

THE QUILL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

From the Presiding Bishop's Easter Message~

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. ☐ – Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16

The Diocese of Haiti has observed Lent in a very different way this year. When Bishop Duracin and I spoke just before Ash Wednesday, we talked about how this year would be different. He noted that the people of Haiti would need to practice saying Alleluia, so that when Easter came they could enter in with joy. In the midst of grief and darkness, it can be exceedingly difficult to believe that resurrection is a possibility.

Nora Gallagher makes a similar point in her book, "Practicing Resurrection."

We are not born with the ability to insist on resurrection everywhere we turn. It takes the discipline and repetition that forms an athlete – in this case, a spiritually fit Christian. We practice our faith because we must – it withers and atrophies unless it's stretched. We must continue to give evidence of the faith that is within us.

Easter prods and provokes us with an immense stretching exercise. God has renewed a life given to the evil of this world on behalf of those with no other helper. That earth-shattering and tomb-shattering rebirth has planted the seeds of hope in each one of us. Yet those seeds do not produce fruit

without struggle.

The people of Haiti are finding new life in the midst of death and struggle. As a nation and a people they have repeatedly practiced resurrection through centuries of slavery, oppression, invasion, corruption, and privation. The joy of their art forms – music and painting in particular – gives evidence of the hope that is within them as a people. They know, deep in their cultural DNA, that God is continually bringing new life out of death. Yet each person must discover and nurture that hope. It is made far easier in community.

~The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori ☐

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This issue of the *Quill* covers the Great 50 Days of Easter – Eastertide, as well as the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. It is also the transition from spring to summer. It is a time of graduations and increasingly warmer weather. There are a number of major events happening during this season:

So, first I want to have a **“Save the Date”** moment. (More about each of these further down):

- April 17 - Kids of Bede Movie event
- April 18 - Movie event for Adults
- May 2 & 16 - Individual & Family Pictures
- May 15 - Ordination of Bishops Bruce & Glasspool
- May 16 - Evensong w/Bishop Talton AND Honoring our Seniors
- May 29 - Diocesan Party for Bishops Carranza & Talton
- June 27 - Friends of Music: “The Perfect Gentlemen”

EASTERTIDE

The most ancient and most central celebration of our faith is Easter. The Great Vigil of Easter – celebrated at 6.30 a.m. on Easter morning is the archetypal service on which each Sunday eucharist is based. It has four components: Light, Salvation, Baptism, and Eucharist:

The “Light” is the Jesus who we proclaim and whose presence gathers us in community each Sunday. On the first Easter, Jesus was apprehended by his followers at the tomb, at a meal and in

community.

“Salvation” is the story of our salvation history. It refers to “the scriptures” which are so often referred to in the New Testament. When Jesus met the travelers on the Road to

Emmaus, he shared again the stories of salvation from the Hebrew scriptures.

The “Community” which gathers to proclaim Jesus in their midst is the “Baptismal Community.” Baptism is the outward and visible sign that we are members of that community. At the Vigil (and at other times),

we either baptize new Christians or renew our baptismal vows, reminding ourselves of our vocations as Christians.

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have gathered to share bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus’ actions at the Last Supper (or as Vicki recently said, the “New Supper”). In fact, sharing in remembrance of Jesus is precisely what makes this gathering a Christian event. As

Archbishop Tutu has said. “ the Body of Christ gathers to receive the Body of Christ so that its members may go into the world to be the Body of Christ.”

In Easter, there are some liturgical changes. The kneelers are put away and our services do not include a general confession. This remembers that early councils of the Church

believed that the Great Fifty Days of Easter were so special, so celebratory that postures and words of penitence were not appropriate.

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PICTURES

Using our own technologies and volunteers, we are assembling a pictorial directory for St. Bede's. Penny Jennings will be taking pictures of households - one individual or a whole family - on Sundays, May 2 & 16 after the 8 & 10 a.m. services. We need your help to sign up for a time slot on these days. There is NO charge and NO pressure to purchase anything. Please watch for the announcements after Easter.

ORDINATIONS

May 15th will be a historic day in the Diocese of Los Angeles and in the Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will ordain Diane Jardine Bruce and Mary Douglas Glasspool as Bishops to serve as Bishops Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. [A "Bishop Suffragan" is a person elected (as opposed to hired) to serve as an assistant to the Bishop Diocesan]. Bishops Diane and Mary are the first women to serve as bishops in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Furthermore, Bishop Mary's election and consent by the whole Church reminds us of the inclusive love and welcome of the Baptized community.

The Diocese is suggesting that people arrive at the Long Beach Convention Center at Noon (when the doors open) for the 1.30 p.m. service. The Vestry is suggesting the people who wish to attend meet at St. Bede's in the morning and carpool - either to the (free parking lot) on Aviation and I-105 to take the Green & Blue lines to Long Beach) or to the Willow Street Station and take the Blue line to Long Beach. We will have information sheets ready after Easter.

EVENSONG & HONORS

Bishop Chet Talton will be with us a last time for the Solemn Patronal Evensong on Sunday, May 16 at 6 p.m. He will preside and preach. The

music at that service will be by Richard Shephard and John Rutter. At that service, we will be honoring those among us who have turned 75 since we last had one of these events. Unlike in the past, this will not be a fund-raising event. We will have more information on this around May 1. Please plan on coming to hear Bishop Talton and to honor our members.

RETIRING BISHOPS

The Diocese of Los Angeles will be sponsoring a special reception on Saturday, May 29 to honor Bishops Chet Talton and Sergio Carranza, both of whom will be retiring at the end of May. This event is scheduled to be at Bishop Bruno's residence in Pasadena. Instructions about times, etc. will be forthcoming from the Diocesan offices.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The final event of the Friends of Music's 14th Season will be the annual "summer pops" concert. This year, "The Perfect Gentlemen" will be with us for this 7 p.m. event on Sunday, June 27. The group is an award-winning barbershop quartet, spiced with comedy, props, costume changes and an infectious atmosphere of fun.

In the last issue, I announced that I was "giving up our nice weather for part of Lent" to journey to England, Wales and Ireland. I did indeed do that and both celebrated the life of John George on March 1 in Wales and preached in Romford on March 7. However, in London, Wales, Lancashire, Romford, Windsor, Cambridge & Dublin, it was clear and sunny - in fact clearer and sunnier than in Los Angeles. I bring you greetings from St. Andrew's w/St. Agnes and their hope that we continue to share in more ways than simply their Rectors' trans-Atlantic flights.

In Christ,

Jim Newman+

Out and About (or Home on the Range)

by Mthr. Vicki

Kids of Bede: The Kids of Bede will be enjoying **Pizza and Movie Night** at the Dugre's on **Saturday, April 17** beginning at **4:00 p.m.** We will be watching *The Secret of Roan Inish*. The children are welcome to bring a friend. Grandparents, your grandchildren are welcome as well! Parents and grandparents are welcome to stay for the evening. (Sometimes it's hard to tell who is having more fun, kids or parents.) Please call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364 or speak with her at church if you have questions. The Dugre's address is printed in our Church Roster.

Movie Night and Pot Luck: **Movie Night for our adult parishioners and their friends** will be on **Sunday, April 18** at **4:00 p.m.** We will be watching *Exodus*, a story which takes place in Palestine in 1947 regarding the establishment of the Jewish State of Israel. Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint star. Due to the length of the film, 3 ½ hours, we will serve our dinner during intermission and return to tables especially set up for movie viewing so we can eat and view for the duration of the film. **For this movie night only, please bring food that does not need to be cooked or reheated or that requires complicated last minute preparations.** Also, due to the length and mature content of the film, this movie is really not appropriate for children. Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

Disneyland Outing: Get in touch with your inner child! Friends and relatives welcome for this adult trip! Join Canon Jim and Mthr. Vicki for a day at Disneyland! Our Disneyland

outing is scheduled for Monday, May 10. We will spend the day at the main Disneyland Park and for those who wish to stay for dinner, we will eat at one of the restaurants in Downtown Disney. Entrance to the Park will be \$64.00 (non-profit group rate) if we have 15 participants or \$72.00 if we have less than 15. Car pooling will be arranged. We will leave mid-morning after traffic (exact time to be determined). Parking for cars and motorcycles is \$14.00. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

First Annual Women's Retreat: Women of St. Bede's, come and spiritually rejuvenate at the wonderful **Mary & Joseph Retreat House in Rancho Palos Verdes** the weekend of **June 25 - 27**, led by Mthr. Vicki. **The retreat will offer three different packages:** 2 nights (double accommodation) including 5 meals is \$195.00; 1 night (double accommodation) including 4 meals is \$123.00; Saturday only, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. including 2 meals is \$41.00. The Mary & Joseph Retreat House is tucked away at the top of the Palos Verdes Peninsula behind St. John Fischer Roman Catholic Church: 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275, (310) 377-4867. The grounds of the retreat house are large and beautiful, perfect for a time of peace and rest. The

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center also has a lovely gift shop with a large selection of books, gift items, and music CD's. We will enjoy fellowship and spiritual renewal, walks and meals, Saturday wine and cheese before dinner, and our own private Eucharist on Sunday morning in the chapel. The retreat house provides coffee, tea, and other snacks for the duration of our time and we may bring wine and cheese and any other snacks for our pre-dinner gathering on Saturday.

We will depart on Sunday after lunch. A sign-up sheet with a check envelope will be posted in the Parish Hall. Questions? Call Mthr. Vicki at (310) 625-7364.

Needlers of Bede: Join us for quiet afternoons of needle work and fellowship two Sundays each month in the Parish Hall. **Experience is not necessary!** We have gifted members who are happy to instruct. We are knitting and crocheting for outreach: Stitches from the Heart and Hillside. Our dates for April are **April 11 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. and April 25 from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.** Future dates will be posted in the Parish Hall for 2010.

New Healing and Renewal Prayer Service!

Starting in May, 2010. There will be a new prayer service of healing and renewal, here at St. Bede's.

The service is partially prayer, built on the 12-Step model, but also topical discussions. Topics will include families involved with addiction issues, relationship rebuilding, and other topics which the group will want to explore. We will have guest speakers at times.

The group will meet once a month, Sunday at 4:00 pm, for about an hour. Start up date will be May 9. This group will be facilitated by Michael Gallagher, former Chair of the Bishop's Commission on Addiction & Recovery, and currently working in 12 Step Recovery Programs.

All are invited. Please come and join us. Evening Prayer will follow this service at 6:00 pm every Sunday.



The Sisters of Bede invite everyone to a Doll-making Workshop on Saturday, April 10, from 10 am-1pm in Luther's Hall. Cynthia Davis, an HIV/AIDS specialist at Charles Drew University, will show participants how to create dolls that are then sent all over the world to youngsters whose families are living with HIV/AIDS. Some are sold to raise money for HIV-prevention projects. It will be an interesting and enjoyable morning. The cost of the workshop is \$10, and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Kathy Russell, and

plan to attend.

There are still spaces available for two of the Sisters' Party-of-Parties venues: two spaces for the Tropical Cuisine and Croquet afternoon April 17 and five spaces for the April 24 Kite Fly and Luncheon. Please see Daphne Moote if you would like to attend either of these events.

The Tea in the Garden event, originally scheduled for May 15, will be postponed because of the consecration on that day of our two new Suffragan Bishops. It will be rescheduled for a date in June.

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School and Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE:

9 a.m.: Breakfast and study of the upcoming Sunday's lessons

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Series: "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity":
4/7: The Early Christian Mission
4/21: The Christianization of the Roman Empire
4/28: The Early Persecutions of the State
5/5 The Causes of Christian Persecution
5/12 Christian Reactions to Persecution
5/19 The Early Christian Apologists
5/26 The Diversity of Early Christian Communities
6/2: Christianities of the Second Century

BOOKWORMS OF BEDE:

4/19 - The Help, K. Stockett
5/17 - Home, M. Robinson

ST. BEDE'S STAFF & VESTRY

STAFF:

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman
ASSISTANT: The Rev. Victoria Mouradian
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