



The Word

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco

Easter & Pentecost

April—June 2018

2018 Easter Message by the Presiding Bishop

Hello on Palm Sunday from St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. There is a passage in the 27th Chapter of Matthew's gospel where religious leaders, political leaders come together once again after Jesus has been crucified and executed, after he had been buried in the tomb. Once again they come together to seal the tomb, to make sure not even a rumor of his resurrection will happen. And this is what some of them say:

"Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people he has been raised from the dead. And the last deception will be the worse than the first."

It is easy to overlook, and sometimes convenient to forget, that Jesus was executed, Jesus was crucified by an unholy alliance of religion, politics, and economic self-interest. Politics represented in Pontius Pilate, governor of the Roman Empire, representative of that very empire and all of its power. King Herod, who heard Jesus at one of the trials, representative of the Herodian and economic self-interest at the time. The Chief Priest, representative of religious aristocracies who had a vested interest in the status quo. These three powers came together - economic, religious and political - to crucify the one who taught love the lord your God, love your neighbor, and actually live that way.

The truth is the message of Jesus was unsettling to the world then as it is unsettling to the world now. And yet that very message is the only source of hope in life for the way of the cross, the way of unselfish living, the way of sacrificial living, seeking the good, the welfare of the other before one's own unenlightened self-interest. That way of the cross is the way of love. That is the nature of love. And that way is the only hope for the entire human family. The reality is the way of Jesus was a threat to the way that the world is, and hope for the way the world can and will be.

But on that third day after the crucifixion, when by the titanic power of God, by the power of the love of God, Jesus was raised from the dead. God sent a message and declared that death does not have the last word. Hatred does not have the last word. Violence does not have the last word. Bigotry does not have the last word. Sin, evil do not have the last word. The last word is God, and God is love.

On our pilgrimage here, we stopped and spent two days in Jordan. In Amman, Jordan, we were able to spend some sacred and blessed and painful time with Iraqi Christians. These are Christians, many of whom are Anglican, who have fled their country in Iraq because of war and violence and hatred and desecration. They have given up everything, refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ. And there in Jordan, with the help of the Anglican Church there and many other relief agencies, they are at least safe, hoping to find safe and permanent homes in other countries.

In the course of our conversations, and listening to them, at one point I found myself quoting a hymn, a song that many folk have heard around Easter, certainly in our country. And I didn't expect a response. You probably know how it goes - it says, "because he lives," referring to Jesus and his resurrection, "because he lives, I can face tomorrow." When I quoted that song, those who have lost their homes, people who have lost everything except life itself, those who have lost loved ones, actually responded to the words of that song. When I said, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow." When I said Jesus is alive, He's been raised from the dead, I saw them lift up their heads and respond with the words amen, hallelujah.

My brothers and sisters, evil could not stop him. Death could not stop him. Violence could not stop him. For the love of God, the heart of God, the reality of God is stronger than anything else. And Jesus really rose from the dead on that first resurrection morning.

God love you. God bless you. And, may this Easter season be the first day of the rest of our lives. Amen.

—The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

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Sunset Music and Arts

Affordable, high-quality, cultural and music programs

Venue: Incarnation Episcopal Church,

Web: <http://sunsetarts.wordpress.com>

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San Francisco Girls Chorus (Level III)

Friday April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Works by Handel, Barber, and Randall Thompson

Phoenix Recital Symposium—Free Concert

Sunday April 29, 7:30 p.m.

Arias by Mozart, Offenbach, Weber, Saint-Saëns, Wagner.

Anne Rainwater, piano

Saturday May 5, 7:30 pm

Cannell, Schoenberg, Ravel, Debussy, Haydn

Larry Vuckovich and Eric Golub

Saturday May 12, 7:30 p.m.

An evening of Jazz

Handel's *Acis and Galatea* (Concert Version)

Sunday May 13, 7 p.m.

Handel's 1718 opera *Acis and Galatea*, the tragic love story between a water nymph and a shepherd.

An Evening with Pablo Estigarribia

Saturday May 19, 7:30 p.m.

Argentinian tango pianist returns to Sunset Music & Arts

Phoenix Recital Symposium—Free Concert

Friday June 8, 7:30 p.m.

Arias by Mozart, Verdi, Ponchielli, Wagner, R. Strauss, Berg, Schumann, and J. Strauss.

pickPocket Ensemble

Saturday June 9, 7:30 p.m.

Original contemporary chamber cafe music

Eric Tran, pianist-composer

Saturday June 16, 4 p.m.

Chopin Etudes Op. 10, 25

Folias Duo

Saturday June 23, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz music for flute and guitar



Annual Book Sale – June 8 & 9 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Incarnation Episcopal
Church

1750 29th Avenue, San
Francisco, CA 94122

Help Needed!

BOOKS WANTED FOR THE BOOK SALE NOW

Books can be brought to the Church on Tuesday mornings or on Sunday mornings. Please place your books on the floor by the white book case on the left side of Shires' Hall.

BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be asking for your assistance to set up for the Book Sale during the week of June 4. Please sign up on the Book Sale sign-up sheet in Shires' Hall or contact Joann Stewart or Carolee Padgett.

We always need help during the set-up days and on the Book Sale days, so please ask your friends and relatives if they can lend us a hand.

—The ECW



Thank
You

For your Easter Flower Donations
— Altar Guild

April 2018

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May 2018

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Apr 8 - 14	15 10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion 7:00pm 8:30pm Trio 180	16 11:30am 12:30pm Adult Christian Study Group 6:00pm 9:00pm Girls Chorus Open Rehearsal	17 10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music	18	19 6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk	20	21
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Apr 29 - May 5							

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May 6 - 12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10:00am 11:15am Rite I Communion	11:30am 12:30pm Adult Christian Study Group	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk	7:30pm 8:30pm Taizé Healing Service	9:00am 12:00pm SF Deanery Convocation-Inc arnation (The Ep 1:00pm 5:00pm Studio Recital 7:30pm 9:00pm Larry Vuckovich in Concert (Co
May 13 - 19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Jun 10 - 16	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion 7:00pm 10:00pm Hold for BASOTI Performance #5	11:30am 12:30pm Adult Christian Study Group	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk	7:30pm 8:30pm Taizé Healing Service	4:00pm 5:30pm Eric Tran, pianist-composer
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Jun 17 - 23	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion	11:30am 12:30pm Adult Christian Study Group 1:00pm 2:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk		
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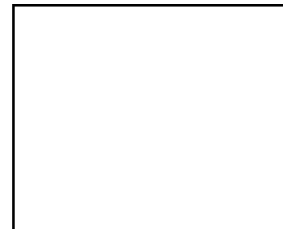
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