



SAINT PAUL'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LETTER FROM SAINT PAUL'S



Easter 2024

A Welcome from the Vicar

M.P. HARRINGTON

On Easter morning, we read that the risen Christ appeared to two terrified women, he comes to Mary who thinks he's the gardener and calls her by name, he walks to Emmaus with two troubled disciples and then disappears. Later, he comes to the disciples gathered in a locked upper for fear of their lives. Together, these are small signs of life and light and hope and joy to a few, still reeling from the horror of seeing their Lord crucified.

The message of Easter is just that - one of light in the darkness, hope in despair, joy and peace in anguish and pain. It doesn't deny the crucifixion in all its awfulness, but it transforms it as people encounter the light and life of the risen Christ in their daily lives and are changed by it, little by little.

Easter reminds us that nothing of faith makes sense unless Jesus is at the centre of everything we do and are. We are drawn into a deeper friendship with him. Invited into his life, death, and resurrection, we are commissioned to be a sign of his resurrection to our world.

Let us resolve, therefore, to go out into the world and proclaim the news that the "Lord is Risen Indeed".

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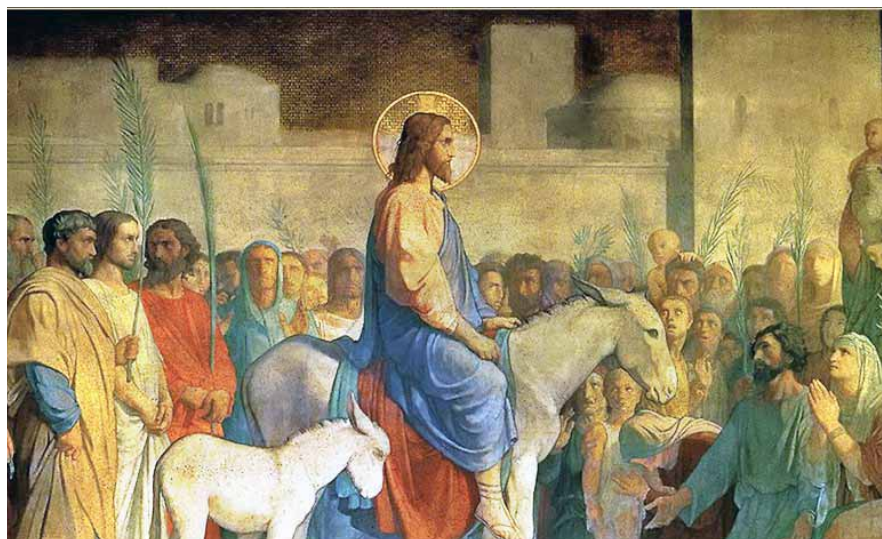
Holy Week 2024

WHAT USE ARE WORDS?

G.K. CHESTERTON

The tale has been retold with patronising pathos by elegant skeptics and with fluent enthusiasm by boisterous best-sellers. But, the grinding power of the plain words of the Gospel story is like the power of mill stones; and those who can read them simply enough will feel as if rocks had been rolled upon them.

Of what use are words about such words as these? What is the use of word-painting about the dark garden filled suddenly with torchlight and furious faces? “Are you come out with swords and staves as against a robber? All day I sat in your temple teaching, and you took me not.” Can anything be added to that massive and gathered restraint of that irony? “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me but weep for yourselves and your children.” As the High Pries asked what further need he had of witnesses, we might well ask what further need we have of words.



Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY: 10 AM

MAUNDAY THURSDAY: 6 PM

GOOD FRIDAY: 12 NOON

Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 24, with the Blessing of the Palms for Palm Sunday. Thereafter, we follow Jesus through the week, commemorating the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the sacrifice on the cross on Good Friday, and joining in praise on Easter Day. Make a special commitment this year to embrace the Passion and Resurrection with us at Saint Paul's.

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

ISIAH 53.6

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
Morning Prayer with
the Blessing of the
Palms
10.00 am

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
Holy Communion
6.00 pm

Good Friday
March 29, 2024
The Order for Good
Friday
12 noon

Easter Day
March 31, 2024
Holy Communion
10.00

Easter Bible Study: *The Case for Easter*

SUNDAYS AT 11.00 AM

SCHEDULE

Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity. But a dead man coming back to life? In our sophisticated age, when myth has given way to science, who can take such a claim seriously? Some argue that Jesus never died on the cross. Conflicting accounts make the empty tomb seem suspect. How credible is the evidence? Come and decide for yourself.

Sunday, April 7
Evidence for the Resurrection

Sunday, April 14
An Excruciating Execution

Sunday, April 21
The Case for the Empty Tomb

Sunday, April 28
Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection



*Behold, I shew you
a mystery; We shall
not all sleep, but we
shall all be
changed, In a
moment, in the
twinkling of an eye,
at the last trump:
for the trumpet
shall sound, and the
dead shall be
raised
incorruptible, and
we shall be
changed.*

1 COR 15.51-52

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Easter Bible Study
Sundays
10.00 am

The Case for Easter

Parish News

Kuehner Lecture

JANUARY 23, 2024

The Reformed Episcopal Seminary held its annual Kuehner Lecture at Saint Pauls.

The Reverend Professor Seth Snyder delivered a lecture entitled, "The Doctrine of Predestination in Reformed Anglican Thought".

A large crowd was in attendance.



O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 COR 15.55-57

Lenten Fridays

FRIDAYS AT 6.00 PM

BEGINNING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Fridays in Lent, we followed the Way of the Cross at 6.00 pm. Led by the Reverend Deacon Carl Wegner, we joined in a series of Biblical reflections on the Passion. We then shared a meatless supper in the Common Room.



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