



# The Spire

Church of the  
Resurrection  
Newsletter



We are the hands of the Lord  
in this place, reaching out to  
our community and the world.  
*Resurrection Mission Statement*

## Message from the Rector *A Sacrifice of Love*

*Jesus did not come to placate an angry God, to do the bidding of an inscrutable God, or to be a model of submission to a cruel God. He came to be the love of God; to show in our own "frail flesh" not what God demands but what God is prepared to give. He came to call God's own people back to himself, and through them to extend the divine call to all mankind. And he was prepared, as God is prepared, to do it all by teaching and example, by successful healings and signs and wonders, but also if necessary by suffering and death. As things turned out, it was indeed necessary.*

-- John Barton, from *Love Unknown*

Christian tradition holds a variety of atonement theories, ideas about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross. Many are bandied about without much thought about their implications. We hear that Jesus had to die for our sins, playing the part of scapegoat or sacrificial lamb. God demanded punishment, someone had to die for these transgressions. If it couldn't be us, it had to be Jesus.

This relates closely to the idea of a divine transaction, some kind of "deal" that would erase our sin at terrible but necessary cost. Another version has Satan being "tricked" by Jesus' death into believing he has won. Satan realizes his error as Jesus rises triumphant from the dead.

To my way of thinking, all of this is "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" theology. Like John Barton, I don't think God sits on his heavenly throne coolly anticipating punishment being inflicted on either Jesus or us. Like John Barton, I believe that Jesus' message itself, a message of God's love, was the purpose of his life. Jesus did not seek, nor did God require, Jesus' death. That is what *we* did. Jesus refused to run from what proved to be a necessary act of self-giving.

As we move into Holy Week, then celebrate Resurrection, let us look deeply into our own character. This is a time to let false and petty parts of ourselves die with Jesus. Let us make the necessary sacrifice of those behaviors that do not serve us or anyone else very well. Let us greet with joy, not only our Savior's resurrection, but the resurrection of our own best selves. Let Easter find us ready and willing to join Jesus in bearing God's love.

Yours in Christ,  
The Reverend Anne Gavin Ritchie

April 8-28,  
2003

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## Prayers Requested

Our prayers are requested for our parish family: Daniel Baldwin, Martha Brown, Alice Bryan, Joanne Conigliaro, Carolyn Faga, Hedy Hutchings, Jeff Isaacs, Ruth Ann Kinder, Liz Parnell, Lori Thurgood, Roland Timity, Lillian Urquhart, Bonnie Veazey, Jane Williams, and Mark Williams. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. William Dosch, Sr., mother of Bill Dosch, and Charles Laedlein. *Rest eternal grant to them, Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## Armed Forces Prayer List

Please keep all our nation's armed forces in your prayers during this difficult time. We pray especially for the following in our parish family:

**Meera Daroy**  
*fiancee of Michael Noe*  
**Mark Evers**  
*nephew of Kathie Madden*  
**Harry Howath**  
*nephew of Kathie Madden*  
**Jason Hull**  
*nephew of Carl Hull*  
**Dean Janke**  
*nephew of Kathie Madden*  
**Morgan Kyle**  
*brother of Bonnie Kyle*  
**Mark Latham**  
*son-in-law of Beth Wiggers*  
**Timothy Logan**  
*friend of Wanda Satterfield*  
**Paul McCauley**  
*cousin of Merry Anne Wright*  
**Michael Noe**  
*son of Bob & Edna Noe*  
**Charles O'Brien**  
*stepson of Carl Hull*  
**Timothy Turrell**  
*friend of Wanda Satterfield*  
**Brian Wiggers**  
*nephew of Beth Wiggers*

Please call the Parish Office if you would like someone added to this list.

## "Faith in the Workplace" Discussion Series

Seminarian Eric Miller and the Rector will continue the *Faith in the Workplace* class on April 15 & 29 from 7:30-9:00 PM. We will look at how our faith is both challenged and put to use in our various work environments. Please join us for this lively discussion series.

## Walk for ALIVE! on May 4

The ALIVE! Walk-a-thon is a friendly, gentle 5-mile walk through Old Town Alexandria to benefit ALIVE! Child Development Center, one of our major Outreach partners. Plan to walk on May 4th starting at 1:30 or sponsor the Resurrection Walking Team! More information is on the bulletin board.

## Shrine Mont 2003

### Shrine Mont Scholarships Needed

The cost of the Shrine Mont Parish Weekend (\$110/adult, \$55/child) is difficult for some who would like to go, especially some families with children. Please consider donating scholarship money to help make it possible for a large parish group to be together again this year. Make checks payable to the church, marked "Shrine Mont Scholarships." Thank you.

### Shrine Mont Bake Sale - May 4

A Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 4, to support the Shrine Mont Scholarship Fund. Money is greatly needed to help cover the cost of Shrine Mont Weekend for many who would like to go (\$110/adult, \$55/child). Home-baked items along with the Youth Group's "Shrine Mont Salsa and Jam" will be for sale. Please sign up to bake goodies, bring them on May 4, and plan to purchase delectable items for a wonderful cause.

### "ALIVE! Sunday - April 27"

Plan to come to the Forum at 11:15 on April 27 to learn more about ALIVE!'s many ecumenical outreach ministries to the people of the Alexandria area. Find out how you can join other parishioners in these ministries.

## The Focus Inn Coffee House

**Sunday, April 13, 2003** — Enjoy a wonderful evening of folk music in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. Focus Inn performers will include Bob Gramann, Lea, BanjerDan, David Morreale, Vyktoia Pratt Keating, and Doug Allan Wilcox! \$10 members and \$12 general public. Call 202-607-6156 or visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

## Upcoming Services

**April 13, 2003**

**Palm Sunday**

8AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One

10AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One

Readings:

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11a

*The Rev. Eric Miller*

*Preaching*

**April 17, 2003**

**Maundy Thursday**

8 PM, Holy Eucharist

Readings:

Exodus 12:1-14a

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

John 13:1-15

*The Rev. Anne Gavin Ritchie*

*Preaching*

**April 18, 2003**

**Good Friday**

12 NOON, Good Friday Liturgy

1-3 PM, Vigil of Prayers and Meditation

7:30 PM, Good Friday Liturgy

Readings:

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Hebrews 10:1-25

John 19:1-37

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*Preaching*

**April 19, 2003**

**Holy Saturday**

8 PM, Easter Vigil

Lighting of the Paschal Candle,  
Great Vigil & First Eucharist of

Easter

**April 20, 2003**

**Easter Sunday**

8AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One

10AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite One

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

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*Preaching*

**An informal service of Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in the library on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. The service includes the laying on of hands for spiritual healing.

**Outreach Cherry Blossoms**

A reminder to help the ALIVE! House and Carpenter's shelter by taking a cherry blossom and buying a needed household item. Place donations in the plastic box beneath the Outreach bulletin board.

**Memorial Easter Lilies**

Providing Easter lilies is a wonderful way to enhance our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and to remember a loved one or give thanks to someone special. Suggested donation is \$25. Order forms are available on the bulletin board.

**Jazz Vespers Rescheduled!**

**Sunday, April 27, 2003** — Join us at 7:30 PM to celebrate Psalm 150 with spirituals, gospel, blues, jazz and more! Featuring The Rick Whitehead Trio and the combined choirs of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church and Church of the Resurrection.

**Holy Week Schedules**

- April 13, Palm Sunday**  
8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- April 17, Maundy Thursday**  
6:30 PM Supper & Seder  
8:00 PM Holy Eucharist
- April 18, Good Friday**  
Noon-3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy and Way of the Cross  
7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy
- April 19, Easter Eve**  
8 PM Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter
- April 20, Easter Day**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:00 AM Festival Eucharist accompanied by brass, choir and handbells

**Church School News**

Glory be, Spring at last! Here are a few of the fun things going on:

**ALIVE Food Distribution.** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (9:30 – 11:30 am), volunteers of all ages are welcome to help out in the Parish Hall and the parking lot.

**Alive Walk-a-thon.** Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, our church will have a team of walkers and maybe we can make a second team of just kids; the fee is \$5.00 for walkers under the age of 18.

**Carpenter's Shelter.** Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. It's our turn to cook dinner! Kids 10-18 can help prepare a huge meal in our kitchen, and then adults will deliver and serve at the Shelter.

**Youth Sunday at Resurrection.** Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. A few of our graduating senior high school youth will lead the service and give a sermon. Then we are pleased to host a special service of "initiation into manhood and womanhood" for the oldest boys and girls in our "Rite-13" class. This will be a very special day for all our children.

**Shrine Mont.** Most of our parish children have never been to Shrine Mont! We want to encourage all families to join in this great weekend. For those who have been, please share your memories of the cabins, fun, and fellowship of Shrine Mont.

**Church School Curriculum Change.** Beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>, we are having a new class: the "Pioneer Program." This will be a class for 8-14 year-olds, sort of an "open classroom," which uses key themes from the Episcopal Children's Curriculum to teach the basics — bible lessons, faith lessons, introduction to our services, and the Book of Common Prayer. This should be especially helpful to our newcomer children and families.

**Church School Teachers Needed.** Fun-loving yet serious Church School desires friendly, kind people to teach some of the most wonderful kids on the planet! Call Bonnie, 703-837-8526.

**Church of the Resurrection Vestry 2003**

- Lou Aiello
- Pat Augustine
- Ken Gay, *Senior Warden*
- Ray Isaacs, II, *Junior Warden*
- Mary Johnson
- Francis King
- Dan Swearingen, *Assoc. Jr. Warden*
- Bea Taylor, *Assoc. Sr. Warden*
- Cathy Williams
- Prince Williams
- Gerda Wolf
- Merry Ann Wright
- Frances Williamson, *Treasurer*
- Betsy Faga, *Register*

*The Great Harvest Bread Company graciously provides the bread used for our communion at the 10AM services.*

**Office Schedule**

The Church Office will close at 12 NOON on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, remaining closed on Monday, April 28. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 29.

**Spire Schedule**

Articles for the next issue of the *Spire* are due by 9 AM on Friday, April 25. Please join us to help prepare the newsletters for mailing on Tuesday, April 29 at 12:30 pm.

**2003 Vital Statistics:**

Offering needed for year:	\$275,000
Offering needed each week	\$5,288
Offering received last week	\$5,989
Offering received year-to-date	\$71,641
Offering needed year-to-date	\$74,032
Attendance March 30, 2003	148
April 6, 2003	144



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**April 13, 2003**

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 Pat Augustine, Judy Isaacs,  
 Lou Aiello  
 USHERS  
 Eric Chang, Carl Hull,  
 Milford & Letitia John-Williams  
 SHUTTLE  
 Kat Turner  
 TELLERS  
 Richard Green, Gay Colyer,  
 Nan Pendergrass  
 BUILDING SUPERVISOR  
 Bob Barnett  
 ACOLYTES

LAY READERS  
 (8) Martha Swearingen  
 (10) Liturgy of the Palms  
 CHALICE BEARERS  
 Merry Ann Wright, Karl Boughan

**April 20, 2003, Easter Sunday**

ALTAR GUILD  
 Lou Aiello, Regina Brown,  
 Lori Thurgood, Mary Boughan  
 USHERS  
 Bob Naismith, James King,  
 Modupah Williams, Will Williams  
 SHUTTLE  
 Dan Swearingen  
 TELLERS  
 Edna Noe, Marian Stevens,  
 Janet Sprickman  
 BUILDING SUPERVISOR  
 Bill Grace  
 ACOLYTES

LAY READERS  
 (8) Lyn Hainge  
 (10) Larry Dye, Barbara Bishop  
 Kathleen O'Malley  
 CHALICE BEARERS  
 Bill Dosch, Bob Barnett

**April 27, 2003**

ALTAR GUILD  
 Judy Isaacs, Mary Boughan  
 USHERS  
 Minita Moniba, Frances Williamson,  
 Carl Hull  
 SHUTTLE  
 Jere Cummins  
 TELLERS  
 Bob Noe, Carl Hull, Sandra Jackson  
 BUILDING SUPERVISOR  
 Will Williams  
 ACOLYTES

LAY READERS  
 (8) Bob Barnett  
 (10) Bob Noe, Jack Ritchie,  
 Betsy White  
 CHALICE BEARERS  
 Bill Dosch

**April 17, 2003, Maundy Thursday, 8 PM**

ALTAR GUILD	Lou Aiello, Mary Johnson	USHERS	Jere Cummins
LECTORS	Gay Colyer, Barbara Bishop, Lea Fowlie	CHALICE BEARERS	Bob Barnett, Lyn Hainge