



St. John's Episcopal Church and Day School

Alamogordo, New Mexico

Our Mission is to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel
and to seek and serve Christ in all people



2022 – April Newsletter

Greetings as we near the resurrectiontide!

Normally when I get to this time of year, the message that I want to share with you is joyful. Indeed, there does seem to be plenty of joy to share, especially in sight of the resurrection light we will all share in our celebration of Easter in a few short weeks. Right now, however, in a time filled with strife foreign and domestic, I think the message of the cross is important for us to hear. The resurrection, much like all other important moments in our lives, loses a lot of its meaning without a unique setting for the events. The cross provides that setting.

On Good Friday God enveloped the whole of human experience in Jesus' death and in the moments leading up to Jesus' death. The things we are experiencing today are new in the sense that names and players have changed; but Jesus responds to all the same forces at work in the world today: racism, classism, sexism, and greed. And the ultimate shape of that response is the cross.

With the conflict around Ukraine in Europe and a growing divide between political parties here at home, the cross is what shapes our ministry in this moment, too. How can we respond in love to the world around us? How can we begin to help scared and frightened people put their lives together after all that we ourselves have missed in the last two years? How do we balance our own needs with the needs of those we minister to? These are hard questions; but the cross is proof that nothing is stronger than love and that God is in that struggle alongside us.

And, of course, the cross is not the end of the story. The joy of resurrection is coming. May we have the courage to walk toward the cross in the time left to us and in the world left to us. May we know that in our time as in Jesus' time, death is not the end of the story. Blessings from...

Your Brother in Christ,

The Rev. Michael Peter Drinkwater

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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