

HE IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Welcome. We're glad you're here this Easter.

If you are new, or visiting, or only in church on Easter and maybe Christmas, or just not sure about all of this (or however you would put it), I'd like to invite you to journey with us over these next several Sundays as we explore the promise of life unbound, set free, beyond our careful, guarded normal, that we have found in Jesus.

As our guest for this journey we will not ask you to give money; we will not corner you about what you believe (or not), or how you live, or vote, or so on. We won't put you on the spot or demand a response from you. In these weeks we will be celebrating a story of a love and hope freely given to us, and so we offer it freely to you, and will let you respond as your conscience leads you.

You'll see an itinerary for the journey printed below. On the back of this newsletter is this week's gospel text, a few notes to help guide you through it, some space for your notes, and a few reflection questions to ponder later

on, should you feel inclined to do so. Each week of our journey the itinerary, the day's text, notes, and questions will be there.

I'll be our guide on this journey, but not just me — each week we'll hear from someone who can share how that week's theme works in their own life, in real time.

Each Sunday at 7.45 a.m. is a simple service with traditional language. At 9 a.m. is an informal service. At 11 a.m. is a service with choir, chant, etc.

During these weeks we will be on a journey exploring what we believe to be the greatest thing of all — the promise of never-ending-life-come-true — and we'd love to have you with us as we go, if you're willing to get on board.

Peace and blessings to you this Easter Sunday,
Father Tim+

Itinerary for the next few weeks

Consider: *Three weeks of Resurrection accounts.*

April 16: Easter Sunday: Shattered, but Surprised...

The tomb is empty, but where is Jesus? In John's gospel (chapter 20) we meet Jesus' followers who are shocked and not a little bewildered to find the stone moved and the tomb empty.

Today at CTR

EASTER EGG HUNT:

Right after the service today, children meet in front of the foyer nearest to the Parish Hall.

EASTER POTLUCK: Join us in the Parish Hall for appetizers and pot-luck lunch following the service.

April 23: Plausible? It's Okay to Think, and to Check It Out

Jesus appears, but some are skeptical. We continue in John's gospel and meet Thomas, a follower of Jesus who was skeptical: history has dubbed him

"Doubting Thomas", but is that really fair? Jesus lets Thomas check things out.

April 30: Random? Or Part of a Larger Story that Holds Together?

Some of Jesus' followers are disillusioned. This week we are in Luke's gospel and meet a couple of Jesus' followers for whom it's all just a bit too chaotic to hold together — just another injustice in a long lifetime of disappointments. Jesus offers them a larger story.

Try It in Life: *Three weeks of Jesus' own metaphors explaining himself and his life.*

May 7: Strength in the Midst of a World Gone Awry

It's a dangerous world, but Jesus does not intend to be our escape mechanism. Jesus uses a metaphor that, granted, we don't meet everyday — "I am the door to the

sheepfold" — but the idea is that Jesus offers strength to face the realities.

May 14: A Beautiful Way of Life

Jesus' life stands as the most influential in history. His self-descriptive metaphor this week gives a part of the reason for that — "I am the way, the truth, and the life". We will emphasize the strand that seems to get the least attention: "the way". The idea is that following Jesus in his way of self-giving love makes life blossom beyond expectation.

May 21: Life, Connected

It's a big world and even greater cosmos — is connection beyond the virtual possible? Jesus' metaphor this week is "I am the true vine" — as in the "source" and "energy" behind it all, and yet accessible to anyone.

This Week at CTR

WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH: Join us Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Child care for 4ys and under is available upon request. Any questions please contact Kim Ober, kimwober@msn.com. We'd love to see you!

THIRD SATURDAY HEALING SERVICE: Saturday, April 22 at 5pm. Our healing services includes praise music and celebration of the Eucharist. As always, there will be a time for people to come to one of our prayer ministry teams for individual healing prayer.

SYRIAN COLLECTION DRIVE: Thanks to all who participated in the collection for Syrian Refugees. Due to your generosity we were able to fill a Honda Civic van (seats down) three times and Tori Thornburg's Toyota Corolla twice!



The items will be transferred to the Nu-Day Syria warehouse in Windham NH the end of April/beginning of May. If you forgot to donate, did not know about the drive and would like to donate items, or would like to help transport the items to NH, please

contact Kathy Bourgault 978-210-6166 or kathybourgault49@gmail.com.

When you have distributed all that was stored, say to the Lord your God, "Nothing is left of the holy offering stored in my house. I distributed it to the . . . foreigners, orphans, and widows as you commanded me. I disobeyed none of Your Commands, and I didn't forget to do what You commanded." (Deuteronomy 26:13 GW)

Upcoming Events

AMIRAH VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Tuesday, April 18th 6:00p-8:30p (Beverly Farms Library, 24 Vine Street Beverly MA). Amirah is a faithbased nonprofit organization located in the Boston area that strives "to provide a refuge for those seeking to break free from exploitation and heal in community on their journey toward lasting hope." For more information contact Alise Herrera, aherrera@amirahboston.org.

YOUTH NIGHTS: Wednesdays, April 26 and May 24 from 5:30pm - 7pm, grades 6 and up. Bring your friends to play games, hang out and eat together. For more information contact Fr. Brain, brian.barry@ctr-anglican.org.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP: Informational meeting on Sunday, April 30 at 1 p.m. in the Baptistry. Frs Tim and Malcolm are planning a mission—mainly of prayer, encouragement, and relationship-building with CTR mission partners—for a small team going to Uganda in October. Please join us to learn more.

LA VIDA FAMILY ADVENTURE DAY: The La Vida ministry of Gordon College is offering a community wide Family Adventure Day on Saturday May 6th from 8:30 to 4:30pm. Activities will include; adventure games, low initiatives and high course all of which make a great way for families to learn how to support and encourage one another as they work together and overcome challenges. For more information visit this website www.gordon.edu/familyadventureday

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL: On Saturday, June 10 the consecration of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral in Amesbury, MA will be followed by a reception on the cathedral grounds. Come worship and celebrate!

LA VIDA PARENT-CHILD TRIP: This summer with Fr. Tim! La Vida, the outdoors education program of Gordon College, is offering a parent-child backpacking trip this summer in the Adirondacks, led by experienced La Vida staff and with Fr Tim as chaplain. Dates are July 29 - August 5, and the cost is \$1100 per pair. If interested, please contact Fr Tim, tim.clayton@ctr-anglican.org.

Regular Events at CTR

TUESDAY:

Weekly Bible Study: Meets in the Sacristy on Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Richard Thorndike, 978-922-3618, for more information.

WEDNESDAY:

Holy Eucharist & Confession: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30a.m.
Seraphim Choir (grades 4 +), Wednesdays, 4:00-5:15p.m. Contact Dan McKinley dan.mckinley@ctr-anglican.org.
Cherubim Choir (grades 1-3), Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00p.m. Contact Cyndi Kreyling kreylingc@gmail.com.

THURSDAY:

Moms In Prayer International: Thursdays during the school year from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. For more info, contact Flora Lee, floraisabella@gmail.com or 978-626-1179.
Women's Bible Study: A weekly Bible study for women of all ages. Thursdays, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact Kim Ober, kimwober@msn.com, with questions or to request materials.
Choir of Christ the Redeemer, for adults and high school students, rehearses in the church, 7:15 p.m. -9:15 p.m., Thursdays. New members are welcome and needed. Contact Minister of Music Dan 978-774-3163x105; dan.mckinley@ctr-anglican.org.

I See Satan Fall Like Lightning



For three weeks in Eastertide, during our 10 a.m. hour, we'll be talking about a very unusual but insightful book: *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning*. The title is taken from Jesus' words in Luke 10.18 — it is what He said when the 72 disciples he had sent out on mission returned to him. Why did he say that? What did he see? This book was written by Rene Girard, a French Catholic literary critic and anthropological philosopher, and shocked the Paris intelligentsia at the turn to the new millennium when it made the best-seller list there. More about this to come!



**KEEP
CALM
AND
LOVE
YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

**Sundays 10 a.m. in the
Parish Hall**

**16 April
Easter Sunday - no 10 am session**

**23 April
Loving the Least of These in our
Backyard**

Fr. Brian and his team discuss the needs of vulnerable children in our area and how we can best serve.

**Coming up...
Book Discussion - *I See Satan Fall Like
Lightening* by Rene Girard.**

Today's Sermon: EASTER SUNDAY Shattered, but Surprised...

The tomb is empty, but where is Jesus? In John's gospel we meet Jesus' followers who are shocked and not a little bewildered to find the stone moved and the tomb empty.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. (John 20.1-10, ESV)

Notes:

The hinge moment (the moment the story swings on) comes when this happens:

What I find most surprising in this story is:

What I find most intriguing in this story is:

What in this story gives me hope, or joy, or courage, or _____ :

God, I thank you for:

My prayer: