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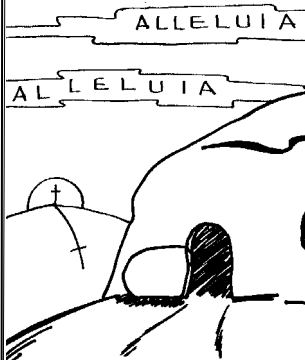
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**Death  
could not  
keep his  
prey!**



Peter J. Parent

## **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**



My heart beats and longingly in the resurrection of the dead. It is the great and central Christian truth.

After leaving Corinth, Paul caught wind that some of the Christian converts were doubting the resurrection. We see the same thing in our world and in the visible church today. Moralism displaces Christian faith and being a good person becomes an end in itself. You hear people say things like, "Even if Christianity isn't true, at the end I will have the joy of having lived a good life." St. Paul identifies this line of thinking as hogwash.

*"Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied."*

*1 Corinthians  
15:12-18*

Pathetic! If Christ wasn't raised from the dead, then no one will be. If this is true that no one will be raised and we have placed our hope in the resurrection,

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both Jesus' and ours, then we are pitiable. When we consider the resurrection of Jesus we are playing for all of the marbles!

But the great Easter truth is simply that Jesus was raised from the dead. His was a resurrection that not even Pilate, with his armed guards, could suppress.

The powers of influence in our world still seek to hold Jesus in his tomb. Their efforts today are as futile as Pilate's were 2000 years ago.

Your transformed life proves the resurrection.

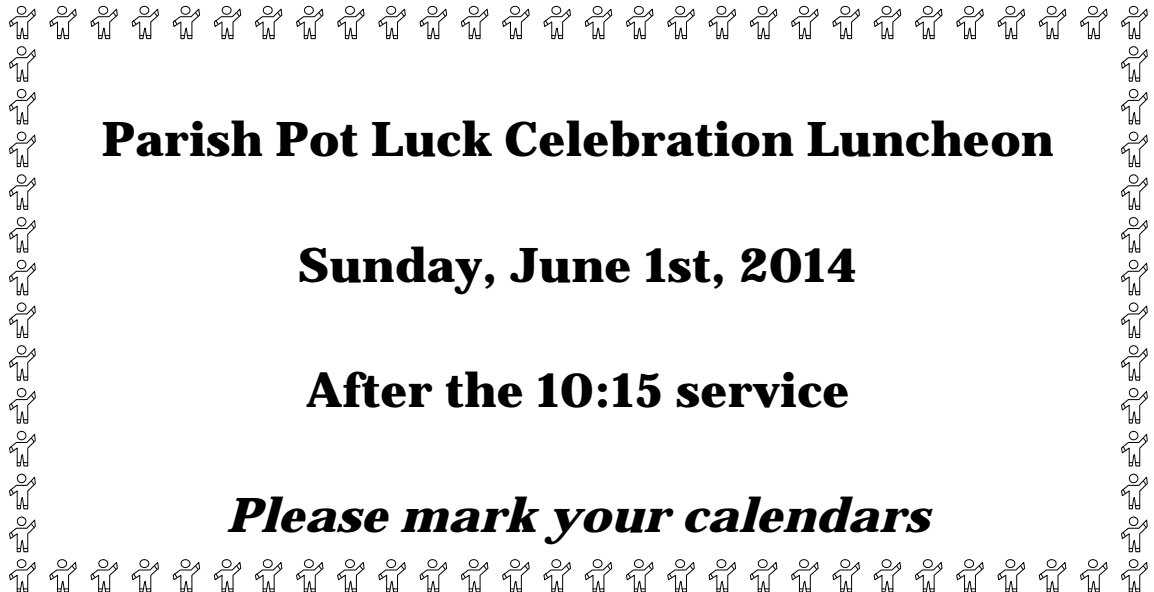
The certainty you enjoy in the face of your own mortality confirms that Jesus has conquered death. No one sneaked past Pilate's guards to escape with Jesus' body. He was indeed raised from the dead. So, all who place their trust in Him are neither pitiable nor pathetic but robustly confident.

With saints throughout the millennia we cry aloud, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

With confidence in the risen Christ,

*Ray David Glenn*

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**Parish Pot Luck Celebration Luncheon**

**Sunday, June 1st, 2014**

**After the 10:15 service**

***Please mark your calendars***

*"Death is conquered, man is free,"*

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## ***An Easter letter***

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April 16, 2014.

My dear Friends of the Anglican Network in Canada,

It is with immense joy that I write you during this Holy Week on behalf of the Bishops of the Anglican Network in Canada. It is an honour to represent this godly House of Bishops but the joy I speak of is primarily because of the message together we bring in the gospel.



Imagine someone announcing that:

- The problem of death has been dealt with completely.
- The power of sin has also been broken so that complete forgiveness is available to all and so that guilt is gone and the power to live a new and worthy life is now possible.
- Satan and all his demonic realm – who have long ruled this dark world wreaking evil havoc, cruelty, violence, all sorts of injustice and abuse, filling the world with lies – has received a death blow that guarantees his and their condemnation.

This, of course, is exactly the message we bring and would remind you of, the message we have all received in the Bible, the message we happily pass on to you again this week and with you would share with this whole world that God loves. (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

It is the message of Jesus. His death and resurrection accomplished all this and his resurrection “*declared him with power to be the Son of God.*” (Romans 1:4)

Dear friends, rejoice – because the sting of death is gone. (1 Corinthians 15:50-58). Jesus is himself “*the resurrection and the life.*” (John 11:25)

Rejoice, because wonderful forgiveness, and his righteousness has been made available to us sinners by Jesus substituting himself for us on the Cross (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:6). Our sins were nailed on the Cross. (Colossians 2:13, 14, Romans 8:11) And now in him we can, by faith, live new lives.

Rejoice because Satan and his demonic realm have been disarmed and defeated. (Colossians 2:15).

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***“Christ has won the victory!”***





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No wonder Peter could write with such joy and passion: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”* (1 Peter 1:3,4)

Yes friends, if you are in Christ Jesus (which means you have put your faith in him and entrusted your life to him and therefore have his Holy Spirit living in you), whatever is happening in your life right now, you have every reason to rejoice.

If, to date, you cannot say with confidence: *“I am in Christ Jesus?”* then why not, this day, this Easter, entrust yourself to him and thus enjoy for all eternity the benefits of the victory he won by his cross and resurrection. *“For Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that slept.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Finally, because of the victory that Jesus has accomplished and because of the glorious life we are called into by his grace, may I quote Paul one more time? *“If you then have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”* (Colossians 3:1)

In his Easter joy!

***Bishop Charlie***

### ***The Scripture must be fulfilled***

#### **Old Testament Prophecy**

**“But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised  
by the people.**

**All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag  
their heads;**

**‘He trusts in the LORD; let him  
deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights  
in him!’”**

**Psalm 22: 6 – 8**

#### **New Testament fulfillment**

**So also the chief priests, with the  
scribes and elders, mocked him, say-  
ing, “He saved others; he cannot  
save himself. He is the King of Israel;  
let him come down now from the  
cross, and we will believe in him. He  
trusts in God; let God deliver him  
now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I  
am the Son of God.’”**

**Matthew 27: 41 – 43**

*“Death is conquered, man is free,”*

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**“. . . if Christ has not been raised . . .”**

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I found myself musing during Lent about how the resurrection of Jesus impacts me as a believer and as a shepherd in the church of GOD. In one of these musings, I contemplated what the effect would have been if Jesus was still in the tomb on the morning of the third day. What follows are random thoughts. They are not in any particular order. I jotted them down as they came to me.

Those of us who preach would have no message of hope.

What the creeds say of Him would largely be fiction.

The tomb would be sealed. Someone would have had to help the women roll away the stone to anoint His body.

But then there would have been soldiers standing guard at a sealed tomb. The women would have probably been turned away.

If Jesus had been described in Josephus' history, He would have been characterized as another misguided Jewish zealot. At least He would have been remembered as a teacher who said and did some good things.

There would have been no Resurrection Sunday to celebrate after Good Friday.

His disciples would probably have been hunted down. If they had escaped they would have died in anonymity. The Pharisees would have been correct that Jesus was “born in sin”. Why have a virgin birth if there is no Saviour? Then Mary too would have faded away in ignominy.

AND – worst of all, we are still in our sins!

But Christ is RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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***Christ has won the victory!***





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So the women found the stone, rolled away. No guards were around to forbid their entry.

Those of us who preach are telling the truth, hope burns brightly.

There is an Easter after the darkness of death.

Death has lost its sting. The grave has been robbed of its victory.

Josephus is long dead. His writings still exist.

Jesus is living and dies no more!

“for now is Christ risen from the dead . . .”

Hallelujah!

*Ken Bombay*

### ***The Scripture must be fulfilled***

#### **Old Testament Prophecy**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53: 4—6

#### **New Testament Fulfillment**

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1Peter 2: 23—25

*“Death is conquered, man is free,”*

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## ***Because He Lives***

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Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives.

This song, a powerful testimony to many of the resurrection of Jesus and the hope it brings to our everyday lives, was written by the Christian song-writers, Bill and Gloria Gaither. They wrote it at a very difficult time, not only in their personal lives but in the world they were living in at the time.



I have started my new career working with seniors in long term care homes. I am enjoying it very much. However, my heart feels sad sometimes to see how disease can rob persons of their strength, vitality, independence and even dignity. I find myself wondering how someone who cannot move any limbs in their bodies and barely talk, could go on and even experience joy.

This feeling came back to me when I watched a movie recently called “One True Thing”, with Meryl Streep, my favorite actress. She was playing a lady whose body was wasting away with cancer and the ways she coped with it, and also how the different family members coped with it as well. I was struck with how hopeless life can be apart from the resurrection of Jesus Christ and this is not even considering our sinful natures.

Over a month ago, I was at a Bible Study on Colossians. The main focus of that particular day was focusing on things above and not on earthly things. I told the ladies that Heaven was always in my mind and heart, which surprised one lady in particular. I told the ladies that I did not have a death wish but that it was an affirmation to me that what we experience here on earth, whether good or bad, is part of another storyline, an eternal story that the Lord is writing. Without the resurrection, this would not be possible.

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***Christ has won the victory!***



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I first got a glimpse of this reality when I spent time with my dying father. I flew from BC to Ontario to spend time with my father in what was to be his last month here on earth. I had flown back and forth a few times with the various surgeries he underwent with his battle against colon cancer. When I look back at the pictures of him particularly during that last year, I see a very sick man; but when I spent time with him, he seemed to have a glorious aura about him that could not be captured on film. He would say things like, “Heather, God is so real”, and “I have so much to be thankful for.” Mind you, he was not one to look at things through rose coloured glasses. Before his first surgery, he told me that he was afraid as we sat there drinking coffee in the kitchen. There was no doubt that he was suffering but his hope rested on the knowledge that his Redeemer lives, a verse he liked to quote.

Later, after he passed away and I was back in British Columbia, I went to see a performance of Handel’s Messiah at Easter, and I was reminded where my father was and was comforted. All of this is only possible because of the resurrection of Jesus.

So, this is what I am thinking about this Easter – how it is possible to have hope even in the most hopeless of situations, and that because He lives I can face tomorrow, whatever it has in store.

*Heather Campbell*

### ***The Scripture must be fulfilled***

#### **Old Testament Prophecy**

“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will  
bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.”

Hosea 6: 1—2

#### **New Testament Fulfillment**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from

Jerusalem.

Luke 24: 45—47

*“Death is conquered, man is free,”*



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## ***Who would have thought it possible?***

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Who would have thought it possible? Who would have thought it possible that not too many days after his death, Lazarus would be there in the circle of his friends and family having dinner with Jesus? Who would have thought it possible?

The “Last Supper” was NOT the last supper. Who would have thought it possible that Jesus, after He had died, would be there in the midst of His disciples on Resurrection evening eating among them? Who would have thought it possible?

Who could imagine that we, together with our loved ones who have died already, we believers will all meet again, all be together in a glorious banquet with Jesus at His Coming. Who would think it possible? Jesus’ Resurrection makes it possible. Not just possible, but certain. You can build your life on that.

It is impressive that Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, spent no time saying good bye. He had many things to say to His loved ones, but they were not words about parting in death. They were words about life. Jesus said, “Because I live, you also will live” [John 14: 19]. He said this just before His arrest, His crucifixion and his death. He was thinking not about death, but about life.

Jesus certainly had no thought that his death was the end. “You heard me say to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you. If you loved me you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I’” [John 14:28].

It was not the end. Jesus’ death and resurrection was just the beginning. It was the beginning for His disciples of a new wonderful relationship of fellowship and love with Him and with the Father. Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” [John 14: 23]. He said “In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you [John 14: 20].” What does this mean for us?

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***Christ has won the victory!***



We have available to us now, here and now, a fellowship of nearness, of oneness with our Father and with Jesus and with Holy Spirit, never possible before. We are not expected to live our lives at a distance from Jesus, to keep our distance from heaven, putting off the day as long as possible. We are to “draw near”. Jesus said, “Abide in me and I in you.” We are to enter into this fellowship; we are to grow in it, and “daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more” as we Anglicans pray in the Confirmation Service. This is our gift right now. This is unthinkable privilege!

What shall we say in response to this? I say, “Jesus, if you want to live with me, and have me live with you, then Glory! If you want to live with me so much that you were willing to die for me a dreadful and unappreciated death; if you rose from the grave to give me life, then Glory! Then, Jesus, you come right in now and take over all. More than anything I want to live with you.” I am going to spend my days not dreading heaven, not trying to keep my distance. I am going to spend my days drawing nearer and nearer. Jesus said, “Abide in me and I in you.” This is our life now, but not just now. It is forever.

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory” [Colossians 3: 1 – 4 ESV].

Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” [John 14 : 1 – 6 ESV].

Jesus told His beloved disciples over and over again about His betrayal, about His death, and most important, about His resurrection. Even the Pharisees and elders heard Jesus say that He would rise from the dead. They took it in and did their best to prevent it. But the disciples, for three terrible days lived as if it was not so. It is so, and we should live every

*“Death is conquered, man is free,”*

day as if it is so. Jesus' resurrection secures our future. This is for now and it is for ever.

We would be foolish to drift along through our days as if the resurrection is not so, as if there is no Lord Jesus alive today, as if there is no certain heaven lovely and glorious. The here and now, however happy for the moment, is transitory, sin-burdened, so short, so uncertain, and so full of pain. The present and the future Jesus gives is so certain, so full of rich joys, so everlasting, so exactly what we long for in our deepest longings. It is eternal life!

Let's live then! Really live!

*Mary Ann Masters*

*Assurance Reunion, April 12, 2014*

The Assurance group came together in the 1980's. It started as a trio with Judy Masters, Lynda Golding and Kathy Powell, accompanied by Helen Cornell.



A few more ladies joined and some moved on, but as the numbers grew we sang at monthly healing services, regular services, nursing homes, 1 wedding, the opening of our new addition, our anniversary, and ACW functions. For several years we sang at the Milton Mall for the pastoral care booth at the hospital's Wellness Fair.

We were blessed with wonderful leadership and accompaniment on organ, piano, violin and cello. We have been humbled and honored to serve the Lord by singing of His love in our church and community.

*Kathy Powell*

*Christ has won the victory!*

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**I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**I know that my Redeemer lives;  
O the sweet joy this sentence  
gives!**

**He lives, He lives, who once was  
dead;**

**He lives, my everliving Head.**

**He lives to bless me with his  
love,  
and still He pleads for me  
above;**

**He lives to raise me from the  
grave,**

**And me eternally to save.**

**He lives my mansion to prepare,  
and he will bring me safely  
there;**

**He lives, all glory to his Name,  
Jesus, unchangeably the same.**

**The Rev'd Samuel Medley 1775**