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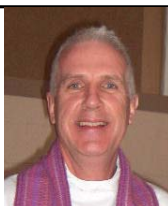
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I Love Easter!



The good news, dear friends, is that Jesus really has risen from the dead! The body of Jesus that was truly dead and laid in a grave on Good Friday, on the first Easter Sunday was raised to life— never to die again.

now I know I too will be raised with Him because I have hidden my life by faith in Him. Look at Paul's argument of I Corinthians 15: 12 – 20. ***“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”***

[I Corinthians 15:20, (NIV)]

I love Easter because the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is at work in me too because I received the Holy Spirit when I put my trust in Jesus. ***“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”*** [Romans 8:11, (NIV)]

I love Easter because it demonstrates the kind of God we are trusting. He is a God who raises the dead. When

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He is not here; He has risen!



So what is the bad news? Well, in the face of that victorious fact, for all who put their trust in Him, there isn't any bad news. Nothing can defeat the victory that was won that happy day.

I love Easter because in that event God proved definitely that Jesus really is God. ***“Who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”*** [Romans 1:4, NIV]

I love Easter because



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troubles come and we pray, we are appealing to a God for whom no obstacle is too big and who delights to “raise the dead.” ***“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.”*** [2Corinthians 1: 8 – 11, (NIV)]

I love Easter because in that event our wonderful Jesus was vindicated. He was the Sinless One. But He took our sin upon himself and died because of our sin [Isaiah 53]. When Jesus was raised to life, it was God’s vindication of the Son. ***“Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.”*** [Isaiah 53: 12, NIV] And now Jesus as Lord and King has a glorious inheritance which includes you and me who put our trust in Him. I Love Easter!



The Garden Tomb

Some believe that this might have been the site of Joseph of Arimathea’s grave where Jesus was buried and where He rose again. As well as the tomb, there is evidence of a garden that existed at the time of the crucifixion, and evidence of an ancient church, showing that not only some modern Christians but also some ancient ones thought that this could be the special tomb.

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Held By God

On Sunday, March 9, Ray David spoke of how we try to be friends with God. We were reminded of the cartoon characters – the little dog who hops around his large companion, saying “we're friends aren't we Ralph? Eh? We're buddies aren't we?”

But someone is not your friend just because you wish it. That person is your friend because he chooses to be. It is the same way with God - He chooses to be with us, to call us his own, and to call us his beloved. To complete the image, Ray David spoke of not us holding Jesus' hand, but of God holding ours.

This image is especially dear and made very clear an incident in my life a few days ago. My son is just learning to walk, and he has a lot of fear about making a mistake and falling. If he holds onto my hand, he clutches it with both hands, he trembles and shrieks. He will not move forward.

But I found that if I hold onto Philip's hand he is confident. When I hold his hand, he will then take the next step; he is no longer afraid of his own weakness. Instead, he is bold; he knows that Mom will not let him fall. He knows that I am there to encourage, strengthen, and believe in him and push him to what I know he is capable of accomplishing.

It is the same with us. When we hang on to Jesus' hand, our own strength is not enough. We project our own fears and frailties into our grip and it falters when we trip. But God's grip is not subject to such passing human frailty. It is sure and strong and capable of hanging on in the fiercest of storms.

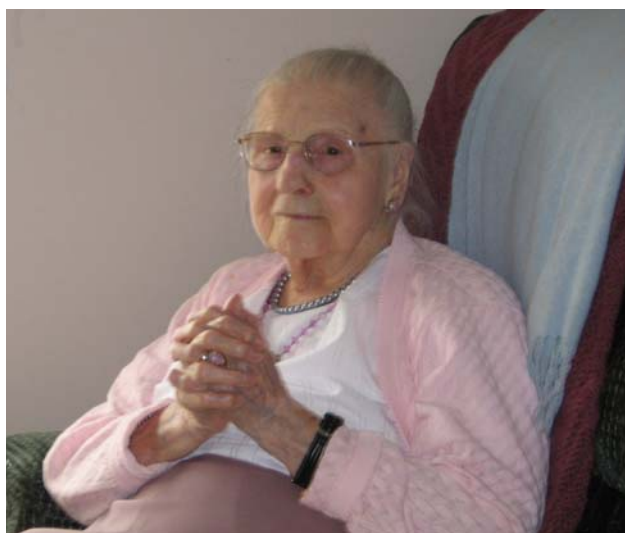
When he holds us firmly with His Almighty strength, we are empowered to step boldly into our future. He will not let go. We need not be afraid! He knows us and believes in us even when we don't believe in ourselves. We need to believe and lean on him, especially in times when it seems too scary or too far to go on. I know in the deepest part of my being that He will never let us down.

Donna Denison



He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

An Invitation



*Come and help celebrate
Helen Cornell's 100 years of living
April 6, 2 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Jansley Woods Long Term Care Facility
in the Community Room
4100 Upper Middle Road, Burlington
(south side of road between Walkers Line and
Appleby Line)*

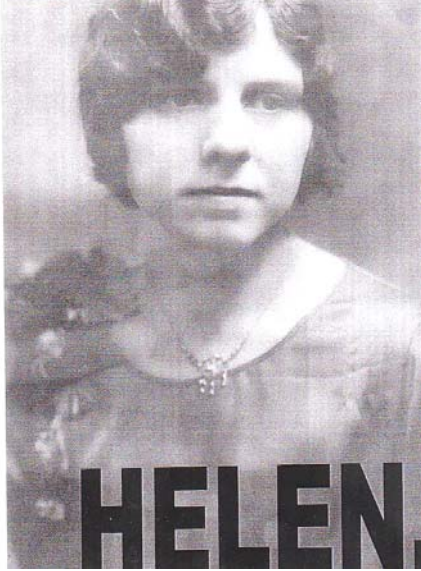
Best wishes only, please.

For info call Kathy at 905-335-5399

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All about Helen

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Maybe you have seen the book “All about Helen” in the church library. Maybe you have read it. This remarkable book is about our Helen, Helen Cornell, who turns 100 on April 6. Those of us who have not reached this milestone can experience a whole century of life in Ontario through Helen’s eyes. Helen’s book came out in 2006 when Helen was 98.

Helen Martin was born in Tranquility, a small community near Brantford. She lived on the family farm and participated in all the activities connected with farming at the beginning of the twentieth century. She was the youngest of five children, eleven years younger than her next oldest sibling.

Helen’s account of her early days sparkles with Helen’s sense of humour that is her trademark to this day. She had a pet raccoon named Lassie. For draft horses they had a Percheron named Peg who worked well with a partner of unknown origin. There was also a driving horse named Nell who had been originally a harness racer. Nell loved to speed.

Helen had the normal responsibilities of a child growing up on a farm. She filled the wood box and brought cows from the pasture, ably assisted by the farm dog Howdy. In hot weather she had to pick raspberries and cut the grass.

The local church was the centre of community activities. Sunday school was in the afternoon. Helen was part of a class of eight or nine girls who stayed together until age sixteen. The group named themselves “Buds of Promise” and even had class rings. Helen smiles about all this now.

There was always a lot to do for fun. There was a euchre club. They played cards until 10 p.m.; then there was a lunch followed by dancing. Helen and a couple of other girls played the piano. In winter there was skating on the pond, amateur plays (Helen said that she was never the star), and there were dances (fox trot, waltz, rye waltz, and schottische)

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Helen attended the one-room Tranquility school, a structure of cream-coloured bricks, heated by a wood-burning furnace in Helen's day, and provided with two outhouses. All cleaning and wood-cutting was done by the students themselves. In winter the school population was increased by the attendance of local farm hands who took the time to improve their education. Helen remembers that penmanship, spelling, reading, composition and grammar were stressed.

Helen was clearly a gifted student but gives credit to the Tranquility school that grounded her well for her high school years in Brantford. In order to be admitted into high school, she was required to take entrance exams called the "senior four". Helen says that she prepared for each exam praying that the Lord would help her do her best. Her first year of high school was spent in St. Jude's Anglican Church because Brantford C. I. had no room for five classes from "the county". By the next year a school extension had been built to include all the classes. Helen and another girl, both from the county, usually topped the high school class. She took a three year commercial program, followed by two years matriculation and graduated at the age of 18.

While Helen was in high school she gained some work experience. At the age of fourteen, she and a friend worked at Woolworth's Saturdays and holidays. Later she sold lingerie and blouses at J. M. Young's department store. After she graduated from high school she began her first real job in the office at Ruddy Manufacturing Company which made a variety of things including screen doors and cabinets. She remained there six years until her marriage in 1932.

Helen's husband was Gordon Cornell, always called Tony. In the early days of their marriage Helen and Tony operated the Supertest service station in St. George. This involved very long hours every day because there was a small restaurant. Helen clearly a resourceful and innovative person expanded her work world to include delivering hot lunches to bankers who worked across the street. She continued this service for some time even after she and Tony no longer operated the service station.

Baby Robert was born in these early years. Helen commented that her hardest job, living above the service station and caring for a baby was doing the laundry in a big copper kettle on the stove.

Around 1936 they left the service station. Tony did a variety of jobs; but in 1939 Tony started working for Texaco in the east end of Hamilton. Gas arrived by boat in those days. Tony's job was to supervise loading the gas into big storage tanks and also supervise loading it into trucks for delivery to gas stations in Hamilton. This involved long hours

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Who's Who & What's on at St. Georges

Nursery

Care is available for babies and toddlers at the 10:30am service.

Ray David Glenn 905-336-3145

Family Ministries

Sundays during the 10:30am service

Sunday School Programme for 3 years to Grade 5. Each of the three classes use Bible stories, craft and songs to learn about Christian Faith and grow in their love for Jesus

Ray David Glenn 905 336-3145

Youth Programme

Matt Baker 905 878-1363

Music Ministry

The Choir sings at the 10:30am service in the Sanctuary

Church office 905 878-1363

Prayer Chain

Confidential prayers daily. Please call with prayer requests for yourself or others.

Eileen Phillips 905 681-6850

Alpha

A series of talks on key issues relating to the Christian faith. Each evening includes a meal and group discussion. Offered in the fall at the church.

Donna Rigo 905 854-0197

Home Fellowship and Bible Study Groups

meet during the week at the church or in homes. Please call to find out about locations, times and study topics

Dave Shantz 905 854-1013

Greg Culver 905 854-1181

Adult Education (Potter's Wheel)

Events that provide teaching for adults on Christian subjects and issues. As announced.

Ron and Pam Bales 905 827-1097

Church Library

The library contains a wide range of books, videos, tapes and magazines with Christian themes, for both adults and children.

Gillian Fernie 905 319-2916

Sermon Tape/CD Ministry

Copies of Sunday sermons are available on audiocassette (\$2.00 and CD (\$2.50). Turn-around time from date of request is two weeks. Request forms are in the Narthex.

Betty Pristol 905 873-1918

St. George's Men's Group

Praise, prayer and study over coffee. Held on the third Saturday of the month at the church.

Rick Carpenter 905 690-3086

Women's Ministries:

Annual Conference and Vespers Evenings. Events designed so that women can draw together spiritually, through fellowship, worship, teaching and sharing.

Karen Wilson 905-659-1775

Visitation Ministries:

Congregational Visiting. Those who wish to have a pastoral visit should call the church office.

Seniors' Pastoral Care and Institutional Visiting.

A ministry to St. George's seniors and their families. Also to Milton Hospital, and area seniors' residences.

Kathy Powell 905-335-5399

St. George's Knights

Sports group for those 14 years and older. Softball with the Milton Inter-Church Mixed Softball League in the summer.

Richard & Ruth Mills 905-878-3849

Baptism for Children and Adults

Preparation for Baptism includes a visit with the clergy. Held periodically. Rev. Charlie Masters 905-878-1363

Communion Preparation for Children

Classes for children and their parents are held on four consecutive Sundays after the 10:30am service, usually in Advent or Lent. Rev. Ray David Glenn 905-336-3145

Marriage Seminar

Five sessions for those about to be married. Led by church members. Held annually.

Ray David Glenn 905-336-3145

Parish Council advises the Rector and Wardens on all church matters. All are invited to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings. Please call the church office for more information.

Property and Maintenance Group

Responsible for the ongoing maintenance and care of the church buildings and parking area.

Brian Duke 905 689-3897

Cemetery Group

Responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery and the grounds.

Wayne Neeb 905 659-0402

John 11: 25 (NIV)

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

From St. George's with love. . .



What can I, as a little person, do to brighten Nanny's day in her new home?

- keep her and her new home in my prayers each night.
- attend church with Nanny and help her find the pages in the hymn book.
- take my children's Bible and have her read to me or I can read to her.
- be kind to the staff because they work so hard.
- bring in special cards and pictures to decorate Nanny's room.
- give her my latest school picture to put on her dresser.
- bring in old photos of things we did together and share them with her.
- phone her and say my little night time prayer for her on the phone.
- take in my favorite toy or game to show her.
- help Mommy make cookies for her afternoon treat.
- bring in wild flowers and pretty colored leaves.
- bring a tape of my class singing a song or me singing a solo.
- come with a riddle for her each time.
- bring my paper and crayons to draw for her.
- bring in a picnic and I can make the place cards and color the napkins.
- ask about Nanny's childhood.
- send cards or notes if I can't come for a while because of a cold.
- meet her new friends and tell them I have the best Nanny in the world.
- bring in a favorite video or music tape for her to borrow.
- ask her to show me how to do something (knit, crochet, a favorite hobby, etc).
- take her down for ice cream.
- bring in a birthday cake on her birthday and share it with her friends.
- cut out little paper hearts with Thank You on them and give them to the staff.

Kathy Powell



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often late into the night, and also detailed paper work and calculations. He was a very capable man.

The family had a number of homes in this period, especially in Burlington where Kathy was born. We all know Kathy as Kathy Powell, our “Seniors’ Pastoral Care Resource Person”. Eventually, in August 1957, they all moved into a beautiful white frame house on Britannia Road. There was a barn on the property and Limestone Creek flowed nearby. Helen and the family loved that home and Helen stayed there until 1981, living by herself after Tony died in June 1975.

Through the years Helen was always busy with hobbies and volunteer work. When she was first married, she was secretary of the Women’s Institute. Her homes were filled with lovely antiques. She and Tony attended auctions; they refinished and restored fine pieces that they enjoyed over the years and have handed on to family. Helen sewed and knitted for herself and her family and also knitted toques and mitts for Covenant House in Toronto and “Teddy’s for Tragedy” used by “Doctors Without Borders” in the care of children overseas. In the Burlington days Helen was president of the Home and School Association. She also organized the March of Dimes canvass the first time that it was done in Burlington.

Helen inherited the gift of music from her father. He was a fine singer and was in a quartet with his three brothers. Helen’s early music lessons were paid for by her mother with the “butter and egg money”. The family originally owned a reed organ with two pedals that Helen learned to play. She mastered the old gospel hymns and she and her father would sing them. Later on, her mother turned in the old organ on a new piano for Helen, a complete surprise to her. Her mother made the payments on the piano again with butter and egg money.

Over the years Helen not only enjoyed music herself (she had an organ and a piano even when she lived in a small apartment on Millside Drive in Milton), but she shared her music with many people. For a time when they lived on Britannia Road, Helen was the organist and choir leader for Zimmerman United Church. There was no heat in the church during the week, so they froze through choir practice on Thursday nights all the same. When Zimmerman United Church closed in 1969, Helen’s family began to worship at St. George’s where Helen became the organist within a couple of years. This

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continued for some years, well into the 1990's. Even after Helen retired as the main organist, she continued to play for the early services and for the evening healing services. Charlie would pick Helen up at her apartment every Sunday at 7:20 a. m. for the early service. (Often Helen treated Charlie to a donut along the way.) For healing services, Helen did a lot of planning, keeping her music selections neatly recorded in red pen in her notebook. Usually the healing service music included Jane's violin and Mary Ann's cello. Helen also played the organ for many weddings and for many funerals.

Helen's music enriched the worship at St. George's. Yet her musical talents extended beyond sacred music. Helen volunteered for two mornings a week playing the piano at the seniors' home in Milton, "the Manor", now Allendale. She played vigorously a great variety of familiar music, "anything that came into my head", she said: dance tunes, children's songs, Scottish dances, hymns. She added, "Two things that really got them going were 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'Glory, Glory, Halleluia'". She gave the residents much pleasure and she herself thoroughly enjoyed her days at Allendale.

Helen took an interest also in the residents of Maplehurst where Richard Mills was the principal of the education program. She and Mary Chisholm along with Richard attended the graduation ceremonies and made presentation to the graduates of the program. The presentation consisted of a card of congratulations, a copy of the poem "Footprints" and a prayer which encouraged the graduates with the knowledge that God cared about them and had a plan for their lives. She enjoyed this ministry thoroughly and the young men were touched by the interest and warmth of this remarkable elderly lady.

Helen now lives at the Village of Tansley Woods near the intersection of Walker's Line and Upper Middle Road, Burlington. She adjusted immediately to her new life there and enjoys the new friends she has made. Helen was a long time member of the prayer chain at St. George's and she continues by praying for those in the home where she now lives. She has retained the twinkle in her eye and her zest for life. As Helen looks forward to celebrating her hundredth birthday, we at St. George's rejoice with Helen and her Cornell and Powell clan. We are grateful to the Lord that she is part of our church family.

Jane and Mary Ann

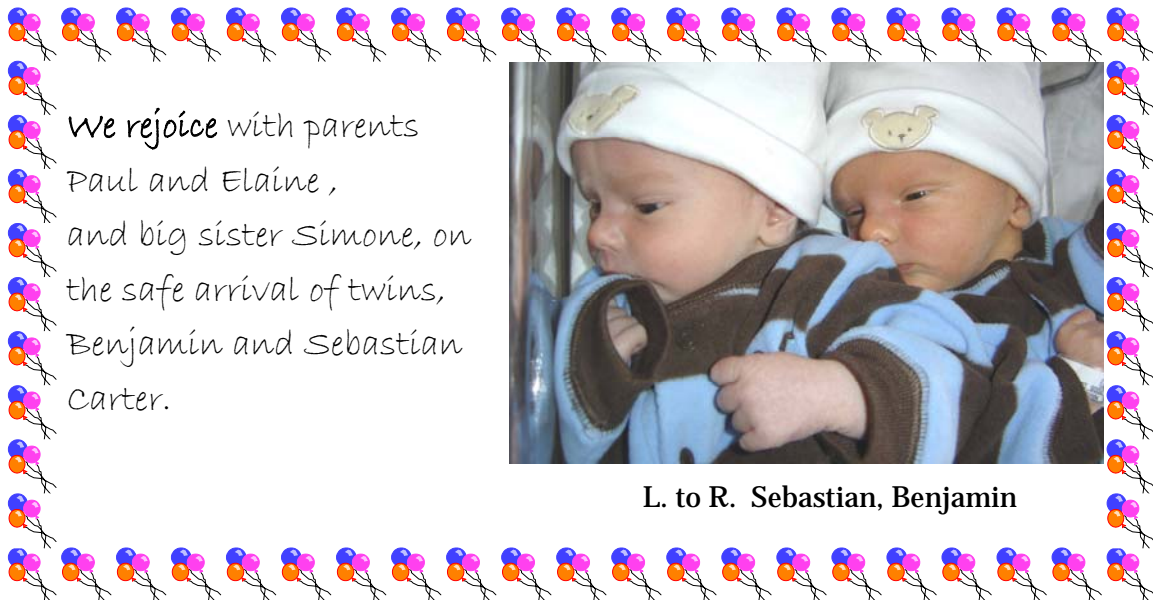


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Overheard by the Font (& elsewhere)



*Congratulations
and God's blessings
to Ed and Mary Krucker
On 50 years of marriage,
Celebrated March 1, 2008.*



*We rejoice with parents
Paul and Elaine,
and big sister Simone, on
the safe arrival of twins,
Benjamin and Sebastian
Carter.*

L. to R. Sebastian, Benjamin

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Historic Moments

Sunday, February 17, 2008

In the largest turnout of a vestry in the 151 year history of St. George's, we passed the motion to empower the wardens to seek adequate Episcopal oversight from Bishop Don Harvey through the Anglican Network in Canada. The motion was passed by 97.7% .



worship before the special vestry



prayers of dedication

Saturday, February 23, 2008

The national office of the Anglican Network in Canada was dedicated at the Crossroads Centre in Burlington. Friends and staff participated in this joyful occasion.



fellowship . . .



and speeches of thanksgiving for the Lord's provision

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Sunday, February 24, 2008

The whole congregation celebrated and worshipped together in the family room with Bishop Don Harvey, moderator of the Anglican Network in Canada.



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PRAYERFULLY SPEAKING



Overcoming the culture of fear

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a conference held by some Anglican churches on the west coast and I heard a phrase there that resonated strongly with me. The phrase was “the culture of fear”. The speaker went on to comment about how fear has spread pervasively throughout our society. As an intercessor, this concept caused me deep concern as I began to ponder its veracity.

Since the horrific events of September 11th, 2001, our North American society has been deeply influenced by a media-driven culture built around growing apprehension and alarm. Think of the news items with which we are constantly bombarded that concern the latest studies showing threats to our health, home invasions, child abductions, plunging stock markets, soaring oil prices, terrorist plots, casualties in Afghanistan, and murders down the street. Sales of home alarm systems are growing rapidly. Parents are afraid to let their children play outside or walk half a block to school.

It could be argued that many of these things have always been with us. Perhaps that’s true, but we are flooded with images, stats, and on-site reports through radio, TV, newspapers and the Internet in a totally unprecedented way. Short of becoming a hermit, there really is no escape. When I was a child, most radio or TV newscasts were 10 – 15 minutes maximum. Now we have channels and websites that provide news exclusively 24/7, many of which are in competition with each other and they will use graphic images and shocking headlines to capture our ever increasingly desensitized attention. Even standing in line at the bank, giant LCD screens pump out headline news, stock market results, and, if you live east of the Rockies, the latest winter storm warning.

This atmosphere of anxiety even seeps into the Church, especially given the crisis we have been facing over the past number of years in the Anglican world: “If we take a stand for the Gospel of Christ, what might happen to us?” “Our numbers are dwindling. We don’t have much money. What if we have to close the church doors?” “If I tell someone I don’t agree with same-sex blessings, will they hate me or think I’m homophobic?” “We

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haven't paid our diocesan assessment in years. What if we make the bishop mad at us?" The list could, and does, go on. So how do we combat this attitude in prayer? Is this an unfortunate reality of the times that we must simply get used to? As intercessors for the Church, once we've discerned this malaise, is there something that we can do? I believe the answer is an emphatic, "Yes"!

In one of St. Paul's exhortation to the young church on the topic of spiritual warfare, he uses military terminology to describe this phenomenon in individuals or social groupings. Look at his usage of the term "stronghold" in the scripture below:

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish **strongholds**. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**"

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 NIV

A stronghold, in this sense, is any negative thought pattern that has taken control or has extraordinary and unwarranted influence on our life, our family, our church or society. St. Paul suggests that this kind of stronghold is built in our minds, and needs to be torn down - we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. Concerted prayer is the greatest weapon that we have against such strongholds.

Is there an antidote to this poison of the mind? Is there a way that we can begin to dismantle this stronghold? Let's look at a scripture passage from St. John's first epistle: "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. **There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear**, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

1 John 4: 16-18 NIV

The place to begin is with ourselves. St. John makes it clear that the way to freedom from fear is to embrace God's perfect love and allow Him to drive fear from our

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thinking. Now that sounds simple enough, doesn't it . . .almost overly simplistic. We all know that God love us, right? But if this Divine Love is to demolish strongholds, then we need to have more than just a theology of God's love, we need an ongoing experience of God's love.

Let me share a personal experience with you. Several years ago, our youth pastor invited a worship band from another church to come and do an evening of praise and worship with our youth. The band sang mostly their own compositions, none of which I knew, but I was standing at the back of our auditorium seeking to enter into the worship. One of the songs had a chorus that included the phrase, "I will always let you love me, Lord". They sang it over enough times that I was picking it up, and I heard myself singing this phrase over and over; "I will always let you love me, Lord; I will always let you love me, Lord".

Suddenly, I felt the Lord speak to my heart, "No, you don't, Garth. You keep me at arm's length. You're afraid to really let Me love you."

I began to weep in repentance, because I knew that He was right. If we ever really let the Lord pour His love into us; if we ever were totally convinced that loving us is His joy and delight, not something we somehow earn by doing good stuff or not doing bad stuff, the stronghold of fear would begin to crumble. We would be filled with an overwhelming joy in knowing we are truly loved, and that knowledge would be revolutionary!

There is no room for fear in the church. As you pray for your rector, your bishop, your lay leaders and your parish, ask the Holy Spirit to bring to them a fresh and deeper revelation of the love of God than they have ever had. This new freedom can only come by revelation, not by mere head knowledge. Pray for them on a daily basis, "**There is no fear in love. Perfect love drives out fear**". May we see the culture of fear in the church begin to crumble and be replaced by joy-filled, courageous leaders and parishioners who experience the love of God in an undeniable way, and who allow that love to vanquish any stronghold. Amen.

Garth V. Hunt

This article was originally written for the March 2008 Network 1st Friday Call to Prayer.

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Really Good News!

I remember seeing a well-known journalist interviewed on TV. It was her last interview before her death; both she and the interviewer knew this. The interviewer asked about her views of life-after-death. She replied with a strong statement of her faith. There is nothing after death, she stated firmly. At the end of the interview, she and the interviewer shook hands as he congratulated her on her courageous view of life and death. It was indeed a display of courage, but at the same time desperately sad, hopeless.

Surely if there is good news in this world, it is the good news of the resurrection. Paul makes it clear that the resurrection is the heart of the gospel. This is the gospel that he preached. It is the only gospel that saves. If there is no resurrection, then there is no good news. If there is no resurrection, then faith is only an empty shell; there is no forgiveness, there is no rescue from sin, there is no saviour. It is pointless to maintain a faith for this life only. Paul said, **“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.”** (I Corinthians 15: 19, NIV)

Our resurrection and Jesus’ resurrection stand or fall together. If there is no resurrection, then we will not be raised from death, but Jesus has not been raised from death either. They stand or fall together. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. Not only has He been raised from the dead but He is the “firstfruits.” We will be raised from the dead too. He is the “firstfruits.” Jesus is not only our Saviour; if we are “in Christ”, He is also our life-giver. We are together with Jesus. Paul said, **“If we have been united like this with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.”** If we belong to Jesus, his resurrection guarantees our resurrection too.

But has Jesus been raised from the dead? There is not one shred of doubt. He has! One of the things that has always impressed me is that the testimony of Jesus resurrection came to people that had witnessed his death. They knew that He had died. There was no doubt. But very shortly afterward, people came forward, ordinary people, not identifiably crazy, many of them, not just a few who testified to having seen Jesus alive. At the beginning of I Corinthians 15, Paul gave a list of people who had seen Jesus. It was not even a complete list. But in the list he cited a group of 500 people who had seen Jesus at the same time. And he added that most of them were still alive. And that is what is impressive. It could be checked out. Paul himself was a living witness to the risen Lord.

But maybe it was just the spirit of Jesus living on and empowering his disciples. Not so, said Paul. It was a resurrection of the body. Not just Paul gave this witness. So did the apostles. In Luke’s account of Jesus coming among his disciples on Easter evening, Jesus said, **“Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”** (Luke 24: 39, NIV) Jesus also ate in their presence. Definitely, not a ghost or a spirit! John too, recorded Jesus’ words to Thomas in his doubts, **“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”** (John 20:27) Jesus’ body that had been put to death was the body



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that was raised to life, in a new resurrection body.

But what about us? Maybe only Jesus was raised. Will our bodies be raised? The answer is: our bodies will be raised too. That is the consistent teaching of Scripture. Job said, **“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”** (Job 19: 25 – 27, NIV) We, in the Apostles’ Creed, affirm that we believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. The resurrection of the body is the testimony of Scripture and the witness of the church.

But how could that be? What kind of body could it possibly be? Well, Paul gave an answer in I Corinthians 15. He pointed out that already we are aware of many types of bodies in creation with varieties of splendor bestowed on them by God. We are also familiar with fundamental transformation. Whenever we plant a dry dead-looking seed in the ground, mysteriously, in a way that we don’t understand at all, a plant springs up. **“But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.”** (I Corinthians 15: 38)

We don’t know what kind of body our resurrection body will be. But we do know this: though our earthly body is subject to death and is perishable, our resurrection body will never die. It is imperishable. Whereas our earthly body is a lowly body, our resurrection body is to be glorious. Our earthly body is marked by weakness; but our resurrection body is marked by power. Our earthly body is a creature of dust; our resurrection body is a creature of heaven, a spiritual body. Just as we have been like the first Adam, creatures of dust, so in our resurrection bodies we will be like the second Adam, our Lord Jesus.

The resurrection is the heart of the gospel. Without the resurrection we would continue as children of death, hopeless and doomed, because flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. But one day coming, in a split second, by a mysterious act of God’s mighty power, the dead will be raised and those who are living will be transformed, simultaneously, amazingly. The enemy death vanquished in a wondrous and glorious victory! Death is **“swallowed up in victory.”**

Jesus said to Martha at the time of Lazarus’ death: **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”**(John 11: 25, NIV) Jesus’ death and his resurrection has changed everything for us who believe. Even if we die, we will live because of Jesus’ resurrection. And whoever is alive trusting in Jesus, will never die. Some years ago a young man spoke at his father’s funeral. I remember him saying “Death is a pathetic enemy.” For us, together with our Lord Jesus, death has been swallowed up in victory. Surely if there is good news in this world, the resurrection is good news. Together with the cross of Jesus, the resurrection is the heart of the gospel.

Jesus finished his word to Martha: **“Do you believe this?”** I say also, **“Do you believe this?”**

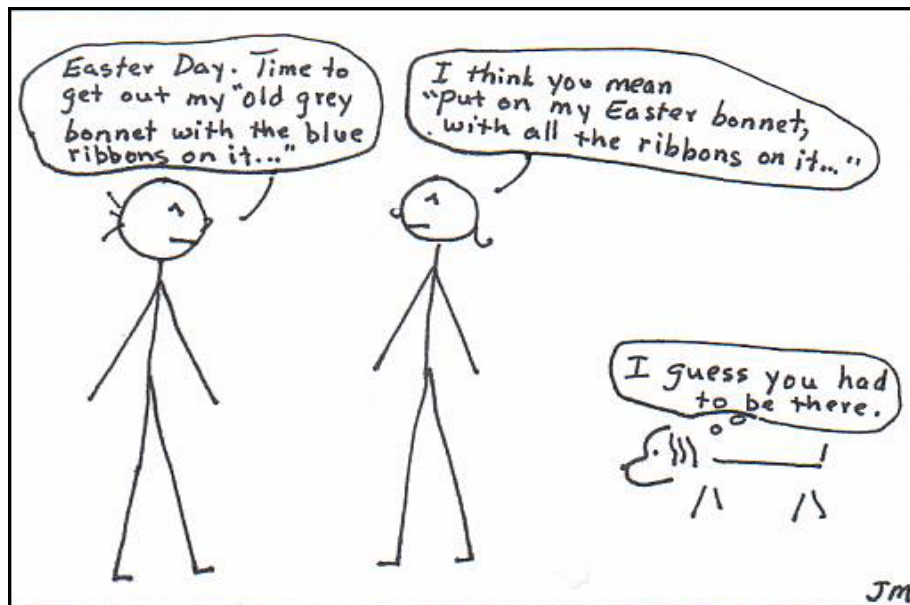
Mary Ann Masters

Hallelujah! The Lord is risen!



The Mount of Olives is special to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. For Jews, it is the most sacred place to be buried, as they wait for the Messiah to come.

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He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18 (NIV)

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.