



The Winged Ox

Easter 2011



Khosi Lomalanga demonstrates how to make palm crosses, while the ladies of the Altar Guild look on.

Photo – Carol Perch



**from the
Rector**

Christ Is Risen!

This Easter message is best received when we have lived and prayed through the events of Holy Week, from the glory of the Palms through the dark night of Good Friday to glory of the Resurrection. The faith community lives through this week by offering worship every day of Holy Week.

In the life of the Church, we have three great celebrations which help us to live through the Paschal Mystery. The Triduum (literally three days) is the name given to these celebrations. Together they form a liturgical unity.

The Triduum is “three days”, but all one liturgy. It begins on Holy Thursday, but that service ends without the customary dismissal, because the action is not finished; Good Friday begins in silence, because it picks up where Thursday left off, and it, too, ends in silence, because the story does not end here. The conclusion to these two services is the Great Vigil, which is the celebration of the Resurrection and the fulfillment of all that has gone before.

On Maundy Thursday, we celebrate the Christian Passover, the institution of the Lord’s Supper and the giving of the great commandment. We need to hear the new commandment to love one another as Christ has loved us. We need to hear the words of Jesus, “Take and eat this; this is my body which is given for you. This is my blood of the new covenant; whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” This act is the sign that Jesus’ sacrifice was freely given. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our communal life; we are gathered and formed as church in the context of the Eucharist.

On Good Friday we celebrate the Passion. Without walking in the way of the Cross, without living through His passion, we have a hard time realizing the enormity of the gift that “God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.” In all of the events of Holy Week, we are reliving and making present and “re-membering” the living presence of God in our lives.

Our Easter celebrations begin at sundown on Holy Saturday. From a liturgical perspective, sundown is the beginning of all the great feasts of the Church. The Great Vigil of Easter is to Easter what Christmas Eve is to Christmas. In fact, the Great Vigil of Easter is far beyond that: it is the liturgical wellspring which is at the heart of the whole liturgical year. In it, we hear the entire story of Salvation History, all told in the light of Christ’s Resurrection, the central moment of that history. New Christians will become part of this story of salvation as we baptize them at the Vigil, and we will have an opportunity to renew our own baptismal promises. In this service, all of these moments become our present:

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain...

This is the night, when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin...

This is the night, when Christians everywhere... are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night, when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave...

Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled to God!

(from the Exsultet, BAS page 324)

Sign, symbol, gestures and actions, music and words – all things sacramental – help us to live in this very moment the saving acts of God, in the living presence of the Living God. May the light of the resurrection help to fill the dark places in our lives with light and warmth, and may God help you to continue to share the light of your faith with others.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift.



The March 13th Sunday School Talent Show performers pose for a group picture



Connor Paukovic at work at the Talent Show, while his Dad, Tony, looks on.

Photos – Tawny Brown

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

St. Luke's Haiti Ministry

I contacted Dixie Bickel in Haiti last February to give her the good news that our parish had raised sufficient funds to send five children to school in Haiti for the 2011–2012 academic year. I asked Dixie to tell the students to work hard so they passed their grade in the summer of 2011. The staff at God's Littlest Angels is delighted with our support for the Educational program.

Our other great news is that a parish family will support a female student from September 2011 to June 2012. The family wondered if it would be possible to select a girl for the program, and we were told it was possible, thus we are thrilled with the addition of a new student next fall.

Easter cards have been received from our five students, they have been carefully coloured and signed by each young artist. Stamps from Haiti, or other parts of the world, which are received are sent along to the *Junior Stamp Club*, so nothing is wasted. The cards will be given to Susan for the M&O board.

Our seeds have arrived and are ready to plant in May. We hope to have fresh vegetables from the garden in September and October this year and any sales will go towards fund raising for 2012. We ate our last carrots, which kept well in the crisper, on Palm Sunday. Our parsnips are still feeding us, and we left some in the ground last fall, so we will dig them up and share them with our neighbour in May. Our grandchildren will plant some seeds in small containers over Easter, and they will transplant the seedlings when the weather warms up. We will grow beans and peas in jars so they can see the root and shoot emerging from the testa [*Latin - shell*] or seed coat. Their parents will be pleased, as this activity is *in lieu* of chocolate eggs; I am sure the children will benefit from a few small Easter eggs.

Respectfully submitted
Colin & Elizabeth Briggs
April 2011

Correction: In the previous issue it was reported that Bill Brant had been elected as a delegate to Synod. Bill had agreed to serve as an *alternate* delegate to Synod.

Twitter and Facebook Fans

Are you a Twitter fan? Did you know that the Anglican Church of Canada is now on Twitter? You can follow at the following link:

<http://thurly.net/11eh>

The Anglican Church of Canada also has a Facebook page: <http://thurly.net/11ef>

St. Luke's also has a Facebook page: <http://thurly.net/11ee>



Guess who. (answer on page 8)

Tuesday Morning Hospitality

This is a parish area ministry. Over the course of the fall, winter and early spring sessions, about 30 people show up each week. The people who come here have challenged circumstances (financially, addictions, mental disorders) and a small group actually live on the street.

This morning hour is a time for us to have fellowship with each other. We serve coffee and tea, along with home-baked muffins, which are supplied by wonderful volunteer bakers. Sometimes we have fruit or cheese to offer. Our patrons always have great comments such as 'I remember having these when I was young', 'These are so delicious', 'People really make these just for us. How do they know to make them for us?' They have a lot of gratitude for what is offered by our parish members.

We also hand out Safeway vouchers, worth \$5.00, which can only be used for groceries. Only the Safeway on River Avenue accepts the vouchers. We really do appreciate all their work.

We have toiletries that have been donated by members of our congregation, as well as others given to us by Harvest. These consist of toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, laundry detergent, disposable razors, shampoo, etc.

There is also clothing, such as sweatshirts, pants, sweaters, jackets and parkas, which we really rely on the Parish members to donate. Your donations are appreciated more than you could imagine. Our patrons really do appreciate whatever they get from us. They show a lot of concern for each other, and share what they are given if someone, for whatever reason, needs more that week.

The gloves and toques knitted by the ladies in our parish are made in a wonderful assortment of colours and styles, and the mittens are nice and thick. They love being able to pick out their own. This is another way our parishioners have given of their time and love.

Everyone who participates in this fellowship hour has learned a lot about gratitude and friendship with those who have nothing else to give. If one of our volunteers does not show up, they always show concern. The camaraderie that exists with our group is something that everyone looks forward to each week, and we start to miss seeing them as the summer progresses. Over the years, we have made many friends, and it is hard when we hear that one of regulars has died, especially when it has happened outside.

Personally, this ministry, through learning about the situations of others, has helped me to grow in gratitude and love. It has also shown me, by the donations we receive in the hospitality box at the church and by the monetary offerings, that our parish has a lot of love for them.

Barbara Calder

FEAR NOT

There is no doubt,
T lear is the choice; CHRIST they will crucify.
A ssent is given, JESUS must die.
L OVE'S DIVINE gift now .pays the final price;
V iewed on a cross, the sacrifice.
A pex of earthly woe, reprieve there's none,
R esigned is HE, "...THY will be done."
Y ielding the ghost, CHRIST now knows earthly death.

As darkness falls,
T rembling now, friends HIS body tend,
O rdained it was - He would descend.
M uch fear of theft, the watch increase,
B uried and sealed - the PRINCE OF PEACE.

But now behold!
E thereal LIGHT outshines the sun,
A ssuming all, JESUS lives on.
S piritual LIFE to all is given,
T ruth has prevailed, "The LORD is risen."
E ternal faith now leads the WAY,
R ejoice in CHRIST, HE is here to stay.

M. Monica Smith-Harder.

'The Glorious Easter'

– a look at our Easter hymns

The post-reformation Anglican Church faced many challenges as it shaped its place as part of the Great Catholic Tradition. Fuelled by the Monarchy and the Protectorate Government, High Church Clergy and Laity fought to preserve its Catholicity while Low Church Clergy and Laity geared themselves to rid the Church of anything that seemed 'Romish'.

During this period, hymns had more than their fair share of 'roller-coasting'. The Psalm based, plainsong was being challenged as well as the 16th century reformers who wanted the liturgy to be said in English. Among all of this, and coming out of the Oxford Movement, a group of English Clergy led by Rev. Sir Henry Williams Baker set about to compile one of the best Anglican Hymn Books, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. Perhaps one of the better hymns Baker wrote is 'The King of love, my Shepherd is'. *Hymns Ancient and Modern* this year celebrates 150 years since it was first published. Part of the work that this group did was to recapture some of the old hymns, originally written in Greek and Latin as far back as the year 300, and translate and preserve them so that we have them to sing and make our Feast Days and Festivals more joyful.

Many of the glorious hymns we sing at Christmas and Easter are the oldest and perhaps the finest hymns we use in our Services of worship today. On Palm Sunday, we are almost sure to sing 'All Glory laud and honour', an old hymn written by Theodolph of Orleans in the year 820, which was translated by John Mason Neale and continues to give meaning to our Palm Sunday Celebrations. Another of John Neale's translations was that of the Easter hymn 'The day of Resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad' was translated from the Greek from a hymn written by St. John of Damascus in the year 750. The hymn is very Scriptural; it makes reference to the Jewish Passover Feast commemorating the deliverance of the Israelites across the Red Sea, reminding us that 'from death to life eternal, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory'. The slaughtering of the Passover Lamb coincides with Christ's role in the Eucharist as 'The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. The third verse of the hymn encompasses a wider dimension, for 'not only the heavens be joyful' but 'let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph', humanity has been redeemed. Easter is about Christ's Resurrection – our resurrection, it brings about the past, the present and the future, the hope and Salvation of all humanity. 'Let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end'.

Give us your Easter joy, O Jesus, that we may be freed to be your people in this world, and inspired by your resurrection hope, may look forward to that day when we shall sit and eat in your Kingdom. Amen.

Warren W. Smith
Easter, 2011.

Ugandan Orphans

The following is a letter from Bud Oliver, Chairman of the diocesan Companion Diocese Committee:

The Diocese of Rupert's Land Companion Diocese Committee

January, 2011

Re: The Diocese of Rupert's Land Central Buganda Diocese Orphans' Fund

Thank you very much for your support of the Central Buganda Orphans' Project this year. Since 2004, \$123,000.00 has been sent to assist with the cost of the education of orphans in the Central Buganda Diocese. The goal is to send \$20,000.00 per year has, so far, been met. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

This is a brief report from Archdeacon Jason Musoke, the Central Buganda Co-ordinator of the Diocese of Rupert's Land Orphans' Fund.

"The Rt. Rev. Jackson Matovu, the clergy, laity and orphans of the Diocese of Central Buganda extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Bishop, the Companion Diocese Committee and supporters of the Orphans' Programme of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Thank you so much for your generosity, love and prayers which make the programme very supportive and felt amongst orphans and their caregivers or guardians. Truly they are very happy whereby the programme pays their school fees, provides for their scholastic materials (books, pencils, pens, uniforms, etc.) and pays for their medications and lunch at school.

The programme caters for 138 orphans, out of which 83 are in primary school level (primary 1 to 7) while 44 orphans are in senior one to senior four and eleven orphans in senior six. The programme will this year stop catering for the 11 orphans in senior 6, whereby 11 other needy orphans in lower classes will be added to the programme.

We humbly request all the kind and generous donors to continue and more donors to take an interest in the programme because the struggle continues. So many orphans are still at large in Central Buganda.”

A final word from Jason, *“What you send for the 138 orphans is both a miracle and Manna. God bless you.”*

Respectfully,
Bud Oliver, Chairman

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On behalf of the children, and their Grandmothers, we wish to sincerely thank everyone who has responded so generously to our appeal for donations. We are very grateful for your response and generosity. The appeal is continuous; donations may be made at St. Luke's, or sent to the Diocese. Please mark them 'For Ugandan orphans'.

*Thomas Graham and Edna Swallow.
Mission and Outreach Committee*



Students at Kalwanga Primary School

Book Reviews

Voices in Summer

By Rosemunde Pilcher

Publisher: Sphere (Little Brown and Co.)

Laura, a new bride of less than a year, is uncomfortable about living in the same house as her husband's first wife. Alec has not seen his former wife, Erica or his teenage daughter who have lived in the U.S. for several years, but Laura still feels the presence of Erica.

Because of health issues, Laura is unable to accompany Alec on a fishing holiday in Scotland, however she decides to spend the time with his relations in Cornwall. She is absolutely charmed with her new family, their home and the beauty of the Cornwall countryside.

This idyllic existence is threatened, however, by several poison-pen letters. Fortunately, before any false accusations are made, the scene changes with the unexpected arrival of Alec's daughter, with evidence that will help her father, who has also just arrived to discover the responsible person.

The descriptions of the Cornwall countryside, and the interesting characters, as well as an intriguing plot, make this another very good novel by this author.

Maureen Hunter

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

By Mitch Albom

Publisher: Hyperion

The main character in this novel is Eddie, an old war veteran who feels he has not accomplished anything in his life. He is the maintenance man for the rides in a run down amusement park, a job he has held for many years. We are told of his 'humdrum' upbringing; he has inherited the same job his father had held. His life is an existence of dull routine and loneliness (he is a widower).

Eddie is killed on his birthday while trying to save a young girl when one of the rides fails. He awakens in heaven, where he discovers that it is not what most people would expect. Eddie meets in turn, five people, some of whom he never knew, but, indirectly, all of them played a role in his life. Each person shows Eddie the situation where they had influenced what happened in his life.

This is a wonderful story that opens one's eyes to the meaning of our lives here on earth.

This is a very different sort of novel by this American author who also wrote the award winning "*Tuesdays with Morrie*."

Maureen Hunter

A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a grade four student at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog sneaked inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shooed him outside, closing the door behind him.

The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors.

Then God appeared beside the dog, patted his head and said, "Don't feel bad, fella. They won't let Me in either."

Contributed by Marilyn Pearson

Milestones

Comings & Goings

Lyndsay Duncombe, a member of our choir for the past two years, will be moving to Los Angeles to take up a new position there with the CBC.

In Memoriam

Teresa Walton, mother of Stella (Walton) Douglas, passed away at home on Sunday March 13.

Carolyn Ransby, beloved wife of Ted Ransby, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Our most sincere condolences their families

Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 30 – Marriage Seminar

Saturday, April 30 – All former parishioners of St. Alban's are invited to a special time of fellowship together from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Fort Rouge Leisure Centre. For further information, please call Vera Rosolowich at 453-0363.

Sunday, May 15 – **Art Show and Sale**, sponsored by the Saturday Art Class, during coffee fellowship hour.

Guess who answer: Father John Wortley, c.1960

Saturday, May 7 – "Whale of a (Rummage) Sale" - 9 am – 2 pm
Rummage Sale • Silent Auction • Bake Sale

Please contact co-ordinator Tawny Brown for more information:

E-mail: tawny-brown@hotmail.com • 772-4995

Important: Please bring in Rummage Sale and Silent Auction donations ASAP to avoid a backlog of sorting and pricing close to the sale.

DID YOU KNOW: Tax receipts are available for Auction donations that bring in \$100 or more.

WE NEED **Baking**. E-mail or call Shirley Tinsley to commit to bake something or for further information: tinsley@mts.net 256-3835.

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