



LOGOS

The Newsletter for St. John's Episcopal Church, Arlington

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

From the Rector: Resurrection to New Life

The gift of Resurrection we celebrate on Easter Sunday is the gift of new life. If the weather works well, the natural world is full of buds and blooms and new green things to remind us. (I think it would be hard to live in the Southern Hemisphere and celebrate Easter as fall begins and leaves begin to fall off the trees). Butterflies are another symbol of Easter because the little worm wraps itself in a cocoon and emerges, beautifully transformed, into new life as a beautiful butterfly. Eggs hatch and become chickens—and bunnies—well, bunnies are always busy making new life, aren't they?

All of these classic Easter symbols serve as pointers to the true gift of new life—the eternal life made possible by Jesus' willingness to die to save us from sin and death and God's raising of Jesus from the dead on the third day. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God made it possible for us to be reconciled with God. In this glorious gift, we too have been promised new life—physical, emotional, and spiritual.

God didn't bring Jesus back to life, as Jesus did with Lazarus. Lazarus was just going to die again. God gave Jesus new life, life unlike anyone had ever seen. We know this because Jesus' disciples didn't recognize him on the road to Emmaus. We know this because his body was able to pass through solid objects, but he could still enjoy a good grilled fish with his disciples. We know this because all of Jesus ascended into heaven. It is not necessary that we understand exactly what went on in the tomb to believe in resurrection and new life. It is not necessary that we pinpoint exactly what characteristics Jesus' new body had to believe that new life for the whole person is possible through God's grace and mercy. This new life is one that, in Christ, can overcome sin and death, so that new life is eternal.

The gift of eternal life with God after we die is so huge that we can sometimes forget that through Jesus' death and resurrection, new life and new hope is possible here on earth for us through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The process by which we emerge to new life on earth is the same as the process Jesus went through. Though we don't know all the details, we do know the steps.

To be transformed by God, to receive new life, we must be willing to accept God's help to change our lives. Jesus has assured us that we can always ask for help with life situations and difficulties and God will give us the help we need—if we are open to receiving it. We also have to remember that God's idea of what we need may be different than what we think we need, so we truly have to remain open to God's solution.

Next, we have to be willing to give up our old life, our old ways of looking at things, our old patterns of behavior, as Jesus was willing to let go of the life he knew because God asked him to. It is very difficult to give up what we have before we know exactly what we will get. Jesus enjoyed his life on earth and it was very hard for him to let go of it. We may enjoy some of the things that need to change about us. We may not enjoy behaviors or ideas that need to change, but they make us comfortable—even if they are painful or just don't work.

After we become willing to give up our old lives for the promise of transformation and new life, we also have to give up telling God how long God has to do this change thing. We have to wait on God's timing. We have to feel whatever feelings of loss and pain God needs us to feel, because loss and pain always come with change. God told Jesus he would be raised in three days, but Jesus didn't know for sure. He was human. He had to trust God to do what God promised.

Finally, when we are transformed, we need to live into what that transformation means—the little things and the big things. Can you imagine Jesus wondering ... about his body that could go through walls? ...if he could still eat? ... if his friends would recognize him? Remember, his experience had not covered anything like this before either. When we are transformed, it is often the little things we check out—we may think differently than we did before. For example, I used to be critical of myself when I became tired and unable to do everything I planned. Now with God's help, I am genuinely thankful that God provided work for me to do that helped me be of love and service right where I was in terms of energy level.

Then there are the big things about transformation. Jesus' resurrection meant his time on earth was nearly over. He had to place his mission into the hands of his disciples and return to his father. That was not only a huge change for them, it was a huge change for him—new life again. Sometimes we are given new life by God that prompts us to make a decision to change jobs or careers, to end old relationships and begin new ones, to change our priorities in big ways. These changes can be hard to face and we may slip back into our old lives or old atti-

tudes. But we can count on God to help us continue to live into the changes.

Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and in him, we too have been raised to a new life of grace, as we live in this world and in the world to come. Let us rejoice and celebrate this gift of new life!

Ann †

St. John's Book Club

by Carolyn Corlett

St. John's Book Club got started in November 2005. Since then, we've met once a month from September through June. The participants pick the books several months in advance, read them before each meeting, and get together for enjoyable, lively discussions. In September we started with a discussion of *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, which we read over the summer. Then we continued with these books:

- October: *Home to Harmony*, by Philip Gulley
 - November: *Joshua*, by Joseph Girzone
 - December: *My Grandfather's Blessing: Stories of Strength, Refuge and Belonging*, by Rachel Naomi Remen
 - January: *To Everything There Is a Season*, by Alice G. Miller
 - February: *Midnight at the Well of Souls*, by Jack L. Chalker
 - March: *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*, by Anne Rice
- Here is our schedule through next September:
- April: *The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd
 - May: *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson
 - June: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith
 - Summer reading for September discussion: *Radical Evolution*, by Joel Garreau

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, September through June, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. We welcome anyone who is interested. Please join us!

Parish News

Rest in Peace

Laura Jahnke, friend of Lindsey Miller, who entered the Life of the Resurrection on February 19

Thank You to

Jack Turner and his many helpers for another wonderful pancake supper—Del Hunt, who coordinated food set-up, and Michael Beavin, Bill Thomson, Bill Schenck, Roger Ludwig, Jeff Aitken, Bill Pritchard, Chris Tyson, Paul Petrich, John Restall, Jim Hull, and Marshall Adair

Michael Beavin, Chris Tyson, and their helpers who made sure the walkway was clean for the pancake supper

The Rev. Andrew Merrow of St. Mary's, Arlington, for hosting and leading our vestry retreat

Faye Pritchard for all her work on the spring speaker series and to Sheryl Pardo for her wonderful marketing efforts

Congratulations to

Peter Swarr, St. John's seminarian from 2004 to 2006, who was ordained to the priesthood on February 24

Birthdays

Linda Trochim, April 2

Carol Dunlap, April 4

Ksenia Shkaruta, April 4

John Petrich, son of Jeff Petrich & Leslie Mead,
April 6, 2000

Evan Barker, April 8

Caitlin O'Connor, April 8, 1994

Amanda Pardo, April 16, 2003

Diane Henderson, April 24

Valerie Wilson, April 25

Jim Hull, April 26

Sebi Pardo, April 26, 2001

Bob Tallent, April 26

Anniversaries

Bill & Faye Pritchard, April 1

William & Nancy Gibb, April 3

Ray & Stacy O'Connor, April 14

Honor Mothers at Spring Tea and UTO Ingathering

Morning Guild's Spring Tea on May 12

The 2007 Spring Tea sponsored by the Morning Guild is set for May 12, the day before Mother's Day. Why don't you honor the mothers in your life by treating them to tea? They will enjoy tea, crumpets, delicious pastries, and conversation in our beautifully decorated undercroft. Half of the funds earned will be given St. John's Vestry; the remainder will go to breast cancer research. Tea will be served from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the undercroft. Sign-up sheets will appear in late April or early May for volunteers to help with food and clean up.

United Thank Offering Ingathering on May 13

by Evelyn Sullivan

Our Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be collected on Sunday, May 13, Mothers' Day, a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude for mothers everywhere. Those of us who grew up in the Episcopal Church may remember our mothers teaching us the value of prayerful thanksgivings by putting coins in a blue box. The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church provides a way for all of us to offer daily thanks to God for our many blessings by putting coins in a blue box. Every penny collected is used to help human beings in need. Please pick up a blue box from the table downstairs or see Evelyn Sullivan. You can also use an envelope to enclose a check.

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The next deadline is Friday, April 20 at 10:00 am.

Glencarlyn Day: St. John's Plans Yard Sale, Book Sale, and More

On June 2, our neighborhood celebrates Glencarlyn Day. As the parish in the neighborhood, St. John's is always involved in some way. This year, we are planning to be involved in even bigger ways. The Men's Fellowship group will sponsor a yard sale and the choir will sponsor a book sale. We are looking for a sponsor for a bake sale and for volunteers who will purchase and sell cold drinks to the neighbors as they walk around our grounds. We are also going to invite them inside to see the sanctuary and have information about St. John's services and activities. If you have any ideas for this fun day, please talk to Ann. More information will be available in the May/June issue.

Note: Please save items for the yard sale and the book sale, but *do not* bring them in until we let you know. We have to make sure we have enough space available.

Looking for Electronics

We are looking for a large-screen TV that is a good size for movies and Vacation Bible School videos. If you have a large-screen TV that still works, but you no longer want, a DVD player, or a VCR, please let us know. We are also looking for someone who knows how to make the DVD, VCR, and TV work together. If you are willing to donate any of these, please call the office or e-mail the rector. Please *do not* bring the TV in until we can determine if the dimensions fit the area we have. Thanks for your help.

Pancake Supper Draws a Crowd— and Raises \$313!

St. John's annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, held on February 20, drew a varied crowd. People who had been coming for years, newcomers, parishioners, and neighbors in Glencarlyn and surrounding areas came together to eat pancakes, syrup, applesauce, and ham; chat with one another; and have a good time. Jack Turner once again served as organizer and head chef for the supper, ably supported by the men of St. John's (see Parish News on page 3 for list). We raised \$313, a new record!

Using Your Gifts

Hospitality Needs Your Help

Our list of people willing and able to help with fellowship is really low. People end up doing this much-needed and much-enjoyed service once a month or every six weeks and that is too often. Simply put, we need more people to help with fellowship. So many of us benefit from this community time and it is a good time to welcome newcomers. We need at least eight more volunteers to reduce the burden on the folks currently willing to do it. We would also be glad of any input on other ways to organize this service. Some general ideas that have been suggested include having teams as the tellers do, so each twosome can organize how they do it (one comes early and one stays late, for example) or having a sign-up sheet for people to enter their names on. Our fellowship time is an important part of our Sunday morning and we do not want to have to do without it.

Note: We are an equal opportunity church—men are invited, encouraged, and welcomed to this ministry. Couples may sign up together. If you are willing to do this service for the community, please contact Ann or one of the vestry members.

Ushers Wanted

We are also running low on our complement of ushers. These folks do several things that keep our service flowing smoothly: passing out bulletins, taking up the offering, directing people to the altar rail. These tasks are vital and they are not difficult to learn. Del Hunt will be conducting an usher training session shortly after Easter. We could use six to eight additional ushers.

Note: We are an equal opportunity church—women are invited, encouraged, and welcomed to this ministry. Couples may sign up together. If you are willing to do this service for the community, please contact Del or Ann.

Gospel Lessons for April

April 1, Luke 19:29–40, Palm Sunday: The Liturgy of the Palms

In this Gospel lesson Jesus, his long journey finally over, approaches the holy city of Jerusalem, while his disciples hail him as the king who comes in the Lord's name. He has a colt brought to him and, as did the royal figures of old, Jesus rides on it while many followers spread their garments in the way and shout praises to God. Certain of the religious officials wish Jesus to rebuke his disciples, but on this day the very stones are ready to cry out. Here is great drama as the Lord comes to the city he would save, yet also acute irony for those who know what lies ahead.

April 1, Luke 23:1–49 (50–56), Palm Sunday: The Liturgy of the Word

Our Gospel is the story of Jesus' trials before Pilate and Herod, his final sufferings and death.

April 5, Maundy Thursday, John 13:1–15

Our Gospel tells how Jesus washes his disciples' feet during his last meal with them. This action symbolizes the love and humility of Christ in stooping down to wash those whom he loves from their sins. He also sets them an example: he has acted as their servant; so they should serve one another.

April 6, John 18:1—19:37, Good Friday

Our Gospel is the story of Jesus' trials before the Jewish Council and Pilate, followed by his final sufferings and death.

April 8, Luke 24:1–10, Easter Sunday

Our Gospel tells how a group of women disciples first learn of Jesus' resurrection. Coming early in the morning to anoint the body, they find the stone covering of the tomb rolled away and the body gone. No human eye sees Jesus rise, but now two angelic figures appear and remind the troubled and frightened women that Jesus had predicted these things would happen to him. The women then report what they have heard and seen to the apostles.

April 15, John 20:19–31, Second Sunday of Easter

Our Gospel presents two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples. The first takes place on the very evening of day of his resurrection. The disciples are gathered in fear, but Jesus brings them peace, gives them their mission, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. A week later, Thomas, who had been absent when Jesus first appeared and who doubted his resurrection, now knows Jesus by his wounds and worships him as his Lord and God. Future disciples will not have Jesus' physical presence, but they will be blessed in their belief.

April 22, John 21:1–14, Third Sunday of Easter

Our Gospel tells of another appearance to Jesus by his disciples—this time after their return to the Sea of Tiberias or Galilee.

April 29, John 10:22–30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

In our Gospel Jesus speaks to those who are unable to come to belief in him and then tells of his sheep who belong to him forever.

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St. John's Mission Statement

To discover and share the transforming love of Christ

St. John's Vision Statement

St. John's is dedicated to making disciples for Jesus through

- attracting and welcoming newcomers;
- sharing faith-deepening worship, education, outreach, and pastoral care; and
- together carrying God's vision of the kingdom into the world around us.

Adult Education and Speaker Series

Much Interest in Sin: What About Virtue?

by Lorraine Underwood

This fall, it was the Seven Deadly Sins: pride, anger, lust, avarice, gluttony, envy, sloth. Sin must be an exciting topic—we had the biggest Sunday morning crowds ever—and lots of lively discussion. Some members of St. John's even called to ask me, "Which sin are we discussing this Sunday?"

This spring, we will discuss the Christian Heavenly Virtues, and there are more than seven! Three of them—faith, hope, and charity—known as the "Theological Virtues," are discussed by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. The four "Cardinal Virtues" are justice, fortitude, prudence, and temperance. Christian virtues also include traits such as generosity, patience, kindness, and humility.

A few parishioners, whose names I won't mention, have speculated that virtue is dull and won't attract as many participants. Please come and prove them wrong! Join us beginning, Sunday, April 15, at 9:00 a.m. and find out why the much-less-well-known virtues can be exciting topics too.

Speaker Series: Global Warming and Recovering from Mental Illness

This spring, St. John's speaker series has two compelling presentations in its line-up. On Monday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., Lise van Susteren, M.D., of The Climate Project will present "Global Warming: An Urgent Climate Crisis." The presentation includes a dramatic slide show and Q&A session based on Al Gore's Oscar winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*. Dr. van Susteren was one of the first to be trained by Gore to give this presentation. In addition to fielding questions, she wants to learn about the concerns of her audience, give practical energy-saving tips, and strategize ways to take political action.

On Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m., we will hear a presentation entitled "In Our Own Voice: Recovering from Mental Illness." Speakers provided by the National Alliance on Mental Illness will discuss identifying, coping, and recovering from mental illnesses. They will discuss their struggles with various illnesses and talk about coping with the realities of their disorders while reclaiming productive lives.

The presentations are free and open to everyone, so bring your friends and colleagues. The series will continue in September; we are hoping to schedule a speaker on immigration issues.

Calendar Events

April

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| Sun 1 | Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m. |
| Tue 3 | St. John's Book Club, 7:30–9:00 p.m.,
will discuss <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> , by Sue Monk Kidd |
| Wed 4 | No Candlelight Prayer Service
(Return to regular schedule April 11) |
| Thu 5 | Maundy Thursday
Morning Guild, 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar,
Service in Spanish and English with
Cristo Rey, 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri 6 | Good Friday Liturgy, 12 noon and 7:00
p.m. (note earlier time)
Cristo Rey, Good Friday Liturgy, 8:30 p.m. |
| Sat 7 | Holy Saturday |
| Sun 8 | Easter Sunday, The Feast of the Resurrection
Holy Eucharist Rite I with hymns, 8:00 a.m.
No Christian Education
Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.,
with choir and special music, children's
performance, children's sermon, and flow-
ering of the cross,
Reception and Easter Egg Hunt after the
10:00 a.m. service |
| Wed 11 | Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
(note return to regular schedule) |
| Thu 12 | Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m. |
| Sun 15 | Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m. |
| Wed 18 | Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m. |
| Thu 19 | Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m. |

- Sat 21 Men's fellowship, 9:00 a.m., in the undercroft
- Sun 22 Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.
- Mon 23 Speaker on "Global Warming," 7:30 p.m.
- Wed 25 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 26 Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Sun 29 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m., Bishop Eastman visits to receive people into Episcopal Church (8 a.m. only)
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

May

- Tue 1 St. John's Book Club, 7:30–9:00 p.m., will discuss *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson
- Wed 2 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 3 Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Sun 6 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.
We say goodbye to Amanda Eimann
- Wed 9 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 10 Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Sun 13 Sixth Sunday of Easter r
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.
- Wed 16 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 17 Ascension Day
Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Sat 19 Men's fellowship, 9:00 a.m., in the undercroft
- Sun 20 Ascension Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.
- Mon 21 Speakers on "Recovering from Mental Illness," 7:30 p.m.

- Wed 23 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 24 Choir Practice, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Sat 26 Installation of The Rev. Shannon Johnson as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia, Washington National Cathedral
- Sun 27 Day of Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.
- Mon 28 Memorial Day, Office closed
- Wed 30 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.

June

- Sat 2 Glencarlyn Day (See article on page 4)
- Sun 3 Trinity Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 a.m.
Christian Formation for all ages, 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m., Education for Ministry Graduation
- Tues 5 St. John's Book Club, 7:30–9:00 p.m., will discuss *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith
- Wed 6 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Thu 7 Morning Guild, 10:00 a.m.
- Sun 10 Second Sunday after Pentecost
- Wed 14 Candlelight Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.

Website

The website for St. John's, Arlington is:
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Misplaced your LOGOS? Can't remember the time an event begins? Visit the website for the latest copy of the newsletter, times and places of events and activities.

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