

*The Hallowed Word*  
All Hallows Episcopal Church  
April 2016

... a strong faith ... a caring community ... an active ministry ...

**Q. How long does Easter last? A. Forever!**

Easter never ends. In our Book of Common Prayer the words for our final services are “The Burial of the Dead: Rites One and Two,” but in our culture the gentler terms used are “Memorial Service” or “Funeral.” Adjusting to the loss of a loved one is usually a difficult and painful end of a loving relationship and “softer” words are preferred.

Yet, really, the last words in both Rite 1 and 2 for the *Burial Office* are loving, enduring, and speak of a continuation of life—not the end. The final words spoken by the priest are:

“Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and lead you into the holy city Jerusalem.”

Almost identical words for a timeless journey. We are never out of God’s sight; we are God’s beloved children and we are always in God’s presence.

As Jesus was taken from the cross to the tomb he was handled by loving friends and relatives. His tomb was a gift, and once used could never be reused according to Jewish Law.

And so there He lay. From Friday afternoon until the third day, which we call “Sunday” when the tomb was empty and...

The story continues! Now...in the eight following weeks our Gospel will tell the story of Jesus, alive. Five weeks and 5 days later we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, and 10 days after that we will celebrate the Holy Spirit, who will remain with us always. Pentecost!

And every Sunday we recall God’s presence with us both by prayer and the reception of the Eucharist. Yet, we also find that God is always with us. God does not “visit” us only when we pray or are thinking about God. God is with us at all times—a living presence. Not

a visitor, but part of us. Those times when you are filled with joy and often think of God, God is there, always. This is what Jesus taught us.

Those times when you just forget your prayers and God.

Even...those times you deny God.

God does not forget us...

That is what Jesus taught us. That is what Jesus promised us. Life doesn't end—it is transformed.

*In Peace, Nanese+*

**Every little bit makes a difference!** Last month we took Box Tops for Education worth \$59.50 to Snow Hill Middle School and Labels for Education worth \$43.30 to Snow Hill Elementary. We also took used cartridges to Snow Hill High. (I don't know the value to them.) Thank you for your part in saving these. (Ten cents each adds up.)

**Church Periodical Club – CPC** from Katherine Gordon, chairperson  
If you have not already heard, the CPC glass jar is not half full or half empty, it is just empty. As little as 50 cents a week, or \$2.00 a month, or \$24 a year will help support this ECW's outreach Ministry. These donations are combined with other Episcopal churches to provide financial scholarships for Episcopal seminarians to purchase text materials needed for their study. Please support this ministry with as little as pennies a day.

(Deuteronomy 15:10 Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.)

**For Easter, the Sunday School class sang us “This Little Light of Mine.” They did a great job, and Harry Dietch shared their picture.**



### **Musings from Jim**

I am diverging somewhat this month from the regular format to present you with some “Hymns of Life” from some “Protestant” hymnals. Do any of these sound familiar?

The Dentist’s Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

The Weatherman’s Hymn: “There Shall Be Showers of Blessings” or “From Every Stormy Wind That Blows”

The Contractor’s Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” or “How Firm a Foundation”

The Gardener’s Hymn: “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” or “In the Garden”

The Gossip’s Hymn: “Pass It On” or “O, For a Thousand Tongues” or “I Love to Tell the Story”

The Electrician’s Hymn: “Send the Light”

The Golfer's Hymn: "There's a Green Hill Far Away"  
The Politician's Hymn: "Standing on the Promises"  
The Optometrist's Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I Might See"  
The Tailor's/Cheese Maker's Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
The Shopper's Hymn: "Sweet By and By"  
The Realtor's Hymn: "I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop"  
The Massage Therapist's Hymn: "He Touched Me"  
The Doctor's Hymn: "The Great Physician"  
The Innkeeper's Hymn: "Abide with Me"  
The Pilot's Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"  
The Hiker's Hymn: "Go Tell It On The Mountain"  
The Paramedic's Hymn: "Revive Us Again"  
The Judge's Hymn: "Almost Persuaded"  
The Psychiatrist's Hymn: "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"  
The Architect's Hymn: "How Firm A Foundation"  
The Shoe Repairer's Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul"  
The Credit Card Telemarketer's Hymn: "A Charge To Keep I Have"  
The Husband's Hymn: "Oh Why Not Tonight"

The Watchmaker's Hymn: "Take Time to Be Holy"  
The Painter's Hymn: ""Jacob's Ladder"  
The Cake Maker's Hymn: "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place"  
The Zookeeper's Hymn: "All Creatures Of Our God and King"  
The Obstetrician's Hymn: "Come, Labor On"  
The Postal Worker's Hymn: "So Send I You"  
The Barber's Hymn: "A Parting Hymn We Sing"  
The Waiter's Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Lord"  
The Travel Agent's Hymn: "Anywhere With Jesus"  
The Mattress Salesman's Hymn: "My Faith Has Found A Resting Place"  
The Drill Sargeant's Hymn: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"  
The Absent Church Member's Hymn: "Lord, I Am Resting"  
The Baker's Hymn: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"  
The Firefighter's Hymn: "It Only Takes A Spark"

The Geologist's Hymn: "Rock of Ages"  
The Lost Traveler's Hymn: "I Wonder As I Wander"  
The Hematologist's Hymn: "Are You Washed in The Blood"  
The Umpire's Hymn: "I Need No Other Argument"  
The Airline Captain's Hymn: "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me"  
The Dieter's Hymn: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"  
The UFO Traveler's Hymn: "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"  
The Librarian's Hymn: "Whispering Hope"  
The Baseball Batter's Hymn: "Seek Ye First"  
The Fisherman's Hymn: "Shall We Gather At The River"  
The Father's Hymn: "What Child Is This"  
The Plastic Surgeon's Hymn: "Face to Face"  
The College Student's Hymn: "Arise My Soul, Arise"  
The Lifeguard's Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing"

The Student's Hymn: "Teach Me That I May Know"  
The Prosecutor's Hymn: "Where Were You?"  
The Confectioner's Hymn: "I Sing (I-cing) the Mighty Power of God"  
The IRS Agent's Hymn: "All to Thee I Owe" or "I Surrender All" or  
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"  
The Accountant's Hymn: "Count Your Many Blessings" (in Florida,  
"Count and Recount...")  
The Crop Duster's Hymn: "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"  
The Clock Maker's Hymn: "Moment By Moment" or "In His Time"  
The Aggressive Driver's Hymn: "Pass Me Not"  
The Otolaryngologist's Hymn: "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

And for those who speed on the highway – a few hymns:

45 mph: "God Will Take Care of You"  
55 mph: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"  
65 mph: "Nearer My God To Thee"  
75 mph: "Nearer Still Nearer"  
85 mph: "This World Is Not My Home"  
95mph: "Lord, I'm Coming Home"  
Over 100 mph: "Precious Memories" or "Here I Am, Lord"

**This was sent to me on my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday by Louis Crew Clay, who is only a few months short of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

As we age, it is important to ask what we have always wanted to ask, to tell what we have always wanted to say.... Time is running out inexorably.

My parents lived long and became decrepit. For over forty years Dad went fishing 2-3 times a week, often in the early morning or at the end of a work day. But in retirement he would not even let me drive him to the lakes we had fished together.

Mother was a Life Master at bridge, but declined all invitations to play bridge in the last ten years of her life when she had the most time to do so.

“It’s as if they’re not the same people,” I said to Ernest (his husband).

Gently he counseled me, “They *\*ARE\** the same people. They are as much your parents as they ever were. We will not be alive when we stop changing. Change is integral to being alive. Love them as you remember them, but also love them as they are now and love them for who they will become. Embrace them in the totality of their existence. You are not the same either. Be alive in your love.”

*Vita mutator, non tollitur.* (Life is changed, not taken away.)

“Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.” -- Psalm 71:18

Happy Birthday. – Louie

### **Your help is needed.**

Giant Food is attempting to sell and thus close their store in Salisbury. In addition to losing a great store where we can supply our own needs, more than 200 employees will lose their jobs with no place else to go. Please send your protest to: Giant Food LLC, 8301 Professional Place, Suite 115, Landover, MD 20785.

### **News of our family...**

Michael Cucina, Jr., son of Mike and Carolyn Cucina, and brother to Kristen, Dominic and Vinny, and grandson to Katherine Gordon spent Easter this year with his family. Completing his Air Force Duty in Japan, he travels to New Mexico for his next tour. His whole family is very proud of Michael's Service.



### **EVANGELISM IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY IS**

- Not a program, but a spiritual practice
- Not institutional, but individual
- Not for empire, but for public exchange
- Not starting with telling, but starting with listening
- Not “Come and See” without first “Show Me”
- Not about citizenship, but about fellow pilgrimage
- Not of or for the church, but of and for the Holy Spirit

Evangelism Begins in the Heart ... To be genuinely Christian, any effort in evangelism must be grounded in a deep conviction of God's unbridled love for humanity and for all creation. An evangelism rooted in a theology of love, if really embraced, cannot help being evocative—and cannot help being expressed. The question is whether or not we entrust ourselves to this Love.

It's Deeper Than You Think ... Evangelism cannot be about church growth alone. If I locate the focus of my evangelism in a concern to

increase the numbers of “butts in the pews,” I have lost touch with gratitude and wonder as my motivations, and am now relying on collective anxiety.

Evangelism is remarkably unconcerned with the institution. It is concerned with human lives. Evangelism is not only being present in the community, living a wholesome public life, engaging in vigorous social ministry, advertising attractive church events, offering warm hospitality and welcome, or attempting to recruit new church members from the community. All these activities are secondary to something much more fundamental: the joyful spiritual practice of naming the Source of our gratitude and wonder and bearing witness to that same Source at work in our lives.

One of the great witnesses in scripture is the Samaritan woman in John’s Gospel. Her witness is simple, straightforward, directly personal, and remarkably open-ended. “Come, see this man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” Embedded in her brief witness, her speech out loud to her neighbors is a riveting, urgent invitation – rooted in her experience of something that amazed her, something that touched her directly in ways she had not expected, something that left her with open-ended wonder that would lead her and those who heard her further along a journey. (from *Virginia Seminary Journal*)

**Through the Rev. Robert Kurtz Memorial Fund**, 45 ragged copies of the Book of Common Prayer were replaced and in place in the pews for Easter Sunday. The old copies are in a box in the Parish Hall. Feel free to take a copy if you can put it to use or know of someone who would like to have one.

**Could you be our Junior Warden?** Kemp Wills has served us long and well. Connie and Frank West and Clint Bickford have volunteered to help with the physical chores, but someone is needed to coordinate the tasks and sit on the Vestry.

### **Snow Hill Ecumenical Food Pantry**

In February we served over 120 families. Thank you for your continued support! The next distribution will be held on April 11, from 8:00 to 11:00 am. You are needed to assist on that day if you are able to lift 15 pounds. Strong men and women are always welcome.

**The grounds of the church and cemetery** are now being tended by Bob Gordy and Keith Donoway.

**When people see the Kingdom of God** being actually lived out, they are first surprised by it, and then attracted to it. (*Virginia Seminary Journal*)

### **All Hallows Calendar for April 2016**

- Sunday, April 10:      8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
                                 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 2; Sunday School meets  
                                 in Parish Hall and will join families for  
                                 Communion  
                                 Coffee Hour to follow in Parish Hall
- Monday, April 11:      ECW meets 6:30 for dessert; 7:00 for meeting in  
                                 Parish Hall
- Sunday, April 17:      8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
                                 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 2; Sunday School meets  
                                 in Parish Hall and will join families for  
                                 Communion  
                                 Coffee Hour to follow in Parish Hall
- Monday, April 18:      7-9 p.m. Vestry meets in Parish Hall

Sunday, April 24:

8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 2; Sunday School meets in Parish Hall, and will join families for Communion.

Coffee Hour to follow in Parish Hall

*Rector will leave after Coffee Hour to meet with Province III in Martinsburg, WV, but will return on Monday evening.*