

The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Joy of Christ's Resurrection

Easter Day marks the beginning of Eastertide, and though the name *Easter* derives from the ancient heathen festival of *Eastre* (Old English) which was celebrated at the vernal equinox, in Christian tradition it is the name adopted for the day on which Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Eastertide is a Great Festival—the most important Festival of the Church Year—because it celebrates the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the reason for our faith and the basis of the future resurrection of all who believe in Him (*St. John 11:25-26; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 15:13-23; I St. Peter 1:3-5*). Because we have been spiritually united with the Lord Jesus Christ by Holy Bap-

tism, we partake of His resurrection.

The joy of Christ's resurrection is evident in the Gospel accounts. The disciples, who had been mourning the death of their Lord, were comforted when they saw Him in

tomb early on the first day of the week. The faith of the disciples in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was activated and strengthened through His resurrection appearances to the Twelve and to other disciples and apostles. As

the disciples had failed to understand the Lord's prediction of His passion, death, and resurrection, and since they were overwhelmed with grief at His death, it was hard for some of them to believe that He had been raised from the dead until He was actually standing before them and conversing with them (*St. Luke 24:41*).

Once Jesus had "opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (*St. Luke 24:45*), the inevitability of His resurrection after His death became clear, as did their own future



His risen body (*St. John 20:20*). These resurrection appearances led to the faith of the first disciples, although St. John believed Jesus' resurrection just from seeing the folded grave-clothes (*St. John 20:8*) in the empty

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mission resulting from their being witnesses of His resurrection.

Some may argue that the bereavement of the disciples after Jesus' death was easily overcome once He had risen from the dead and appeared to them on a number of occasions over forty days, whereas when Christians whom we love and know pass away, we cannot so easily be comforted, since the resurrection of those we love does not immediately follow a few days after their death. Our comfort in bereavement derives principally from the fellowship we have with the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone can comfort the sorrowing through the love and grace of His divine presence with all who love Him. He gives the Church this assurance in the Great Commission (*St. Matthew 28:18-20*), when He declares, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." St. Paul states essentially the same truth in *Romans 8:38-39*:

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of

God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Communion of the Saints is in the Lord Jesus Christ. This unites all Christians, whether we live in this world or have departed this earthly life, to Christ and to one another. We share the life of Christ and are always with Him; we are linked to one another through our fellowship with Him; and we have full participation in all the benefits of the salvation that He has wrought for us.

There is a progression of joy for the first disciples from being glad when they saw the risen Lord (*St. John 20:20*) to the point that even after the Ascension, when Jesus had departed from them and was taken into heaven (*St. Luke 24:51*), "they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God" (*St. Luke 24:52-53*). How was it that the joy of seeing Jesus after His resurrection did not revert to grief once He had departed into heaven? In the course of the Lord's resurrection appearances to His disciples and His teaching them things about the kingdom of God (*Acts 1:3*), He had strengthened their faith and hope in Him to the extent that their relationship with Him no longer depended on His physical presence with them. It is the grace and love of the Lord with

His people as they abide in Him daily that comforts us in our bereavements and times of trial.

Not only does the Lord comfort us with His grace and love, but He also comforts us with the hope of His second coming and the resurrection of the dead, when all Christians alive on earth will meet with Christ in the air together with all the Christian dead (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*). This is the union of the Church Militant with the Church Triumphant at the first resurrection (*Revelation 20:5*). It is in this hope of the glory of God that Christians rejoice (*Romans 5:2*). St. Peter assures the faithful that God has begotten them again, or caused them to be born again, to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (*I St. Peter 1:3*). This is the hope of an incorruptible, eternal, and undefiled inheritance kept in heaven for all believers, whom God's power is guarding through faith (*I St. Peter 1:4-5*) leading to the salvation that shall be revealed in the last days. In this hope Christians rejoice greatly (*I St. Peter 1:6*), though they are distressed by many trials of their faith.

The great comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ given to the Church through His resurrection is ex-

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pressed by St. Peter in
this beautiful paradox:

Whom having
not seen, ye love;
in Whom, though
now ye see Him
not, yet believ-
ing, ye rejoice
with joy unspeak-
able and full of
glory.

I St. Peter 1:8,
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Loving the Lord Je-
sus and believing in Him
leads to this unspeakable
and glorious joy, because
love for and faith in the
Lord Jesus Christ foster a
wholly new life lived un-
der the lordship of Christ,
a life with a new sense of
purpose and direction. In
conformity with this, the
moral application of
Christ's resurrection must
be followed, as for exam-
ple, the command to
Christians to seek "those
things which are above,
where Christ sitteth on
the right hand of
God" (*Colossians 3:1*).

Christians must set their
affections on heavenly
things, not on earthly
things, since through Bap-
tism they died with Christ
and their life is hidden
with Christ in God
(*Colossians 3:3; Romans*
6:1-6). The meaning of
dying with Christ for
Christians is that they are
dead to sin, being freed
from it, and must yield
themselves wholly to God
(*Romans 6:11-14; Ro-*
mans 12:1-2). Repentance
from sin and deliverance
from evil go hand in hand
with the transformation
resulting from a renewed
mind, a transformation
which is the sanctifying
work of the Holy Spirit
within each Christian. As
we yield ourselves more
and more to the Holy
Spirit's work of grace
within us, so the hope of
sharing in Christ's glory
grows stronger, as does
the joy we have in the
tribulations through which
our faith in God is tested,
strengthened, and purified

(*Romans 5:3-5; St.*
James 1:2-4; I St. Peter
1:6-7).

The resurrection of
Christ fills us believers
with joy, because it
shows us our future desti-
ny is resurrection and life
everlasting with Christ
and it reveals the power
of Christ's life at work in
ours through the for-
giveness of sins and our
reconciliation with God.
His resurrection is proof
of the effectiveness of
His death on the cross in
reconciling us with God
the Father and securing
our adoption as God's
children. The joy that we
have received comes
from the new relationship
we have with God
through Christ.

What has the resur-
rection of the Lord Jesus
Christ brought you? How
has your life changed as a
result?

– *The Reverend*
Christopher Parrish



Ministry Update: Martha's List

A long-time credo of the Chapel in the Hills is "Our service begins when we leave the Chapel". This is in keeping with St. Peter's instructions to show ourselves faithful stewards of God's grace by using the gifts He has given us to serve others (*1 St. Peter 4:10*). Each one of us has been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit, so there is some act of service for every person at St. Luke's.

In an effort to make it easier for parishioners to learn about the various lay ministries of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills, Martha of Martha's List of Parish Ministries has created a folder for nearly every one of our current ministries. (There is currently no folder for the Altar Guild or Webmaster ministries. Martha pleads ignorance and asks that the two current chairpersons help her to complete the task.) There are two copies of each folder, one for ministerial chairpersons and one for the Library. They are in marked bins in the Chapel Library.

Each folder includes the purpose of the ministry and basic instructions of how it has been performed. Please note that, if you take on a ministry chair, the running of that ministry is in your hands for the term of your service. If the previous

chairperson's methods don't work for you, you are free to change them as needed with clergy approval. Just please update the ministry folder with the new information!

Martha asks that ministry chairpersons serve until the next Annual Parish Meeting. Most ministries are group activities, so the chairperson is not expected to be the only person doing all the work but to be the go-to person for the rest of the parish (and, of course, update the ministry folder!).

The following is a current list of parish ministries. Where a chairperson has taken on a particular ministry for 2018, his or her name is listed as well. If you see a ministry that you feel would make good use of your gifts, please let Martha (Julia McNeely and Kim Vogel) know. If you do not see a good ministerial fit for yourself, please consider how you might best use your gifts and speak to Father Parrish and Deacon Vogel about your idea.

Altar Guild

Elodia Boreham

Bulletin Boards

Children's

Loose Change Ministry

Youth of the Parish

Cupboard Keeper

Emergency Food Pantry

Debbie Patteson

Facebook Fan Page

Lee Ann Vojvoda

Faith in Action Days

Flags

Gardening

Greeting Cards

Tim Slattery

Historian

Hospitality –

Potlucks

Hospitality –

Sunday Fellowships

Housekeeping

Lay Readers

Father Parrish

Mailing Lists/ Parish Directory

Kim Vogel

Martha's List of Parish Ministries

Julia McNeely

Kim Vogel

Mary's Gold

"Monkey Toy" Hosiery Collection

Lee Ann Vojvoda

Parish Newsletter

Kim Vogel

Parishioner Outreach Committee

Pew Minder

Photographers

Prayer Group

Resurrection Sunday

Egg Hunt

Sunday School

Leadership

Father Parrish

Ushers

Webmaster

Ray Boreham

May God abundantly
bless our service and
grant that our gifts glorify
Him!

– *Julia McNeely
and Kim Vogel*

If you are uncertain
of your spiritual gifts,
you may find it helpful
to read

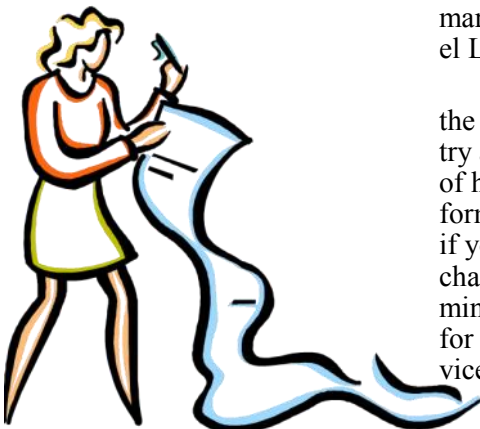
Discover Your God-Given Gifts

by Katie Fortune

and answer

the questionnaires.

A copy of this book
is in the Chapel Library
in McNeely Hall.



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop
Foley Beach;

Bishop
Bill Ilgenfritz;

Canon
Michael Penfield,
our
Vicar-General;

Father
Chris Parrish;

Deacon
Peter Vogel; and

Deacon
Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President
Donald Trump; and

Governor
Jerry Brown;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or

distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;

Tony Brown;

Kim Vogel;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Julia McNeely;

Joya de Rossett;

Sharon De Souza;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Chuck;

Don Cottam;

James and Tanya Theiler;

Christian McKagan
and his parents;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Bishop Richard Boyce;

Dorian;

Kate Ward;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

Ray and Elodia Boreham;

Jan Martins;

Louanne Norman;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko
Ikegami;

Elizabeth Ann
and her husband;

Stephen;

Scott Guinn;

Craig Cameron;

safety on the highways
for all who commute,
especially during
rush hour;

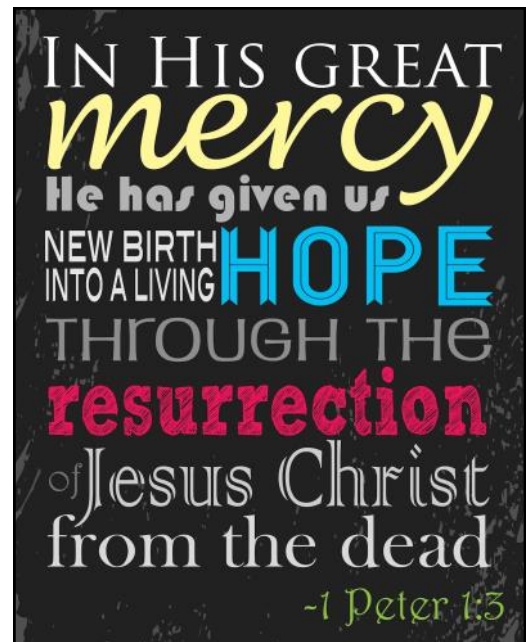
the life and
continuing longevity of
St. Luke's
Chapel

in the Hills;

and for all those
who are in our
hearts,

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Please note: This prayer list was current as of April 1st. Please contact Father Parrish to make corrections.



Parish Postings

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, April 15th, immediately following the worship service. Interested parishioners are invited to attend.



St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will host its annual British Day celebration on Sunday, April 29th. We will sing beloved British hymns during the worship service (send your requests to Father Parrish) and enjoy a potluck luncheon of favourite British fare afterward. Invite your friends!



The Right Reverend William Ilgenfritz, Bishop Ordinary of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints, will visit our parish May 5th and 6th. In honor of his visit, we will have a Cinco de Mayo Potluck Dinner on Saturday, May 5th, at 6:30 PM.



As part of his pastoral visit, Bishop Ilgenfritz will celebrate Holy Communion and confirm Noah Squire Cummings in the faith on Sunday, May 6th, at 10:00 AM. The joy will abound!



The Bible Study class continues its study of the *Gospel According to St. Mark* most Sundays at 9:15 AM. (Please note that there will be **no** Bible Study on Sunday, May 6th.) All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Sunday, April 8th
The First Sunday after Easter

Bible Study: St. Mark 5
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
noon

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Sunday, April 15th

The Second Sunday after Easter

Bible Study: St. Mark 6

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting

immediately following the worship service

Sunday, April 22nd

The Third Sunday after Easter

Bible Study: St. Mark 7

9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Holy Communion

with Healing Service

noon

Sunday, April 29th

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

British Day

Bible Study: St. Mark 8

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

British Day Potluck

immediately following the worship service

Saturday, May 5th

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo Potluck

in honor of Bishop Ilgenfritz's visit

6:30 AM

Sunday, May 6th

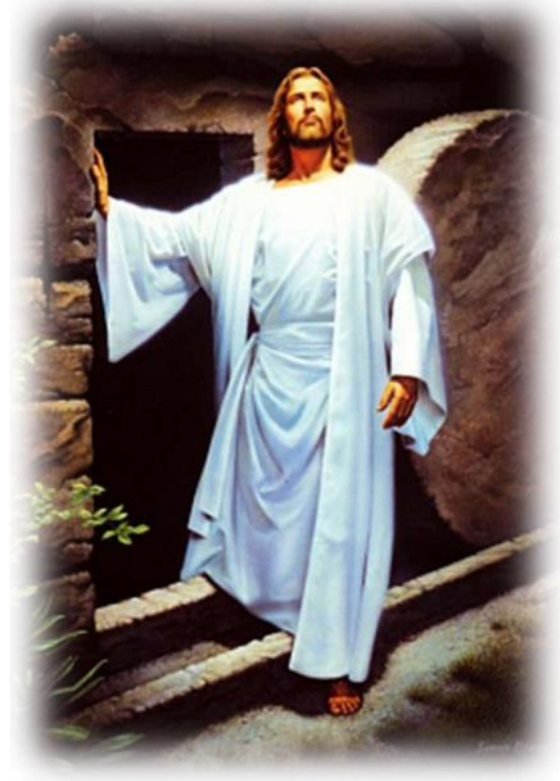
Rogation Sunday

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

Holy Communion

with Confirmation of Noah Squire Cummings

10:00 AM



I AM
the resurrection
and
the life.



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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship soon!

*"A place
where the Bible is taught."*



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on Fourth Sunday)
noon

Please note that both services on Feast Days occurring on these Sundays will be Holy Communion.