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Living into resurrection

Holy Week and Easter offered blessings so abundant, it was almost breathtaking. The journey began when I asked during Lent if people would be interested in attending a daily Eucharist during Holy Week (something we have not done in my tenure, at least.) So many said, 'yes' that the next question became "what time?" I was willing to go with whatever the majority picked. Fortunately for me it was NOT 7 am (I would have been there!), but 5:30 pm. My expectations were really modest – one or two gathered in Jesus' name. Instead, each day we had quite a good crowd – usually 20 or so – which is more than we have at our early service these days. At each of these events I emphasized a different sequence in the Gospel of John's account of the passion and crucifixion. (I thank the Rev. Craig Satterlee for his insights.)

Once I had committed to daily services during Holy Week I could hardly bail out on Easter Vigil. I confess that I go into an annual depression because "nobody" but the choir comes to the most beautiful service of the entire church year. Maybe you didn't hear about it, but I had threatened to eliminate Easter Vigil. (Actually, I've been issuing this threat for at least four years.) But I was in for a penny, in for a pound, and Easter Vigil would not be canceled on my whim.

Instead, all of us were surprised. After the three first days of Holy Week, services for the Three Great Days (the Triduum) saw increased attendance. At Easter Vigil we had a baptism and plenty of folks to welcome the newly baptized! Easter morning was joyous, especially with an Easter breakfast thrown in!

It is really no mystery how all this happened. A whole bunch of people took part – over 40 – in addition to those who blessed us by worshipping here! Many of you commented about how much more you appreciated the sweep of Holy Week and Easter because of the various services, themes and short homilies. For example, on Monday of Holy Week, when we hear of Mary anointing Jesus' feet with her hair, we offered anointing (on the forehead) to be in solidarity with Jesus. Everyone present chose to accept this rite.

On Tuesday, when we hear of Greek visitors to Jerusalem who ask to see Jesus, we took a few moments to look at each person in the room to seek and see Jesus in each other. On Wednesday the Gospel relates Judas' plan to betray Jesus, perhaps out of jealousy. Knowing all, Jesus still welcomed Judas at his table, and broke bread with him. Each of us betrays Jesus at times, too. We said the Rite of Reconciliation together, because all of us need to repent and seek forgiveness.

On Easter morning, as my sometimes Grinch-y heart was overflowing with gratitude, it occurred to me to TRY to express appreciation to those who had made Holy Week so fulfilling simply by showing up! Because Easter, and/or Christmas, may be the only church service some people attend throughout the year, I wanted to showcase how many St. Clement's folks had participated during the eight days of services between Palm Sunday and Easter. So, I began by asking everyone who had attended *at least three services* during those eight days to stand up. At 8 am that was almost everyone; at 10 am it was at least half the room. Then, I asked those who had attended *four days to remain standing*. A few sat, but a whole lot remained on their feet. Then, stay up if you attended *five days*. A few more sat. *Six days?* Wow, there were a whole lot of folks standing! *Seven days?* We lost a few between six and seven, but I suspect we still had over 15 people on their feet. Finally, how many attended *eight days of services*? Six people (not counting myself) were still standing (I'm combining both services)! I knew who they were, of course, and I had prepared "Good and Faithful Servant" certificates for them – for a lighthearted reward. Their real reward came from the participation in worship.

Now that we are in Eastertide, the immediate brilliance of resurrection has softened. It is easy to pack up our Easter memories for another year and get on with daily responsibilities. However, our Sunday gospel readings keep reminding us, keep reminding us, that Jesus appears among us, Jesus ministers among us as long as we open our eyes to see and welcome him.

Resurrection life is nothing more – nor less – than choosing to see the love of Jesus Christ instead of discord and strife. How could such a perspective bring YOU into new life?

A most blessed Eastertide to you, brothers and sisters,

Pastor Christine +

Bible Readings

for the month

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

May 6

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

PSALM 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15: 1-8

May 13

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

PSALM 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 20

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Sunday After the Ascension

Acts 1: 15-17,21-26

PSALM 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 27

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

PSALM 104:25-35,37

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15 1 John
5:9-13

John 17:6-19

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At a Glance

Saturdays

May 3

May 13

May 15

May 17

May 20

May 26

Thrift Store open 9-1

Lunch Bunch 12 noon

Mother's Day

Anchor Deadline

Parish Pot Luck 6:00pm

Vestry Meeting - 1:00pm

Southeastern Deanery

Convocation 10:00-12:00

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 7

Jessica Smith

May 11

Mickey Boughton

May 13

David Garcia

May 24

Irene Grant

May 26

James Manown

Mark Long

May 28

Aubry Quarles

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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How does your garden grow?

‘Mistress Mary’? Don’t know anyone by that name. ‘Quite contrary’? Oh, I hope not.

Actually, our St. Clement’s flower garden is benefitting from a lot of very positive vibes. And it is almost comical how it all happens. This may be more history than you want, but it illustrates the process.

The idea of a community garden has been around for a while. Pastor Christine really wants to do it. Certain members of the vestry really think it takes more study, and certainly consideration of water use and other potential issues. (This stage occurs for some years.)

In February 2012 Pastor Christine invited interested persons to visit St. George’s Episcopal Church in Carmichael to see how they manage a set of plots that is available to community members. She and Harry Shippy go. They report to the Vestry in March. They may have surprised the vestry by making something of a negative report. However, they proposed a modest test effort at St. Clement’s: a small flower garden in which to grow flowers that can be cut for church floral displays. We need such a resource since the gardens that our intrepid floral arranger, Barbara Patterson, has access to have dwindled. The vestry favored this small-scale approach. It was agreed that the location would be on the ‘far’ side of the portables, in a section of the lawn where the sprinkler system isn’t working well (or at all).

We announced a work day on Saturday, April 21. The goal was to roto-till the area, stake it off, and get ready to do some planting. Four volunteers showed up, but unfortunately, not the roto-tiller. Meanwhile, as the four were trying to figure out how big an area to rope off, another parishioner, who was around to work on a different project, poked her head around the corner and suggested – most humbly – if we might consider a different location for the garden. Since we had nothing to lose, I asked the

small group to go to this new site. Hmm, hmmm, okay, this looks good. Then *another* parishioner, who was there for yet another activity (there’s a lot going on at St. Clement’s on Saturdays!), suggested that we design our flower garden with raised planter beds. Hmmm, hmmm, more discussion. Ultimately, we pulled up the four stakes we had placed in the original location and stowed them behind the recycling shed.

But the ideas were percolating! The next day, Sunday, two guys started talking after the 8 am service, and calculating the amount of lumber, and one of them has access to lumber, and one thing leads to another... and in a few days some of that raised planter lumber was on hand soon. Another parishioner is still arranging for the roto-tilling, so the ground under the planter will be more receptive to roots. Len Honeycutt asked Waste Management to move the dumpster out of the way – and that’s happened. All in all, as I write in late April, things are gaining speed.

Keep tabs on our flower garden. We’re going to need a name for it, and maybe a little garden sign. Ideas?

Pastor Christine +

Southeastern Deanery Spring Convocation May 26

Our Diocese is in the process of simplifying its structure. Instead of a Board of Directors and a Diocesan Council, the 2011 Diocesan Convention voted to consolidate to a single Board of Trustees, which will convene in January 2013. However, various positions need to be elected to that board, and that is one of the chief tasks of the upcoming deanery convocations. The open positions are distributed among the new seven deaneries. All delegates to diocesan convention in November should attend this convocation, which runs from 10 am to 12 noon on May 26 at Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento. Please direct questions, or interest in being a member of the new Board of Trustees, to Pastor Christine.

Mother's Day History

Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not conceived and fine-tuned in the boardroom of Hallmark. The earliest tributes to mothers date back to the annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. Christians celebrated this festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, mother of Christ. In England this holiday was expanded to include all mothers and was called Mothering Sunday.

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else.

In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed

out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

At first, people observed Mother's Day by attending church, writing letters to their mothers, and eventually, by sending cards, presents, and flowers. With the increasing gift-giving activity associated with Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis became enraged. She believed that the day's sentiment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit. In 1923 she filed a lawsuit to stop a Mother's Day festival, and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling carnations for a war mother's group. Before her death in 1948, Jarvis is said to have confessed that she regretted ever starting the mother's day tradition.

Despite Jarvis's misgivings, Mother's Day has flourished in the United States. In fact, the second Sunday of May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, and telephone lines record their highest traffic, as sons and daughters everywhere take advantage of this day to honor and to express appreciation of their mothers

(From the web site 123holiday.net)

How is The Bible Challenge Going?

Several of us began on Ash Wednesday with the Lent-to-Lent schedule of reading the entire Bible in one year. It is now more than two months into the year. How are you doing? I'm happy – and relieved! – to say that I'm on schedule. Leviticus was tough, and so was Numbers, but if you are reading a Bible with good commentary, it helps enormously. Please let me know if you run into road-blocks – we all do. We're going to have a pot-luck time together to talk about our experiences so far. I think there are about 15 – or more – 'Bible Challengers.'

Pastor Christine +

Holy Week and Easter Appreciations

In random order, and begging forgiveness for omissions, I dare to thank the following:

Bobbie Keill	Coordinating Maundy Thursday soup supper & Easter breakfast
Coffee Hour hosts	Easter breakfast
Barbara Patterson	flowers
Kathleen Gallagher, Stephen Soulman	Altar Guild team all during Holy Week
Len & Debbi Honeycutt	Changing liturgical colors three times during Holy Week
Deidra White	More Altar Guild & linens (we used a lot!)
Carole Maxson & Choir	Outstanding music at the major services
Trish Slaff	Our brave new member of the Body of Christ
Len Honeycutt	Who kept his cool creating all the service bulletins
Sharon Burke-Polana	Who orchestrated the Easter egg hunt and helpers

All those who read, intercessed, acolyted, served the chalice, ushered, prepared coffee, set tables, cleared tables, stayed to do dishes, took out the trash, and on and on.....
What it takes to keep a community of faith humming is ALL OF YOU!
Pastor Christine

Lunch Bunch is Back – May 3!

We took a break during April because of Holy Week, but on Thursday, May 3, we have a special Lunch Bunch menu for you. Mary Norsweather is cooking up a coconut-bean soup (she says it's from Africa) with corn muffins (I think). Pastor Christine is bringing a salad and Phyllis Rayburn has dessert covered. You don't want to miss this fellowship event! Our church service begins at 12 noon, with lunch at 12:30. This will be the SIXTH anniversary of our Lunch Bunch program, which was the suggestion of Pastor Christine's mother, Charlotte. If you need a local ride, please call the church with a little notice.

Vestry Meets May 20

We don't want to ask the Vestry to skip Mother's Day, so the May Vestry meeting will be Sunday, May 20 at 1 pm. All Vestry meetings are open. We will post the agenda the week before.

Welcome Back Sundermans!

It will be a special joy to greet Paul, Laurel and Adam Sunderman on June 3. They agreed to substitute for organist Carole Maxson on occasion, and this is one occasion. We miss their joyful spirits and great musical talents, so please be on hand to give them a St. Clement's welcome. And, if you haven't heard, Adam is expecting a little sister!

To our brothers and sisters in Haiti: We can't rebuild with our hands, but we can share our love And a little money!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our goal of \$1,000 from St. Clement's to join the much larger contribution from the Diocese of Northern California (we'll report the final figure when it is known). We sent it to the Bishop's office on April 15.

Do you have a will?
Have you remembered the Church in
your will?

Lay Ministry Schedule St. Clement's Church May 2012

	SUNDAY May 6 5th Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY May 13 6th Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY May 20 7th Sunday of Easter	SUNDAY May 27 Day of Pentecost
Altar Guild	Deidra White Kara Magdaleno	Kathleen Gallagher Stephen Souلمان	Irene Grant Phyllis Rayburn	Debbi Honeycutt Len Honeycutt
Ushers 8:00 a.m.	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood	Randy Grimwood
Ushers 10:00 a.m.	Pam Quarles	Ray & Sherry Stufts	help needed	help needed
Acolytes 8:00 a.m.	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy
Acolytes 10:00 a.m.	Debbie Popp	Debbi Honeycutt	Kathleen Gallagher	Debbi Honeycutt
Lectors 8:00 a.m.	Ken Dunham	Jim Wash	Chris Wash	Janelle Fallan
Lectors 10:00 a.m.	Kent Ransom Chuck Maxson	Quintill Wells Sarah Moridi	Pam Quarles David Bridges	Muriel Murray Mike Chapman
Intercessors 8:00a.m.	Harry Shippy	Ken Dunham	Chris Wash	Saralu Methven
10:00 a.m.	Bill Murray	Ray Stufts	Mike Chapman	David Bridges
E.M. (Chalice) 8:00a.m.	Janelle Fallan	Chris Wash	Jim Wash	Harry Shippy
E.M.(Chalice) 10:00 a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Bobbie Keill	Debbie Popp
Coffee Hour 8:00 a.m.	Harry Shippy	Mary Norsweather Phyllis Rayburn	Jim & Chris Wash	Irene Grant Randy Grimwood
Coffee Hour 10:00a.m.	Kathleen Gallagher Betty Chapman	Bobbie Keill	Debbie Popp	Carrol Cartwright
Counters	Ray Stufts Harry Shippy	Kent Ransom Sherry Stufts	Muriel Murray Guido Polana	Suzron Burke-Polana Stephen Souلمان
PILE 8:00 & 10:00a.m.	Muriel Murray	Debbi Honeycutt	Betty Chapman	Mickey Boughton

MAY 2012

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 A.M. RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

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FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE



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St. Clement's Thrift Store is 2 Years New!

The brainchild of Denise and Emilito Smith has been going strong for over two years now. With all volunteer staffing, the entire proceeds benefit St. Clement's – and have been designated toward loan payments on the building renovations completed in 2009. For 2010 and 2011 the Thrift Store has contributed a total of \$8,672 to St. Clement's, all of which – less sales taxes which we file and pay to the State – has been directed to the building loan.

That's just one aspect of the Thrift Store – the part that helps us. Much more important is the part that helps the community. Despite its limited hours, the St. Clement's Thrift Store has developed a name and a reputation as a source of very good quality clothing and household items at really, REALLY, reasonable prices. That's their goal: to be a place where you can buy things you need, and clothes that will make you presentable, and not be made to feel poor.

Our Thrift Store is also a charity that parishioners can feel comfortable donating TO, because they know that no profit is taken and only consumers are served. For example, Kent Ransom recently donated a truckload of beautiful clothes – size 6, mostly – that our beloved Eleanor had owned. If you know anyone of petite size, encourage her to check out these lovely items.

The Thrift Store operates on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.