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Vicar Message

He Is Risen!



Imagine these words at the realization of what the empty tomb meant. Scripture tells the story of that Easter Morning but imagine the epiphany to the disciples having heard Jesus talk of the third day. ***He Is Risen!*** A New Day broke into the hearts of Jesus' followers. Jesus conquered death and in so doing gave a new hope to the world.

The employment benefits of those that work for our Lord are many but none greater than life eternal where tears, sorrow, pain and death are replaced with smiles, joy, health and life. Jesus extends these benefits to any that choose to follow his commandments and serve God and neighbor according to the example that he lived by as he said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

One of his instructions concerned spreading the Gospel and bringing others into His love. He didn't create His Church with the idea that it would not work for the Kingdom. He expected His followers to go forth and bring others into the family so that they could learn about Jesus and then go forth also. The Church is the Body of Christ and as He lives in us we are energized to follow Him in His work.

How do we bring others to Christ? There are many ways. One that stands out that has been very successful involves making a friend, being a friend, and then bringing the friend to church to meet Christ. For this to be done with success it requires really working at making and being a friend, not an acquaintance. It requires an investment of time, of involvement, sacrifice, and yes an expenditure of our resources. I think we often use the word "friend" too loosely resulting in superficial friendships. True friends go much deeper into relationship and develop a lasting bond of trust. This is the friend we bring to church. This is the type of friendship that Jesus has with us.

A New Day has begun at St. Bart's and with the Holy Spirit's help we are going out and making real friends and bringing them in to meet our Lord and then with God's help engage them in the work our Lord has given us to do. After all, the employment benefits are fantastic! I look forward to seeing all of us getting involved in our Lord's work as we begin a New Day with Holy Week and Easter.

The Lord is Risen!

Much love to all in the name of our risen and living Lord, fr lance+

Episco-facts

Submitted by Ben Hill

The Catechism section in the Book of Common Prayer provides the following for our instruction:

As Episcopalians, we follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe God is active in our everyday lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and with each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the gospel, and promotes justice, peace and love. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

We uphold the Bible and worship with the Book of Common Prayer. We believe the Holy Scriptures are the revealed Word of God. In worship we unite ourselves with one another to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer and praise, and to celebrate the Sacraments. The Celebration of Holy Eucharist is the central act of worship in accordance with Jesus' command to His disciples. Holy Communion may be received by all baptized Christians, not only members of the Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion with 70 million members in 164 countries. The word "Episcopal" refers to government by bishops. The historic episcopate continues the work of the first apostles in the Church, guarding the faith, unity and discipline of the Church. Both men and women, including those who are married, are eligible for ordination as deacons, priests and bishops.

We strive to love our neighbors as ourselves and respect the dignity of every person. We welcome all to find a spiritual home in the Episcopal Church.



God is like...THE U.S. POST OFFICE...Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed rounds.



Chalice Bearers/ Acolytes - April

4/2 - Gregg / Zach

4/9 - Annette / Sam

4/16 - Margaret / Gabby

4/23 - Margaret / Samantha

4/30 - Wes / Gabby

Lay Readers - April

4/2 - Margaret Palmer
Beth Treese

4/9 - Tracie Halbrook
Samantha Shiver

4/16 - Debra Wright
Carol Ellis

4/23 - Gregg Pelfrey
Stephanie Sauble

4/30 - Charles Jones
Evelyn Walden



EASTER WEEK

Maundy Thursday* - Gregg / Gabby

Maundy Thursday* -

Annette Jones
Charles Jones

Good Friday -

Good Friday -

Debra Wright
Betty Anne Ayers

Easter Saturday (morn) -

Easter Saturday (morn) - Ben Hill

Gregg Pelfrey

Easter Saturday (Vigil) + Annette/Sam

Easter Saturday (Vigil) + Cherie Harris

Sam Shiver

* Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM service + Easter Vigil - 7:00 PM service

God is like... BAYER ASPIRIN...He works miracles.



Episcopal Edibles

Easy Lamb Cake



Prep Time
20 min.
Total Time
1 hr. 28 min.
Servings
16 servings

What You Need

- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) JELL-O Cherry Flavor Gelatin
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed
- 15 JET-PUFFED Marshmallows, cut in half
- 1/4 tsp. pink colored sugar
- 1 pink jelly bean
- 1 tsp. black decorating gel

Make It

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- Heat oven to 350°F.
- Cover bottoms of 2 (9-inch) round pans with parchment; spray with cooking spray.

The History of the Easter Lily

by *Aurelia Fleur*

Easter is associated with memories of parades, family gatherings, church services, chocolate bunnies, gift baskets, egg decorating, and the famous Easter Lily. They are very popular for Easter gifts, and their unique trumpet shaped blossoms symbolize life, purity, hope, and the spiritual meaning of Easter along with the promise of Spring.

The Easter Lily was originally bought into the United States by a World War I soldier Louis Houghton. What was previously known as the Bermuda lily was first brought to the southern coast of Oregon in 1919. Houghton distributed an entire suitcase of the hybrid lily bulbs to various friends and family.

This lily proved to really thrive in the climate there. It was similar to the flower's native Ryukyu Islands of Japan. By the year 1945, there were over a thousand growers on the west coast harvesting these bulbs to sell. There are only about two full weeks during the year when these flowers are commercially available. Easter lilies are estimated to be the fourth largest potted plant crop in the United States, following the poinsettia, mum, and azalea.

History, mythology, and art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Lilies are often called the "White-Robed Apostles of Hope". Lilies were discovered in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ died on the cross. During the Easter season, churches line their altars and envelop their crosses with a multitude of Easter Lilies, to signify the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal life.

Another concept associated with the pure white lily is that of womanhood. In some early paintings, the Angel Gabriel offers pure white lilies to the Virgin Mary, and this symbolizes that she will be the mother of Jesus. Other paintings show saints bringing vases of white lilies to Mary and the divine child. According to the legend, the flowers were formed when Eve cried repentant tears upon leaving Eden, and the tears became lilies. The point of this legend is that true repentance leads to beauty.

Established through the centuries as a symbol of purity, grace, and the regal lifestyle, the white lily is a suitable reminder of the greater meaning of Easter. These flowers grace millions of homes and churches every year, embodying joy, hope, and life; whether given as a gift or displayed proudly in one's home, the Easter lily remains a beautiful reminder of how Easter is a time for celebration and rejoicing. So when you purchase Easter baskets for your loved ones, don't hold back with decorated eggs and chocolates, but be certain to include a few Easter lilies as well!

Easter evokes memories of egg decorating, Easter baskets, chocolate bunnies, local church services, family gatherings, parades, and, the Easter Lily meaning. Its beautiful trumpet-shaped blossoms symbolize purity, hope, and life, the spiritual essence of Easter and all the promises of spring. Lilies are mostly given along with Easter flowers. Lilies are sometimes affectionately called the "white-robed apostles of hope." They are rumored to be found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's atonement was performed there. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life. The lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating.

Source: http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Aurelia_Fleur
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God is like...ALLSTATE...You're in good hands with Him.



Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.



MAY GOD BLESS YOU during the special Lenten and Easter Season