



Forward

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Way back in 1549, Thomas Cranmer, in the first Book of Common Prayer, arranged scripture verses into an anthem, a song of praise, to begin the Burial Office. Most of the scripture verses that he used are in the anthem are the same as the ones in the Rite II Burial Office, page 491 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

The anthem is a brilliant summation of scripture's teaching on the resurrection. We should read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest these most important words of scripture. This Easter season, I hope that you will meditate on these words. Over the years of reading them, they have become a deep part of my faith; they need to be part of your faith as well.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever. *John 11:25-26*

Jesus said these words to Martha, when he was about to raise Lazarus from the dead. Notice that Jesus teaches that there is a strong connection between having faith in Him, and having Life. The word "Life" does not refer to natural, biological life, but to living in the presence and power of the Resurrection. You and I are called to have faith in Jesus, so that we may be filled with the Life of the Resurrection.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

Job 19:25-27

Job was allowed by God to go through a long season of testing and torment. Even in the midst of being tormented, Job held to a strong faith in the Resurrection, that God would resurrect and redeem him, and he would see God as his friend. When we feel as if God has abandoned us and we are being tested, we

need to have the same faith in the redeeming power of the Resurrection that sustained Job.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Romans 14:7-8

In this passage, Paul teaches us that we are the Lord's possession and are therefore accountable to Him. We stand under the Lord's judgment, and not the judgment of other people. It is our job to serve the Lord, and not to deceive ourselves into thinking that other people are our masters or that we are our own masters. Therefore, we should live our lives for the Lord.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Revelation 14:13

On earth, we labor. We struggle. We endure pain. We die. Yet, for those who have faith in Jesus and endure through all the earthly labor, struggle, pain and death, we will experience eternal rest, with Jesus. This eternal rest is not a "celestial snooze". It is the rest from labors of living; it is living in the immediate presence of God. We must realize that our time on earth is short and it is a time of testing to see if we will love God out of our free will. During this time of testing, we need to realize that if we persevere in our faith, we will die in the Lord and be given the gift of resting from our labors. Resting in the Lord will not be boring; it will be exciting, stimulating and joyful. Notice that the passage begins with the words,

"Happy from now on."

Alleluia! He is Risen indeed!

Father George

Message from the Chair



When I was a little girl, I learned this simple mealtime prayer, "Bless this food O Lord that we are about to from Thy bounty, Amen." Another little prayer is one that my grandchildren now say before meals, "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. In Jesus name, Amen." When they were younger their prayers included blessings for everything from the household pets to their favorite toys. Now, they still include blessings for their pets but they also include blessings for people they know.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 Paul tells us to, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

At Good Shepherd, Bonita, I am part of a team that is available after Sunday service for those who are in need of prayer. When I was first asked to be on the church prayer team, I felt that my prayers may be too simplistic or inadequate. However, the more I prayed the more I realized that it wasn't how little or how much I prayed that counted. What really mattered was my willingness to give God my time to pray, to believe in the power of prayer, and to have faith that the Lord will answer my prayers in His time. Praying for our own needs and for the needs of others is an essential part of who we are as Christians. This coming Spring Cursillo Weekend is the perfect time to share the many blessings that comes from prayer. Your prayers may bring peace to someone who is up on the mountain for the first time or perhaps it may bring comfort to a weary team member in need of rest. I urge all who are able, to be generous with your prayers. Speak often with the Lord and let Him speak often to you. Let your voice be His voice for someone will be waiting to listen.

In His Service,
Barbara Peralta



It is with great sadness I must report that early Monday morning, March 28, our beloved Diane Blaisdell went to be with her Lord. She had been doing perfectly fine the last time her mother, Donna, spoke with her on Saturday, and Karen Rice spoke with her on Sunday; but her supervisor called Donna when Diane hadn't appeared for

work. Donna and Dick went to her place, called 911, and Diane was pronounced dead Monday afternoon. She had a peaceful expression on her face. The autopsy showed that she suffered a severe stroke.

Services, which will be at Good Sam, are pending.

Please pray for Diane's parents Donna (who is also a Cursillista) and Dick, and her sister Dana. If you'd like to send a card, their address is 3012 Fairmount Ave., San Diego 92105-4639 or an email to rwdell@cs.com

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GRAND ULTREYA

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Church of the Good Shepherd
3990 Bonita Road, Bonita

Potluck 6 pm
Ultreya 7 pm

Bring a friend, a dish to share, your songbooks and musical instruments and join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord

There will be no Guest Eucharist offered Sunday morning during the Cursillo weekend. Visitors are welcome to share Eucharist at 07:30 at Saint Mary's In-The-Valley, on the corner of San Vicente Road and 12th Street, in nearby Ramona.

Blessings
Glenn Parrish
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“These things I have spoken to you, that the joy of me in you abide, and the joy of you may be filled.” ~John 15:11~

Our Spring Cursillo # 129 is but a few weeks away, and we are busy preparing for God’s Weekend. Invitations have been sent out in the form of applications, and stamped with prayer. What a wonderful team!

It is 8AM in the morning, I am sitting at my desk with the window and curtains wide open. Outside my back door, for the third year running, a barn swallow couple have chosen the eaves above to build their nest. This is the first year I’m actually anticipating the event. Decided to look beyond the mess they make on the ground (easily cleaned up) and instead focus on why they’ve chosen this spot. I will lock that back door closed, remind my family to use the other door, and make sure the birds have plenty of what they need. Then watch what happens. Each event, how they build, as they take turns in protecting and caring for what is precious and hopefully witness each new flight into the world. While I cannot see into the nest they’ve created in an atmosphere right for them, all I can do is trust that it is where they need to go and be, for now. Maybe pick up a few empty egg shell pieces, but chances are pretty high that next year, God willing, there will be a new nest.

We are building. Setting up what is needed. Just like others, linked together who have gone before us. In this, we find God’s presence. In this we find joy. In this, we find peace, even when our numbers shift from earth towards heaven. Lord, prepare us through the season of Lent, keep our feet on the right path, our voices strong in Your truth, our hearts plied by Your hands. Keep our ears open to the subtle sounds which You speak through others, smiles lit from the inside out, tears to cleanse without turning away, and courage to trust where You have us build. Keep our eyes looking up as we kneel down, filled with Your Promise of Joy.

Karen Rice , Rectora #129

ECUMENICAL GRAND ULTREYA – FOR FORWARD

Holy Spirit filled the California Room at the San Diego Mission on Feb. 19. About 75 members of the Cursillo, Emmaus, and Kairos communities gathered to praise the Lord in word and song. The music, directed by Pat Parsons, was lively. The talks given by Fr. Gil Gentile, Rudy Garcia, Mary Beth Klauer, Tim Lyons and Fr. George Calvert told of the breadth of the Lord’s work we are all doing. Tim Lyons outdid himself with the pork loin luncheon, and his enthusiastic talk on Kairos Outside yielded more than \$100 in contributions to that effort. Mike Helkenn, our MC, kept all on track, and the closing prayer was said by Deacon Bill Vasquez. As an outcome of this Ecumenical Grand Ultreya, one new Cursillista told his sponsor of a friend he wanted to sponsor for the next Roman Catholic weekend. One Lutheran Cursillista decided to find a group reunion. One Episcopal Cursillista, who had not heard of Kairos Outside until that day, went home, accessed the website, and signed up to be on KO team. Yes, the Holy Spirit was present, indeed; the rain held off until the end of the afternoon!

Ultreya,

Judy Anderson, Ecumenical Grand Ultreya Co-chair

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APRIL

- 2 8:30 - 1:00 #129 Team Meeting, St Bart's
- 5 Cursillo #129 Deadline
- 7 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting Good Sam's – Open to All
- 9 8:30 - 1:00 Rollo Critiques, St. Bart's
- 16 8:30 - 1:00 Final Team Meeting, St Timothy
- 28-May 1 Cursillo #129 – Coed – Camp Stevens

MAY

- 5 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting Good Sam's – Open to All
- 12 8:30 am Day of Deeper Understanding, St Andrew's, La Mesa
- 21 6:00 pm Grand Ultreya , Good Shepherd, Bonita
6:00 pm Pot Luck: 7:00 pm Ultreya
- 30 Forward Submission Deadline

JUNE

- 5 9:00 – 12:00 Servant Community Meeting, Good Sam's
12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting Good Sam's – Open to All

18 6:00 pm

Ultreya, St. Phillips, Lemon Grove
6:00 pm Pot Luck: 7:00 pm Ultreya

JULY

- 25 Forward Submission Deadline

Please check the Cursillo website www.sdcursillo.org for updates and Directions to churches.