience contributing to our liturgy. She's a member of the Altar Guild.

We're obviously happy to have an outstanding person like her at St. Clement's—I've never known a person of 90 years with so many and so varied activities, and of course her wartime stories are fascinating. In fact her career was so fascinating to American Express that she was one of 22 charter holders of the American Express Card interviewed by that firm for inclusion in their 50th-Anniversary 2008 volume, "Extraordinary Lives."

Harry Thayer



**ART SHOW AND BENEFIT
for Options Recovery Services**

En Plein Air California Landscapes
by James Brosnahan

Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres Palache Hall
May 1, 2009, 6:00-9:00 PM All are welcome.

Options Recovery Services is a Berkeley out-patient drug and alcohol treatment program that addresses all the needs of the person who seeks help—medical services, mental health services, housing. The mission of the program is to break the cycle of addiction, violence, homelessness, and broken families. Options recovery Services has been one of the programs that the Goode Ritson fund has supported.

**THE REALLY TERRIBLE
STRING ORCHESTRA**



Are you free the last Sunday of
every month from 7:00-9:00 PM?

Come join the RTSO (SF Bay)!

For musically challenged and passionate adult string players. The next two rehearsals will be April 26 and May 31 in Palache Hall. Bring an instrument, stand and your sense of humor! Suggested donation \$20. Under the wing of Corvo String Quartet with violinist Sara Usher and cellist David Morris, who play regularly at St. Clement's services.

**ST. DOROTHY'S REST
EPISCOPAL CAMP**

Registration Materials Available

St. Dorothy's offers a unique summer camp experience to youth, ages 5 to 15. As an institution of the Episcopal Diocese of California, every summer since 1901, St. Dorothy's has been a safe and loving environment where campers are encouraged to make new friends and explore life as individuals. St. Dorothy's policy is, with the help of generous donors and parish outreach, that:

**No Child Is Turned Away
for Inability to Pay.**

Visit our website at www.stdorothysrest.org or contact Ben Evenbeck, Director of Programs, and Allie Heinbach, Camp Director, with any questions or to schedule a tour: 707-874-3319.

SUICIDE AWARENESS

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley present a workshop on Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Crisis Support Services strives to dispel the myths and combat the stigma surrounding suicide by talking about it openly. By raising awareness and giving people the knowledge and skills to recognize suicidal behavior and provide safe, effective intervention, we can save lives.

Saturday, May 9, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 510-848-5107. Parking is available in the parish lot, Ellsworth and Durant. RSVP to Nancy Evans, 510-915-1557, nlevans@lmi.net.

If you are in crisis or worried about someone, call the 24-hour Alameda County hotline at 800-309-2131, or the nationwide hotline at 800-273-TALK (8255).

50+ Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 14
Grace Cathedral



Evensong, Renewal of Vows,
Photographs, Reception

*Contact the church office
if you would like an invitation.*

Bishop's Ranch Summer Camps

Music Camp	June 22-27
Family Camp	June 28-July 4
Sr. High B.R.E.A.D.	July 12-18
Jr. High B.R.E.A.D.	July 19-25
Generations	July 26-Aug. 1

Brochures available in Palache Hall or
contact www.bishopsranch.org.

OLD TESTAMENT CLASS

You are welcome to join in the fun of studying the Old Testament. The current series concludes in May, with the Rev. Salying Wong as facilitator.

May 13 & 20
Wednesdays
2:30 PM



CALENDAR

Sun. April 26	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Forum on Enneagram Morning Prayer Sunday School Senior Choir Rehearsal Movie Group The Really Terrible String Orchestra	Thur. May 14	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Mon. April 27	6:30 PM	Education for Ministry	Sun. May 17	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Communion Holy Eucharist EYC Class Sunday School Senior Choir Rehearsal Memorial: John Brigham
Tues. April 28	6:15 PM	Post-EfM Group	Mon. May 18	6:30 PM	Education for Ministry
Wed. April 29	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Staff Meeting Holy Communion Junior Choir Rehearsal Cooking at Berkeley Women's Shelter Discernment Committee	Tues. May 19	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Thur. April 30	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed. May 20	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:30 PM	Staff Meeting Holy Communion Old Testament Class Junior Choir Rehearsal St. Mary's Guild
Fri. May 1	6:00 PM	Options Recovery Art Show	Thur. May 21	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sun. May 3	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM	Holy Communion Holy Eucharist Sunday School Senior Choir Rehearsal Newcomer Social	Sun. May 24	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Senior Choir Rehearsal
Mon. May 4	6:30 PM	Education for Ministry	Mon. May 25		Church Office closed
Wed. May 6	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Staff Meeting Holy Communion Junior Choir Rehearsal Pizza Club	Tues. May 26	1:30 PM	History Committee
Thur. May 7	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Wed. May 27	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Staff Meeting Holy Communion Junior Choir Rehearsal Cooking at Berkeley Women's Shelter Berkeley Food & Housing
Sun. May 10	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Holy Communion Holy Eucharist Sunday School Senior Choir Rehearsal	Thur. May 28	7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Mon. May 11	6:30 PM	Education for Ministry	Sun. May 31	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Baptism & Holy Eucharist Senior Choir Rehearsal The Really Terrible String Orchestra
Tues. May 12	1:30 PM	History Committee	Wed. June 3	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM	Tai Chi Staff Meeting Holy Communion Junior Choir Rehearsal
Wed. May 13	9:30 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:30 PM	Staff Meeting Holy Communion Old Testament Class Junior Choir Rehearsal Theology Roundtable	Sat. June 6	4:00 PM	Wedding: Christina Markel & Kristofer Delaney
			Sun. June 7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Holy Communion Awards & Holy Eucharist Youth Choir Pool Party