



# The Hillside Messenger

## A Message from the Rector: The Difference Easter has Made

What difference has the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ on the first Easter Day made to the lives of Christians?

Without Christ's resurrection, as St. Paul explains in *I Corinthians 15*, there is no general resurrection of the dead, rendering both the preaching of the Gospel and the faith of Christians meaningless (*I Corinthians 15:14*). The consequence of this would be that Christians would remain unforgiven and bound by their sins (*I Corinthians 15:17*). Moreover, if for this life only we have placed our hope in Christ, we Christians are most to be pitied among all people (*I Corinthians 15:19*).

But this pitiable state of affairs is not the case, since the Lord Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, the "firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (*I*

*Corinthians 15:20*, NKJV). This means that the Lord Jesus Christ was the first to rise from the dead and is the firstfruits of the harvest of the resurrection, which is the first resurrection, the resurrection of the faithful (*Revelation 20:5c-6*).



One great difference the Lord's resurrection has made is that we who believe in Him have the hope of both resurrection to everlasting life with Him and of beholding the glory of God (*Romans 5:2*). St. Peter expresses this clearly as follows:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of

Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*I St. Peter 1:3-5*, KJV

These verses affirm that it is by means of Jesus Christ's resurrection that God has given us a new birth, so that, as God's adopted children, we have an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance

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waiting for us, kept in heaven, just as we ourselves are preserved by God's power through faith until God's final and total salvation is revealed in the last days.

Another great difference Christ's resurrection has made is that all who believe will be made alive in Him (*I Corinthians 15:22*). Christ's resurrection shows the effectiveness of His sacrificial death on the cross in reconciling the world to God the Father. Christ stands in contrast to Adam. Though both Adam and Christ are human beings, Christ is also the Son of God, and through His own death on the cross brought life to humanity instead of death as Adam did through his transgression of God's commandment. The new life of the resurrection, however, is given to the faithful at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then they will receive the spiritual body of the resurrection as St. Paul explains in *I Corinthians 15:42-55*.

Besides the hope of this new life, and the hope of the glory of God, and the hope of resurrection, what difference has the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ made to the lives of all believers? The first chapter of St. Paul's *Epistle to the Ephesians* lists many of the blessings Christians have received because of

their faith in Christ and because of His resurrection. Among these great blessings are redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of sins (*Ephesians 1:7*). Now, if Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, we could not have received His redemption and the forgiveness of our sins. His resurrection proved both the effectiveness of His sacrifice and God's acceptance of it.

Because Christians now share in Christ's being through their baptism and the faith that they have placed in Him, they receive the revelation of God's will in Christ. Knowing God's will is very necessary for our daily lives. A great part of God's will is to unite everything in the universe under one authority in Christ (*Ephesians 1:10*). The revelation of God's will to us in Christ will not only guide us in this life but enable us to realize our destiny in the life to come. Having found salvation in Christ, Christians receive from God also the meaningful truth that they have been created for the praise of God's glory (*Ephesians 1:12*). This reminds me of the purpose of man as expressed in the answer to the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (1646-1647): "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." Since the ultimate purpose of man's

existence is to glorify God, even now in this life, we must live daily with this purpose in mind.

Therefore, another difference made by Jesus Christ's resurrection is to the way in which we live our lives. St. Paul speaks of this in writing to the Colossians:

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

*Colossians 3:1-4,*  
KJV

St. Paul is here commanding us to have in mind the heavenly virtues rather than the sins that are so typical of worldly living. We must behave always as if we are in the presence of Christ the King, seated at God's right hand. John Calvin, in his commentary on this passage, pointed out that the word for "set your mind on" expresses "assiduity and intensity;

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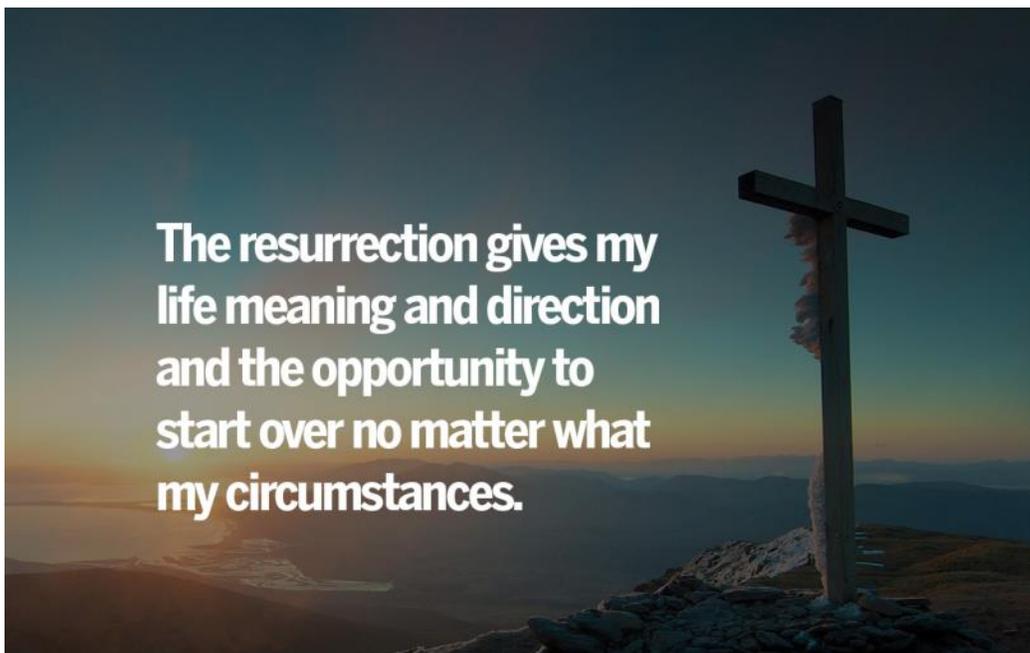
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as if he said, ‘Let your whole meditation be on this; to this apply your abilities and mind’” (p. 345, T.H.L. Parker [Translator]: *The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians*. Calvin’s Commentaries. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1965. Reprinted, 1979). The reason for setting our affections on the heavenly virtues of Christ is that spiritually we have died to the lusts of the flesh, to the world, and to everything sinful, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

I have extracted from the Scriptures some passages that may assist us in appreciating the vast difference made to our lives by the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But now I encourage you all to meditate on how the Lord Jesus Christ’s resurrection has changed your attitude to life and your sense of purpose and hope for the future.

– *The Reverend Christopher Parrish*



## 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;

the hundreds of people who died or were injured in explosions in Sri Lanka on Easter Day;

all refugees;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Joya de Rossett;

Sharon De Souza;

Debbie;

Scott;

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;

Bishop Bill Ilgenfritz;

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.



Brittany;

James and Tanya Theiler;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Frank Capone;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko  
Ikegami;

Elizabeth Ann  
and her husband;

Stephen;

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***This prayer list  
was current  
as of April 28th.  
Please contact  
Father Parrish  
to make  
corrections.***

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## Parish Postings

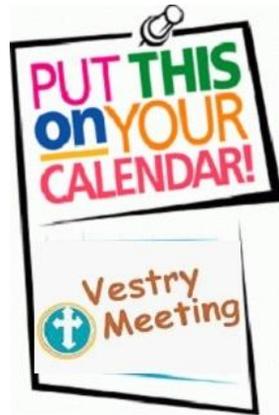
St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will have its annual British Day on Sunday, May 5th. Father Parrish will celebrate Holy Communion with Healing Service at 10:00 AM, followed by a potluck luncheon of favorite British treats in McNeely Hall. Do invite your friends to join us!



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.



The Vestry will meet Sunday, May 19th, immediately following the worship service. Interested parishioners are cordially invited to attend the meeting.



Did you know that our Chapel Family has a parishioners-only e-mail alias? If you have never received a welcome message from this alias, please make certain Kim Vogel has your correct e-mail address. Thank you very much!



Please remember our Emergency Food Pantry ministry as you do your grocery shopping and add a few items for the hungry in our community to your cart! Donations of nonperishable foodstuffs are accepted each Sunday and delivered to a local food bank for distribution to the needy in our area. Please place your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs (no glass packaging, please) in the wicker basket on the floor in the narthex. Thank you!



The people of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills pray diligently for those on our Chapel Family Prayer List. This prayer list has an unusual feature: It has no expiration date, which means that we continue to pray for all the people who have been added to the list until we are told that their need has been met. If you need to update any of your prayer requests, please fill out a Prayer Request Card or send Father Parrish an e-mail message. Thank you!



If you have any difficulty hearing the liturgy at one of our worship services, please tell our Rector as you exit the Chapel. He will see that our sound system is set to meet your needs.



## *Upcoming Events*

### **Sunday, May 5th**

The Second Sunday after Easter Day

British Day

*Bible Study: **St. John***

9:15 AM

*Holy Communion with Healing Service*

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

### **Sunday, May 19th**

The Fourth Sunday after Easter Day

*Bible Study: **St. John***

9:15 AM

*Holy Communion*

10:00 AM

*Vestry Meeting*

immediately following the worship service

### **Sunday, May 26th**

Rogation Sunday

The Fifth Sunday after Easter Day

*Bible Study: **St. John***

9:15 AM

*Office of Morning Prayer*

10:00 AM

*Holy Communion*

12:00 PM

### **Monday, May 27th**

Rogation Day

Day of Solemn Supplication

### **Tuesday, May 28th**

Rogation Day

Day of Solemn Supplication

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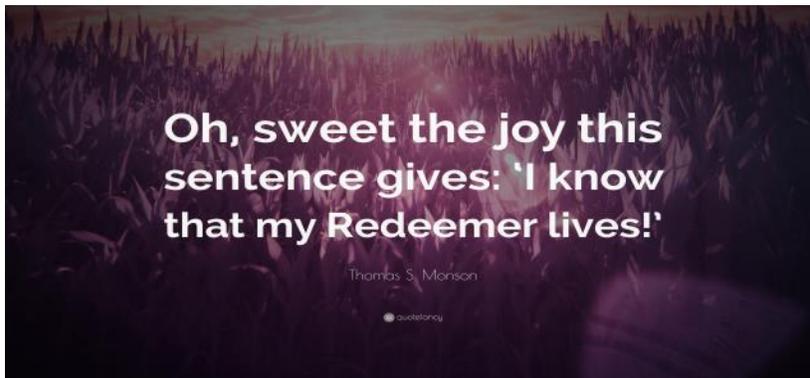
**Wednesday, May 29th**  
Rogation Day  
Day of Solemn Supplication

**Thursday, May 30th**  
Ascension Day

**Sunday, June 2nd**  
The Sunday after Ascension

*Bible Study: **St. John***  
9:15 AM

*Holy Communion with Healing Service*  
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.