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# The Trumpeter

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**OUR MISSION: To follow Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.**



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## From the Rector's Desk: Feast of the Resurrection 2020

**He is not here, for He has risen (ἠγέρθη), just as He said.**

Beloved Friends,

Blessings+ to you who celebrate the ongoing resurrecting power of Christ.

The accounts of the resurrection of Jesus the Christ are different in all four of our Gospels. The risen Christ is encountered uniquely across Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. That these accounts differ gives me great comfort and strengthens my faith even more as I reflect on them here among you who claim Holy Spirit as your spiritual home.

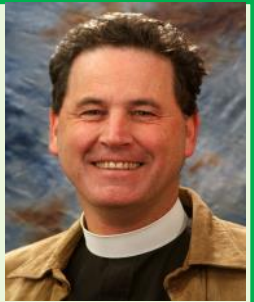
Though differing, all accounts use of a particular verb is its passive perfect tense: *He has/is risen*. More than a linguistic oddity, the verb form indicates that Jesus has been raised by God, and that completed action, which happened in the past, has ongoing effect. For the believer, death and time were both broken in the Resurrection, and continue to be. Plainly put, the resurrecting Christ is resurrecting you. Even now. And the way that occurs is a beauty and wonder to behold in my privileged spot shepherding you.

Our encounters of the risen Christ differ and we do well to honor that fact. In this way, Tolstoy was wrong. In *Anna Karenina* he wrote: "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." I find it more true that our happiness in discovering the risen Christ is unique to each of us. There are those who encountered a tangible presence, or a tremor in the universe, or a radical transforming, "born-again" event, or a late night of the soul, or a face that shone at sunrise, or a warmth in the heart, or an unclouding of mind, or a settling of emotions. There are those for whom Christ has been such a reality throughout their lives that they can't think of a moment when Christ wasn't present to them; others can remember a gradual but noticeable turning point in their lives, traceable to an event or occasion, whether sad or joyous. And some see the transformation in you and just want to warm themselves next to the fire that burns within your heart.

In this way, we must be infinitely patient and accepting of everyone in our community, for each has something to teach us about this expansive, resurrecting Christ. Each has questions about their faith which also prompt us to grow. This Eastertide, may that unique encounter be honored and shared. Remember: The resurrecting Christ is resurrecting you. Even now. Happy Easter!

P.S. Ok. So I wrote the Easter letter a month ago, trying to get ahead, and look what good it gets me! Bet you were thinking I'd be saying something about a virus. We all know what we have to do. Wash our hands, hang in there, call each other (a lot) and pray.

+Philip



A Note from Marge Keller:

Regretfully, after 35+ years, we must cancel the Maundy Thursday meal and worship and Good Friday Day of Service due to the current Covid-19 situation. Both of these activities would normally involve well over the permitted 10 people in one place so we must abide by rules that are meant to limit the spread of the disease.

We hope that when the cloud lifts, we may be able to organize a new Day of Service. By that time, we will all need the community and fellowship these events have traditionally provided to us and those we serve. We have advised Good News Home and Mr. Fixit that we will not be doing our usual service this April but will let them know about future plans. And the many activities we normally perform at church such as closet and kitchen cleaning, sewing and Altar Guild work. In the meantime, we hope you and your family are well. Stay safe.

Marge

## From the Rector's Desk: Holy Week and Easter Plans



All links to be provided on our website.  
Keep in mind that people are fragile and things change.

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|----------|-----------------|----------|--|
| April 5  | Palm Sunday     | 10:00 am | Liturgy of the Palms, Prayers, Passion Narrative with sermon and piano meditations   |
| April 9  | Maundy Thursday | 6:00 pm  | Please plan your dinner meal to begin with a livestream of our Bishop hosting from the Cathedral. It is a brief service of readings, reflection and prayers. [Fr. Carr-Jones composed this liturgy for the Diocese to precede an Agape Meal in your home. Have a loaf or slice of bread and a glass of wine or grape juice and a candle on your table. |
| April 10 | Good Friday     | 12:00 pm | The Seven Last Words of Christ. A service of readings and meditations  |
| April 11 | Easter Vigil    | 7:30 pm  | Bonfire (weather permitting) with Readings, Prayers and Sermon   |
| April 12 | Easter Sunday   | 10:00 am | A festive Celebration of Resurrection  |



### **THERE WILL BE FLOWERS FOR EASTER!**

*YES, there will be flowers for Easter! Since you cannot get an Easter flower donation envelope in the narthex please mail your clearly written dedication and check to Sue Landgraf, 34 John Drive, Annandale, NJ 08801. **DO NOT MAIL IT TO THE CHURCH.** The suggested donation is \$35. Deadline is **April 4** (Checks can be made out to Church of the Holy Spirit Altar Guild. Thank you and God Bless!*

*Sue Landgraf,*



## Treasurer's Report

We pray that you and your family are well. We are all in this together as the CHS family. As we sail into uncharted territory during this health crisis, please remember CHS. Our bills continue to come in and many of our vendors are small business owners. We want to continue to support them, as well as our CHS staff. As you are able, please support the church by mailing in your envelopes to the Church, using your bank's online bill pay system, or using your credit card through PayPal (found on the CHS website main page via the "donate" button: [churchholyspirit.org](http://churchholyspirit.org)).



You can also mail a check to Pledge Clerk, Church of the Holy Spirit, 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon NJ 08833

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. [[sallybird@comcast.net](mailto:sallybird@comcast.net)]

Yours in Christ,

*Sally Bird*

## Friends: A Note on Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Our prayers continue to be with those who have been deeply affected by Coronavirus, those who are or have been sick, those isolated, for health specialists and authorities who are combatting the spread of infection, and of course for all who at this time are feeling anxious.

As Christians, let us not be afraid. We are rightly more focused on keeping others well. While no one looks forward to it, we are not a people who are afraid of becoming ill. We are people of faith, and common sense. The widespread transmission of the virus across the globe is upon us. Concerns are heightened and the number of cases is increasing alarmingly.

What about Church?

For the time being we have become a virtual church, and as you have probably seen that there are numerous parishes streaming the daily offices on line. At present CHS is celebrating noontime prayer and compline (8:00 pm) every weekday. We continue our usual services at 8:00 and 10:00 am on Sundays, without Holy Communion, since during the pandemic it cannot be offered to all. You can access these services by following the links on the CHS website: <https://www.churchholyspirit.org/news/weekdays-noontime-prayer-compline-9-pm>

In general, we are a loving and courageous people who don't scare easily. All obvious caution is born from a compassion for others. Being gathered together as the Body of Christ is essential to our identity and I look forward to our community worship with even more focus than before. Reach out by mail and telephone to your friends and loved ones. Share your ideas for ways to get together via the internet. Be safe.

*+Philip*



From Alice Hrebella: a big Thank You to Lindsay Wyglendowski and Michelle Marlow for fantastic on-line Sunday School classes. They have come to the rescue as usual and really give an excellent presentation! Tune in on Sunday! <https://www.churchholyspirit.org/lent---virtual-formation.html>

## Thank you ShopRite!



### ShopRite (Clinton, NJ)

During this extraordinary time, it's important that we come together as a community to help those most vulnerable. Save Our Seniors of Hunterdon County, a local volunteer effort, is lending a hand by offering grocery & prescription delivery to senior & high-risk members of our community. 🍌 Thank you for working with us to provide for our loved ones in need.

Senior and high-risk customers can learn more and get started by calling (908) 437-8039 or emailing [soshunterdoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:soshunterdoncounty@gmail.com).



Ed. Note: Hi all. I have used this service and highly recommend it. If you are as nervous as I am about shopping in stores, this is a good alternative. The shopper will stay in touch by phone/text with questions. They check out at Courtesy and payment is delayed until they pick up a check from you. Some suggestions:

Try to put your shopping list in order of the store to help your shopper, who may not know the store as well as you do.

Be flexible.

Try to bundle orders to give these shopping angels time to help others. (I'm aiming for once a week.)

**And for fans of Basil Bandwagon:** the Clinton store has a dedicated shopper who will do your shopping for you and deliver it to your car.

Many of the local restaurants offer telephone sales and curbside pickup too.

## *Notes from Absent Friends*

Hi CHS Community,

So what is life like living in Hong Kong? The simple answer is surreal. Since before the outbreak, the Honkies (what the locals call themselves, not my invention so don't send me nasty grams) were embattled in a brutal escalation of violence with the police over a few pieces of legislation. Both sides have made good intellectual arguments; however, they are undone by a lack of listening, respect, and temperance in the name of political ideals. The protests have not gone away, they are just stalled by current events.

There are two Hong Kongs. The one we live in is an expatriate's delight. Lots of high end shopping, clean buildings, good food, easy transportation, strong social circles and a great climate. The second is the local economy, filled with protests, poverty, rampant racism, and a city where it is unaffordable to live and no prospects to move out. It is the dystopian future as foreseen in Blade Runner, with the super wealthy on one side and people just trying to survive on the other. A common sight is that of multi-million dollar super cars parked on the street where people will be earning a day's wage selling \$1 cups of tortoise jelly.

Since the virus first arrived, the government did an exceptional job at responding to the medical needs of the population. This is coupled with the local culture of taking care of each other, so everyone wears masks, washes their hands, and generally keeps their distance. Put these two things together, and the virus has not really spread here as it has in other places. We have more cases coming in on airplanes than are replicated within the HK borders. There is some animosity towards gweilos (white westerners), particularly those that don't wear masks. I was kicked out of a store a few weeks ago for pulling my mask down when it fogged up my glasses.

That over-abundance of caution has kept the schools closed since the second week in January, with no immediate plans to reopen them. In addition, all parks, museums, and public gatherings have been closed, as have Disneyland and Ocean Park. It makes for challenging days being in a small apartment with two kids, when they really need to run and play and socialize with their friends. The online schooling has been a steep learning curve, and we mostly abandoned it for a private tutor.

But, all things considered, we are hunkering down and riding it out. We have made a nice network of friends, and the virus has brought us closer together. In a few weeks, the airport should open up again and hopefully things will return to normal.

That's it for now. Thanks and I wish each of you health and prosperity.

*Jon Babek*

Dear Vicki,

Hal and I had planned to return to NJ about now so that we could be with our CHS community for Holy Week and Easter. Sadly that's not happening. We're hunkered down in NC with some work still being done on the house. Address here is 112 W Queen St., Edenton, NC 27932

Aaron continues working in the Lake Country of England and hopes to be able to stay through mid-August. Although the Scout Centre has been closed to guests and is 'locked down,' the staff of 14 or so are continuing to work on the facilities and trying to get out and 'take a hike' nearby about once a week. Since they were prepared to have scouting guests on site, they have a stockpile of food! I'm sure he would appreciate mail or email. His address there is:

Scout Adventures Great Tower  
Birks Road, Newby Bridge, Cumbria LA23 3PQ, UK. email: [aakmurray@gmail.com](mailto:aakmurray@gmail.com)

Henry, Hal and I had planned to visit Aaron in May, but that's obviously a no-go. Henry's fine, working from home in Charleston, SC. Stay safe.

*Karen Murray*

## ***Make Masks for First Responders***

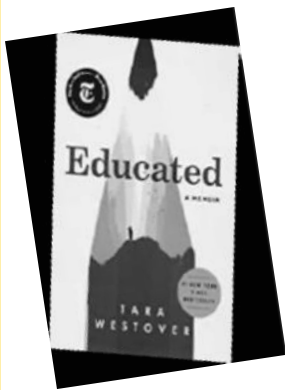
I received this request for making mask covers for HMC and hope that some of you may be willing to help with this project. I was given enough fabric and elastic for 140 mask covers and can arrange to get it to you. The pattern/directions are very simple; much easier than some of the ones I've seen on line since these are intended to be covers rather than complete masks. This is a request generated by the CEO of the hospital.



Please contact me at [Juned.fil@gmail.com](mailto:Juned.fil@gmail.com) or 908-500-5600 if you are able to help with this. I can send you the pattern.

*June Filipski*

## ***Spirited Readers Book Club***



Since the Hunterdon Library System is closed, we are able to retain our copies of "Educated", which had been scheduled for discussion in March, for a while longer. If you haven't had the chance to finish it as yet, we hope you enjoy it. There may be a possibility of setting up a virtual meeting via Zoom or another interactive method in the near future. Let's hope so! Watch the Friday email blast and the CHS website for more information.

*Suzanne Higgins*

## ***Red Wagon***

Our Food Pantry needs are more critical than ever. Whatever you can drop off is welcome, including household cleaning supplies, toiletries and personal hygiene items. There are so many individuals and families in our area who depend upon the generosity of their neighbors, and your continued support is deeply appreciated. Given the number of folks whose jobs have disappeared, the needs are greater than ever. Contributions may be mailed to The Open Cupboard Food Pantry, 37 Old Highway 22, PO Box 5071, Clinton NJ 08809.

The Open Cupboard's shop is currently closed and the staff requests that you hold your donations during this crisis. The need for food and personal items for their clients is more critical than ever, though. Thank you for whatever contributions you are able to make. And thank the Open Cupboard's volunteers for all that they are accomplishing during these very difficult days. Be well.

*Katie Higgins*

### **Pulse of the Parish**

Catherine Colitti, mother of Mario Colitti, passed away on January 19, 2020.

Andy Yadro, Jaime Lyn Gora’s much loved cousin, died unexpectedly in February .

Carol Potter, sister of Polly Truet, died unexpectedly in late February

Sherry Lynn McNeill, cousin of Judy Linger, February 29

And the Episcopal Church lost two bishops known to many of us recently:

The Rt. Rev. George Phelps Mellick Belshaw, 9th Bishop of New Jersey, on February 29

Barbara Harris, the first woman elected Bishop in the Anglican Communion, on March 13

*Rest eternal grant to them, Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them.*

### **Postponements and Cancellations**

Along with the rest of the diocese, the state and the country, we have had no choice but to delay events that we anticipate annually with joy and enthusiastic participation, events which help both to bring us together and reach out to others. Among them:

Alex Tartakovsky’ s concert, April 5th [watch him from home in PA Saturday, though!]

Good Friday Day of Service, April 10th

Annual Service Auction, May 2nd

Memorial Day Parade, May 25th

Worshiping together in our beautiful sanctuary and greeting each other in the name of the Lord are not possible now. We are blessed, though, to have virtual ways to connect with one another. Think how much more painful it would be if we were experiencing this pandemic without the technology we now enjoy. If we continue to reach out to each other by telephone, text, email, snail mail, and continue to pray for each other, we will make it through. God is love. And as Fr. Phil said as part of a recent homily, “It’s more important to be loving than like-minded. So choose a safe way to connect with each other. Stay safe.

### **HOLD THE DATES**

<b>APRIL</b>		<b>ONGOING EVENTS</b>
5	Palm Sunday	
9	Maundy Thursday	Tuesdays, 6:00 am, Bible Study (virtual)
10	Good Friday	Tuesdays, 7: 00 pm: Theology on Tap (virtual)
11	Easter Vigil	Third Thursday, 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (virtual)
12	Easter Sunday	Note: Our Culinary Angels have folded their wings for now, as Family Promise is closed. Please remember the food pantries — contributions are most appreciated and needed more than ever.
<b>MAY</b>		
25	Memorial Day	
31	Pentecost Sunday	



### Snapshots



*Dedication of Keller sacristy and new vestments  
February 8, 2020 Eva Lesniak photos*



*House Blessings Michelleslie photos*



### We 3 Kings

- 7 Weeks in Epiphany**
- 16 Routes**
- 8 Drivers**
- 15 Hosted Gatherings**
- 150 Houses Blessed**
- 1 Amazing Priest**



### Snapshots



*Above and right: Mirotta House luncheon 2/15 Fr. Phil photo (above); Alice Hrebella photo (r.) as children were creating the table decorations.*



*(left) Our children prepared a yummy breakfast 2/23. Jack Daniels photos*

*(below) Alex's recital at CUNY Graduate Center, 2/24. Some of the 31 CHS groupies who traveled by bus. Thanks to the Andersons for organizing the trip and to Alex for a wonderful performance, two encores, and a great smile. Roberta Maas photos.*



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Check the CHS calendar on the website, Sunday bulletin and the Friday email news for updated information: [churchholyspirit.org](http://churchholyspirit.org) And a reminder to make sure that you register on the website so that you don't miss the most timely news from CHS. Especially if you're new to our parish, make sure we know how to reach you! And don't





# COLD VS. FLU VS. CORONAVIRUS

SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	CORONAVIRUS** <small>(can range from mild to serious)</small>
 Fever	Rare	High (100-102 F) Can last 3-4 days	Common
 Headache	Rare	Intense	Can be present
 General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual, often severe	Can be present
 Fatigue, Weakness	Mild	Intense, Can last up to 2-3 weeks	Can be present
 Extreme Exhaustion	Never	Usual (starts early)	Can be present
 Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes	Has been reported
 Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes	Has been reported
 Sore Throat	Common	Common	Has been reported
 Cough	Mild to moderate	Common, Can become severe	Common
 Shortness of Breath	Rare	Rare	In more serious infections

Sources: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. CDC. WHO.

\*\*Information is still evolving