



Easter 2011

Dear Friends,

“The Lord of the Resurrection is everywhere; in every living particle, every fireball, every unit of energy, every void.”

I recently spent a few days with Brother Andrew Colquhoun at our clergy retreat in Chateaugay. Raised a good Scottish Presbyterian, later becoming an Anglican monk in the Order of the Holy Cross, Brother Andrew spoke to us of the connectedness of all creation and the blessing of God in all that we do.

With insights that he had gained from his appreciation of Celtic Christianity, Brother Andrew invited us to worship God not only in heads but in our hearts.

Celtic Christianity locates the mind within the heart, so that both may inform and enliven one another. To many of us who were raised in the Western Christian Church, faith was all about ideas about God, having the correct beliefs about God, and being very ordered and defined in our faith – like the Nicene Creed. All very much in the head.

The Celtic tradition, very earthy and grounded, invites Christians to see God not only in ideas, but in the sun, the moon, the sky and the sea. To see God in the everyday task of waking and rising, of work and play, of doing dishes, of folding the clothes, or preparing a meal, of reading and of sleeping.

If Easter is to be real, we must be able to see the risen Lord not just in church, but in the day to day of our lives. Of what good is it to proclaim Christ as risen in church, if we cannot see him at home, in the hospital room, in prison cell, or at the local daycare? Where do you see the light and the love of God shining through?

The resurrection is an invitation to the imagination of our hearts to see that all of creation is suffused with God. There is no place and no activity in heaven and earth where we cannot find the presence of the risen Lord. No task is too small, no challenge is too large, if we can imagine that Christ is before us, behind us, beside us and within us. All that we are and all that we do is within the home of God’s world.

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The whole world is full of glory.

Here is the glory of created things,
the earth and the sky,
the sun and the moon,
the stars and the vast expanse;

Here is fellowship
with all that was created,
the air and the wind,
cloud and rain,
sunshine and snow;

All life like the bubbling of a flowing river
and the dark currents of the depths of the sea
is full of glory.

Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 17th, at 10:30 am Palm Sunday at Grace Church
Thursday, April 21st at 1:30 pm Ecumenical Service at the Foyer Sutton
Thursday, April 21st, at 7:30 pm Grace Church, Service for Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 22nd. Our Good Friday, 'Way of the Cross', beginning at 10 am Église St. André, then walking to Calvary United Church, Olivet Baptist Church, and finishing at Grace Church with a soup lunch in the parish hall.

Easter Sunday

April 24th, at 5:30 am Sunrise Service at the home of Doreen and Hollis Page, 132 Holmes Road.
April 24th, 10:30 am service of Holy Eucharist here at Grace Church.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 27th, 6:30 pm at Coeur du Village, the Town of Sutton honors its volunteers.
This year, we recognize Mrs. Shirley Cowan for her many years of devotion to the Grace Anglican Church community.
Sunday, May 8th, 10:30 am Mother's Day at Grace Church
Sunday, May 15th, 10:30 am. Ecumenical Family Service and BBQ Luncheon at Grace Church.
Sunday, June 12th, 11:00 am Annual Outdoor Service at Grace Church Cemetery, followed by luncheon in the parish hall
Sunday, June 19th, 10:30 am Baptism of Ella Faith Mitchell

Wishing you and your family the blessings of this Easter Season!
Thank-you for your continuing support of Grace Church, Sutton.

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