



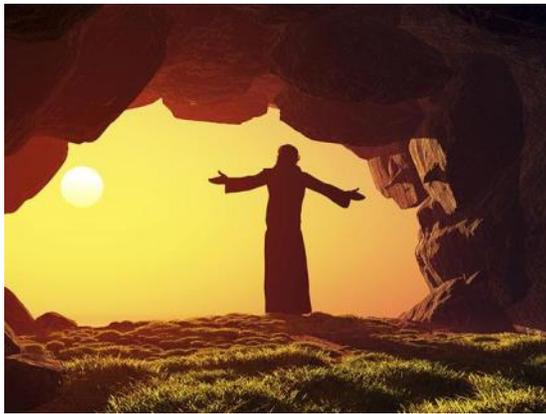
# The Hillside Messenger

## A Message from the Rector: New Life in Christ

Since Eastertide extends through the month of May, more consideration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection and the resurrection of the faithful will enhance our understanding of the new life brought into the world by His resurrection. Just as by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Christians are identified with Christ in His death, so by the same faith, they walk in the newness of Christ's life and share in His resurrection (**Romans 6:4-8**). This identification with Christ effected by our faith in Him and signified by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and re-affirmed at Confirmation implies a very close connection with the Lord. St. Paul indicates this elsewhere in these words, which could have been a very early hymn of the Church:

It is a faithful saying:  
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

Him show loyal love for Christ, whereas denying Him and refusing to continue to believe show apostasy. Even when Christians turn away from their faith, the Lord remains faithful since He cannot deny Himself. But Christians who remain faithful to their Lord, showing their love through obedience to Him (**St. John 14:15**), will also live with Him and reign with Him in God's eternal kingdom.



Even Ruth in Old Testament times set an example of loyal love in the reply she gave her mother-in-law Naomi when Naomi suggested that she return to her people and her gods:

deny us:  
If we believe not,  
yet He abideth faithful:  
He cannot deny Himself.  
**II St. Timothy 2:11-13, KJV**  
Being dead with Christ and suffering with

And Ruth said,  
Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee:  
for whither thou goest, I will go;  
and where thou lodgest, I will  
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## New Life in Christ

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lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

**Ruth**

1:16-17, KJV

Ruth's loyal love for Naomi meant that she identified with Naomi in her distress. By gleaning grain in the fields of Naomi's relative, Boaz, Ruth found new life and married her kinsman-redeemer, Boaz (who, in purchasing the property of Naomi's dead husband Elimelech, had to marry Elimelech's daughter Ruth to raise up descendants for Elimelech according to the laws of Levirate marriage – **Ruth 4:10**). Ruth received a new life as Boaz's wife and received a new inheritance; she gave birth to Obed, who became the father of Jesse and grandfather of King David.

Our love for Christ must be the same loyal

love which never abandons or deserts our faith. Let us see how the Apostles were transformed by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. **St. Mark 14:50** records that all the disciples forsook Jesus and fled when He was arrested. Now the resurrection appearances of the Lord Jesus Christ had the

make disciples of people of all nations (**St. John 20:21**; **St. Matthew 28:18-20**). These disciples received the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel boldly. They had seen and known the risen Christ and shared in His new life.

However, the Lord, in His reply to St. Thomas's confession of faith, pronounces a blessing on all who have not seen Him and yet believe (**St. John 20:29b**). Most Christians who have ever believed in Christ have never seen Him in His risen state; most Christians, then, receive this blessing from the

Lord, the blessing of having believed in Him without having seen Him. Does this mean that we are doomed to share the Gospel less effectively than the Apostles did? Surely not! For the same Holy Spirit whom the disciples received from Jesus lives in every Christian now. It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to a clear understanding of Holy Scripture and how to proclaim the Gos-

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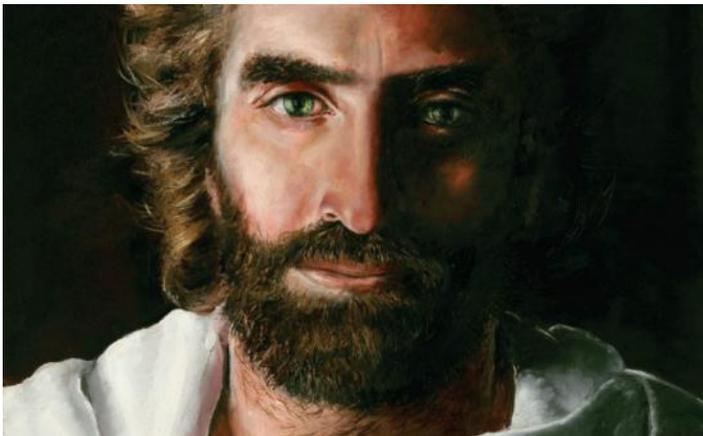
**“If you love Me, keep My commandments.  
St. John 14:15**

effect of uniting and strengthening the disciples, and after the Ascension, they continued in prayer and worship together. Their faith had been revitalized and their loyalty to Christ renewed! They received the peace of God when He showed Himself to them in His risen body (**St. John 20:19, 21**). These disciples were the eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection, whom He sent on a mission to all nations to preach the Gospel and

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pel in every circumstance.

Remember how Cleopas, in sharing the disciples' disappointment after the crucifixion of Jesus, said, "But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." (*St. Luke 24:21a*, KJV). This trust, this hope, was dashed at that time. Then the Lord, unrecognized by those two disciples on their way to Emmaus, expounds to them all the Scripture passages of



staying, Jesus reveals Himself to them during the blessing and breaking of bread.

Today we live in a world where many have lost hope. The war between Russia and Ukraine that began in February has taken many lives and could still take many more depending on the intensity with which it

*Matthew 24:6-7*). We must not be alarmed because our lives are linked to Christ's. In Christ, though we die, we shall be raised in newness of life in a spiritual body, and we shall share in eternal life with the Lord forever. It is this hope that we must be ready to share with anyone who needs to find hope for the future.

Through the power of our new life in Christ, let us go forth and do so.

– *Father  
Chris  
Parrish*

**And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,  
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;  
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

***St. Matthew 28:18-20***

the Old Testament about Himself. As He does so, their hearts burn within them (*St. Luke 24:32*) as the Holy Spirit, through the teaching of our Lord, breathes life into their understanding of the Scripture so that their hope in Christ is renewed. Finally, during supper at the home where these two disciples were

is waged and how long it lasts. Even though the United States and the nations of Europe are not directly fighting the war, the economies of many nations in the world are adversely affected by this war. The Lord Jesus Christ prophesied that nation would make war on nation, and Christians must not be alarmed (*St.*

## 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 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;

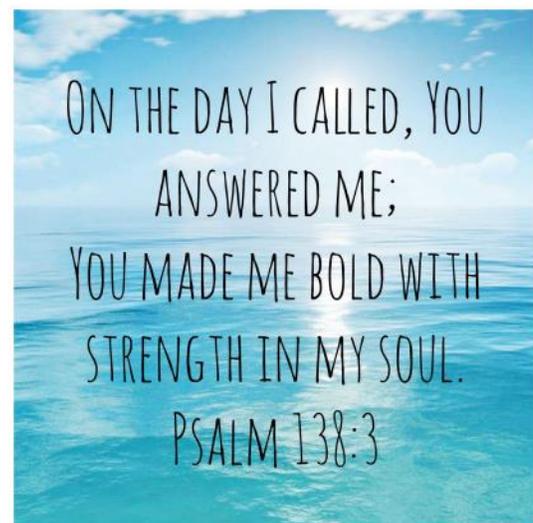
our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world; all refugees; the people and leaders of Ukraine in this time of war and invasion by Russia; Akiko Lewis; Jim and Edna Davis; Joya de Rossett; Debbie; Scott; Brittany; Tanya Theiler; Brian Quinn; Mark Quinn; Lisa; Ben; Marion; Flo; Max; 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.

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***This prayer list was current as of May 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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## *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*

**C**ovid-19 diagnoses and hospitalizations are increasing in all nine counties of the San Francisco Bay area. Please continue to wear masks indoors and practice social distancing— for the safety of yourself and everyone around you. Thank you!



**P**lease note that all our worship services are available via Zoom for those occasions when you cannot sit beside us in a pew.



**T**he Vestry will meet after Morning Prayer and Fellowship on Sunday, May 22nd. All interested



parishioners are invited to observe.

**E**very Friday at 10:00 AM, Clark Pattenon 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 Pattenon.



**W**ould you like to be baptized? If so, please contact Father Parrish at your earliest convenience.



**T**hose who wish to receive Catechesis in preparation for Confirmation should contact Father Parrish right away.

## *Upcoming Events*

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

The Festival of St. Phillip and St. James, Apostles  
The Second Sunday after Easter Day

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

### **Friday, May 6th**

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### **Sunday, May 8th**

The Third Sunday after Easter Day

Mothers' Day

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

### **Friday, May 13th**

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

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### Sunday, May 15th

The Fourth Sunday after Easter Day

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

### Friday, May 20th

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### Sunday, May 22nd

Rogation Sunday  
The Fifth Sunday  
after Easter Day

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

*Vestry Meeting*  
11:30 AM

### Thursday, May 26th

The Festival of  
Our Lord's Ascension

### Friday, May 27th

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### Sunday, May 29th

The Sunday after Ascension

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

### Friday, June 3rd

*Telephone Prayer Meeting*  
10:00 AM

### Sunday, June 5th

Pentecost, *commonly called* Whitsunday

*Holy Communion with Holy Unction*  
in the Chapel and 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 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.