



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: Living a Life Conformed to Christ

On this spiritual journey that is Lent, we look forward to Easter and to the victory of Christ's resurrection in our lives. Any form of self-discipline that we exercise in Lent has as its purpose our spiritual training that we may conform our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ's life and character more fully. St. Paul expresses the goal of being conformed to Christ in this passage:

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: For Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own right-

eousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know Him,



and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might

attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11, KJV

Lent helps us in this process of prioritizing the excellence of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and setting in their proper place all those other things we tend to think are important. How many of us can claim, as St. Paul did, to "have suffered the loss of all things" in order to be found in Christ and to receive the righteousness that comes by faith in Him? This journey towards God's eternal kingdom entails knowing Christ more and more, knowing the power of His resurrection, sharing the fellowship of His sufferings, and being conformed to His death on the cross. Our eventual goal is to attain to the resurrection of the dead through "walking in the blessed steps of His most holy life" (*Collect for the Second Sunday*
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after Easter, *Book of Common Prayer*).

If we have suffered the loss of all things, we have died to pride and to the sins of selfishness and all the worldly ambitions we might have cherished if we had not ever come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. All the things we

responsible position for a company. In themselves, they are reasons for gratitude to God, but in contrast to the joy of knowing Christ and the excellence of knowing Him, they are negligible. In putting our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in receiving by faith the gift of His righteousness, we have far more! We have come into God's kingdom and been adopted as His dear children!

But in receiving Christ's righteousness through faith, we have not ended but only begun our spiritual journey. We continue on it, growing in our knowledge of the Lord as we seek to do His will in all areas of our lives and knowing the power of His resurrection even now in our lives. For St. Paul, in the passage above, distinguishes between knowing the power of Christ's resurrection (*Philippians 3:10*) and attaining to the resurrection of the dead (*Philippians 3:11*). The latter is experienced on the day of the resurrection of the dead, while the former is experienced now in this life.

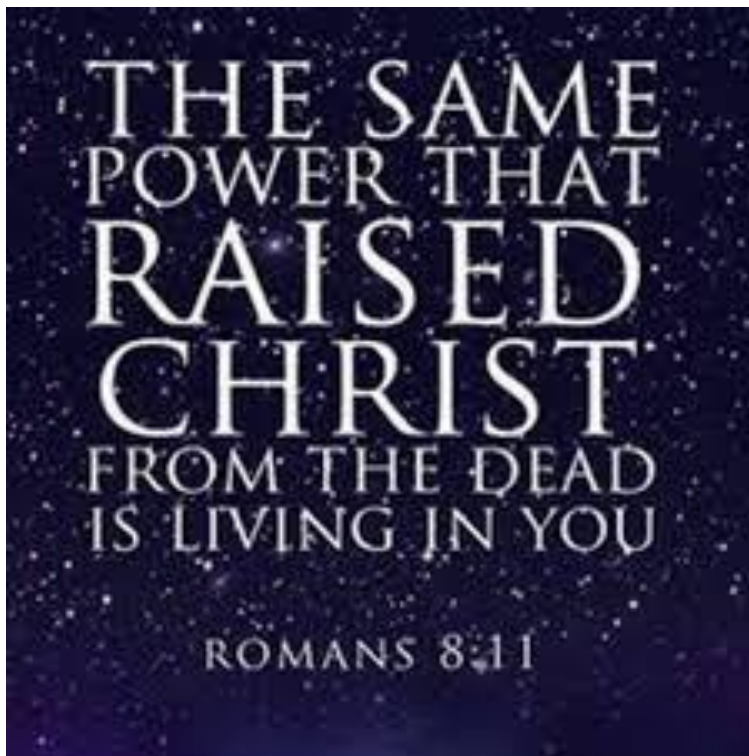
In the same sentence in which he emphasizes knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection, St. Paul declares another purpose of winning Christ and being found in Him: To know "the fellowship of Christ's sufferings" and to be made "conformable to His death" (*Philippians 3:10*). To "know the fel-

lowship of Christ's sufferings" is to share in the sufferings of Christ by enduring persecutions and suffering for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Passages in which St. Paul lists his sufferings for the Gospel are *I Corinthians 4:8-13*; *II Corinthians 6:3-10* and *11:23-27*. Not only does St. Paul set an example of sharing in the sufferings of Christ by enduring patiently persecution, opposition, trials, and tribulations on account of the Gospel and his call to preach it, but he also commands his fellow-workers to take their share of suffering for the sake of the Gospel:

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: But be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God;
II Timothy 1:8,
KJV

Finally, in this life, we must be conformable to Christ's death. This does not mean that each Christian dies the same death that Christ did nor that every Christian dies a martyr's death. Rather, just as Christ died on the cross, we face our own life with the determination to do God's will and, at the last, we face our own death with the same

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would count as grounds for our own righteousness or source of pride, we must count worthless compared to the excellence of knowing Christ. We might be proud of what we have achieved in life, whether it be managing a company, graduating with university or college degrees, or working many years in a re-

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persevering faith. This means that we live our lives with such love for God that all else fades into insignificance, since, if we are conforming to Christ's death in this way, personal ambition, pride, and the claims of any priorities to take Jesus Christ's place as Lord

have died. At any point we can test whether we are living the Christian way of life by asking, "Am I still living my life to please God and do His perfect will?"

The goal of such a life lived for Christ is to attain to the resurrection of the dead which is the Easter hope, based as it is on the resurrection of the Lord

Jesus Christ from the dead. As we prepare for Easter, let us do as St. Paul urges the Corinthians in *II Corinthians 13:5a* (KJV): "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."

– *The Reverend Christopher Parrish*

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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;
 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
 Gavin Newsom;

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;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Joya de Rossett;

Sharon De Souza;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

James and Tanya Theiler;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Dorian;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko Ikegami;

Elizabeth Ann and her husband;

Stephen;

Lori Anderson;

Ali Hemphill;

Lori Hemphill;

Pennel Magaw;

Tracy Magaw;

Lourdes Fernandes;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Maryanne Sanchez;

Kaitlyn Lindstedt;

Pamela;

Debbie Battersby;

Claudia;

Brenda Terry;

Jon Carter;

Mrs. Kitt;

Thomas and MaryAlice Dunbar;

Elise;

Marilyn;

Father Robert Herrell; 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 March 31st. Please contact Father Parrish to make corrections.

Parish Postings

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, April 7th, immediately following the worship service. Parishioners are invited to observe the proceedings.



It is a tradition of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills to adorn the Chapel with Easter lilies offered in remembrance of loved ones who have joined the Church Expectant. If you would like to offer lilies for this purpose, the amount requested per lily is \$10. Please make a note of your offering on your check memo line or offertory envelope, and e-mail your memorial intention to Father Parrish by Palm Sunday, April 14th. Thank you!



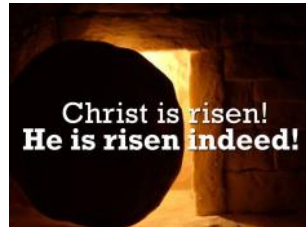
Father Parrish will celebrate Holy Communion at 7:00 PM on Maundy Thursday, April 18th, after which the Altar Guild will strip the altar.



On Good Friday, April 19th, Father Parrish will conduct Evening Prayer (with hymns and homily) at 7:00 PM.



St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 21st. Father Parrish will celebrate Holy Communion at 10:00 AM.



Please note that there will be no Bible Study on Sunday, April 21st. The Bible Study class will resume meeting on Sunday, April 28th, at 9:15 AM in McNeely Hall. All are welcome!



St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will have its annual

British Day on Sunday, May 5th. Father Parrish will celebrate Holy Communion with Healing Service at 10:00 AM, followed by a potluck luncheon of favorite British treats in McNeely Hall. Do invite your friends to join us!



The Very Reverend Canon Michael Penfield, Vicar-General of the Anglican Convocation of the West of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints, will visit St. Luke's on Sunday, May 12th, to celebrate Holy Communion and preach. Please note that there will be no noon worship service on this second Sunday so that we may all visit with him.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 7th

Passion Sunday

Bible Study: St. John

9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service

10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting

immediately following the worship service

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday

Easter lilies donation deadline

Bible Study: St. John

9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Holy Communion

12:00 PM

Thursday, April 18th

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar

7:00 PM

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday

Office of Evening Prayer

7:00 PM

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Day

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Sunday, April 28th

The First Sunday after Easter Day

Bible Study: St. John

9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Holy Communion

12:00 PM

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Sunday, May 5th

The Second Sunday after Easter Day

British Day

Bible Study: St. John

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

British Day Potluck

immediately following the service

Sunday, May 12th

The Third Sunday after Easter Day

Visit of Vicar-General Michael Penfield

Mothers' Day

Bible Study: St. John

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM





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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
(with Healing Service on First Sunday)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion
noon

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