



The Messenger

April 2016

From the Resident Priest...

In Easter Sunday's sermon I suggested that *only poetry* can adequately express the mysterious joy of Jesus' Resurrection. The poetry I cited as an example was that of a 17th century writer, Király Imre von Pécselyi (c. 1590 - c. 1641). And I shared some of its verses that are part of one of my most favorite hymns. It is entitled *There in God's Garden*. Here I commend the whole text that will speak for itself. One Sunday soon we'll sing it and let the melody speak also.

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
See where the tendrils of our human selfhood
Feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
Our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it
Nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
Hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection;
Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion
Offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

The celebration of Easter goes on. It is a forever promise!
And it is the focus of the next six Sundays of our Liturgy;
Indeed, it is actually the theme of **every** Sunday's worship.

Join us – and continue the praise!

Fred

ALL SAINTS' OUTREACH

Each Sunday we welcome gifts to our food pantry as part of the day's offerings. These can be any of a number of non-perishable food items, canned goods (see list for ideas—be sure to check the *use by date*). These gifts can be placed in the basket as you enter the church and they are brought to the chancel with the Offerings of the day.

Breakfast foods (oatmeal, grits, cereal)
Powdered/Canned Milk
Instant Breakfast drinks
Canned Meats - Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew
Canned soups
Canned or Dry Beans
Sardines
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Crackers
Snacks for Children
Rice
Canned Fruits
Canned & Boxed 100% Juice
Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil
Mayonnaise and Mustard
Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles
Canned and Boxed Pudding
Toilet Paper
Female Hygiene Products
Diapers (size 3, 4, & 5's are most needed)
Wipes
Baby Food

All Saints' has a strong history of helping others in many different ways. One of those opportunities is in the numerous times people come to the office each week in search of food for their families. It is helpful when we can get them through even a few days. And it also gives us a chance to suggest possibilities we know of that may provide longer term solutions to their needs.

Of course, another way we are able to assist people in our community is through the Rector's Discretionary Fund. On various Sundays the loose offerings are designated for that use. These funds have been able to help literally hundreds of our fellow citizens. "*When did I see you naked and hungry?*" That is clearly more than a question we find in the Bible. It is one we see and hear around us all the time. The compelling thing about the question, whenever and wherever asked, is that the answer Jesus gives is **always** the same.

In addition to our **Food Bank** and **The Rector's Discretionary Fund**, members of All Saints' have two great outreach giving opportunities during the month of April.

- **On Sunday, April 10**, the loose offering will be given to the **Union Mission**. The Union Mission continues to serve those in need, but their donations have decreased.
- **On Sunday, April 17** the loose offering will be given to the **Daughters of the King** to support their house project. Their plan is to build a house for a family in Honduras. (see insert for more info.)

**The faithful generosity of our congregation is deeply appreciated,
and we sincerely hope that it can continue.**

A Very Special Tribute to a Very Special Mom

Mothers are one of the best creations of **God**. She has amazing powers, can multitask without complaining and cares for everyone without any demands. Instead of saying, *"I wish there was a way to repay you for all you have done,"* here is a wonderful suggestion. Take this one opportunity to **give in honor, give thanks or in memory of your mom**, by giving a very special tribute to **"Let's Build A House."** Remember, Mom created a healthy, safe place for you to grow, explore and be the best you could be. So pay a tribute to mom and help a homeless family in Honduras experience your good fortune. Thanks!

Complete this section for publication in the service bulletins on Mothers Day, May 8, 2016

In honor of: _____

Name

In thanksgiving for: _____

Name

In memory of: _____

Name

Here's my gift to bring hope and help build a **HOME** for a family in Honduras.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to All Saints' Church with Build a Home on memo

And return it with your tribute by **Tuesday, May 3, 2016** to the parish office, either by mail

(635 Hamilton Street, RR, NC 27870) or place in the Alms Basin during church service on Sunday.

"A mother's heart is a special place where children always have a home."

Unknown



Laura Junz King Alston Chapter

Scripture Readings and Server Schedule

April 3, 2016 - The Second Sunday of Easter

8 am Chalice & Lay Reader: Joanne Parrott
8 am Lector: Ginny Orvedahl
11 am Chalice: Richard Thiele
11 am Lay Reader: Scott Barber
11 am Lector: Miles Gregory

Acts 5:27-32 Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' resurrection. His response to the charges summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

Psalms 118:14-29 You are my God, and I will exalt you.

Revelation 1:4-8 Revelation recounts a vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

John 20:19-31 Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus

April 10, 2016 — The Third Sunday of Easter

8 am Chalice & Lay Reader: Robbie Stewart
8 am Lector: Sally Hardison
11 am Chalice: Richard Thiele
11 am Lay Reader: Chris Lehman
11 am Lector: Miles Gregory

Acts 9:20 Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Psalms 30 You have turned my wailing into dancing.

Revelation 5:11-14 The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

John 21:1-19 The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

April 17, 2016 — The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 am Chalice & Lay Reader: Julian Gardner
8 am Lector: Inez Gardner
11 am Chalice: Richard Thiele
11 am Lay Reader: Scott Barber
11 am Lector: Scott Harris

Acts 9:36-43 Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Revelation 7:9-17 Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

John 10:22-30 Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

April 24, 2016 — The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8 am Chalice & Lay Reader: Joanne Parrott
8 am Lector: Ginny Orvedahl
11 am Chalice: Patricia Barnes
11 am Lay Reader: Gaynell Jennings
11 am Lector: Bill Hodge

Acts 11:1-18 In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Psalms 148 The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

Revelation 21:1-6 John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

John 13:31-35 After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The Ushers for April

Mike Scott and Scott Harris

The Ushers for May

Bobby Barnes and Bill Hodge

May 1, 2016 — The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 am Chalice & Lay Reader: Robbie Stewart
8 am Lector: Sally Hardison
11 am Chalice: Richard Thiele
11 am Lay Reader: Chris Lehman
11 am Lector: Tom Mastroianni

Brain Games on WRAL

Our very own **Ella Carter** is representing her school, the North Carolina School of Science and Math in this year's Brain Games on WRAL Channel 5 at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The team faced off against Panther Creek and Wake Forest High Schools March 19 for the second round of the competition. Be sure to tune in on **April 16** when they face off against Cape Fear Academy for the third round. The students work to be the first to answer questions posed by host, Mark Roberts testing their broad knowledge on topics from modern culture to math, science, geography and literature.

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Saints' Cuisine

Saturday, April 30, 2016

6 PM

Hosted by:
Paula and Tom Mastroianni
Scott Barber

*At the home of Paula and Tom
200 Hatteras Drive, RR*

252-308-0788

*Please bring your favorite appetizer and
beverage.*

*We look forward to a evening of good
food, good fellowship and fun!!!*

Hope to see you all!!

Choir News

Welcome to **Hayleigh Stallings**, a Wesleyan student, who will be singing with the choir through the spring as a student scholarship recipient. This scholarship will be funded by memorial funds and other designated gifts. Music at All Saints' is a vital part of our worship, and we will strive to keep it alive and thriving!



Rocky Mount Convocation ECW Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 16, 2016

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
202 North Goldsboro Street
Wilson, NC

Registration deadline is April 4, 2016
Forms are in the office or on the NC ECW website.