



# Trinity News

## Easter 2012 Reflections

The remembrance that Christ attaches to the Last Supper goes with the remembrances that attach to the Resurrection. John's Gospel attaches our remembrance of all that surrounds Jesus to the work of the Paraclete. The word literally means "calling out alongside". "Paraclete" is an interpretative word for "Holy Spirit". The Spirit has a distinctive voice but also primary tasks: to enliven the faith of those who believe in Christ; to ensure the intent of the community of Faith, the Church, in proclaiming the dazzling uniqueness of Christ; to lift worship from circles of faith into heaven; and to be the living, revealing memory of Christ in the Church. Paul says that the Spirit is the "guarantor" of our faith (II Corinthians 5:5), and also the source of the love of Christ poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5).

### Application into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Sometimes inert bodies are dragged ashore. Their breathing is blocked by the water that is suffocating them. After desperate measures they may revive, sputtering out water and breathing again. This is not resurrection. It is resuscitation.

Lazarus was resuscitated. Christ was resurrected. Lazarus went on with his life. A text from John 11 about Lazarus stands above the entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. That Church houses the holy tomb that could not contain the inner glory of Christ. The raising of Lazarus is the prelude to Christ's resurrection but it does not tell the whole story.

We are drawn to wonder at the Resurrection because one day we will go to see for ourselves. We will watch him rise into heaven and cling to his feet. We need not be afraid of letting go, because there is nowhere to fall. That is ultimate freedom. We may find some moment like that in our life, and rejoice.

We cannot draw pictures of the resurrection. Children are our most creative artists because for them the veil that separates us from the Creator who breathed life into them has not yet been pulled down by adult pretensions. Resurrection is in the heart of God. A child could draw it, but we would complicate it with ego configurations.

Resurrection is in the heart of God because Jesus took it there at his Ascension. It was always there in the mind of God, but Jesus came to God with the picture fully drawn and presented it to Abba as the greatest gift humanity could offer. That is, a redeemed human bearing the light of God, with the endless line of those who would follow him waiting to be born and discover and grow and become children of the Resurrection in a Good Friday world. Following the example of the Master they would rise up in their life and live every precious moment seeking peace and justice wrapped in the fulfillment of human dreams. As was said of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Now he knew that there was nothing in life of which one need be afraid."

Resurrection is a personal journey that is lived in the context of the hope and dreams and absurdities of humanity. That is, people can be raised up beyond their petty obsessions and gigantic capacity for greed. This permits the freedom of allowing others to be themselves and to steadily seek to be truly oneself. Resurrection is about entering the heart of God and the true heart of our humanity in the process. A poem I wrote some years ago says it best for me. I have added a few lines to apply it to our pilgrimage this Easter.

#### **Broken Enclosure at Jerusalem**

Deep death stillness clammy cold in rock  
Darkness screwed in by encircling stone  
Perfumed body lying inert, swathed cloth  
Mind silent, spirit shut down, body alone

Creator Spirit hovers on water cuts stone  
Surging creating in tomb enclosure filled  
Light searches darkness finds body prone  
Wound strips unwind fall away extracted

Body enlivens, consciousness, awakening  
Life quivers stretches lifts stands wonders  
Movement, enclosed Spirit explodes within  
Universal human resurrected seal  
sundered.

#### *This week:*

April 9 (Monday):

- Non-working holiday.

April 10 (Tuesday)

- Bible Study, 10am

April 12 (Thursday).

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel.

April 14 (Saturday).

- Buildings & Grounds Com. Mtg.,  
3pm

#### **Our Relived Memory Recalls**

Mary Magdalene searching yearning in  
heart lost

Voice rich deep calling her name identity  
surfaces

Memories flood connections two voices  
"Rabboni"

Speaking for all who will love him and be  
uplifted.

Bishop Arthur Jones

#### *Next week's readings:*

Acts 3:12a,13-15,17-26

Psalms 111 or 118

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

