



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: Reflections on Our Mission

Trinity Sunday is the Festival of the Liturgical Year which celebrates the doctrine of the Holy Trinity of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The seasons of Lent, Eastertide, Ascensiontide, and Pentecost have reminded us of the life, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose return to the presence and glory of God the Father led to the gift and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church.

As the Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to redeem a sinful world and to proclaim the everlasting Gospel, so each one of us has been sent by God on a mission to this world. The Lord Jesus Himself told the Apostles, "Peace be unto you: as My Fa-

ther hath sent Me, even so send I you" (*St. John 20:21, KJV*). To indicate to the Apostles that they needed the Holy Spirit to empower them and help them for this mission, the Lord breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (*St. John*



20:22b). We can fulfill this mission only by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, whom the Father and the Son have given to each of the faithful as his or her everlasting Helper, or Advocate.

Yet someone may ask how effective we can be as witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ and bearers of the everlasting Gospel when a Shelter in Place order restricts physical contact with others. The question we should ask before this, though, is

why God has allowed us to be brought to this point of extended sheltering in place. What does the Lord want to teach us in all this? These questions may have various answers. In every country of the world, there is enough rebellion against God and His moral law to merit

the complete destruction of mankind. But God is merciful, and plagues and pandemics come as warnings to all people to turn back to Him before it is too late. One can view such pandemics purely

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from a scientific and medical perspective when investigating their causes. On the other hand, because we have been given the Bible as God's revelation of Himself, His love, His law, and His Gospel, we must learn from the redemptive history it presents.

One of the truths we should learn, I believe, is that plagues may well arise because of people's refusal to obey God. For example, though ancient Egypt suffered plague after plague because Pharaoh refused to let the people of Israel leave Egypt to go to Mt. Horeb (*Exodus 7-10*), yet the people of Israel themselves suffered plagues when, for example, they complained about food (*Numbers 11:33*) or when the spies sent to explore the Promised Land brought back a bad report, all the spies except Joshua and Caleb died of a plague (*Numbers 14:36-38*). Now it might be argued that as Christians we live not under law, but under grace, since in *St. John 1:17* we read that the law indeed was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Despite this, though, in the New Testament we are warned not to rebel against God or to refuse Him who speaks. In fact, in *I Corinthians 10*, St. Paul tells his readers that those of Israel who were struck down in

the wilderness died because they rebelled against God and desired evil things and that their fate must serve as a warning to Christians not to themselves disobey God and desire evil things. The writer of the *Epistle to the Hebrews* also admonishes his readers to see to it that none of them has "an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (*Hebrews 3:12*, KJV). We have a responsibility, then, to follow the example of Christ's holy life and to practice His teachings and obey God's commandments, both as individuals, and as the Church. But are we doing so?

Let us reflect on this for a moment: There was not one church of which the State of California or the County of Santa Clara could say, "This congregation has so much of God's life and healing power that it may continue its services on site, since everyone who attends there will stay free of infection by the novel coronavirus." In fact, a few pastors in other parts of the country who did continue with services on location, found that many of their congregants became infected. Do we conclude from this that COVID-19 is from Satan and the Church has no power to overcome it? What we should rather conclude, in deepest humility, is that COVID-19 may be a means God is using to discipline the

churches and nations of the world. If we think that God doesn't send plagues anymore, we should read the *Revelation 15*, which records that seven angels came out of the heavenly temple, and they were given the seven golden vials full of God's wrath. We have to discard the theological immaturity which maintains that God does not punish persistent sins in this present life. He does, and He will, punish individuals, churches, and nations that persist in their sins. Yet God forgives all who truly repent, and He abounds in mercy toward those who come to Him in penitence.

While we continue to shelter in place, we all need to use this time profitably and wisely. Amongst other things we should reflect on how better we could please God as individual Christians, how better we could bear witness to Christ as a church, and how we could pray for our President, government, and nation to fulfill God's will in all their actions. In particular, I would like us to think of how we of St. Luke's Chapel can be a more welcoming congregation to newcomers of all backgrounds, cultures, and ages, and how we could reach out to them more effectively when they visit us in the future. Together with this must go a

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greater commitment to the knowledge of our Christian faith. For example, what if a newcomer were to come to a coffee hour at St. Luke's in the future, and say to himself afterwards, "It's great that they know so much about history, politics, science, technology, traffic, and the neighborhood, but what do they know about their own Christian faith? Can they even tell me why they are Christians, or Anglican Christians, in the first place?" In view of this possibility, let us pay attention to the words of St. Peter the Apostle in *I St. Peter* 3:15, KJV:

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

– *The Reverend Christopher Parrish*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.*

John Newton, 1779

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;

Bishop
Richard Lipka;

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;

all who are suffering
from COVID-19
and the medical personnel
treating them;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

James and Tanya Theiler;

Dale Quinn;

Brian Quinn;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko
Ikegami;

Lori Anderson;

Ali Hemphill;

Lori Hemphill;

Pennel Magaw;

Tracy Magaw;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Maryanne Sanchez;

Kaitlyn Lindstedt;

Brenda Terry;

Elise;

Thomas and MaryAlice
Dunbar;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Marilyn;

Frank Capone;

the family of
John Jerrehian;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Gary Winiger;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Dave Shuman; 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 June 8th, and the people of St. Luke's will pray for each need until we are notified that it has been met. Please contact Father Parrish to add or remove names. Thank you!



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD,
Holy Ghost,
Sanctifier of the faithful,
visit, we pray Thee,
the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills
with Thy love and favour;
enlighten our minds more and more
with the light of the everlasting Gospel;
graft in our hearts a love of the truth;
increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness;
and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same,
O blessed Spirit,
whom, with the Father and the Son together,
we worship and glorify as one God,
world without end.
Amen.

In Times of Great Sickness and Mortality

O MOST mighty
and merciful God,
in this time of grievous sickness,
we flee unto Thee for succour.
Deliver us, we beseech Thee,
from our peril;
give strength and skill to all those
who minister to the sick;
prosper the means made use of
for their cure;
and grant that,
perceiving how frail
and uncertain our life is,
we may apply our hearts
unto that heavenly wisdom
which leadeth to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For Social Justice

ALMIGHTY God,
who hast created man
in Thine own image;
Grant us grace
fearlessly to contend against evil,
and to make no peace
with oppression;
and, that we may
reverently use our freedom,
help us to employ it
in the maintenance of justice
among men and nations,
to the glory of Thy holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Continuing Our Archbishop's Call

Most of us received a letter from Archbishop Beach recently asking us to join him in a week of fasting and prayer for North America (see the reprint below). Because the crises facing us continues, Father Parrish is asking us to continue the practice of fasting and praying for these needs each Friday until further notice.

Dearest People of God in the Anglican Church in North America:

I write you with a tremendous heaviness in my spirit and soul as I observe and participate in what is happening today in the United States of America. If ever there is a time for the people of God to fall on our faces before God and plead for His mercy and intervention, now is the time. As believers, we are given the privilege of coming to the Throne of Grace with our petitions and requests, and He promises to hear us (*1 St. John 5:14,15*).

Consider what we have experienced in recent days and weeks:

..# Another senseless killing by a police officer of an unarmed black man, George Floyd.

..# Hundreds of thousands of people participating in peaceful protests.

..# The unleashing of a spirit of lawlessness with rioting, violence, destruction of businesses and properties (mostly minority-owned), unbridled theft, and personal assaults on bystanders, store owners, the elderly, and police officers.

..# COVID-19 closing whole countries down, reportedly killing over 100,000 people in the U.S., over 7,000 in Canada, and over 10,000 in Mexico, and creating an economic calamity with tens of millions of people unemployed across North America.

..# Numerous businesses and churches have had to

close, and many will not reopen.

..# Incredible generosity of strangers helping strangers in the midst of calamity.

Sisters and brothers, I am asking you to join me in spending the next week in prayer and fasting for North America (Wednesday, June 3rd, through Wednesday, June 10th). For those who can fast the whole week, a day, or a meal, I ask you set aside time to intercede on behalf of your community, state, nation, and continent.

Pray in the Holy Spirit and as the Holy Spirit leads you, and as you do, consider these petitions:

..# Show me my own sin; reveal to me the darkness of my own heart (*Psalm 139:24*).

..# Reveal to me the repentance I need in my own life.

..# The ending of lawlessness and violence.

..# Justice for those who have had

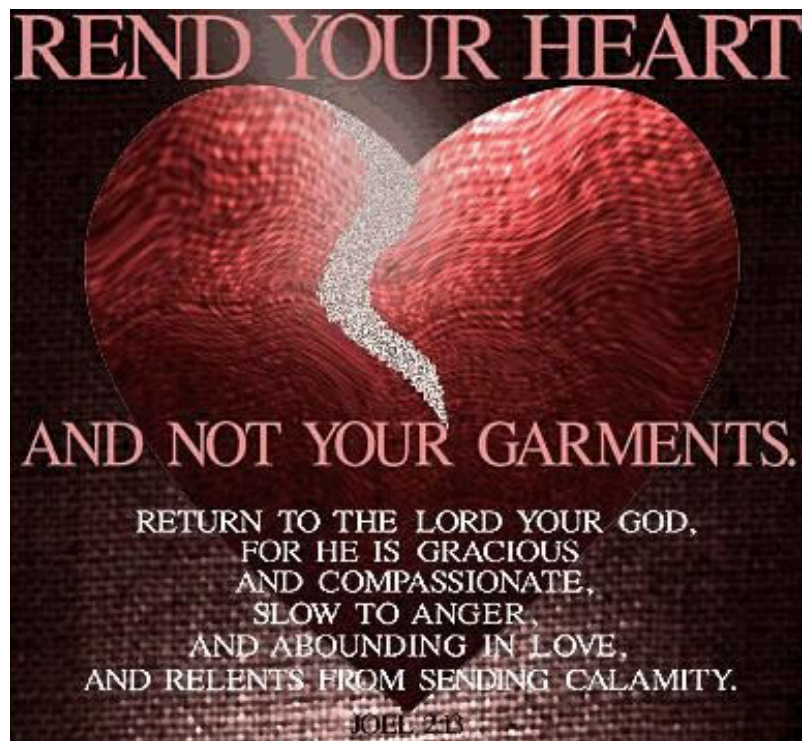
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- their lives taken from them, especially George Floyd, and comfort for their families.
- ..# Comfort for the families and friends of the thousands who have lost their lives because of COVID -19.
- ..# Help for the millions who find themselves suddenly without a job.
- ..# Provision for all those business owners who have lost their business because of rioting.
- ..# Strength for the health care workers in hospitals and medical facilities who continue to work fearlessly to save lives.
- ..# Wisdom for our government and civil leaders as they seek to keep us safe both
- from the virus and from the violence in our cities.
- ..# Food and provision for those who are hungry and in need.
- ..# Fresh anointing for the Church of Jesus Christ to faithfully proclaim the Gospel and reach people who are hurting, suffering, alone, and in need.
- ..# Specific acts of grace and mercy that You want me to carry out in this time.
- If you would like some specific prayers to help you pray, consider these from the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** on pages 657-661 (downloadable at <http://BCP2019.AnglicanChurch.net/index.php/downloads/>):
- ..# #39 – For our Nation
- ..# #40 – For All Sorts and Conditions of Men
- ..# #41 – For Cities, Towns, and other Communities

- ..# #42 – For the Human Family
- ..# #43 – For Social Justice
- ..# #44 – In Times of Social Conflict or Distress
- ..# #45 – For Those Who Serve Others



- ..# #46 – For Commerce and Industry
- ..# #47 – For the Unemployed
- ..# #48 – For Agriculture and Farming
- ..# #49 – For Schools, Col-

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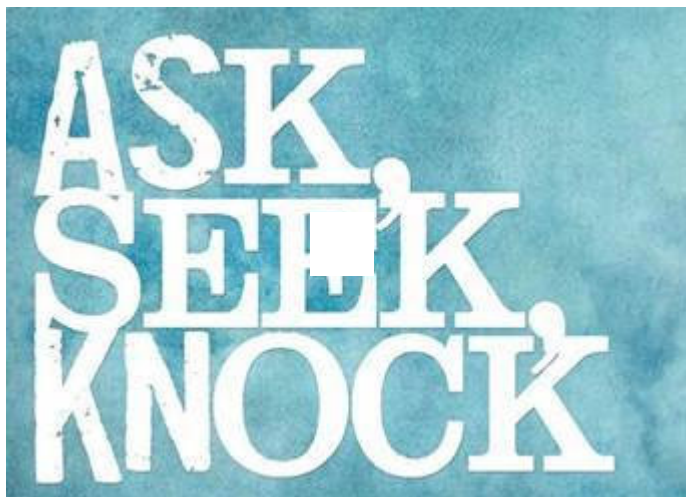
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Universities

..# #50 – For the
Medical Pro-
fessions

..# #51 – For
Those Who
Inform Pub-
lic Opinion

Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened” (*St. Luke 11:9-10*).



Parish Postings

Although some aspects of the Shelter in Place Order are being phased out, the threat of spreading the novel coronavirus still prevents houses of worship from opening for services. Until we may meet again, our Chapel Family is meeting via Zoom teleconferencing for Morning Prayer on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Worshipping together at a distance is not quite the same as sharing a pew at the Chapel, but it is still a joy to worship in a group and share a few minutes of fellowship afterward. Please join us, and invite your friends!

If you are new to using Zoom, the first thing to do is download the free Zoom app onto your computer, tablet, or phone. It is best to do that today. It only takes a few minutes. Your device should have an internet connection, microphone, and speaker. Your device needs to have a camera if you want to see the group and be seen. Of course, smartphones and most computers already have all of that. On a Mac or PC just go to <https://Zoom.us/download> to get the app. To get the app on your phone, go to the appropriate app store and download it.

Father Parrish will e-mail a reminder with the meeting link and password a few days before we meet for Morning Prayer. He will also e-mail the bulletin for the weeks we worship via Zoom.

Then when it's time to begin Morning Prayer, click on our meeting link. If the site asks for the meeting password, type it in. Type in your name if it asks. The site may ask if you want to connect to the meeting with video or not. Please do. Then it will ask

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if you want to connect with computer audio; click that, and you're all set. See you Sunday!



The Vestry will meet on Sunday, June 14th, at 11:30 AM. The meeting will take place via Zoom following Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM and a period of fellowship. Any interested parishioner is invited to attend (just remain on the teleconference from Morning Prayer).



Senior Warden Clark Patteson has invited Bill Zahrt to join the Finance Committee, and Bill has accepted. Clark notes that Bill's "keen and reasoned mind has provided wise counsel to the Finance Committee as well as the Vestry." In addition to these new duties, Bill is a Lay Reader, a member of the Vestry, and recently served on the By-laws Review Committee. Thank you, Bill, for your service to our Chapel Family, and may God bless you!



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As we cannot pass the Alms Basin during teleconference worship services, please mail your tithes and offerings to:

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills
26140 Duval Way
Los Altos Hills, California 94022-4413

Thank you!



Our ongoing ministry collecting non-perishable foods for the Downtown Palo Alto Food Closet is particularly important for our neighbors who are financially insecure during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able to take grocery donations to the Food Closet, please do. The need is urgent. The Food Closet is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM (Thursday to 6:30 PM). Donors may bring groceries and distribution items to the Food Closet at 425 Hamilton Avenue in Palo Alto on the All Saints' Church campus. Use the side door which is located to the left of the trash area to avoid the line.

If you are unable to deliver donations, you may send a check to the Food Closet in care of All Saints' Church (please make the check payable to All Saints' Church and write Food Closet on the memo line):

All Saints' Episcopal Church
555 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, California 94301

Thank you!



Upcoming Events

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills continues closed in compliance with State of California and County of Santa Clara Shelter in Place orders to slow the spread of COVID-19. We continue to meet online, however, and pray you will join us (see *Parish Postings*).

Sunday, June 7th

Trinity Sunday

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, June 12th

Day of Fasting and Prayer

Sunday, June 14th

The First Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting via Zoom
11:30 AM

Friday, June 19th

Day of Fasting and Prayer

Sunday, June 21st

The Second Sunday after Trinity
Fathers' Day

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, June 26th

Day of Fasting and Prayer

Sunday, June 28th

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
10:00 AM

Friday, July 3rd

Day of Fasting and Prayer

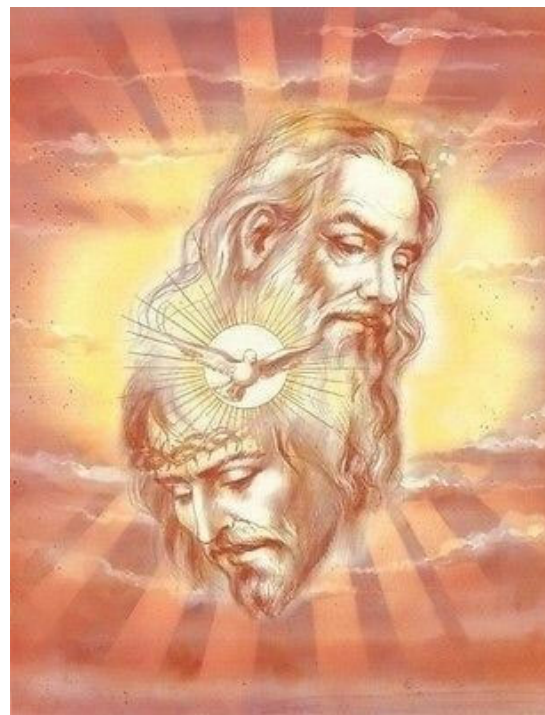
Saturday, July 4th

Independence Day

Sunday, July 5th

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer via Zoom
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.