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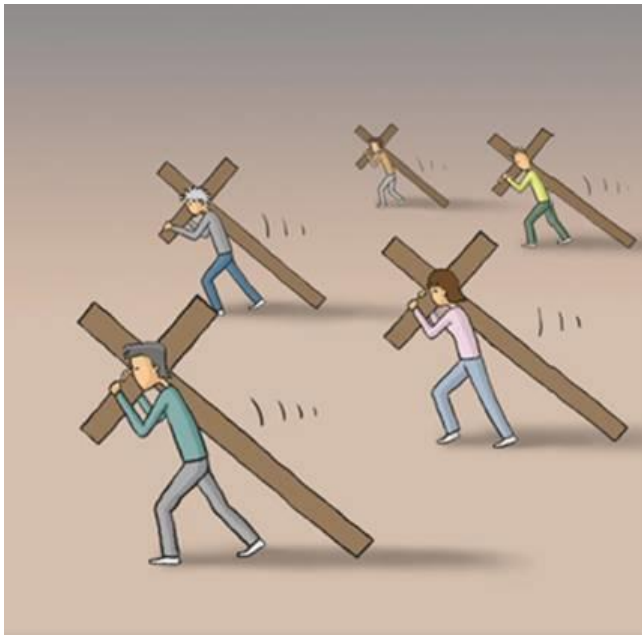
A Message from the Rector: The Way of the Cross

For some people, to celebrate Easter without observing Lent and Holy Week is much more sensible and spiritually far less demanding. For them, resurrection seems more plausible when linked with spring, fertility and Easter bunnies.

But for Christians in the Anglican tradition, Lent and Holy Week are not only part of our ecclesiastical historical heritage, but also an integral part of our Christian theology and approach to life. Our priority of following Christ in our daily lives means that we must pay attention to the whole course of His life and not just the more pleasant aspects of it. Anglican devotion tends to embrace meditation on the life of Christ so that

we may follow more obediently the example of His life. In the Collect for the Monday before Easter, for example, the Church acknowledges the necessity of Christ's sufferings and applies that to the Christian way of life:

that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



page 138,
Book of Common Prayer,
1928

This Collect implies that just as for the Lord Jesus Christ there was no escaping of the cross, neither will there be for us Christians, who will not find "the way of life and peace" to be any different from the way of the cross in which we are to walk. Another Collect, the Collect for the Second Sunday after Easter, expresses the truth that God gave the world His only Son as both a

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified; Mercifully grant

of the cross in which we are to walk. Another Collect, the Collect for the Second Sunday after Easter, expresses the truth that God gave the world His only Son as both a

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(Continued from page 1) sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life, and prays that Christians will not only always receive the former as a benefit of immeasurable value, but also will daily try to follow “the blessed steps of His most holy life” (pages 171-2, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928).

The necessity of the Lord Jesus Christ’s sufferings was prophesied in *Isaiah 53* (among other passages). The Lord Jesus Himself corrected the misconception that two disciples had about Him on the road to Emmaus when He said in *St. Luke 24:25-26* (KJV):

O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?

Since Christians are followers of Christ, they must also follow His way of life; doing so will entail the endurance of trials and opposition for the sake of the Gospel. These may include misunderstanding even by our friends; being overlooked for promotion; mistreatment; hostility from others; persecution; and many other things, including a difficult way of life such as missionaries and some clergy may have to endure. The logi-

cal way of the world is to build a career; to enjoy success; to gather wealth; acquire possessions; and invest for the future. Some Christians will be able to achieve some of these goals, but others may find that their calling does not permit it.

Writing to St. Timothy, St. Paul exhorts him, “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (*II St. Timothy 2:3*). Earlier in the same Epistle, he writes, “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 St. Timothy 1:8*). Enduring hardship and sharing in the afflictions of the Gospel, are integral to the Christian way of life. The “faithful saying” (*II St. Timothy 2:11-13*) makes this even clearer:

For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him:

If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him:

If we deny Him, He also will deny us:

If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.

Just as the prerequisite for Christ’s resurrec-

tion and ascension according to God’s will was that He suffer, so it is for us Christians, only in different ways for each of us. The Lord Jesus’ sayings about taking up one’s cross and following Him make the same point (*St. Matthew 10:38* and *16:24*; *St. Mark 8:34*; *St. Luke 9:23* and *14:27*). The criminal who was condemned to death in the days of the Roman Empire had to carry the crossbeam of his cross to the place of his execution. To deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus calls for a way of life in which you bear whatever disgrace, shame, or hardship that Christ calls you to bear for His sake and the Gospel’s faithfully to the end. For many it has been martyrdom or torture for the faith; for others harassment and persecution; for others, homelessness because the violence against them on account of their faith causes them to flee from one place to another; for yet others, misunderstanding of their mission or rejection when God sends them as messengers to proclaim His word to various nations or individuals.

At the heart of the Gospel message is the preaching of “Christ crucified” (*I Corinthians 1:23*). For this message to be effective, it must be reflected in our lives—in our thoughts, prayers,

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words and actions—
even if to the Greeks (or
in today's terms, the in-
tellectuals and philoso-
phers, even politicians)
the message of Christ
crucified is foolishness (*I
Corinthians 1:23*). Car-
rying our cross as we fol-
low Christ must be more
important than any politi-
cal or worldly ideology,
as our mission requires us
not to be conformed to
this world (*Romans 12:2*)
but transformed by the
daily renewing of our
mind by the Holy Spirit
through the Word of God,
the Bible.

Here we return to the
purposes of observing
Lent and Holy Week be-
fore Easter. The purposes
are really to remind each
Christian of the cost of
his salvation, the death of
the Lord Jesus Christ on
the cross; to encourage
everyone who is a Chris-
tian to continue following
Christ faithfully; and, by
meditating on the events
of Holy Week, to grow
stronger in faith and obe-
dience to God. As we do
this year by year, we shall
find it harder to deny our
faith or to be silent about
our faith when we know
that the love of God for
this world constrains us
to testify to Christ.

— *The Reverend
Christopher Parrish*

*O my Lord and Saviour,
I thank You for this cross You have allowed me to carry.
Please give me the strength and faith to persevere
so that I may bring glory to Your Name
while withstanding the burden of its weight.
Thank You for offering me a share in Your suffering.
I know that You have always been, are now, and ever will be
at my side every step of the way.
Thank You also for every "Simon" You have sent
to help me bear this cross.*

*I have prayed so often that this thorn in my flesh would be removed,
but I trust that Your grace is sufficient.
Change my heart's troubled cry of "How long, O Lord"
into words of trust: "However long, O Lord".
May I seek only to do Your will
and to unite my sufferings with Your passion.
Help me to not get lost in my own self concerns,
but may I find in these trials
a way to greater virtue, a call to prayer,
and a path to trust in You alone.
Permit me not to waste my pain
but to make of these struggles a sacrificial offering for others.*

*Lord, when I am weary and I fall,
exhausted under the weight of this cross,
please give me the courage to press on as You did.
Lord Jesus, I embrace with love my cross as a share in Your own.
By Your grace, may I carry it all the way to the vision of Your glory.
I abandon myself totally to Your will.
Christ Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.*

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 gov-

erning 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;

Craig Cameron;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Bishop Richard Boyce;

Dorian;

Kate Ward;

Kendra and Dan 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;

Meghan;

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 suf-
ferings, 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
February 28th. Please
contact Father Parrish
to make corrections.

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray”

When His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray, Jesus gave them a powerful example. Here is a brief look at the meaning behind the Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven – We address our prayer to the Lord our God, who is the spiritual father of all Christians. In so doing we recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and therefore we confess our spiritual unity, regardless of any external differences.

Hallowed be Thy Name – We reverence and hold sacred the Name of God; we do not use it lightly, in anger or spite. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians “at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Thy Kingdom come – We pray that our souls shall be prepared for the coming of God’s kingdom and that on this Earth all people shall be moved to be a part of that kingdom.

Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven – We pray that, as creatures of freewill, our will shall be always in alignment with God’s will, that

His choices will be our choices.

Give us this day our daily bread – We pray generally for God’s providence, that all things that our minds and bodies might need shall be provided to us. More specifically, we pray that we might worthily receive the bread that is the body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Finally, we see here that we should say this prayer at least daily, that we might daily open our hearts to God and remain in fellowship and communion with Him.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – We pray that all those sins which we commit daily might be forgiven so that we may remain in a state of grace and fellowship with God. We recognize that in order to be worthy of God’s forgiveness and pardon we must ourselves be willing to forgive those who offend us. This principle is perhaps best illustrated in our Lord’s parable of the servant who owed his master ten thousand talents recorded in *St. Matthew 18:22-34*.

And lead us not into temptation – Because we are by nature sinful and too weak to avoid sin of our own accord, we ask God’s guidance that we might better avoid temptation. Further, we ask that God show us His mercy that we not be put into situations where the

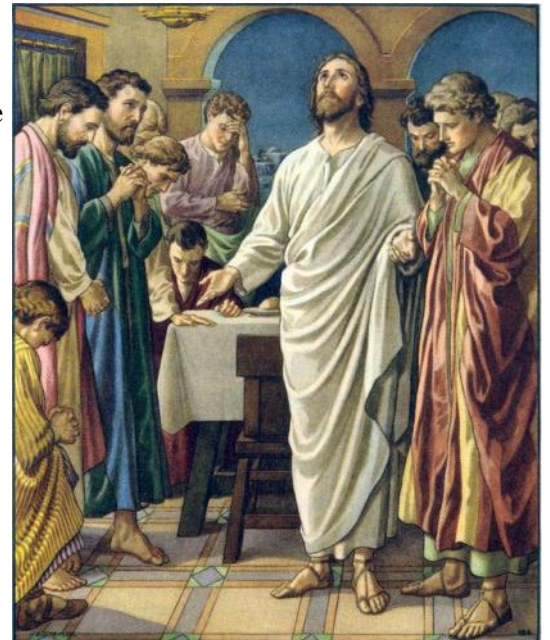
temptation would be too great for our wills to resist.

But deliver us from evil – We ask that God protect and deliver us from all manner of harm to both soul and body. Particularly we ask that we be protected from the machinations of the devil which would lead us to sin. If we are physically afflicted, we ask that God deliver us from that affliction.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen. – St. Matthew records this doxology in his record of our Lord teaching this prayer, but St. Luke’s parallel text does not include these words; because the Holy Spirit permitted this difference, these concluding words are sometimes omitted in our prayer book. Following the seven petitions of the prayer, we offer this glorious affirmation of God’s unending dominion, power, and majesty. Finally, we underscore our earnest desire for these blessings and favors with a heartfelt *amen* (so be it!).

– *The Reverend Mr. Peter A. Vogel*



Parish Postings

The Bible Study class will begin its study of the **Gospel According to St. Mark** on Sunday, March 4th, at 9:15 AM. All are welcome!



The Vestry will meet on Passion Sunday, March 18th, immediately following the worship service.

Vestry

It is the custom of our Chapel Family to decorate the Chapel with Easter lilies offered in remembrance of those who have joined the Church Expectant. If you would like to offer lilies for this purpose, the Altar Guild asks that you donate \$10. Please make a note of your offering on your check memo line or

offertory envelope, and please give your memorial intention to Father Parish by Palm Sunday, March 25th.



Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 25th, with the Office of Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM and Holy Communion with Healing Service at noon.



Maundy Thursday will be observed with a celebration of Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 PM.



Handel's Messiah (a sing-it-yourself concert accompanied by a full orchestra) will be performed at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos on Sunday, March 25th, at 7:00 PM. A free-will offering will be received.

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of Los Gatos
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Los Gatos 95032
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Please join us for Evening Prayer on Good Friday, March 30th, at 7:00 PM.



We will celebrate the triumphal resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 1st, with Holy Communion at 10:00 AM.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 4th
The Third Sunday in Lent

Bible Study: St. Mark 1
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

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Sunday, March 11th
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bible Study: St. Mark 2
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
noon

Sunday, March 18th
Passion Sunday

Bible Study: St. Mark 3
9:15 AM

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
immediately following the worship service

Sunday, March 25th
Palm Sunday

Deadline for Easter lily offerings

Bible Study: St. Mark 4
9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service
noon

Thursday, March 29th
Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar
7:00 PM

Friday, March 30th
Good Friday

Evening Prayer
7:00 PM

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Sunday

Bible Study: St. Mark 15
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
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.