

## Easter I Standing at the Right hand of God

he Resurrection of Christ is centered around an extraordinary dynamic occurrence that cannot be measured by history, though it has historical meaning in that it happened in a context of living history. Anastasis, "Resurrection" means literally "to stand up". It is related to and is the ultimate model for all forms of "standing up", "overcoming", "finding hope again", and "rising above our situations." We can relate to those concepts every day.

STAND UP and don't be trampled by the rush of daily negatives and acts of violence that terrify people. STAND UP for who you are and resist the manipulations of others. Refrain from manipulating anyone. Diminishing someone else lowers our own standing. STAND UP for God's little ones and for battered women and against cruel tongues and mental cruelty and oppression of any kind. STAND UP for the people who love you most on earth. My mother stood up for me and I played on it more than a little as her only son. She is still in my thoughts every day though I lost her in 1976. We do not forget those who stand up for us. STAND UP for clear thinking and right action and transparent decency. Let the Spirit of the Risen Lord raise you up beyond your expectations every day. When in despair reach for the stars. That's what Jesus did at the Cross. The first Christian martyr, Stephen, saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God in a vision that eased the agony of his violent death. "Stand still and let God be God" in a few quiet moments every day. Your inner spirit will rise up in gratitude for receiving a crystal-clear space of peace as a channel of fresh hope. With a gaze of love looking at you.

## **Bishop Arthur Jones**

## THIS WEEK:

Monday.

• Memorial service for Geoffrey Crooks, 6:00pm

Wednesday.

- Bible Study, 10am
- Group Discussion, 7:30pm

Thursday.

• Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Acts 9:1-19a; Psalm 33; Revelation 5:6-14; John 21:1-14