



Saints Alive! April 2016

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From the Rector: Dialogue on the Resurrection



Q. Do you believe that the tomb of Jesus was really empty? **A.** Most definitely. Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost climaxed with the words, "This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it" (Acts 2:23-24). Does anyone seriously think Peter could have said that and kept on saying it over and over again with the body decaying in a grave within walking distance? Even enemies did not try to claim that the tomb was not empty. They had to fabricate some other explanation-that the disciples had stolen the body!

Q. But you are saying that the body that left the tomb was different from the body that was buried there, right? **A.** Yes, certainly. The accounts in the Gospels make that quite clear, don't they? Though the doors were shut he comes to the disciples (John 20:19); he is visible on the road to Emmaus and then disappears (Luke 24:31); he seems to have no transportation problems but apparently cannot be two places at once! All this jives with what St. Paul says in 1 Cor. 15 – his resurrection body cannot be flesh and blood understood in our current terms, because "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." (1Cor.15:50).

Q. So you think that after the resurrection the body of Jesus was a miracle, something God maintained in existence by a constant act, right? **A.** No more so than the whole creation is maintained by a constant act! After all we are told in Hebrews that the Son "upholds the universe by the word of his power" (1:3). Let me speculate for a moment. It could be that when the spirit is in a perfect or near perfect relationship with God it can command matter to its own use! That could happen either as a "natural" consequence of that relationship or by deliberate intention. If that be so, both Jesus' transfiguration and the shining face of Moses as he came down from Sinai were examples of the former - "natural" consequences of the relationship between matter and spirit in those events. In the case of Jesus in his resurrection, his spirit-after his sojourn in the realm of the departed-simply commanded to his own use the molecular structure of his fleshly body which the Father then "clothed" with resurrection life!

So you see, it is not so much that the resurrection body of Jesus was a supernatural miracle as that fleshly bodies and all that they share in relationship with the fallen material world are subnormal. In them spirit, matter and God are not rightly related. The great hope of the Christian is that one Day, all of that will be changed, not only for us but for the whole creation! In that Day we who have "born the image of the earthly man will bear the image of the heavenly man" (1Cor.5:49). And the whole creation, when "all things are subjected to Him..." will find that God is "Everything to everyone" (1 Cor.15:28).

Thus the resurrection of Jesus is not merely the survival of one life through death. It is, rather, the first act of the new heavens and the new earth! In that body we see spirit, matter and God rightly related as they will be one day throughout the whole created universe!

<u>Ministry Schedule</u>	3-April 2nd Sunday of Easter	10-April 3rd Sunday of Easter	17-April 4th Sunday of Easter	24-April 5th Sunday of Easter
LEM/LECTOR	Nathaniel Adkins	DJ Johnson	David Cary	DJ Johnson
Acolyte	Jennie Cary	Abbie Johnson	Jennie Cary	Abbie Johnson
Ushers 8:30	Stephen H. Guy Mace Tom Stromberg	Jerry Cook Seth Buswell Bert Kortum	Scott Magill Dennis Frame Stephen H.	Tom Stromberg Bert Kortum Guy Mace
Sound 8:30	Mike Allen	David Bell	Mike Allen	David Bell
Nursery 8:30	Ally Walsh Kim Little	Ally Walsh Karen Riegler	Ally Walsh Kim Little	Sarah Allen Kim Little
Child Ed 9:45	Ally Walsh Kim Little Susan F.	Ally Walsh Karen Riegler Susan F.	Ally Walsh Kim Little Susan F.	Ally Walsh Kim Little Susan F.
Lector	Georgia Long	Jane Robison	Jennie Cary	Gene Campbell
LEM 10:45	Robert Little	David Cary	Nathaniel Adkins	Robert Little
Crucifer 10:45	William Little	Jennie Cary	Hadleigh Callahan	William Little
Chalice	John Hutchinson	Judy Beisner	John Hutchinson	Judy Beisner
Torches	Joshua/Ezekiel Edwards	Josh/Ezekiel Edwards	Joshua/Ezekiel Edwards	Joshua/Ezekiel Edwards
Ushers 10:45	Dennis Frame Joe K. Brad Riegler	Joe K. Brent W. Chris Wilbers	Gene C. Joe K. Dennis Frame	Betty Hales Joe K. Brad Riegler
Communion Prayer 10:45	Fred R./Helen B. Paul/Georgia L.	Jane/Lindsey R. Darla J./Howard T.	Paul/Georgia L. Chris W./Helen B.	Jane/Lindsey R. Fred R./Darla J.
Altar Guild	Leslie S.	Carrie J.	Jean W.	Judy B.
Readings (Year c) English Standard Version	Acts 5:27-32 Ps 150 Rev 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	Acts 9:1-19, Ps 33:1-11, Rev 5:6-14, John 21:1-14	Acts 13:14-16, 26-39 Ps 100, Rev 7:9-17, John 10:22-30	Acts 13:44-52, Ps 145:1-9, Rev 19:1-9, John 13:31-35
Sound	Jessica Rossi	Tianna Page	Boyd Allen	Whit Hower
Nursery	Erika Johnson Sarah Allen Kim Little	Jean Ann H. Sarah Allen Karen Riegler	Mollie Clare Garland Edwards Kim Little	Kim Little Sarah Allen Erika Johnson
Building Lock-up	Leslie Sturtevant	The Long's	The Coltman's	The Little's

VESTRY MEMBERS

John Hutchinson, Senior Warden; John Richards, Junior Warden; David Bell; Judy Beisner; Helen Brumitt; Jerry Cook; Jerry Compton; Dewyane Holden; Leslie Sturtevant; Colette Wilbers; John Richards, Treasurer; J. Douglas McGlynn, The Rector

Next Vestry Meeting: Monday April 18 at 4:15pm - Christian Education Wing

CALLED TO MINISTER – EMPOWERED TO SERVE by the CMES Team

Tuna, Salmon, Mackerel, Sardines! 143 pounds of fish waited to be delivered after our Fish Drive for Ozarks Food Harvest! Thank you to all who have participated in donating for this event! They will be letting us know how many pounds of fish we donated very soon. Our prayer is that all they receive for this drive will be multiplied even as Jesus multiplied the two fish so that not just a few but many could be fed! Feeding the hungry is one of the acts of mercy and we are blessed to be able to participate.

WOMEN AT ALL SAINTS by Georgia Long

Let the journey begin! And begin it did on Monday, March 21 as women gathered to begin our next Bible Study series entitled JOSEPH, The Journey to Forgiveness. We originally perceived it as a six Session course. However, as we did our Study Guide prep work prior to meeting, it became obvious to many of us that it will prove to take more sessions than just six to cover all that it holds for us. Why, you might be asking? First of all forgiveness is never just a one time, thank you Lord, and I am on my way type of spiritual principal. Second, the prep homework began to stir in us the sense that the Lord will be at work in each of our lives, once again, not just to take in Biblical facts (knowledge)...but more importantly we are already experiencing the wisdom (application) of what we are taking in. So rather than setting the mile markers on this part of our journeys (we will only take 6 weeks), we are prayerfully open to the Lord to set our pace. So there is still time to join us in this journey. Just pick up a copy of the Study Guide at Lifeway Christian Books and come along!

NOW, LADIES please mark you calendars now as we have set the date for our ANNUAL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON! It will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016 in the Parish Hall. Watch for further information on this event! There will be some ladies asked to be a part of the committee of women to serve in different areas to help this luncheon to be as blessed as it has proved to be every year. Last year some of our blessings included: more of our women and young ladies being actively involved, the Lord blessing us through our speakers, and more women from both inside and outside of All Saints in attendance. Thank you Lord for the increase you bring!!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible study is Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00am and is located in the Christian Education Wing. The current study is on Hebrews.

Slate of Nominees for Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh

The Standing Committee is pleased to announce that the following people have been formally nominated to stand for election as the Next Bishop of Pittsburgh at the Special Convention on April 22-23, AD2016 at St Stephen's Church, Sewickley. We ask **everyone to pray for these nominees and to pray for our diocese**. We pray that the Holy Spirit will assist the Nominees as they answer questions about themselves and their ministry experience. Standardized, written materials will be published shortly after Easter. Until then, we ask everyone to recall the theme of our discernment process: **Prayer, not politics; discernment, not a search**. These nominations are the result of a de-centralized discernment process that involved all clergy and lay deputies in 7 local districts and 1 combined non-SWPA district. Each district nominated 3 names to stand for election. More background information about the process available at Pitanglican.org. Nominees for Election:

Ashey, The Rev Canon Phil, CEO
American Anglican Council, Atlanta, GA

Chaney, The Rev John Paul, Rector
Seeds of Hope, Bloomfield (Pittsburgh), PA

Donison, The Rev Canon Paul, Rector
St Peter & St Paul, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Driscoll, The Rev Bill, Rector
Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville, FL

Edgar, The Very Rev Chip, Dean
Church of the Apostles, Columbia, SC (PEARUSA)

Gabig, The Rev Jack PhD, Associate Prof
Nashotah House Seminary, Nashotah, WI

Hobby, The Rev Jim, Rector
Trinity, Thomasville, GA

Lumanog, The Venerable Canon Jack, Canon to the
Archbishop and Primate & COO, ACNA

Nominated but not willing to stand for election:

Allert, The Rev David, Rector Christ the King, St Augustine, FL: **Dominguez, The Rev Patrick**, Sr. Pastor Church of the Apostles, Raleigh, NC (PEARUSA): **Yates, The Rev John III**, Rector Holy Trinity, Raleigh, NC

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