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Resurrection – what does it really mean?

We all go through ups and downs in life. As we worship through Holy Week with Jesus, we might assume these days to be a colossally “bad” time – a deadly time.

Have you ever felt you were going through a deadly time – an episode in personal, work or church life that you thought you might not survive? I can say that I have, and I recall times when one of my sons, at age 16, and again at approximately age 23, felt that he would not physically survive the torment he was going through. Fortunately, he did, and I did. Jesus did not. Or did he?

Our professed belief in Jesus Christ is based on the conviction that resurrection is very real, that the tomb was not and is not the last of this most amazing God/Man. The Bible tells us of the many people who witnessed his continued presence. Resurrection is also a powerful invitation to each of us: a devastating situation CAN be changed, resolved, reconciled. It takes effort, but nothing worthwhile is necessarily easy. This is one of the most central promises of the Christian faith.

However, there are two challenging theological concepts which condition Jesus’s “resurrection” for me. The first is “atonement” – that Jesus died for our sins. The second is the “ascension,” which would suggest that Jesus is no longer with us. I, and many others, have problems with both ideas.

The Rev. Dr. Ann Hallisey, wife of our dear bishop, recently wrote about the first idea – atonement – in our diocesan e-newsletter. She said, “Jesus becomes the willing victim, the innocent who willingly dies for others. He joins himself to all suffering, stands with all who suffer, experiences in himself the absolute of all human suffering.”

A book of meditations I used for our parish Lenten Study (by The Very Reverend Doctor Jane Shaw, dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco) also singled out “atonement” as a misunderstanding of Jesus’ sacrifice. Both Ann+ and Jane+, if I may address them informally, object to the theory that God **required** the death of Jesus as a sacrifice for the sins of the world – that means us. That notion

disregards Jesus' own faithfulness and intention in ministering to God's people. One way to think of it might be as the difference between offering your resignation for the good of the group, and being forced to resign to compensate (or atone) for the transgressions of others.

Regarding the second idea – ascension – we have the statements at the end of the Gospel of Luke and the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles (two connected works), which report Jesus' ascension into heaven. But this theological image leaves us puzzled about whether Jesus is somehow present in our physical world - or not. The Gospel of Matthew concludes with Jesus commissioning his eleven disciples (followers) as apostles (those sent out) to all the world, with the charge, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

These words were uttered by the resurrected Jesus. They tell *me* that Jesus is with us, *with me*, to the end. Jesus is not far away, sitting at the right hand of God in some heavenly realm. Jesus is with us, today, and forever.

What that means to us is that we are accountable, not just to be "believers" who don't stand for much of anything, but believers who are, in truth, apostles.

May the Resurrection of our Lord offer new life to you!

Pastor Christine +

Bishop's Conference: Working Together for Justice

The annual "Bishop's Conference" – held in spring – presents a programmatic counterpoint to the business of the diocesan convention – held in November. This year, the Bishop's Conference theme is "Working Together for Justice." How is The Episcopal Church and how are the congregations of The Episcopal Church called to affect change in the world? The last question in our baptismal covenant asks, "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" Every clause in the Covenant is important, but perhaps it all comes down to this one, as where the rubber meets the road. "Participating in the Reign of God through acts of Mercy and Justice" is the full title of the conference, which will be held Friday, April 26 through Saturday, April 27 at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento. You can register online (\$55 for whole conference, including Friday dinner and Saturday lunch, or lesser amounts for shorter times). Go to www.norcalepiscopal.org.

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

PSALM 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6,(7-20)

PSALM: 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

PSALM: 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

PSALM: 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

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At a Glance

Saturdays	Thrift Store open 9-1
Tuesdays	Bible Study 7:00pm
April 7	Vestry Meeting 1:00pm
April 8-24	Rector on vacation
April 13	Daughter's of the King 10:00am
April 15	Anchor Deadline
April 26-27	Bishop's Conference Friday evening and Saturday all day

NEXT MONTH

May 18	Spring Tea 2:00-4:00
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 6	Margaret Alley
April 11	Debbi Honeycutt Patrick Thrasher
April 12	Len Honeycutt
April 13	Kara Magdaleno

Clergy and Lay Eucharist Visits

Please call the church office(635-5282) or send an e-mail to the church (st.clements@hotmail.com) if you would like communion brought to you or a family member.

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For Mike and Betty Chapman: An Appreciation

Last month (March), Mike and Betty Chapman gave us the news that they are seeking a new spiritual home. After 30-some years as active leaders at St. Clement's, Mike wrote, "The road of life has many unexpected curves and crossroads. We have come to one of those crossroads..."

Those of us who have worshipped at St. Clement's for even a short time have probably interacted with one or both of the Chapmans in multiple ways. They were both long-time choir members. Mike was on vestry (junior warden this year), and served as a lector and intercessor. In addition, Mike took as part of his ministry, the role of available medical consultant, offering his experience as a medical doctor and orthopedics trauma surgeon (for which he happens to be world-famous!). Betty alternated with Mike on vestry. She founded and authored the Lectionary Bible Study (which she will publish for the next two quarters, completing Lectionary Year C and then probably ending a 24 year run!). She led the weekly Bible study for years, until recently turning it over to David Bridges. Betty seemed to be the perennial chair of the Stewardship Committee, as well as the P.I.E. Committee (organizing the delivery of pies or other baked goods to newcomers as a welcome gift). Betty also recently added coffee hour hostess to her list of contributions. Oh, and both often served as delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Both Mike and Betty exemplify lives of active Christian service – not only in our parish, but also in the diocese and other communities of which they are a part, such as UC Davis. Many of you have probably been enriched by each of them. I certainly have.

If you have not had an opportunity to say good-bye and express your love and appreciation for their presence among us, I encourage you to do so. Cards and e-mails are welcome. They look forward to continuing

their friendships.

Let us wish them all God's blessings in the next phase of their lives. And pray that they may find their way back to the St. Clement's fold in the future. They will be received with joy!

Pastor Christine +

Special Services in April

Pastor Christine will be on vacation – to Turkey! – from April 8 through April 24. On April 14, Fr. Jimi Benesh will be our preacher and celebrant. On April 21, we will have Morning Prayer, led by Janelle Fallan at 8 am and Len Honeycutt at 10 am, with David Bridges preaching at both services.

On April 28, Pastor Christine will be on hand, but will turn over preaching and presiding to the Rev. Canon Britt Olson, Canon to the Ordinary, (which means she is helper to the Bishop – the "Ordinary" – not the way we use the word in "ordinary" speech!). She will meet with the Vestry afterward.

Our attendance has been ticking upward – significantly – so please continue the positive trend and be present for these worship opportunities. As always, the incomparable St. Clement's Choir and Minister of Music, Carole Maxson, will offer musical blessings.

Lunch Bunch will take a break in April

Due to Pastor Christine's absence in mid-April, we will put off Lunch Bunch until May 11.

KID'S DAY IN THE PARK is a FREE City of Rancho Cordova community event in Hagan Park from 11 am to 3 pm Saturday, April 27.

Do you think of your church as family?
have you treated your church as a family member in your will?

Period	Jan-Feb 2013	Total for Period	Budget for Period	Difference
INCOME				
	Contributions	19671	20000	-329
	Fundraisers	1829	2030	-201
	Other Income	383	140	243
	Restricted	125	125	0
	Construction	2055	3100	-1045
TOTAL INCOME		24063	25395	-1332
EXPENSES				
	Outreach	1105	200	950
	Fundraisers	1836	1040	796
	Capital Expenses	1614	3134	-1520
	Diocese Payments	375	2022	-1647
	Administration & Facilities	547	664	-117
	Maintenance & Utilities	3740	4021	-281
	Worship & Fellowship Costs	690	1630	-940
	Payroll			
	Clergy Costs	12798	12768	30
	Lay Costs	3509	3240	269
	Payroll	16307	16008	299
TOTAL EXPENSES		26259	28719	-2460
NET OPERATING INCOME		-2196	-3324	1128
	Other Expenditures			
	Bldg Loan	2794	2350	444
NET PROCEEDS		-4990	-5674	684

Check out what's going on in the diocese by reading the twice-a-month e-mail communication, called simply E-Newsletter. It's brief, non-invasive and full of information. Sign up at www.norcalepiscopal.org, and go to the bottom right of the home page.

Diocesan Convention 2013 will be held in Sacramento!

Diocesan Convention 2013 will be held at the beautiful and spacious Red Lion Woodlake Hotel and Conference Center in Sacramento November 7 – 9, 2013. Our guest speaker for the Friday night banquet will be Bishop Michael Curry from the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Spring Tea May 18!

Please save the date of Saturday, May 18 from 2-4 pm for a Spring Tea in the Parish Hall. We've enjoyed some delightful teas at St. Clement's in the last few years. Thank you, Smith Sisters. This time, we encourage parish members to "sponsor" a table for six or eight and decorate it with their own tea "things" and teas, and invite people to buy tickets for their table at \$12.50 apiece. We will have a buffet of delicacies for all to enjoy (we hope contributed by the parish). There will also be a hat fashion show. Wear your own hat, or one of Victoria McKinney's hats. It will be fun, delicious and a fund-raiser for St. Clement's. Ideas and sponsors welcome. Victoria McKinney has graciously volunteered to spear-head this event.

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church April 2013

	SUNDAY Apr 7 2nd Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY Apr 14 3rd Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY Apr 21 4th Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY Apr 28 5th Sunday of Easter
Altar Guild	Jennifer Yee Stephen Souلمان	Deidra White Kara Magdalena	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt
Ushers 8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Irene Grant	Randy Grimwood	Irene Grant
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom	Ray & Sherry Stults	Jennifer Jones	Pam Quarles
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Marj Heinke
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Bill Murray Bobbie Keill	Bobbie Keill Pam Quarles	David Bridges Kent Ransom	Chuck Maxson Mike Chapman
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Jim Wash	Janelle Fallan	Jim Wash	Chris Wash
10:00 a.m.	David Bridges	Bobbie Keill	Ray Stults	Chuck Maxson
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy	Janelle Fallan
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Muriel Murray	Sharon Burke-Polana	Debbie Popp	Deidra White
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweater Phyllis Rayburn	Jim & Chrs Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Bobbie Keill	Terry Sandhoff	Marla Bridges	Sherry Stults
Counters	Sharon Burke-Polana Muriel Murray	Kent Ransom Harry Shippy	Guido Polana Stephen Souلمان	Ray Stults Harry Shippy
FILE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Mickey Boughton	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Mickey Boughton

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am Vestry Meeting 1:00pm AA6:30pm	Pastor Christine on vacation through April 24	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm			Thrift Store open Daut of the King 10:00am NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Anchor deadline	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm	Rector back in office		Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Morning Prayer 8:00&10:00am AA 6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm		Bishop's Conference (eve)	Thrift Store open 9:00am – 1:00pm Bishop's Conference – all day NA 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm
28	29	30	31			
Eucharist 8:00&10:00am AA6:30pm	Rector's Day Off	Bible Study 7:00pm	AA 6:00 pm			

APRIL 2013

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

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Donations come from people like you. If you have a loved one who is having a birthday or you want to commemorate any special person or event in your life, consider donating flowers for the Altar. There is a sign-up chart in the narthex. Floral tributes to God's altar leave you feeling good and glorify Him.