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We Are “Easter People”

Throughout the pandemic, starting in the second half of March of 2020, Bishop John Harvey Taylor reminded us, the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles that we are “Easter people.” Not Good Friday people, but Easter people. Not people whose Christian identity is death, grief, despair, victimization, but people whose identity is in the Risen Christ.

Our identity is grounded in the One who triumphed over evil. Jesus was killed by people whose positions of wealth and power were threatened by his deep well of love and compassion for all people. But on the third day he rose again, and in the radiance of God’s love and grace.

Being “Easter people” means that no matter the challenges, changes, losses, difficulties, and tragedies we experience in life, no matter how many Good Fridays we live through, when we are steadfast in our faith and trust in God, like Christ, we will be resurrected. We will be made new, over and over and over.

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If we allow those Good Friday experiences to soften our hearts, to buff away our hard edges, our relationship with God in Jesus Christ will deepen, and we too, will rise in the radiance of God's love and grace.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter season.

Rev. Holly+

Gospel Readings for April

April 3	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus' feet
<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
April 10	Luke 22:14 to 23:56	Jesus is brought before Pilot
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
April 17	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12	Mary Magdalen comes to the tomb The women come to the tomb
April 24	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears among his apostles



Senior Warden's Corner

by Marian Corral

First, I'd like to send a special thank you to our new Editor, Edward Lieb, for his hard work putting all these articles together for our monthly Epistle.

Emmanuel is special to many of us for so many reasons, here is mine. The Easter season at Emmanuel holds a very special place in my heart. It was in March 2017, when I first came to Emmanuel. I will never forget one of the most beautiful Easter Vigils I've ever attended. I was so emotional, I cried most of the service and I couldn't figure out why. What's wrong with me? It was at that moment I felt the Holy Spirit deep down in my soul for the very first time in my life. And I knew that this is where I was meant to be.

What a blessing to be a part of this year's Shrove Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us. It was a wonderful evening of prayer and the traditional burning of the palms. Followed by a delicious supper of pancakes and sausages, prepared by our Men's Group. Many thanks to everyone who helped with organizing, setting up, and cleaning up.

We began the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service. We hope you will all join us for Holy Week events: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

The Emmanuel Vestry Retreat 2022 was held at Mt. Carmel Church by the sea in Newport Beach. It was a beautiful day of fellowship and a time of reflection and visioning. We had the opportunity to get to know one another better. We are a diverse group that values our differences and the unique gifts that each of us brings. As we begin the next journey may the Lord's light guide us on our path to the future of what's to come at Emmanuel.

Blessings,

Marian Corral

From Your Treasurer

by Kimberly Nordstrom

Hello Emmanuel Friends!

Spring is here! Hope and sunshine are in the air! This Easter season we will finally be able to celebrate together. Thanks to everybody that put together the Shrove Tuesday dinner.

One thing we've all done more of the past two years is online shopping. And in particular, Amazon.com, which took care of most of my essential needs. But did you know that shopping on Smile.Amazon.com donates 0.5% of your purchase to charity? And did you know that by naming Emmanuel Episcopal Church as your charity of choice, the church will be donated the proceeds? Let me know if you need guidance on setting it up. And tell all your friends and family!

I am working on setting up ways to give to the church digitally. With so many options out there (Zelle, PayPal, Venmo, etc.) giving with a few swipes will be quick easy. And you can designate if your donation will be for a specific fund or purpose.

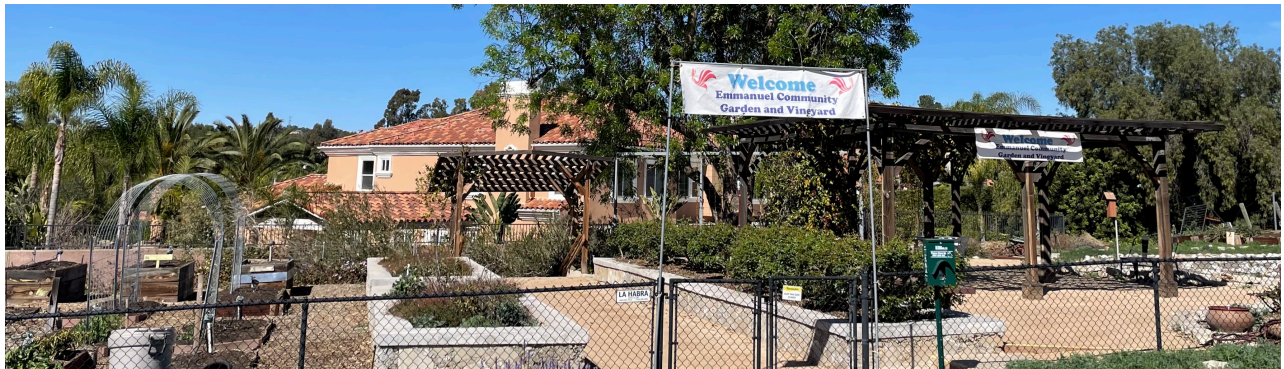
Peace be with you!

Kimberly



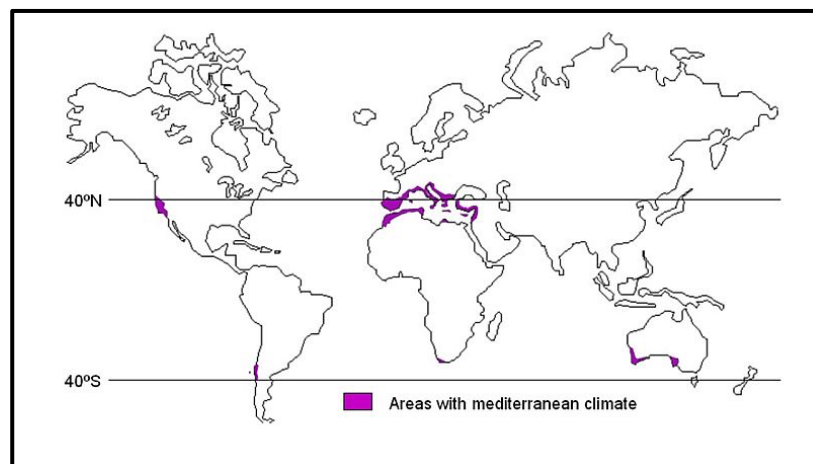
The So Cal Garden Connection

By Lorra Dickinson



Southern California is a wonderful place to be a gardener and to have a garden. We have one of the most perfect places in the world for gardens. You would not know this by the lack (or amount) of attention given to us by the rest of the gardening community. Pick up any garden book and you will read, "start seeds indoors after the last frost date." Well, what if you rarely, if ever have frost? When should you plant seeds? The answer is any time you want.

Our Mediterranean climate is found in only 5 places on earth – around the Mediterranean Sea, the tip of South Africa, southwest and south Australia, the west coast of Chile, and our California coast and northern Baja.

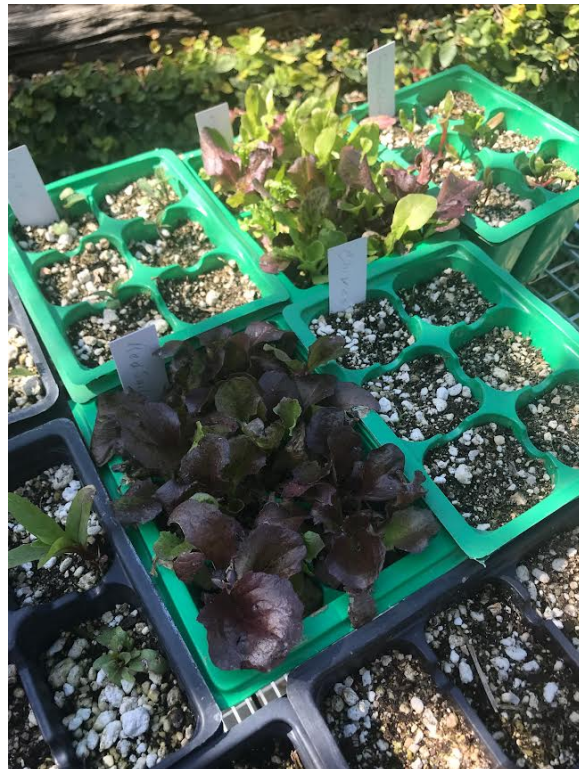


These areas are known for warm and dry summers and mild wet winters (It would have been nice if someone would have told 2021-22 that they should be wet!)

The cause of our climate is directly related to the ocean and the ocean currents. During the summer, cold currents keep the climate mild and dry. As we move into fall, the currents begin to shift. During winter the water that was warmed all summer moves in and keeps the land warm and often brings rain. All of this provides us with moderate temperature shifts – rarely going below freezing and seldom going over 90°. (I know what you are thinking. I said rarely and seldom.)

What does this have to do with us as gardeners? We are blessed to be gardening in So Cal. We can start seeds whenever we want to. If it is on the cold side, they may take a little longer to start and they will grow slower. If it is on the warm side, we get out the spray bottle and use it more often. But we can count on it not dropping below freezing and that all of our seedlings will grow.

All of this brings me to a discussion about the vegetable seeds I am growing for the first time. They have been a little slow because of our on-again-off-again weather. A week of 80° followed by a week of 60°.



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The hailstorm did a lot of damage in our home garden. We had a lovely little banana plant whose leaves are now in shreds.



The leaves of rhizome begonias, that were just starting to bloom, look as if someone got them with a shot gun. Here in our part of Fullerton, it was a vicious storm.

I have not seen too much damage at the community Garden, although the banana tree looks as if it has been to war and lost. The snap peas are looking very good. Gordon planted two rows; one is growing much better than the other. He is contributing this fuller growth to better watering.

The other bed did not get off to as good a start because it was not watered as well. I also suspect it was not fertilized as well either. I am looking at it this way: we will have peas ready for harvest at different times, and this is a good thing.

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Speaking of bananas. We did recently plant a banana tree near the foot of the vineyard. Other than being beat up it is doing well. I also recently purchased a dwarf banana tree that can be grown in a pot. It is still in its 4" pot and I am glad that I had not put it outside when the hailstorm visited us. It should grow to about 3 - 4 feet and the bananas will be about 3 inches. I was excited to find one that can be grown in a pot because I have run out of in-ground growing room at home and space is getting scarce at the Garden. Besides, we already have a banana tree at the Garden.


Blessings and Happy Growing,

Lorra and Gordon

This Month's Happenings

Mondays at 7 pm	Evening Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 am	Women's Bible Study
Saturdays at 9 am	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 2, 7 pm	Taizé Service
Thursday, March 14, 7 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, March 15, 7 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, March 16, 7 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 17, 7 pm	Easter Sunday Service

April 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 APRIL					1 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	2 9:00 - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
3 9:00 - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service and Lenten Study 2:00 - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	4 7:00 - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	5 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	6 7:00 PM Taizé Service	7 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	8 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	9 9:00 - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
10 9:00 - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Palm Sunday Service 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	11 7:00 - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	12 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	13 7:00 - 8:30 PM Healing Service	14 7:00 - 8:00 PM Emmanuel Maundy Thursday Service	15 7:00 - 8:30 PM Emmanuel Good Friday Service	16 9:00 - 10:00 AM Men's Bible 9:00 AM - Noon Plant Sale and Garden Work Day 7:00 PM Easter Vigil 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EKKO Church. Recess (Respite Ministry for Special Needs Families) Study
17 9:00 - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Easter Sunday Service 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	18 7:00 - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	19 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	20 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	21 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	22 6:30 PM Movie night 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	23 9:00 - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
24 9:00 - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Daughters of the King Meeting 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	25 7:00 - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	26 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	27	28 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	29 7:00 - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	30 9:00 - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study