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From Fr. George's notebook....



Crossroads: The Message of Easter for All Times

Our focus during Lent is on the road to Calvary — the Cross. We follow our Lord on this journey as we fast and pray until, at last, our Saviour is nailed to the Cross and gives up his Life for us, for all the world, for all of Creation, in an act of love which we can only describe as Divine Love.

So much is written, and so much attention is devoted to those days, as Jesus confronts the Jewish leadership assuring his destiny, indeed, fulfilling the destiny he had planned.

All along, his focus had been on that one destination — the Cross, for it was there only that he could reconcile all of Creation with God, Jesus Christ the Mediator who was the Propitiation for the Sins of the world.

As we draw nigh to that fateful day of the Crucifixion, the road leads us through Jerusalem to the Cross, and we follow that road with prayer and meditation — we follow in his footsteps as we make the Stations of the Cross.

We follow the road until we reach that one destination that not only symbolizes but epitomizes our Faith as Christians, for it represents God's Love for all of his Creation, and just how far he would go to provide for us a way, a road to him, for us to follow in our destination — a heavenly, eternal life.

During his Life on earth, Jesus has laid out a roadmap for us to follow in our individual journeys through life.

In modern terms, you might say that Jesus is our GPS, and that, if we follow him, we will not get lost. He will lead us around the obstacles that we might encounter, in Biblical terms, "make straight a highway in the desert."

And Jesus is the one GPS that can be relied upon, because he has traveled all the roads of life. He has experienced just what it is like to be human.

Our Lord has experienced temptation beyond our imagination in his confrontations with Satan; he has experienced love and endured hatred; he has embraced joy and shed tears of loss and sadness.

And he has suffered pain and death — a pain beyond our ability to comprehend, as he carried the burden of our sins with him to the Cross. He carried them on his shoulders, just as he car-

Services & Meetings.....

Wednesday the 6th....

Lenten Feria: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Supper Program featuring the *Life of C.S. Lewis* as told by his private secretary.

Friday the 8th....

Compassion of the B. V.M.: Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.

Saturday the 9th....

Altar Guild Workday at 10:00.

Monday the 11th begins Holy Week

See page for Holy Week Schedule.

Wednesday the 13th....

Wednesday before Easter: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m., followed by Biblical Foods Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Thursday the 14th....

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion at 5:30 pm, followed by *Stripping of the Altar.*

Friday the 15th....

Good Friday: services begin at noon thru 4:00 pm.

Saturday the 16th....

ried the Cross through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary.

Then, he suffered death — an agonizing death, as the ransom for our sins to free us from the bondage of sin and Satan, and to win for us the freedom to attain to eternal life with him in heaven.

So, you see, the Cross is our crossroad, for the path, the road, to eternal life leads from the Cross, and we journey along that road with Jesus Christ as our map, our GPS.

We have all we need to make that

Easter Eve: Decorating the church begins at 10:00 am

Monday the 18th....

Easter Monday: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 19th....

Easter Tuesday: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday the 19th....

ACW meet at 11:30 at *It's All Good.*

Tuesday the 19th....

Men of All Saints' meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday the 20th....

Wednesday in Easter: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m., followed by Anglican Studies at 6:15 p.m.

Monday the 25th....

St. Mark, Evangelist: Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday the 27th....

St. Peter Canisius: Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m., No Anglican Studies.

journey. We have the Holy Spirit as our guide, and the Church as a shelter along the way.

We will not go hungry as we travel, for he has provisioned us with the Sacraments of the Church to nurture us, and his Body and Blood nourish us.

There are many roads in life but there is only one road from the Cross, our true course through life, the road to our final destination — our true home, as prodigal children to be lovingly received by our Heavenly Father.



News from the Pews

By Clare Michelinie & Ruth Ann Prevost

Biblical Foods Night

In what has become a tradition in our **Lenten Supper Program**, we bring the series to an end with a **Biblical Foods Night**, where we sample some of the food that Jesus may have eaten during his life, and even during the night depicted in Scripture as his **Last Supper**. Recipes are available in the Parish Hall if you wish to participate, and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. **Biblical Foods Night** will be the Wednesday before Easter, following the 5:30 service.



Elise Lehman sure seems to get around these days. She is seen here with **Sharon Padgett** and **Bob Sukovich** on a recent visit to the infamous **VFW** on Aiken's Northside.

An Expanded Choir?

Now that we have a Men's Choir with Cantor to provide liturgical music for our 10:30 service, there has arisen the question of an expanded choir, with women and men, who will accompany them from the back of the church, near the organ. If interested, please see Carol Sue Roberts.

Parish Outreach

Carl Bottomley, with the assistance of Clare Michelinie, Maryanne Ebert, and Marion Terrell, is continuing to expand our Parish outreach into the assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Maryanne is now doing devotionals for the residents at Trinity on Laurens.

Here is the current schedule:

Trinity on Laurens — Thursday's at 1:00 p.m, alternating each week between a devotional service and a sing along.

Silver Bluff Grove — Wednesday's at 3:00 p.m., alternating each week between a devotional service and a sing along.

Benton House — Tuesday's at 3:00 p.m., a devotional service

Benton House — Friday's at 11:00 a.m., a sing along service.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- 3 Alan Wingard
- 3 Jerry Burns
- 5 Gail King
- 9 Marian Sortore
- 9 Anna Zouck
- 13 Elizabeth Blount

- 14 Ken Connor
- 25 Marion Terrell
- 28 Don Michelinie

April Anniversaries

- 28 Jeff & Susie Kern

Passiontide

Schedule of Services & Activities

Passion Sunday: April 3rd

Palm Sunday: April 10th

Blessing of Palms
Passion Narrative

Holy Week — Easter Schedule

Monday, April 11th — Holy Communion at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 12th — Holy Communion at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13th — Holy Communion at 5:30 pm

Final Lenten Supper Program

featuring Biblical Foods at 6:15 pm

Thursday, April 14th — Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 5:30 pm

Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Services begin at Noon through 4:00 pm

(Periods of meditation between services for people to come and go who are unable to stay for the entire period.)

Noon	Litany	15 min.
12:15	A Penitential Office	10 min.
12:30	Litany for a Christian Life	20 min.
1:00	Last Seven Words	20 min.
1:30	Stations of the Cross	25 min.
2:00	Evening Prayer	20 min.
2:30	Good Friday Liturgy	30 min.
3:00	Mass of the Presanctified	30 min.

Easter Day

Early Service 8:30 am **Principal Service** 10:30 am

Easter Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday *Holy Communion* 5:30 pm

ACW News

by Betty Alexander

In March, the ACW ladies gathered for lunch at *What's Cookin'*. Present were **Ann Zouck, Cecelia Davies, Pat Hardwick, Kim Hardwick, Sharon Riordan, Clare Michelinie, Jean Drake, Dot Holliday, and Betty Alexander.** Pat and Kim showed up as a vision in lavender, an impressive example of familial telepathy (neither knew that the other was planning to wear lavender)! Topics of conversation included a spirited discussion of (of course!) dog training, with Ann, Clare, Cecelia, and Dot advising Betty of different approaches; all agreed, however, that consistency is the key. At the other end of the table, there was a discussion of children, grandchildren, and grandchildren's weddings, which bear little resemblance to any others within our experience.



Another topic was Sharon telling of the difficulty she initially had, when looking at a picture of her and Kevin astride an elephant, in identifying whose leg belonged to whom (if that was her leg, she needed to do something drastic)!

On March 30, a group gathered in the Parish House to eat bag lunches, accompanied by a dessert and drinks, before filling plastic eggs with candy and decorating paper bags for



children from **Children's Place** to use in an Easter Egg Hunt in our churchyard. The Easter egg hunt, a longstanding tradition for All Saints', will include, this year, two Easter Bunnies (or, rather, THE Easter Bunny's

helpers). **Clare Michelinie and Marianne Ebert** will be channeling their inner bunny, to the delight of approximately 50 children. The hunt will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 14th. The children will come down the street by classes, holding hands, two-by-two, in the buddy system.

The **April ACW lunch** will be at 11:30 AM



on Tuesday, April 19th at *It's All Good*. Let's us know if you plan to come, so we can be sure to have enough tables arranged.

Men of All Saints' News

Well, **Bob Sukovich** outdid himself for the Men's dinner, grilling perfectly cooked steaks.

Of course, the steaks were accompanied with baked potatoes and salad for a meal worth far more than the pittance we put in the kitty.



As usual, there was ample beer and wine before, during, and after the meal.

Bob Holladay joined the group for the first time, while the regulars in attendance were: **Larry Byers**, who provided, as usual, entertaining stories, **Bruce Drake** who countered (Larry is a retired Marine, and Bruce, retired Navy), **Jack Vecchione, Ken Connor, Linzee Whitaker, Carl Bottomley, Tony Harris, Don Michelinie, Jerry Burns, Chris Roberts, Kevin Riordan**, our resident Irishman, and **Fr. Alexander**, who handled the camera.



Next meeting of the **MOAS** (Men of All Saints') is Tuesday the 19th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.





A Living Body As a Parish, We are Living Examples Of Christ's Presence

By Fr. Alexander

Soon, we will be celebrating Easter at All Saints' and, even though many of our early blooming flowers, shrubs, and trees suffered from deep freeze a few weeks ago, our world will inevitably show forth all of the beauty of God's Creation, so that we and all of Creation may witness to his honor and glory in the Resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ.

Just as we celebrate on **Easter Day** the Resurrection of our Lord, so we also celebrate the world coming alive in all its Glory. We celebrate life!

And what a reminder it is to us all that the **Church** is a **Living Body** — Christ's Body, and we are members of his Body.

The world around us is a constant reminder of that very fact, as it goes through its yearly cycle of life and death, of rebirth, each plant and animal, in its own way, showing forth not only the wonder of God's Creation but, also, his very presence in all that he has created.

Truly on **Easter Day**, we bear witness not only to Christ's triumph over death and sin by celebrating his Resurrection; but, we also share in that witness with all of Creation, as it springs forth with an abundance reminding us of God's gifts to mankind, his Grace and his Love.

Easter, followed by the Ascension, and the birth of the Church on Pentecost, reminds us of that, and it reminds us that the

Church is a **Living Body** filled with God's Holy Spirit.

Our Parish stands as a **Living Body** made up of so many wonderful people who give of themselves, as well as from their bounty, truly a blessing.

This **Living Body**, All Saints', infused with the Holy Spirit, is part of that greater Body, the **Church**, in which the Holy Spirit dwells. A testimony to the authority extended to us as a Parish is our bishop who is a successor to the Apostles through Apostolic Succession, a succession that allows him to trace his authority back to the Apostles themselves.

This authority, through unbroken succession, is a living testament to the reality of the Living Presence of Jesus Christ in the **Church** through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

This authority is conferred physically through the *Laying On of Hands*, and sealed by the operation of the Holy Spirit: the legitimacy of the **Sacramental System** is thus maintained.

The authority of the priest in the local church is an extension of that Episcopal Authority, thus maintaining the validity of the **Sacramental System** and providing the **Sacraments** of the **Church** to its members.

As we begin the solemnity of Christ's

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Liturgically Speaking

Passiontide: Leading up to Easter

By Fr. Alexander

There is so much in our Anglican tradition and heritage that takes us back to the early days of liturgical development and custom in the Church. The days leading up to Easter are especially noteworthy, and **Passiontide**, the time from now until **Easter Even**, focuses our attention on those final two weeks of our Lord.

Before the year 200, **Easter** was just as much a celebration of the **Passion** as it was of the **Resurrection**. Lent was unheard of, and there were no public **Good Friday** services. The liturgical year had not yet been developed.

However, there is no doubt that there was much movement toward the development of the **Rites of Holy Week** that we now observe. The importance of celebrating **Easter** on a specific Sunday was reinforced when **St. Polycarp** (martyred in 155) journeyed to Rome to challenge **Pope Anicetus** on when Easter was to be celebrated, by the day of the week (as we do now) or the day of the month. (as arranged by the Jews), thus, providing a direct connection to **St. John's** observance of Easter through **St. Polycarp**.

There is much that came out of the early Church, and developed over the centuries to become established in our liturgical practices and worship. Examples include:

the **Solemn Collects** or Intercessions, Easter Eve Baptisms, the **Paschal Mass**, the **Vigil** on Easter Eve, the new fire (ceremony of **Lucernarium**), the **Mass of the Presanctified**, and the **Veneration of the Cross** following the discovery of a relic of the true **Cross** by St. Helena in 326. Indeed, the 40-day pre-Easter fast was not unknown at the time of the **Council of Nicea** in 325, and the discovery of the Cross was to become a catalyst in the movement to adopt a liturgical year.



After centuries of refinement, we have our present day **Liturgical Year**, along with the many customs that draw us into a more spiritual and God-centered worship.

What we do here, at **All Saints'**, is in keeping with our Anglican Heritage and the great traditions of the Church, such as reading each of the **Passion** narratives during **Holy Week** in strict observance of ancient tradition; **Stripping of the Altar** on **Maundy Thursday** and establishing the **Altar of Repose**; venerating the **Holy Cross**; and celebrating the **Mass of the Presanctified**. There may be, as well, some peculiarities in celebrating the **Holy Eucharist**, as well as other observances during Holy Week, but our liturgical worship will be conducted in accordance with the best of our **Anglican Heritage**, and true to ancient tradition.

Call it Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday

Either Way, It's Still the Last Call before Lent!

Parishioners and visitors feasted on a spaghetti supper with all the trimmings for Shrove Tuesday.



Saints, we do things a little differently.

Pasta, beer and wine were furnished, and diners brought a variety of

Traditionally, this last indulgent meal before Lent has been pancakes, but at All



Pictured above are **Jack & Beverly Vecchione, Chris Roberts, and Carol Sue Roberts**, while in the photo below, big smiles from daughter & mother, **Kim & Pat Hardwick**.



sauces, along with salads, bread and desserts. Lots of laughter and lively conversations were heard throughout the evening.



Above, **Ken & Amy Connor** are all smiles, as is **Cecelia Davies**,

Shrove is derived from Shrive, referring to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent. Pancakes was the traditional meal, since eggs, sugar and fat were forbidden during Lent. These ingredients were used up, resulting in the pancakes prior to Ash



Wednesday.



Enjoying dinner and wine are **Ken Connor, Dieter Voegele, Judi Storey, Dylan Rodene, Desiree Voegele, and Amy Connor**.



At left, **Linzee Whittaker** and **Judi Storey** talk horse while enjoying their wine, while, on the right, **Bob Sukovich** slices the bread for dinner.



Larry Byers and **Betty Alexander** talk "church" over a glass of wine.



In the photo above, **Bob Storey, Fr. George, and Amy Connor** share some lighthearted humor; in the photo below, **Tim Zekany** and **Larry Byers** discuss horses, polo, and hunting



Sharon Padgett and **Tim Zekany** enjoy a glass of wine.



Very much engrossed in conversation are: **Don & Clare Michelinie, and Jean & Bruce Drake**.



St. Patrick's Day

Annual Celebration of Beloved Irish Saint means Food, Fellowship, Irish Music, and, of course, Irish Beer



Just how many Parishioners at All Saints' are truly Irish? Not just on St. Patrick's Day!

A good question but we do know of one — Kevin Riordan — but this year he didn't wear his kilt with Irish colors.



But, no problem, we celebrated St. Pat's Day with gusto, with Kevin leading the way.

Lena Whittaker prepared a great corned beef dinner with all the trimmings, and (Dr.) Tony Harris used his surgical skills to carve up the corned beef.



and with Carol Sue Roberts at the piano, we lift up our voices in grand style.

Of course, there was an ample supply of Irish beer to go with the corned beef.



Carl Bottomley handed out

sheet music with Irish songs

So, here's to St. Patrick and all the Irish — and who are Irish if only for a day....

Sláinte !



From
St. Pat's Day:

Photos
we couldn't
pass up



Thanks to our
great
photographer
**Forrest
Roberts**

A Thank-you to
**Lena
Whittaker**
for the
great Food
&
Decorations



In Memoriam

Elizabeth Schurmeier Christensen

1928 - 2022

May She Rest in Peace

Betty was born March 1, 1928 in St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated from Wells College in Aurora, New York.

She and her husband Fred were two of the earliest members of All Saints', joining the Parish in January 1978, just a few months after its founding. Through the years that followed, both she and Fred were active in the life of the Parish, teaching Sunday School and serving in various leadership roles.

One of the most remembered projects in which Betty was involved was the laying of the brick parking area in front of the



church, which has withstood the test of time and the elements.

The Church was not her only interest, as Betty was much involved in the Aiken Community, serving as a leader in both Boy Scouts and in the Girl Scouts, and at the state level, where Governor Campbell appointed Betty to serve

on the South Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners. She served on that Board for 11 years and also served on the Physician Assistant Committee and Investigative Review Committee for eight years.



Perhaps, Betty is best remembered for her work with ACTS, where she volunteered for many years and was one of its founders.

Betty remained active until her last year when health issues began taking their toll.

Betty was much admired, respected, and loved by Parishioners and clergy of All Saints'.



Can You Hear Me God?

by Cheryl Carbini

Carl Bottomley's oldest daughter, Cheryl Carbini, sent the following poem to him recently.

Carl asked if it could be printed in the newsletter, so, Carl, here it is:

Can You Hear Me God?

Oh Dear God,
As I lay me down to sleep
in my blanketed bed
so warm
in the still silence of the dark,
Can You hear me?
as bombs splinter the Ukraine
fire and ice,
Can You hear me?
whilst small children cry
in terror,
Can You hear me?
As the women weep
men, brave, young and old,
patriots, believers of peace
gone,
Can You hear me? them?
through the acid and smoke

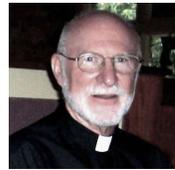
darkened skies and homes
hospitals, schools, and hearts
crumbled to earth.
Can You hear me crying?
Do You see them?
Can You hear me?
I'm praying but it's not
loud enough to penetrate
the hate and violence.
I can't hear You, Lord!
Our world stands by
waiting for miracles,
watching for legions of angels
to sweep clean from the heavens-
rescue our world-
the people, the innocent,
EVERYONE
We cannot save on our own.
Oh Dear God,
We are fallen and NEED YOU
Desperately.
Can You hear me Lord?
Can You hear me?
Please hear our cries-
prayers
Please...be with us
Amen

A Living Body.....continued....

journey to the Cross, we may, in spirit, walk with him — walk just so far. Then we watch a miracle take place — God, in the form of his Son Jesus Christ, taking upon himself our physical suffering, along with our sins, is nailed to the Cross. This ultimate **Sacrifice** is made because of a **Divine Love** beyond our human imagination. A love unblemished by the world bears our sins and frees us from their bondage.

We will celebrate, with the Resurrection on **Easter Day**, that wonderful and glorious miracle — the triumph of **Divine Love**.

That **Divine Love** is found here at All Saints' — is present for all of us to experience as living examples and members of the **Living Body of Christ**.



Statement from the Rector Concerning the War in Ukraine

As a priest, and rector of All Saints' Anglican Catholic Church, I would like to publicly denounce the acts of Russia in the Ukraine as immoral and totally contrary to all Christian standards of conduct. The atrocities being committed are unconscionable and unacceptable. I am confident that the Parish of All Saints' is in accord with this statement and that, while we are constrained in our actions in response, we may exercise our facility of prayer and free speech to seek the greatest possible condemnation of Mr. Putin and his regime and to support any necessary appropriate action on behalf of the Ukraine and its people to depose the Russian aggression.

First, in regard to the above statement, let me say emphatically that I avoid making any statements that may be considered political in nature, and direct my comments to address moral issues, whatever they may be.

So, I want to be clear that my concern relates to moral issues of warfare and treatment of civilians caught up in a conflict between warring factions.

The question of a "just war" is not at issue, as there is little debate within the free world that the aggression by Russia against Ukraine is unprovoked, and in violation of international standards of conduct in resolving conflicts between nations, as well as of longstanding norms in the conduct of internal relations.

As many of you may know, I have extended family currently living in Ukraine, who provide daily updates to my daughter-in-law, who immigrated to this country in 2004. She and my son live in Northern Virginia with their two children.

The reports I receive from Ukraine are very troubling, not just from the standpoint of aggression against a sovereign nation but also for the atrocities that are being committed by Russian forces against civilians, in particular, women, children, and the elderly. Disturbing reports coming from Bucha are of mass graves and streets littered with bodies, some of which were indicative of executions.

This conduct is no less than genocide.



Commentary
**An Easter People:
 The Centrality of the Resurrection**
 by Ken Connor

For many in our increasingly secularized society, Easter and the events that precede it are nothing more than an excuse for what many regard as a well-deserved spring break. Indeed, some local governments have gone so far as to remove Good Friday from municipal calendars in favor of the more ambiguous and inoffensive “Spring Holiday.” Not only is this evidence of the growing animosity towards the Christian religion in certain quarters of American society, it also reveals a growing ignorance of, and disregard for, the immense significance of the Easter holiday to Christians. For the millions of Americans who profess Christ as their Risen Lord, Easter is not just another excuse to buy chocolate and send greeting cards.

This month, Christians around the world will celebrate Easter as a memorial of Christ’s resurrection. If Christians are correct about what happened on the first Easter morning, then the resurrection is the single most important event in human history – much more than merely a “spring holiday.” If true, then in this single event Christ’s teachings were validated. He is the Son of God who came to earth as a sacrifice for our sins, and those who accept him by grace through faith will have eternal life. On the other hand, if the resurrection did not occur, then Christianity is a hoax and the claims of Christ were false.

According to some people today, however, whether or not the resurrection actually occurred is of little importance. Confronted with the bold truth claims of Jesus Christ – for example, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) – they try to obscure or avoid Christ’s declaration by saying they simply revere him as a great moral teacher, nothing more. If archeologists unearthed Je-

sus’ unoccupied tomb, it would not change their opinion of Christ at all.

Compare this mentality to that of the Apostle Paul: “...if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men...” (1 Cor. 15:17-19) Paul understood the centrality of the resurrection to the Christian faith. He avowed, “...if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (1 Cor. 15:14) If all we have is this earthly existence, the Apostle affirms “let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” (1 Cor. 15:32)

Paul understood clearly that ideas have consequences and that what we believe determines how we behave. If we believe that Christ is who he claimed to be and that he defeated death and the grave, we must live for him—in his presence, under his authority, and for his glory. But if all we have is this earthly existence, we might as well just live for ourselves because the grave is truly our final resting place.

In this age of relativism, tolerance, and inclusion, Christ’s claims of absolutism and exclusivity make many uncomfortable. It is deemed to be in poor taste to assert that there is only one way to God. Therefore, acknowledging Jesus as a great moral teacher is a convenient way of partially embracing him, while at the same time keeping him at a distance. But Jesus doesn’t allow us to have it both ways. Christ did not come to earth to merely usher in a new morality. C. S. Lewis explains, “...

Christianity is not the promulgation of a moral discovery. It is addressed only to penitents,

only to those who admit their disobedience to the known moral law.” In other words, Christ did not come to teach morality to those who are ignorant of it. He did not come to offer a new moral law. He came to save those who had fallen short of the existing one. Ultimately, Christ came to save sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15)

The Scriptures teach that salvation comes through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. In perfect, loving obedience to the Father’s will, Christ bore the curse of man’s sin. He paid the price of our salvation with his own death. Had the story ended there, one might think that God himself had been defeated, and that there is no hope for any of us. But the story does not end there. On Easter morning, light burst forth from the tomb. Christ conquered death and was risen to new life. Just as Jesus died a physical death, his physical body also rose again. It was the ultimate act of redemption, for in Christ’s resurrection, all things were made new.

For Christians, then, there is eternal hope in the death and resurrection of Jesus. With Christ we die to our sins, and in Christ we rise to new life. Christ has promised to restore all things; there is hope even for our aching bones and wrinkled flesh in the resurrection of the body. In that one historical event—the most important event in human history, when Jesus’ dead body was restored to life—the whole world was given hope that, in Christ, we too can live again. The reality of the resurrection is what prompted St. Augustine to declare, “We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.”

Had Christ simply told mankind of the many ways in which we all fall short of God’s perfection, the life of Jesus would have brought only despair, not hope. Who could bear seeing the stark contrast between the perfection of God and the sinfulness of men? But Christ did not bring sorrow and despair, but hope. Our hope is an Easter hope: that in the face of death and deterioration, when confronted with the many

sorrows of this world, Christ has triumphed over the grave. In conquering death, Christ promised to renew all things.

This is the one true and lasting hope. Without the resurrection, the Christian religion would be cruelly deceitful. And far from being a great moral teacher, Jesus would be a malicious charlatan.

During this Easter season, we do well to confront the claims of Jesus Christ. We should run with Peter and John to the tomb to see if it is really empty. If it is not, then we should grab all the gusto we can in order to anesthetize us from hopelessness and despair. If it is, we can sing “Alleluia!” for the curse has been broken, death has been defeated, and life eternal is available to those who believe.

Easter Flowers

Because of the scarcity and expense of Easter Lilies this year, we will be substituting alternatives such as hydrangeas. Our usual florist is working with us to secure the best flowers for Easter at reasonable prices

Forms to donate and dedicate Easter Flowers are in the Narthex.

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A Risen Lord

The Unique Claim of Christianity

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

That is the Easter greeting and the truth that we celebrate on Easter Day and each Sunday. Indeed, that is the truth we celebrate every day as Christians.

It is not a dead Christ that we worship but a risen Christ: the Son of God who has conquered Satan and sin and risen victorious over death.

Christianity is a living religion. We become Christians by dying in Christ through baptism, rising up anew, confident that we shall never die but attain eternal life through Him Who conquered death for us.

Often we hear the expression, "You can't get out of this life alive." Not so for Christians. Our bodies may die but our souls and all that we are as a person will continue to live in Christ. And at the end, we will be resurrected in a heavenly body recognizable and suitable for eternal life with our Heavenly Father.

On Easter Day, Christ appeared in His Resurrected Body, recognizable to all His Disciples and unconstrained by the physical world.

Jesus walked among His Disciples after His Resurrection: He talked with them

and shared meals with them. He could be touched, as well as seen. He was not an apparition.

No other religion can lay the claim that Christianity makes through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. No other religion is so solidly based on love. None can boast the personal, tangible interaction of an Incarnate God.

The centerpiece of our worship of the Risen Christ is the Holy Eucharist. It is through the Eucharistic Celebration that the basis of our faith in God is realized.

In the Eucharist, we offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God, just as our Lord continues to offer Himself for us in Heaven. As we receive the consecrated bread and wine, our lips touch the body and blood of Christ, God Himself, and we are nourished and strengthened spiritually, even physically, by virtue of the power of the Holy Spirit to effect us wholly.

Christ's Death on the Cross reminds us of the great love of God, His desire to preserve us for Himself, and the extent to which He will go to make it possible for us to be united with Him eternally.

Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day reminds us that ours is a Living Faith that ends not in death but eternal life.



Nature

As Seen through the Lens
by Forrest Roberts
Red-shouldered Hawk
Location: Aiken, S.C.
Walking to my mail box.

Some times you don't have to leave home to get nice bird images.

This was a bit unusual, however; as I was walking down the driveway, I noticed something out of the corner of my eye. I looked up and saw this Red-shouldered hawk landing in a tall tree in my front yard.

Since I was at the mailbox by then, I got the mail and wanted to hurry back for my camera, but decided slow was best. I did get my camera and went back to the driveway.

Surprise, hawk was still there and stayed for about 10 minutes.

Light was not great, branches were numerous and in the way. These two were my best out of about 250.

As I was changing settings, when I looked back up, the hawk had departed.



[Note: this is a monthly series of nature photography by Forrest Roberts, who, with Carol Sue, travels extensively, both of them photographing the wonders of Nature.]





Another Soup?
**A Progressive
Soup**
From Here to There!

By Fr. Alexander

Being the Clerical Chef means that, at home, I'm responsible, under the supervision, of course, of Sous Chef Betty, for preparing supper (for us Southerners) or dinner (for you Yankees).

Oftentimes, if not most times, that means figuring out what to prepare and how to prepare it. I sometimes refer to it as imaginative cooking and ad lib cooking — and, truly, so many times I have no idea where it will end up.

That was the case recently for a soup I prepared for a Lenten Supper. It started out as a small amount and progressively grew to a large pot of soup. Fortunately, it also turned out good! (As if there was any doubt!)

It just progressed, so I decided to call it my Progressive Soup.

Now, to be upfront, the exact measurements are impossible to ascertain but I can come close enough to be a starting point and give you the basic ingredients for a more manageable amount of soup.

So, here it is — **Progressive Soup:**
Ingredients:

- 3 large Chicken Breasts, Boneless
- 1 can Diced Tomatoes
- 1 qt Vegetable Broth (Swanson's)
- 1 qt Chicken Broth (Swanson's)
- 1/2 cup Carrots, neatly sliced
- 1/2 cup Celery, neatly sliced
- 1/3 cup Onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup Bell Pepper, diced
- 2 or 3 cloves Garlic, minced
- 3 TBS Olive Oil

- 1 TSP Italian Herbs
- 1/2 TSP Oregano
- 1/2 TSP Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 TSP Curry Powder*
- 1/4 cup Ditalini (rinsed well)
- 1/4 cup Trumpet Pasta (or other small pasta) (Rinsed well)
- Salt & Pepper to taste — don't skimp on the salt.

For marinating chicken:

- Salt & Pepper
- Garlic Powder
- 1/2 Cup Olive Oil
- 1 TBS Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 gallon bag

Cut the chicken breasts into bite-sized cubes, sprinkle with salt & pepper, and a little garlic powder, and marinate in about 1/2 cup of olive oil in a one gallon plastic bag. Marinate for at least an hour.

Heat olive oil in a large pot, and cook the chicken, onions, carrots, and celery with salt & pepper until the onions begin to glisten. Add the garlic and other seasonings, including the Worcestershire Sauce. Add the tomatoes, and stir well, and let simmer for a few minutes before adding the two quarts of broth. Check the seasoning; then add the pasta, and simmer for at least an hour to allow pasta to cook and all the flavors to come together. The longer you can simmer, the best it will taste.

As I said upfront, I am not sure of the exact amounts of seasoning as I progressively expanded the soup to have enough for 15 people. The recipe above is well shy of serving 15.

You may wonder about the curry powder indicated with a *. It is my secret ingredient for most of my soups (not all but most). In the right amount, it adds a subtleness and depth to the soup, as does the Worcestershire Sauce (in a very small amount).

Andiamo a Mangiamare!

Saint of the Month

St. Richard of Chichester (c. 1197 - 1253)

Richard was born in Burford, near the town of Wyche (modern Droitwich, Worcestershire) into a gentry family. When their parents died, his brother was too young to inherit, so the lands came under a feudal wardship; when his brother came of age to take possession of his lands, he was left impoverished by the payment of a medieval form of death duty. Richard worked for him on the farm and was made heir to the estate, which he conveyed back to his brother, preferring a life of study and the church.

Educated at Oxford, he taught there before going to Paris, and then, Bologna, where he distinguished himself by proficiency in canon law. Returning to England in 1235, he was elected chancellor of Oxford University; however, his former tutor, Edmund of Abingdon, now archbishop of Canterbury, made Richard chancellor of the diocese of Canterbury. After the death of the archbishop during exile at Pontigny, Richard decided to become a priest and to study theology.

Returning to England, he became the parish priest at Charing and at Deal, but was reappointed chancellor of Canterbury, and in 1244 was elected Bishop of Chichester amidst much controversy, his

election finally being confirmed by Pope Innocent IV.

Richard lived at Tarring in the parish priest's house, visited his diocese on foot,



and cultivated figs in his spare time. He was known for his most rigid frugality and temperance, and a simple diet, having been a vegetarian since his days at Oxford. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253, where he had been ordered by the Pope to preach a crusade. It was generally believed that miracles were wrought at Richard's tomb in Chichester Cathedral, a popular place of pilgrimage. He was canonized in 1262.

St. Richard is widely remembered for a popular prayer ascribed to him, which was adapted for the song "Day by Day" in the musical Godspell (1971), with music by Stephen Schwartz.

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester:

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne
for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly.
Amen.*



Parish Monthly Calendar

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Ap - Apostle Ev - Evangelist Abt - Abbot Ab - Abbess B - Bishop Bb - Bishops C - Confessor Ce - Confessors D - Doctor of the Church M - Martyr Mm - Martyrs V - Virgin Wid - Widow</p>					<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Lenten Feria Stations at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>Lenten Feria</p>
<p><i>3</i> PASSION SUNDAY</p> <p>MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>St. Isidore, B.C.D. (Comm. Lenten Feria)</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Lenten Feria</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Lenten Feria HC at 5:30 pm Lenten Supper Program at 6:15</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Lenten Feria</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Compassion of B.V.M. (Comm. Lenten Feria) Stations at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Lenten Feria Altar Guild Work Day 10:00 am</p>
<p><i>10</i> PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>Comm. St. Kentigern, B.C.) MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>Monday before Easter HC at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Tuesday before Easter HC at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Wednesday before Easter HC at 5:30 pm Lenten Supper Program (Biblical Foods) at 6:15</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY HC at 5:30 pm (Comm. St. Anselm, B.C.D.)</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY. Services begin at Noon</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>EASTER EVE Holy Saturday Decorate Church 10:00 am</p>
<p><i>17</i> EASTER DAY</p> <p>Sunday of the Resurrection MP & HC 8:30 HC 10:30</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>Easter Monday HC at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Easter Tuesday HC at 5:30 pm ACW Lunch 11:30 MOAS 6:00 pm</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Wednesday in Easter Week HC at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Thursday in Easter Week</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Friday in Easter Week</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Saturday in Easter Week (Comm. St. George, M.)</p>
<p><i>24</i> Easter 1</p> <p>MP & HC 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 HC 10:30</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>St. Mark, Evangelist HC at 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>Feria</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>St. Peter Canisius, C.D. Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm (DOS Synod - Athen, GA)</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>St. Paul of the Cross, C. (DOS Synod - Athen, GA)</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>St. Peter Martyr (DOS Synod - Athen, GA)</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</p>