



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

*Alleluia, the Lord is risen*

This is the great Paschal proclamation in our liturgy that brings us out of Lent and Passiontide and into Easter. It is what we proclaim every time we gather and make Eucharist together during the Great 50 Days of Easter. Indeed, it is the baseline statement of belief for anyone who is Christian. But how is it anything more than just a nice idea that somehow quells our fear of the grave? What does it mean to make the resurrection a fundamental reality for our lives? What keeps us from responding, "The Lord is risen indeed, so what?" Here are a few reflections about the post-Resurrection stories and what they might have to say to us in our daily lives.

First of all, the triumphant Messiah does not break forth from the tomb with vengeance and righteous anger, but instead greets those that he meets with the words, "Peace be with you." All too often Christians turn their lives in Christ into some sort of justification to berate, bemoan and condemn others. Instead of meeting those who differ from us with a sort of righteous indignation, people of the resurrection should greet all with this proclamation made by the resurrected Christ, "peace be with you...and with us all."

Secondly, just as Jesus' most intimate loved ones did not initially recognize him in his resurrection, it may take us some time to recognize resurrection in our midst. When we struggle or suffer grief and loss in our lives, it is often

difficult to see resurrection at work all around us. In secular terms, this is known as "the glass half empty" view of life. When it is difficult to recognize God's life-giving love in your darkness, take the time to prayerfully count your blessings. You may be surprised by just how active God is in your life.

Thirdly, in the resurrection, Jesus retains the marks of his suffering and death. Resurrection is not about going back to life as it was before. The risen Christ does not back out of the tomb on Easter, nor does he return to a pre-crucifixion death. When we have been hurt, or when we have hurt others, we cannot undo the hurt that we have experienced. In the resurrection, God shows us the nature of reconciliation on the other side of woundedness and death.

Fourthly, the resurrected Jesus most often appears in the midst of his gathered followers and most often is known in the breaking of bread. Christianity, by nature, is not a private, internal endeavor. If we want to know the presence of the resurrected Christ in our lives the place to do that is in the Christian community and, most powerfully, in the Real Presence of Christ in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread.

Finally, we must realize that just as Easter is an ongoing season (the Great Fifty Days of Easter is not over

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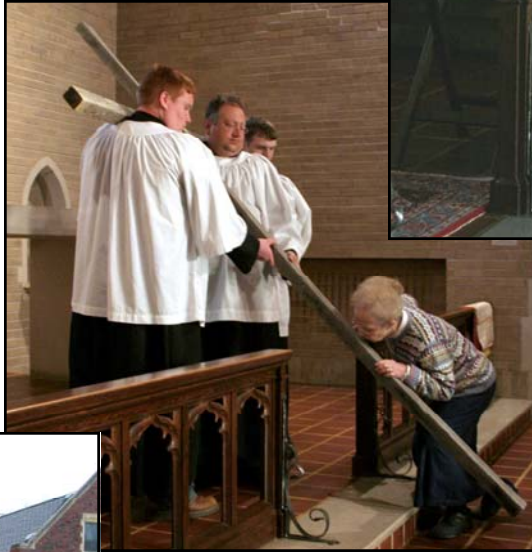
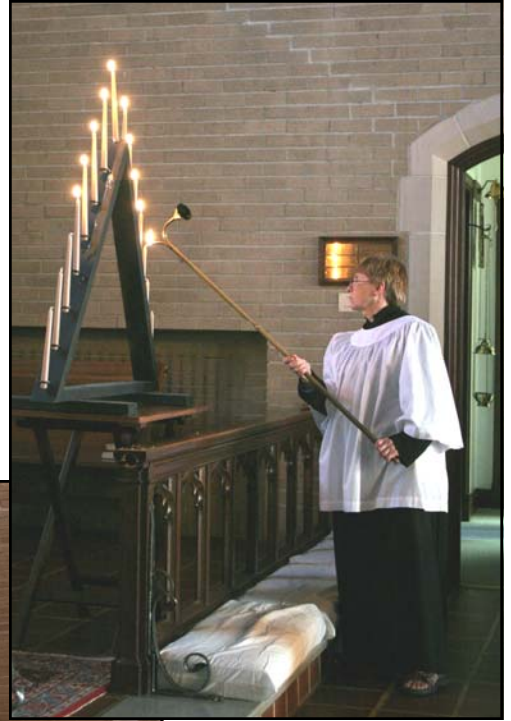
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Rector of St. Andrew's

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## HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



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## Looking ahead

**April 10 Vestry.** St. Andrew's Vestry will convene at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited—and encouraged—to attend.

**April 12 Clean-up day.** All willing hands are invited to join in a clean-up day at 9 a.m. at St. Andrew's. Eddie Gilpin, junior warden, says that if enough participants show up, the work will probably be finished by lunchtime. In case the weather doesn't cooperate, the make-up day is set for April 19.

**April 20 Parish-wide salad luncheon.** Bring a salad for lunch! We'll have a parish-wide salad luncheon after the 11 a.m. Eucharist. The Parish Life committee will provide beverages and breads. Parishioners are asked to bring a favorite salad—vegetable, fruit or meat—to share.

**April 22 Women's luncheon.** The women of St. Andrew's will continue their monthly luncheons at Coburn's Family Restaurant. The gathering begins at 11:30 a.m. and women (and any interested men) may drop in as their schedule allows for lunch and conversation.

**April 26 Rebuilding Together work day.** Volunteers and cookies are needed for the home repair project day. See the article on page 7.

**May 1 Ascension Day.** Holy Eucharist with the congregation of St. Mark's, at St. Mark's at 7 p.m.

## St. Andrew's thanks ...

... Trish Weidert and all Altar Guild members, for their special service during Holy Week.

... Su J. Mai and the Parish Life members and all other parishioners who prepared and served special coffee hours for Palm Sunday and Easter Day and the reception after the Great Vigil.

... Riverside Gardens, for providing additional plants for the Garden of Repose.

... Choir members and musicians for adding to the glory of Easter worship.

... Karen Whittlesey, for preparing scores of extra bulletins needed for Holy Week.

... Kate Wise, for using her sewing skills to make the skirt for the baptistery.

... Patrick Kelley, for being our photographer during Holy Week and Easter.

... Fr. Rand Frew for spending Holy Week with us.

... All of our altar servers, who spent many hours at the church.

## Holy Week photo captions

*Pictures on the facing page were taken by Pat Kelley. Top row to bottom:*

Fr. Kelley blessing the palms in the columbarium on Palm Sunday.

Millard Harrell leading Evensong on Tuesday in Holy Week.

Sue McKinney lighting the candles on the hearse at Tenebrae (Wednesday in Holy Week).

Fr. Rand Frew and Fr. Kelley washing the feet of parishioners on Maundy Thursday.

Gloria Stewart venerating the Cross on Good Friday.

The city-wide Stations of the Cross stopping at St. Andrew's on Good Friday.

Andrew Troyer with Lynn Bonney, one of his sponsors, after his baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter.

The gala reception following the First Eucharist of Easter.

Leaving no cushion unturned in the search for eggs on Easter Day.



“It is not some religious act which makes a Christian what he is, but participation in the suffering of God in the life of the world.” —*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison, July 18, 1944.*

### *In our daily prayers we celebrate*

#### **Births**

- April 1 Nick Jacob
- April 7 Glenn Williams
- April 14 William Clamurro
- April 16 Rick Mitchell
- April 25 Rick Law
- April 26 Koseku Azzun
- April 27 Nancy Garcia
- April 29 Jake McCracken

#### **Baptisms**

- April 4 Cade Amend  
Sabra Amend  
Trish Weidert
- April 6 Mark Crofoot
- April 10 Delaney Adams  
Gould Garcia  
Blake Mitchell  
Jennifer North  
Tom Resch
- April 11 Judy Calhoun
- April 14 Gary Mason
- April 15 Kathryn Lackey
- April 17 Kelley Lackey II
- April 20 David Walker
- April 21 Leigh Ann Crofoot
- April 22 Chase Harder
- April 28 Allie Mitchell

#### **Confirmations**

- April 13 Nancy Pontius
- April 14 Janet Ayers  
Mark Harder
- April 17 Judy Calhoun  
Nancy Gilpin  
Sue McKinney
- April 25 David Walker
- April 28 Ruthann Resch
- April 30 J.R. Wilhelmson

#### **Marriages**

- April 4 Ray and Helen Call
- April 21 Patrick Kelley and Lynn Bonney

## **Milestones**

### **We remember**

- April 3 John Jefferson Ryan Sr.
- April 6 Emma Dooley Person
- April 8 Dude Pykiet  
Dean Swift Wells
- April 10 Lischia Hill
- April 15 Carl Unger
- April 18 James Andrew Hendrix
- April 20 Carol Baysinger
- April 21 Bertha Jean Marlard
- April 22 Norva L. Howerton
- April 24 Walter Falconer  
Arthur Kirk Leonard
- April 25 Sabra Whitley Austin
- April 26 Adah Wade
- April 27 Mary E. Wells Campbell  
Mary Katherine Bond Frisby  
Frank Ragsdale
- April 28 Florence Davis Yearout
- April 29 William Madison Price
- April 30 Fred R. Corbett

#### **St. Andrew's Prayer List** as of March 31

Shirley Bannon, Valerie Symmons, Olivia Heydt, Reese Naylor, Sambo and Rob Kirkman, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Liz Hollar, Dorothy Kimbell and Bill North. Loved ones in the military: Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, Matt Bright, John, Matthew Richter, Eric Muecke, Caleb Bright, Christopher.

*(As space permits, the current prayer list will be included monthly on this page.)*

### **Important date missing?**

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

# April Server Schedule

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	May 4
Chalice bearer	G. Garcia	A. Keller	S. McKinney	A. Keller	G. Garcia
Priest server	J. Davis	J. Davis	R. Mitchell	J. Davis	A. Keller
Crucifer	B. Dyer	P. Davis	B. Dyer	J. Crofoot	B. Dyer
Torch 1	W. Dyer	B. Dyer	H. Harder	P. Davis	W. Dyer
Torch 2	C. O'Mara	W. Dyer	W. Dyer	R. Mitchell	A. Mitchell
Lector	B. Barnes	M. Mingenback	M. Amend	A. Rust	J. Runge
Intercessor	L. Bonney	M. Harrell	R. Call	M. Mingenback	B. Barnes
Nursery 1	M. Halleran	R. Call	L. Dyer	R. Call	A. Jacobs
Nursery 2	L. Dyer	H. Call	M. Halleran	H. Call	N. Jacobs
Greeter 1	N. Romine	J. Runge	D. Mai	N. Romine	D. Mai
Greeter 2	J. Hubert	C. Harder	S. Mai	J. Hubert	S. Mai
LEV 1	L. Bonney	G. Mason	J. Hubert	M. Harrell	J. Hubert
LEV 2	P. Kelley	J. Runge	B. Barnes	G. Mason	J. Runge

**Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.**

## Rector's Column, *cont.*

until the Feast of Pentecost on May 11) resurrection is an ongoing process in our own lives. Healing, forgiveness and reconciliation may happen instantly. But usually resurrection is an ongoing process that takes time. Be patient with yourself, others and God.

I pray that when we respond, “the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia” to the Paschal proclamation during this season, we will all begin to see more clearly the ways that resurrection is indeed a part of our lives.

Pax,  
Kelley+



## A gift that's personal

Hannah Dye has a new look—her hair is shorter by about 10 inches. Hannah, who is 5 years old, decided to get her tresses shorn so they could be donated to Locks of Love, which helps children who have lost their hair because of illness and medications. Hanna, who attends Madison Elementary School, said she didn't know anyone who had needed Locks of Love, but when she

heard about the service, she wanted to help. She plans to let her hair grow and repeat the donation, but she doesn't know how long that might take. “It could be five years,” she estimated. *(Hannah is shown here on Easter Sunday. Photo: Pat Kelley.)*

## Evening Prayer schedule set

All parishioners are welcome to join Gary Mason as he reads Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the St. Mary Chapel.

If Gary is unable to be present on a given day, the outside chapel light will not be lit. You're also welcome to check with the office, 342-1537.

## Ascension Day liturgy to be at St. Mark's

The Holy Eucharist commemorating our Lord's ascension into heaven will be celebrated on May 1 with St. Mark's Lutheran Church, as it was last year. This time the liturgy will be at St. Mark's, with Fr. Kelley preaching and Pastor Davis presiding.

## Here's to you, Grad!

Will the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance” be playing for you this spring?

If a high school or college graduation is coming up for you or someone in your family, please let the office know as soon as possible. Parish Life is planning a coffee hour to honor “our” graduates and would like to have grads' names. Please provide the name of the graduate and his or her plans following graduation (whether going into a job, attending college or entering the armed services). If the graduate will be attending college or graduate school let us know which college or grad school and his or her field of study and anticipated degree.

## Banns of Marriage

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Amy Margaret Schwenn of Emporia and Jarrett Delano Leeds of Emporia. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. This is the first time of asking.

(signed) Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II

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## From the Senior Warden

So many helped to honor our Lord during Holy Week. Father Kelley and Father Frew showed us the way and we are grateful.

Money contributed to our church in memory of our parishioners is welcomed at St. Andrew's and the new processional cross chosen as a memorial to Father Valentine is beautiful and enriches our worship. In reviewing our memorial funds, the vestry feels that contributions are not being used within a reasonable time. In order to correct this, a list of possible additions and improvements as possible memorials is being compiled. If you have an idea for this list, share it with Father Kelley or a member of the vestry.

Another very important list has been presented by Junior Warden Eddie Gilpin. This list is of structural concerns and replacements. Work on problem drains is first. Some of the projects that have to be taken care of are painting and roof repairs or replacement and these are major issues and expenses.

Jacqueline James and I recently attended a meeting in Topeka and visited with other Kansas Episcopalians. Jacqueline gathered some stewardship ideas and I visited with senior wardens about their success and problems. Many parishes had problems but outreach projects were numerous and shared with pride. When compared, we look good!

**Helen Call**

## Cookies and volunteers for a good cause

St. Andrew's has an opportunity to provide cookies later this month for the workers of Rebuilding Together.

Formerly known as Christmas in April, Rebuilding Together brings together volunteers who repair and rehabilitate homes for Emporians who are unable to do the work themselves and cannot afford to pay to have it done.

About 100 Rebuilders are expected for the April 26 event, so we'll need a number of willing bakers. Please let Lynn Bonney know by April 15 if you can spend a little time in the kitchen for this cause, which is designated as one of our parish's Outreach projects.

If you wish, you may bake now and freeze the cookies at home – or we'll place your cookies in the parish freezer.

The workers will certainly appreciate your effort!

If you want to volunteer to work, please pick up a form in the office or from the table in the hall.

## Volunteers sought for Peter Pan Playground build week

April 30 to May 4 is Peter Pan Playground build week and workers, servers, helpers, fundraisers and other volunteers are needed. There is something for everyone to do, no matter what and where your gifts lie, from helping in the child care center to working with power tools. There is a volunteer form in the hall and office.

## Forward Day by Day available

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily devotions and Bible readings that many people find inspiring. It is published four times a year, with each booklet covering three months. St. Andrew's has both large-print and regular-sized editions free for you to pick up from the table outside the parish hall.

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April 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the May Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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