

New Visions



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Resurrection Vision *By the Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer*

"Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

A joy-filled proclamation. A mystery we don't "get," can't "get," weren't designed to "get," and yet it rings true to our world-weary, sin-sick souls.

"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia..." We can't say it enough. It is the balm in Gilead, the water to a parched tongue, the stream in the desert, the light at the end of the tunnel. "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed.

How different this joyful exclamation is from the words the risen Jesus heard from Mary Magdalene: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me

where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

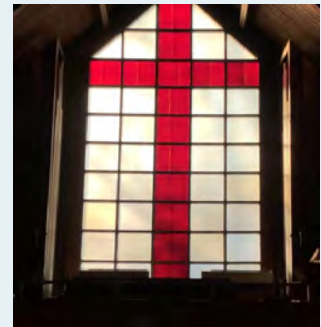
You see, Mary was caught up in some serious grief – and, frankly, trauma. Her mind is stuck in a frantic loop: Where is he? Where is he? Where is he? The first time she says this is after she runs to the disciples' safehouse to report this newest insult: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

The second time, she says she can't see straight because of the wave of disorienting grief. She is turned in on

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Welcome to Our St. Luke's Newsletter

We invite you to worship with us . The Good News is that God's love is for ALL of us. **Come and See!**



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The Readings for HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Sunday, April 5

The Liturgy of the Palms

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

The Liturgy of the Word

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

[Matthew 26:14-27:66](#)

or [Matthew 27:11-54](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/HolyWk/APalmSun_RCL.html

Thursday, April 9

[Exodus 12:1-4, \(5-10\), 11-14](#)

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

[Psalm 116:1, 10-17](#)

http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/



Friday, April 10

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#)

[Hebrews 10:16-25](#)

or [Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9](#)

[John 18:1-19:42](#)

[Psalm 22](#)

http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/odFri_RCL.html



Saturday, April 11

[Job 14:1-14](#) or [Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24](#)

[1 Peter 4:1-8](#)

[Matthew 27:57-66](#)

or [John 19:38-42](#)

[Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16](#)

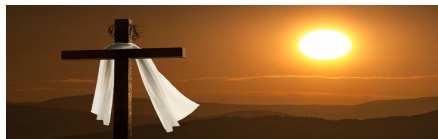
http://lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/HolySat_RCL.html

Holy Saturday



Easter

The Day of Resurrection



Sunday, April 12

[Acts 10:34-43](#) or [Jeremiah 31:1-6](#)

[Colossians 3:1-4](#) or [Acts 10:34-43](#)

[John 20:1-18](#) or [Matthew 28:1-10](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

http://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Easter/AEasterPrin_RCL.html

Watch for This Week @ St Luke's and other eBlasts for news of online services/gatherings during this Pandemic.

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A Triptych on Collects from The Book of Common Prayer

By Claudia Smith

The following three Meditations were published as part of the Diocese of Newark's email series for Lent.

Meditation for Feb. 28

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

As a child, I was fascinated by the black crosses I saw on people's foreheads on Ash Wednesday. I couldn't wait for my turn to hear, *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"* because it meant that I, too, would be marked as somehow *special*.

Today, those ashes still remind me that I *am* special. I already wear a mark on my forehead, one made by the waters of Baptism. That invisible mark brands me as Christ's own, a child of the same loving God who created us all from the dust of the earth. The older I get, the more the thought of the ashes comforts me, especially since Death never seems to take a holiday. Every day, in the midst of this life, we are in death and fearful thoughts of our own mortality – conscious or not – always live deep within our psyche.

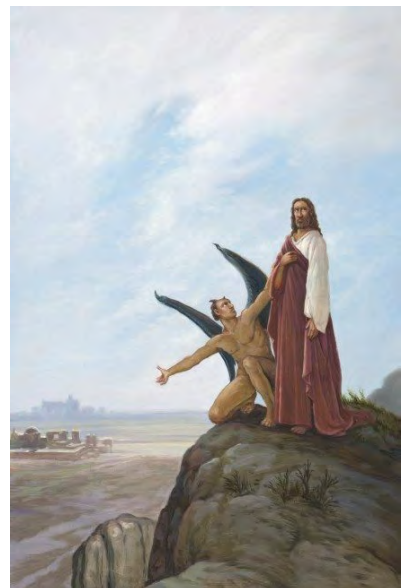
The good news is, we need not fear. As Christians, we have a sure and certain hope that death will never have the final word. The God who created us sent his only Son to be with us — the Word Incarnate. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God gave us His gracious gift of life everlasting.

Meditation for March 29, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

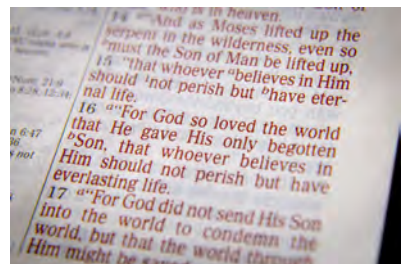
Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

On first read it seems to me that this collect suggests God alone has the power and, because *our* will is unruly and sinful, He could easily force us into following His commands. But why on earth would we be praying for grace to *love* the things that God *commands*? What if we don't *want* to love those commandments?

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Jesus is tempted in the wilderness by Satan



Nicodemus questions Jesus, trying to determine who he might be

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Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob

It puts me in mind of the time my father told me NOT play on the old stone wall that runs along the back of our property. Being a child having fun, I did exactly as I wanted to do. I kept running and running. Of course, I fell down and busted my chin. I still have the scar today to remind me that when my Dad came running to wipe away my tears, he never said, "I told you so." He just hugged me and patched me up.

Remembering makes me realize that God gave us His commandments for our safety and well being because He loves us with all His heart. All He wants is for us to love Him back, to turn and give our hearts to Him – the only constant in this changing world. That's where we find true joy.

Meditation for April 2

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Jesus heals the man who was blind from birth

When I was a child, my grandmother who I adored would come up North on the train from her home in Georgia. My folks and I would go into New York City to pick her up at Penn Station. She would stay with us all summer long and, about a week or two before school started, my dad and I would take the long drive down South to bring "Gree" home and to visit with my dad's family nearby. Sadly, times were such that my mother could not make the trip because it was not safe for mixed-race couples traveling together.

I can still see my grandmother in the early morning light, piled up amid all her pillows, mouthing the words as she read her Bible before even getting out of bed. I sat with her as she prayed for God to take care of all those she loved and to guide her in what she should do that day. After we talked about walking in faith, she sent me off saying, "Now you be sweet."

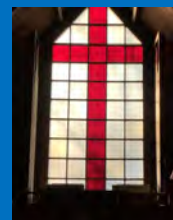
Especially in these days of fear and uncertainty, I pray, as Gree did long ago, to do your will, O Lord of Love, remembering we all walk in your sight.



Jesus raises his friend, Lazarus, from the dead

**Say your prayers and keep the faith.
Say your prayers and fight the fear.
Say your prayers and share God's love
wherever and whenever you can.**

**--The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith,
Dean, Washington National Cathedral**



Soul Food

GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCES:

Rev. Martin Lee of the Rhenish Church in Hong Kong

By CHAN, Siu-Wai 2020 03 24 - Demarest NJ

I think we all have people who are vital to us as guides on our faith journey and for me one of those spiritual guides was the Reverend Martin Lee of the Rhenish Church in Hong Kong.

During my trip this winter to Hong Kong, I attended a service at the Rhenish Church, hoping to see the Reverend Martin Lee as I had in the summer of 2018 where this picture was taken. I kept glancing in the direction I had seen him during that service a year and a half ago. As I was reading the bulletin inserts, I learned of his quiet passing a month before. I was shocked and saddened at the unexpected news and my eyes were tearing. But why was I so disheartened? Let me take you back many years to explain.

After leaving Hong Kong for the United States in 1977 I met the Reverend Martin Lee only a few times. He retired in 1996 and moved to Landau Island's Discovery Bay where Tony, the youngest of my older brothers, and his family and I had visited him in the late 2000s. Earlier, during the spring of 2004, I had lunch with him and his family in San Diego while I was on sabbatical at the University of California San Diego, and Reverend. Lee and Mrs. Lee were visiting their daughter's family in San Diego. Our last meeting was the one in the summer of 2018 at a service and lunch at the Bonham Road Rhenish Church where some of these pictures were taken. That meeting was sheer serendipity since



Our last meeting with Rev. Lee in July 2018 in the fellowship hall of the Rhenish Church on Bonham Road. The woman is Lana, his nurse and domestic helper. We had a not-so-spicy Indian lunch that day.

he was returning to the church for a service for the first time since 2017. He normally went to other Rhenish churches, ones which he had helped to start after his retirement. He passed away during his sleep on December 5, 2019. He had been kind, spiritually gifted and always ready to guide, pray and help. He had made his wishes clear in advance that he did not want a big deal made of his passing. There was

a simple memorial service at the end of December.

In the fellowship hall for weeks following the memorial service there was a display of events in his life. Luckily, I was able to take some pictures of this display and these gave me some idea of Reverend Lee's life. I learned that his parents were not around

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during his childhood but no details were given. He was brought up by his granny -- like many refugees in Hong Kong in the 1950s escaping from China's turmoil. My mother, brothers and sister were also refugees from China.

Reverend Lee's Christian faith began in his early teen years and as a young man he trained for ministry. Since he did not start his ministry at the Rhenish Church until the early 1960s, he was not the priest who baptized our family but he did take good care of us over the years. As we were not frequent church goers, it was amazing that he remembered us from that period. He was definitely the priest who confirmed me on Christmas Day 1976.

When my siblings applied to immigrate to the United States, they were confronted with a lot of forms to complete. These were a challenge and, to make matters worse, none of my siblings has a birth certificate, as they were all born in China, not Hong Kong. It did not help that my Mom used to mix up all the birthdays. She usually remembered only the lunar calendar versions and having many kids added to her difficulty, so, as you can imagine, we had a hard time getting all my siblings' birthdays right for those immigration forms.

As our minister since the early 1960s Reverend Lee was helpful in providing proofs from church records of my siblings'

relationship to Mom and their dates of birth, so that Mom could apply for them to come to the USA.

From the church brochure I learned that the Reverend Lee had donated his body to the Medical School of Hong Kong University, where he will continue to teach young doctors. Hence, until July 2021, he will be a teacher even in passing. One cannot think of a greener and more giving way of burial.

May he rest in peace and be blessed in Christ's heavenly kingdom. It has been a blessing for us to know him and to have him as our minister.

It is impossible not to introduce my Mom after the story about Reverend Lee...



Please check back in the May issue of New Visions for the conclusion of this fascinating story! - Eds.



Remembering Rev. Lee at Rhenish Church



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herself. You've been there, I bet. She misses the angels, dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been laid. "Woman," they ask, "why are you weeping?"

"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

And then she senses another person behind her and turns around. Her grief is like a centripetal force, turning her in on herself, blinding her to capital-r Reality, trapped in grief, in thinking nothing would ever be okay again.

She assumes this man is the gardener, maybe even the thief: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." The first words spoken to the resurrected Christ certainly are a long way from how we greet him today: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed."

You see, Mary was caught up in crucifixion vision.

Crucifixion vision afflicts most of us much of the time. It is a way of seeing and perceiving the world that makes us think that Sin and Death are in charge. Crucifixion vision tricks us into wanting to go back to the past, to the good old days, as though the human condition has taken a dramatic plunge off the deep end since we were children. Crucifixion vision is what fuels our greed – we can never have quite enough to really be "financially secure," can we? Crucifixion vision is what binds us in sadness when we take everything personally and think that we are responsible for everyone else's well-being.

Crucifixion vision assumes that nothing will ever change in our politics, that the partisan divide is too great, that the world is divided between the elites and deplorables, between the haves and the have-nots, between the workers and the owners, between the educated and the uneducated, between worthy and unworthy. Crucifixion vision says

the world is filled with winners and losers, firsts and lasts, and we'd better do everything we can to be winners. Crucifixion vision assumes death is really the end, so we'd better stuff our lives with as much stuff, as much pleasure, as much happiness as we can, and try to postpone death as long as possible with whatever means are available.

Mary was caught up in crucifixion vision, and we can understand that; Jesus had died. She was in blaming mode: Who took his body?! She was paralyzed and stuck. She couldn't get up and leave the scene, like Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. She didn't have access to wonder and curiosity about why the linen cloths were rolled up so nicely in the corner of the tomb. Mary was trapped by crucifixion vision, like most of us are, most of the time. So much so that she couldn't see the angels in front of her. Mary couldn't even recognize the resurrected Christ in her midst.

Until... until...

"Mary... Mary..."

Until she heard her name. "Do not hold on to me... but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" And then her crucifixion vision fell away, like the scales on St. Paul's eyes, and she saw for the first time with resurrection vision.

Resurrection vision is bigger than crucifixion vision. It overtakes it. It redeems it. Resurrection vision is looking away from ourselves and all of our problems to take in the beauty of a flower or the sunrise or the subtle sensation of breath – inhale and exhale – giving us life. Resurrection vision enables us to trust that all things – all things! – work together for good for those who are called to God's purposes. Resurrection vision knows that joy comes in the morning, even though weeping is spending the night. Resurrection vision sees the burning, falling spire of Notre Dame

and wonders what new thing God is doing, grateful that the French people, as secular as they are, remember and take comfort in singing the great hymns of the faith.

Resurrection vision is always open to being surprised by God because our resurrection God is a God of surprises. Surprise! God often uses the least qualified, least educated, least righteous, least "good" people to be his ministers in the world; just ask Moses, a man who had a fear of public speaking. Just ask the boy David, the youngest of all the brothers who used a slingshot and a pebble to defeat evil. Just ask King David, after he experiences God's mercy, post-rendezvous with Bathsheba. Just ask Paul, who had been a violent persecutor of Jesus' Way.

Crucifixion vision sees nothing but a single, dead grain of wheat, thinking, "Surely, that won't be enough." Resurrection vision waits for the surprise: now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, with bread for the world.

The only kind of vision God has is resurrection vision. God sent his only Son into the world, not to condemn the world – that's crucifixion vision – but that the world might be redeemed through him. Surprise!

You see, if you only have crucifixion vision, you can't see the surprise. You can't even wait for the surprise. You can't trust that the surprise is happening, here, now, by definition, beyond all you can ask or imagine.

But if you have resurrection vision, you know that with God, all things are possible. You know you aren't the center of the universe. You know that love wins. You know that there are no more haves and have-nots, Republicans or Democrats, mountain people or beach people, rich or poor, slave or free, Jew or Greek, black or white. We are all *one* in Christ.

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Family Promise Outreach in the Time of COVID-19

The Walk-in Dinner Program

Twice a year through one of the Family Promise programs, St. Luke's, together with our Lutheran friends from the Church of the Savior in Paramus, prepare and serve a nourishing meal at the Housing, Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack to those in need who "walk in." A meal for up to 130 people is provided by a religious or civic group every day of the year.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis there are new challenges to this program: availability of food to prepare is unpredictable, large gatherings discouraged and many volunteers at high risk should not serve. We recently heard from Executive Director Kate Duggan:

“The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic affect everyone, including homeless families and people who are hungry. Family Promise is in the business of helping all those people, and we are continuing to do that even in these trying days.

“The nightly Walk-in Dinner is being held with a few changes. As an attempt to keep the virus out of the shelter, the County determined that only shelter residents will be served meals in the dining room. However, our commitment to feeding the community continues. We provide approximately 40 – 50 take-out meals nightly to those who live locally and are in need of a free meal.

“Unfortunately, some groups are unable to serve the dinners, and

some cannot provide the food.

“When needed, Family Promise buys the dinner and Family Promise Staff and Board, along with the team from Friendship House, make sure those who are hungry are fed.

“The Department of Health referred a family, a 70-year old mom and her 50-year-old daughter to us. They simply needed food, and it was Friday afternoon and no one could help them. Family Promise did . . . and we delivered bags of food to them last week. This is NOT what we do . . . wait—it IS what we do when people call on us. Because we accept almost no government funding, and because we really care, we answer the phone and see what we can do.

The challenges of COVID-19 affect everyone. Now more than ever, Family Promise is here for homeless families and people who are hungry.”

St. Luke's next scheduled date is **June 24th** and while there is no way of planning this far in advance, we should stay updated and respond, if we can, to the call for emergency funds to offset expenses for dinner and supplies that Family Promise have to purchase. For more details and to donate, go to bergenfamilypromise.org.



We are delighted to share the news that St. Luke's ECW mailed a check for \$500 to CFA this week. And remember to give thanks for all your blessings through your "Little Blue Box" for the United Thank Offering. — Linda Brescia



Organizations like CFA have really felt the impact of the pandemic. We have always been a people-centric agency and have taken great care of our community through in-person advocacy. Unfortunately, with social distancing guidelines and the spread of the Coronavirus, we have had to change many of our policies. Center for Food Action is not able to accept food donations until the social distancing guidelines are lifted, as we do not have the space, or the volunteers, to sort and stock food.

During this time we are requesting that anyone who wants to help make a gift online at www.cfanj.org or by mailing a check to: Center for Food Action 192 W. Demarest Ave, Englewood NJ, 07631.

We will use funds received to purchase food in bulk which eliminates issues of sorting and stocking. We are also accepting supermarket gift cards which can be shared with the increasing number of families and individuals requesting assistance.

Thank you so much for the care and support you have shown over the years. This is an unparalleled crisis and we could not rise to meet the need without support from the community.
—Kelly Sirimoglu
Communications Director



2020 Lenten Outreach Project

The churches of District 9 are raising funds that will provide assistance to **North Porch Women & Infants' Centers**.

This is a non-profit organization that provides emergency aid, in the form of critical baby supplies, to mothers and infants in northern New Jersey to help them stabilize and improve the quality of their lives.



The first North Porch center was incorporated in 1984 by the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Newark and had its roots in a ministry established in 1978 by The Venerable Martha Blacklock of the Newark Episcopal Cooperative for Mission and Ministry.

District 9 hopes to raise at least **\$5,000** which we can easily reach if each participating church can collect around **\$500**.

These funds will be used by North Porch locations in Newark, Dover, Hackettstown, Paterson, and Morristown to distribute supplies including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, and toiletries.

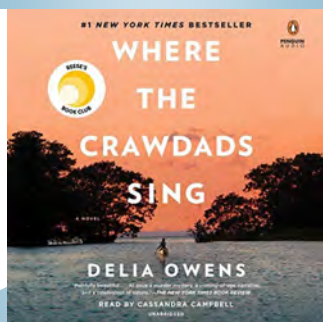


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District 9 is a gathering of Episcopal congregations in Northeastern Bergen County, and is one of ten such regional groups in The Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

We are STILL collecting for this Outreach campaign. Make checks payable to St. Luke's with "District 9" on the memo line so you can receive credit for your donation. If you wish to give cash or coin, let us know. At this time, we must ask everyone to mail their donations to St. Luke's, 43 Massachusetts Ave. and Grant St. Haworth, NJ 07641. St. Luke's will match all parishioner contributions from our Outreach Trust Fund so please give generously!



Looking ahead to May's Book Selection

The #1 *New York Times* bestseller--
with over 4 million copies sold .

At once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder, *Where the Crawdads Sing* has touched the hearts of millions of readers around the world.

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand.

Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life--until the unthinkable happens.

Through Kya's story, Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

Between the Lines Book Club

Book Club Meetings are usually held at 7:30 P.M. at the Rectory. During this time of social distancing, we invite you to check out our list of books and read on your own for now. We hope to see you all again as soon as it is safe to do so!

May 28 (wine/cheese)
Where the Crawdads Sing
Delia Owens

June 25 (pizza)
The Summer of '69
Elin Hilderbrand

July 23 (appetizers)
The Secret Kept
Tatiana de Rosnay

August 27 (dessert)
Still Life
Louise Penny

September 24 (potluck)
Fall of Marigolds
Susan Meissner

October 22 (wine/cheese)
Finding Dorothy
Elizabeth Letts

November
No meeting

December 3
Dinner out—venue TBD

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But here is the really good news. If you can't seem to fix your vision – if the optometrist is closed and the readers are sold out Wal-Mart and the ophthalmologist isn't on your insurance plan – God fixes it for you. God will seek you out, just as he did the lost sheep, the slaves in Egypt, the woman at the well. God will seek you out and remind you that you don't have to, you can't, in fact, you weren't meant to "hold on," because God is holding on to you. God is drawing you up from the grave, offering you free cataract surgery or just an updated eyeglass prescription – whatever it is that you need to see straight, to see with resurrection eyes.

It might take a while for you to see as God sees, to love as God loves. Remember that story in Mark where Jesus spits into his hands smears it on the blind man's eyes? At first, the people looked like trees, so Jesus laid

his hands on him again. And then his sight was clear. It might take a little time, a few tries – but friends, rest assured – God is at work, in our midst, meeting you just where you are, holding you, healing you and indeed the whole of creation, so we can see through resurrection eyes.

Surprise.



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PRAYER LIST



**Please keep in
your thoughts and prayers
these members
of our parish and
extended family:**

Edith Biondi, Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Quinn Rosa, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Michael Snyder, Diane Kansas, Kenny Calderon, Jason Edone, Tresten, Sue Pastore, Chan, Hung-Kwong & family, Carol Maxfield, Lee Harper, Michael McCarten, Eileen LaViola, Elizabeth Secari, Donna Sisti, Muriel Brandt, Leah Ogena Collins, Thomas Chase, Jimmy Rivera, Nate Creamer, Denilson Interiano, Dr. Leonard Scalfani, Jay Rizzo, Judy Ashbrook Hoffman, GailMaureen Ferraro, Julie Salwen, the People of Hong Kong, Maureen Bownes, and Sr. Alvarez.

Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Rosemary Sullivan (sister of Al Astorga), William Roberts, David Gourevitch, and Sandra Hyatt Harth.

To add names to our Prayer List, please call: Sue Gonci, 201-220-3090

OR Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org

We review our Prayer List monthly to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact Sue if you wish to keep people on the list.

Remember the power of prayer, especially amid this Coronavirus pandemic!

APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Carol Mazfield
15	Jenny Vesta
19	Helen Shaw
25	Ewurabena Plange-Kaye
26	Carol & Randy Maxfield
28	Jane Coleman
30	Sue Gonci



If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing [especially those named on our Parish Prayer List and all whom we name in our hearts], grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain the fact that he is patron saint of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

Grace happens.

All the time. Grace is God's gift to us. The signs of God's grace are abundant. Some are dramatic. Many at first glance seem mundane. All are potentially life transforming.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 The Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY	6 Monday in Holy Week	7 Tuesday in Holy Week	8 Wednesday in Holy Week	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 Holy Saturday
12 The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY	13 Monday in Easter Week	14 Tuesday in Easter Week	15 Wednesday in Easter Week Tax Day (Taxes Due) MOVED TO JULY 15	16 Thursday in Easter Week	17 Friday in Easter Week	18 Saturday in Easter Week
19 The Second Sunday of Easter	20	21	22	23	24 Arbor Day	25 Saint Mark the Evangelist
26 The Third Sunday of Easter	27	28	29	30		

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(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Although we cannot worship together publicly during this pandemic, we can still hold each other in prayer, as well as our family and friends, and especially all those across the country and around the world affected by the spread of the Coronavirus.



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