

# *The Hallowed Word*

All Hallows Episcopal Church

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

*Where's my card and what's my number* ... seems to be the constant response when I'm seeking help with an issue. Calling my bank, checking with a group, inquiring about a service or just asking a question seems to automatically need an ID. The responder seems to be polite enough; it's just that my own personal identity is at risk. Who am I? Sometimes I feel as if I don't really know who I am, and often I just want to hang up ... but I never do because I realize I'm just another link in the chain ... or, rather, another barb in the fence!

It often seems to me as if God is my only contact who doesn't ask for my identification. If I can just find a quiet time and space I feel God's presence and the open invitation to speak ... God and I are old friends ... We've been through a lot together ... Even when times get rough and/or tough, subconsciously I know God is with me ... It's just tough to get connected sometimes.



At this time of year...as Lent draws to a close and the Resurrection is just over the sunrise...I wonder how much pain God saw or felt as God's Son hung on a cross. In Seminary one of the basic questions the professors liked to ask was just that question: "Did God suffer when Christ was crucified?"

It's a deeper question when the answer is explored. We have the Trinity and we know that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one ... but suffering is so difficult to define at times...and how does God suffer?

Perhaps the question really doesn't have an answer...perhaps we just need to remember that God went through the agony of being present while trial, pain and death were existent. God holds us whether we feel it or not; God is present in all types and kinds of conditions as Holy Comforter offering true love.

As Lent ends and the Season of Easter comes upon us, examine your own life, losses and gifts, and give thanks to God for always being there in all the days of your life. *Nanese+*

### **Bishop Marray's Holy Week Reflection**

*Almost there, Saints!!* Spiritually, we are at our most healthy when we are able to recognize that sin has the debilitating outcome of creating a chasm or wedge of separation between God and God's beloved children.

We all know that as hard as we try to be good, follow God's commands, and act in accordance with God's will for us, we fall short of the mark. This is why repentance is such a valuable gift. When we admit that we have sinned and ask God for forgiveness, we receive a kind of washing by the power of Jesus' blood – a washing that brings with it God's power to change.

We humans are complex creatures and our sins are just as complex. In most situations where sin is involved many different factors are at work. Painful memories from the past, ungodly influences from the world, sensitive family issues, divisions, political, social and economic differences waging unimaginable conflict and confusion, selfishness, pride, irrational thinking, even unhealthy influences may all be involved. The unfortunate tragedy is that we may not be aware of their presence.

The prevailing theme of this season, and more so Holy Week itself, is a focus on God's invitation to repentance. The power of repentance lies in its capacity to destroy every one of these aforementioned negative influences. Again, scripture is full of encouragement: "if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Far from being an opportunity

for self-condemnation or increased guilt, repentance is meant to be an experience of freedom and liberation by helping to release all the ‘baggage’ surrounding our human weakness and brokenness. God does not only forgive us when we repent; God removes our guilt and lifts any attitude of hopelessness that may have crept in.

The more we desire an intimate relationship with Jesus, the more eagerly the grace of repentance grows in and floods our hearts, drawing us closer and closer to experience and know his love more deeply. This testimony comes from a place of personal conversion and conviction where Christ is known and experienced as the friend who cared enough to stop awhile so that I could get onboard his ‘salvation wagon’.

Finally, God’s grace is always available. He wants to teach and empower us to take control of our minds and actions. To everyone who turns to God, our heavenly Father promises nothing short of divine power. Jesus is always ready to offer forgiveness and power to overcome all our fears.

Beloved, may Holy Week deepen the intimacy of our relationship with Jesus; and in one heart and mind prepare us to celebrate the Paschal Mystery; our Easter joy!

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### **Senior Warden’s Report**

Happy Spring to all of you! It is good to report that we continue to move forward on many fronts. The Search Committee continues to make remarkable progress in our search for a new rector. Plans to celebrate Nanese’s retirement are underway and will consist of two noteworthy events. We will celebrate her ministry at her final service on May 14, and there will be a party later that evening at the private residence of a member of All Hallows to continue the celebration and make it possible for persons to attend who could not attend the morning Church service. These plans are being finalized, and the details will be announced soon. I have confirmed that the Bishop will be able to attend the evening event. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our parish and your efforts to move us forward. - *Bill Gordy*

**Musings by Jim** by Jim Bosworth, from *The Democratic Messenger*

March 10, 1917 – Mrs. William G. Kerbin is visiting relatives and friends in Norfolk and Richmond.

March 24, 1917 – AIDS ENDOWMENT FUND OF ALL HALLOWS PARISH – The Vestry of All Hallows Parish, Snow Hill, is in receipt of a check from Mrs. Grace Marshall Truitt, of Philadelphia, widow of Charles P. Truitt, to be added to the Endowment Fund of the Parish. The bequest is in accordance with the known desires of Mr. Truitt, expressed to his wife, who, in her letter to the Vestry takes occasion to state her pleasure in carrying out an often expressed wish and long cherished plan of her lamented husband. Mr. Truitt was a native of Worcester County, and a brother of Mrs. A. D. Irwin and Mrs. William Rounds, of Snow Hill.

April 7, 1917 – War finally declared against Germany.

April 14, 1917 – RICHARD CHARLES MOORE DIES IN OCEAN CITY – The remains of R. Charles Moore, who died at Ocean City last Tuesday were brought to Snow Hill and interred in All Hallows Cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Moore was 49 years of age and leaves a widow, who before marriage was Miss Minnie Corbin, daughter of the late John Corbin. Mr. Moore was an Englishman. He came to this country about 25 years ago, and brought with him considerable money.

After living in the lower end of the county and marrying there, he purchased the farm where Mr. Matthew Purnell now resides and lived there for several years. He then went to Ocean City, where he resided for about twenty years.

Mr. Moore had been in poor health for some time.

T. HOWARD COLLINS IS BACK HOME AGAIN – Mr. and Mrs. T. Howard Collins, returned home Sunday from Philadelphia, Mrs. Collins having gone up a few days in advance to accompany him home. It will be recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Collins started about the first of March on a business and pleasure trip, their plans including a visit to Washington to attend the inauguration. Mr. Collins, however, was taken ill in Philadelphia, and was obliged to go to a hospital, where he spent five long, tedious weeks. He was on the job at the store bright and early Monday morning, and buckled down at once to business, which he found had been going on satisfactorily during his absence.

EDWARD J. DASHIELL JOINS FIFTH REGIMENT – Mr. Edward J. Dashiell, of the Produce Exchange Branch of the State Bank of Maryland, Baltimore, came home to spend Easter Monday with his mother, Mrs. Eustas S. Dashiell. He announced to his friends that he would join the Fifth Regiment as soon as he returned to Baltimore on Tuesday. He is a fearless, nervy young man, and will make a gallant soldier.

April 28, 1917 – Thos. Corddry, son of Hon. & Mrs. Wm. D. Corddry joins U. S. Marine Corps. Brother Howard Corddry will likely join the Engineer Corps.

May 19, 1917 – HALL IS SOLD TO BANKERS – The Directors of the Deposit and Savings Bank of Snow Hill, have just purchased the Odd Fellows' building, corner of Market and Bank Streets, from George S. Payne, Esq. The price paid was \$8,250. It is a large, well-constructed building, worth a great deal more money than was paid for it.

Mr. Oscar M. Purnell, President of the Deposit and Savings Bank, says it is the intention to connect the Odd Fellows building with the bank building, and raise it high enough for the floors to be even with those of the bank. The room in the bank now used as a director's room, will be made a ladies "rest" room where papers and magazines can be found at

all times and lady patrons can make out their checks and write letters. Mr. Purnell's office is to that now occupied by Justice Allen, and the remainder of the first floor of the Odd Fellows' building will be used for offices as at present. The second floor will be fitted up as a men's waiting room, where they can discuss farming or business with each other, hold committee meetings, etc.

The bank officials are to be commended for the enterprise they have established.

July 28, 1917 – REV. G. M. GALARNEAU MADE STIRRING ADDRESS – The Community Song Service was held Tuesday evening on the Court House lawn. Several patriotic songs were sung, and the service was inspiring and helpful.

The address was made by Rev. G. M. Galarneau, who spoke on the serious and religious side of the war. He said this was a time of sacrifice, and that every person should be ready and willing to make the supreme sacrifice of his life for his country, if need be. It was a splendid address, and Mr. Galarneau stirred his hearers in an unusual degree by the earnestness and force of his argument, giving them many serious and pertinent facts to ponder over.

WHAT HAS BEEN DOING IN THE SOCIAL WORLD – The Misses Winifred and Nellie Payne entertained the following at moving pictures Saturday evening: Mrs. W. G. Kerbin, Mrs. A. E. Landers, Mrs. T. Spence Smith, Mrs. Charles W. Corddry, and the Misses Fitz Wilson, Dorothy Bishop, Lucile Collins, Elizabeth Richardson, and Lily Mason.

After the moving picture show, the guests were invited to accompany their hostesses to their home, where the remainder of the evening was very enjoyably spent.

On Saturday afternoon, Miss Lily Mason was the hostess at a very pleasant porch party, her guests being the following: Mrs. T. Spence Smith, Mrs. A. E. Landers, Mrs. William C. Powell, Mrs. Charles W. Corddry, Mrs. William D. Corddry, Mrs. T. Howard Collins, Mrs. D. Frank Fooks, Mrs. W. G. Kerbin, and Misses Fitz Wilson, Dorothy Bishop, Nellie Payne, Winifred Payne, Elizabeth Richardson, Pauline Burnite, and Nellie Price.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Oliver Collins entertained at bridge and a knitting party, her guests being: Mrs. James Ingram, Mrs. Eugene Riggin, Mrs. McGinness, Mrs. George B. Pope, Mrs. William C. Powell, Mrs. William D. Corddry, Mrs. Clayton J. Purnell, and Miss Dorothy Bishop.

Not to be outdone by their elders, the members of the younger set are having a good time in special gatherings, automobile trips, and bay parties. Oliver Dale Collins, Jr., was the host to a number of his young friends Wednesday evening, treating them to an automobile ride to Ocean City where the evening was spent in dancing and other pleasing amusements peculiar to young people. The party was given in honor of his guests, Messers. William Wren and Herbert Marford, the other young people in the party being the following: James Ingram, Alfred Dashiell, Graham Corddry, Edmund Johnson, and Misses (two names not discernable), Elizabeth Powell, Elizabeth Nock, and Kathryn Jones. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. M. M. Wilson and Miss Dorothy Bishop.

September 29, 1917 – Mr. C. L. Boehm has accepted a position in the office of the B. C. & A. Railroad Company, Baltimore.

October 20, 1917 – News was received here this week of the death of Rev. Robert Scott at North Adams, Mass. Mr. Scott was formerly rector of All Hallows Parish, of Snow Hill, and was well known here. He had reached the advanced age of 83 years.

## **Episcopal Church Women {ECW} Outreach**

Thank You Notes – A Thank You note from The Episcopal Relief and Development acknowledged their appreciation of the ECW’s recent contribution of \$50.00.

The Snow Hill Nursery School sent a thank you note for the kind donation of \$100.00 from the ECW. The note will be hung on the bulletin board for you to read.

## **Flower and Ambry Candle**

There are plenty of opportunities to sign up for Altar Flower Donations or the Ambry Candle. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church on the bulletin board. Take a moment to remember ones you love or to celebrate someone who makes a difference in your life.

## **Search Committee Update**

The Search Committee is continuing to progress with our Rector Search. On March 30, we met with our consultant and reviewed the next steps in the process to prepare for interviewing prospective candidates. We have been told that we should receive the resumes for potential candidates by the end of April.

The Search Committee will continue the process of meeting the Diocesan requirements to prepare to “receive names” and the next steps. We will be starting the interview process as early as mid May. We will continue to keep everyone posted as we make further progress. This is the time when confidentiality will be important, and we ask that you understand if we do not disclose a lot of information.

Please keep praying for our team, the vestry and our parish during this time. Prayers for the Parish can be found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer.

Yours in Christ, *Stephanie Clayville*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your

people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen. (BCP, page 818)

## **How to Find Happiness and Meaning in Life...**

### **1. Don't Look for Happiness**

According to the widely-discussed “paradox of happiness,” aiming at happiness is not a good way to be happy. Instead, you should aim at something other than happiness that’s good for its own sake for example, being a faithful friend. Then happiness might sneak up on you.

### **2. Look around**

Boredom is an enemy of happiness and can lead to bizarre and even self-destructive behavior. Keep interested. If you cultivate your mind in the right way, you’ll always have something to fascinate you.

### **3. Look to virtue**

If Aristotle is any guide, a happy human is a human who does a great job of actualizing human nature, and “virtues” are character traits that incline us to do just that. So strive to be as good a person as you can.

### **4. Look Beyond Yourself**

Aim at projects and realities that go beyond your own private concerns. Help your neighbors, your relatives, and so on. Think about the impact of your actions on future generations. And remember that often enough, it’s not about your individual accomplishments at all, but rather about the accomplishments of the teams or groups that you are a part of. No man is an island, as John Donne says; trying to live as if you aren’t connected to others means going against your own nature.

### **5. Look Up**

St. Augustine says that peace is the tranquility that comes from being in rightly ordered relations with material things, ourselves, others, and God. And God is the foundation of it all: As Augustine also says, God is the only good that can’t be taken from you against your will.

(Michael Gorman, Professor of Philosophy at The Catholic University of America)

### **Vacation Bible School**

Plans are beginning for our Community Vacation Bible School. The dates are July 10-14, and the theme is “MAKER FUN FACTORY, CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE”. We still need a few more crew leaders and a leader for the youth class. We will also need assistance with the meal prep for Bates’ night to prepare dinner as well as other odds and ends, so contact Mrs. Diana Shumate (410-632-2407) if you can help. A VBS meeting will be Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Bates Methodist Church Social Hall. Important decisions will be made at this time, so please try to attend.

### **Flowers for the Easter Sunday Cross**

We have a new Easter Cross, thanks to Ray Dryden, and we need those who can to please bring small bouquets of flowers to fill the cross on Easter Sunday.

**The highest reward for man’s toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.** John Ruskin

**One person can make a difference – and every person must try.** John F. Kennedy

**Thank you for the CPC collection for March of \$35.90.**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> begins Holy Week with Palm Sunday** with a reading of the Passion Narrative and receiving palms. Service will begin in the Parish Hall.

**April 13, Maundy Thursday** will begin with a simple supper (bring soup or salad) at 6:00 and a table-side Eucharist; afterwards processing into the church for the stripping of the altar.

**April 14, Good Friday;** The Snow Hill Ministerium will have a Cross Walk at noon starting at the Christian Church and stopping at several

churches and ending at Mt. Zion. There will be an evening service at 7:00 in Newark at Trinity Methodist Church.

**Thanks to Kemp Wills** for formatting our newsletter. Please pray for Kemp and his family as his mother just had a stroke and he is caring for her. [*update*: Thank you. She is much improved, and was able to come home yesterday. This continues to be an instructive wake-up call for us and for her. - Kemp]

### **Calendar for April 2017**

April 2, Sunday: 8:30 Choir rehearsal  
9:30 Holy Eucharist w/Sunday School  
Coffee hour to follow

April 9, ***Palm Sunday***: 8:30 Choir rehearsal  
**9:30 Holy Eucharist *begins in Parish Hall***  
Sunday School  
Coffee hour to follow

April 13, *Maundy Thursday*:  
6:00pm: Simple Supper with Maundy Thursday Eucharist  
and Stripping of Altar (Altar Guild)

April 14, *Good Friday (Church open noon- 3)*  
Noon: Snow Hill Ministerial Cross Walk begins at Snow Hill Christian Church. All are invited; All Hallows will be one of the stations (outside).

7 pm. The Snow Hill Ministerial Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Newark. All Welcome.

**April 16, Easter 8:30 Choir rehearsal**

**9:30 Holy Eucharist**

**Easter Egg Hunt and Festive Coffee Hour to follow**

April 22, Easter Saturday: Dedication of Mt. Carmel Monastery 1 pm

April 23, 2 Easter: 8:30 Choir rehearsal

9:30 Holy Eucharist with Sunday School

Coffee hour to follow

April 25, Tuesday: 7:00 pm Vestry meets in parish hall

April 30, 3 Easter: 8:30 Choir rehearsal

9:30 Holy Eucharist and Sunday School

Coffee hour to follow