

# The Hillside Messenger

## A Message from the Rector: *Living as a New Creation through Jesus Christ*

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**II Corinthians**  
5:14-17, KJV

**T**his quotation briefly sketches a series of crucial aspects of how the Lord Jesus Christ's death and resurrection have brought new creation to everyone who is in Christ. The first of these aspects is that Christ's death for the salvation of all implied the death of



all mankind in Him. When Christ died on the cross, in a sense all people died to self and selfishness so that they might live again not for their own sake or for themselves, but for the sake of Christ Who died for them and rose again. St. Paul concludes that from now on we know no one "after the flesh," and though we

have known Christ "after the flesh," we now no longer know Him as such. What did St. Paul mean by this? Through His own death on the cross, the Lord put to death a view of life and human beings, even of Himself, that is limited by our experience of earthly reality. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead shows God's new creation, the creation of the spiritual or heavenly man, of whom Christ is the first fruits.

For all the faithful, this means both the birth of the hope of resurrection from the dead and the new birth of every believer by the Holy Spirit in Christ, so that even now in this pilgrimage of faith ever since Holy Baptism with its accompanying faith in Christ and repentance from sin, every believer is a "new creature." The person who is in Christ by faith

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## *Living as a New Creation through Jesus Christ*

(Continued from page 1) is born of water and of the Holy Spirit (*St. John 3:5*), that is, the Holy Spirit has given him new birth because he has put his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The result of this is the passing away of old things—sinful, carnal attitudes, habits, and thoughts—from the Christian's way of life, and all priorities, attitudes and thoughts are being made new by the Lord through His word. Every Christian must make this new order of life a priority, as St. Paul wrote 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

We must emulate the eternal virtues of Christ our Lord in our own lives and aim to please Him by living as subjects of

God's Kingdom here on earth. By the way we live our lives it must be evident that the values of God's Kingdom, God's commands, and the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ matter more to us than worldly priorities. Christians must renounce worldly priorities, such as materialism and the pursuit of pleasure, for the sake of God's kingdom. In the passage from *Colossians 3*, St. Paul explicitly declares that Christians have died, and their life is hidden with Christ in God (*Colossians 3:3*). This



means that Christians count themselves dead in terms of everything sinful and instead present themselves to God to do His will (*Romans 6:11-14*). Instead of being conformed to the sinful culture of the present age, Christians must be transformed by the renewal of their mind, so that they may prove by experience what the will of God is, which is good, pleasing to God, and perfect (see *Romans 12:2*). Now it is that, though our life as Christians is hidden with

Christ in God, we have Christ living in us through the Holy Spirit Who indwells every believer. This also is the hope that we have, that when the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is our life, comes again in glory, all believers will appear with Him in glory (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*; *II Thessalonians 1:7-12*).

All of this means that we live life from the perspective of eternity and God's kingdom, and Christ governs or rules our life. Those whom we love, we not only love for their own sake, but for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ Who showed us God's love by dying on the cross for our redemption and deliverance from evil. Having come to be in Christ through faith, we now can never

lose Him. St. Augustine of Hippo wrote of this as follows:

But blessed is the man that loves Thee, and his friend in Thee, and his enemy for Thee. For he alone loses none that is dear unto him, to whom all are dear, in him that can never be lost. And Who is this but our God, the God that made heaven and  
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earth, and Who filleth them, because in filling them He created them? Thee, no man loses, but he that lets Thee go.

St. Augustine's  
**Confessions**

The person who loves God, and loves his friend in God and loves his enemy on account of God, essentially loses no-one that is dear to him, because all are dear to him in God, and he cannot lose God, Whom he loves

and in Whom he has believed. Even when bereaved, the believer is comforted by the presence of God, Who holds in the communion of the saints all the faithful departed. The promise of God is a new heaven and a new earth (**Revelation 21:1**) and His assurance to all His people is that He makes all things new (**Revelation 21:5**). Because of their repentance from sin, their baptism and their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, all Christians have been given

new birth and made new creatures. This process of being made new continues throughout their Christian journey on earth until they are given as their inheritance the new heaven and earth that God has created for all who love Him. In the meanwhile, let us make every effort to live as the new creatures we are called and created to be, living not for ourselves, but for the sake of Christ Who died for us and rose again.

– *Father Chris Parrish*

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***Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank You that we are made new creatures  
through faith in You.***

***Help us, we pray,  
to daily cast off the old man  
and put on Your righteousness.***

***Renew our minds, Lord,  
and reform our habits.***

***Guide us through Your Holy Spirit  
to turn from all worldliness  
and actively seek to do Your will.***

***Let our lives reflect  
Your glory, Your truth, and Your holy joy.***

***Amen.***

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## Our Chapel Family Prayer List

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***This prayer list  
was current  
as of April 1st,  
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!***

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**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 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 Joe Biden; 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, coasties, guardians, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;

the people and leaders of Ukraine in this time of war and invasion by Russia;

all who are suffering from the coronavirus, all medical personnel treating them, and all those who work with the public;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Tanya Theiler;

Brian Quinn;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Frank Capone;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Sharon Veach;

Theo Frensch;

Diane Ahlport;

Bill Zahrt;

Christina;

Father Thomas and Lora Vece;

Haley and Gabriella;

John and Heidi Donnelly;  
and

Ray and Elodia Boreham  
and Family;

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.

As we live with Christ in His ascension  
as a new creation in resurrection, we engage in

**spiritual warfare**

for the kingdom of God.

## *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 Rain*

**O** GOD, heavenly Father,  
Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ  
hast promised to all those who seek Thy kingdom,  
and the righteousness thereof,  
all things necessary to their bodily sustenance;  
send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity,  
such moderate rain and showers,  
that we may receive the fruits of the earth  
to our comfort, and to Thy honour;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## Parish Postings

God be praised, the Covid-19 pandemic appears to be fairly well controlled in the San Francisco Bay area! Please note, however, that we are still strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors and practice social distancing.



It is a great joy to worship together as a Chapel Family. Please note, however, that all our worship services are available via Zoom for those occasions when you cannot sit beside us in a pew.



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 Parrish by **Palm Sunday.**



The Vestry will meet after Morning Prayer and Fellowship on Palm Sunday, April 10th. All interested parishioners are invited to observe.



### Vestry Meeting

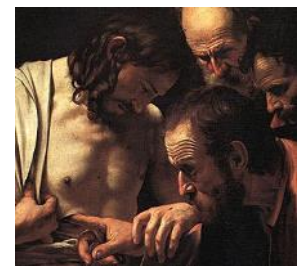
St. Luke's Chapel will observe Maundy Thursday (April 14th) with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7:00 PM. This service will include the washing of feet and the solemn stripping of the altar.



Please join your Chapel Family for a said service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 15th.



Easter Sunday is April 17th. Please join us for Holy Communion at 10:00 AM as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.



The 2022 Synod of the Anglican Convocation of the West will meet April 19-21 in conjunction with ACOW's Annual Clericus. Father Parrish, Julia McNeely, and Kim Vogel will represent our parish. Please pray that the Synod will wholeheartedly seek and steadfastly do the will of God to His everlasting glory.



SYNOD 2022

British Day is a celebration of our parish's place in the Anglican Communion.

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ion and of our British parishioners and friends. As far as we know, British Day is unique to St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills, and we usually observe it on the Sunday closest to St. George's Day. This year's British Day will be Sunday, April 24th. The Sacrament of Holy Communion from the 1662 **Book of Common Prayer** will replace the Office of Morning Prayer, and a special potluck luncheon of British fare will follow our worship. Invite your friends!



Every Friday at 10:00 AM, Clark Patteson and Father Parrish have a telephone call in which they pray for our parish. If you would like to take part in this brief telephonic prayer meeting, please contact either Father Parrish or Clark Patteson.



The Vestry is seeking donations to paint the exterior of the Chapel. When making out a check

to contribute to this project, please write *Chapel Painting* on your check memo line. Thank you!



A sign-up sheet is available in McNeely Hall so that those who would like to bring light refreshments may select a Sunday convenient for them.



Our parish helps support the Downtown Palo Alto Emergency Food Closet. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to church on Sunday and place them in the large wicker basket in the narthex. The Food Closet particularly welcomes:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Peanut butter and jellies
- Canned meats
- Breakfast cereal
- Protein-rich ready-to-heat soups, stews, chilis, and pastas
- Tea bags, instant coffee, and hot chocolate mixes

- Fruit juices, both family-sized and individual serving multi-packs



Did you realize that anyone who can sign their name is part of our Greeting Card Ministry? Please take a moment during Fellowship each Sunday to sign any birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion cards awaiting signatures in McNeely Hall. The Greeting Card Ministry is part of both Parishioner In-reach and Community Out-reach programs.



Are you looking for a lay ministry you can do on an occasional basis? Martha's List of Parish Ministries suggests you consider the Bulletin Boards Ministry. The Chapel currently has two bulletin boards which need to be updated from time to time (perhaps for liturgical seasons?): a small one in the narthex and a large one in McNeely Hall near the bookcases. If you wish to take on this ministry, please tell Father Parrish.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Sunday, April 3rd**

Passion Sunday

*Holy Communion with Holy Unction*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
10:00 AM

### **Friday, April 8th**

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### **Sunday, April 10th**

Palm Sunday

Deadline for Easter lily dedications

*Office of Morning Prayer*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
10:00 AM

*Vestry Meeting*  
11:30 AM

### **Thursday, April 14th**

Maundy Thursday

*Holy Communion with Washing of Feet*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
7:00 PM

### **Friday, April 15th**

Good Friday

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

*Evening Prayer*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
7:00 PM

### **Sunday, April 17th**

Easter Sunday

*Holy Communion*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
10:00 AM



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## *Upcoming Events*

### **Friday, April 22nd**

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### **Sunday, April 24th**

The First Sunday after Easter

British Day

*Holy Communion*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
10:00 AM

*British Day Potluck Luncheon*  
following the worship service

### **Friday, April 29th**

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### **Sunday, May 1st**

The Second Sunday after Easter

*Holy Communion with Holy Unction*  
in the Chapel and via Zoom  
10:00 AM

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***For God  
did not  
appoint us to wrath,  
but  
to obtain salvation  
through  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
that whether  
we wake or sleep,  
we should live  
together  
with Him.***

**I Thessalonians 5:9-10**

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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 and fellowship 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 Sundays)  
10:00 AM

### **Second and fourth Sundays each month**

Office of Daily Morning Prayer  
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,  
please contact Father Parrish  
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.