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Greater  
**LOVE**  
has no one  
than this,  
that he  
lay down his  
**LIFE** for  
his friends.

JOHN 15:13



# Rector's Message

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by The Rev. Samuel Makuach

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## The Cross of Christ, Tell It All

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).”*

Christ the King family, I prayerfully hope you and your family are full of the favorable love of God. Did anyone tell you lately, I love you, or have you told anyone that you love them? If not, you are not alone. While still thinking about it, I would like to say, “I love you.”

Sometime back in January 2024, I was picking up a few groceries at Walmart Super Center, Ridgecrest, CA. While I was checking out, someone walked up and grabbed my hand and handed me cash! I was stunned and confused. I did not know what to say at that moment. I hesitated,

but he said, “God told me to give to you,” and he walked away. I was speechless. I can only smile. I think I said thank you to him as he walked away. I found out later, it was \$60.00. After that, my first impression was wow, what a great gentleman. He has shown God's love.

The story has reminded me about being in March, the month marked by the last days of Christ's ministry on earth. They say, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” which resembles the story of Christ's redemptive power in the Passion of the Lord this year. We celebrate both Holy Week and the Resurrection of Christ all in March this year.

What a month! It is the month of Jesus Christ's suffering and dying on the cross, and His triumphant rising from the dead. The events of Palm Sunday at the beginning of the Holy Week followed by

Resurrection Sunday are the story of God's love to save the world. This March is the month that "Jesus paid it all," and "all to him I (we) owe" (Elvina Mable Hall, 1822-1889).

As the Cross of Christ tells it all, this March marks the ultimate suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ to show the TRUE LOVE. The scriptures say, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Giving something freely is not always easy for us, but for God it is His nature. When we put on God's nature, we become foreign to the world. According to Jesus, we become enemies to the world for we do not belong to the world, but we belong to Christ (John 15:18-25).

The man who gave me money was the embodiment of Christ's love. Though I really appreciated the money, what was so significant to me was not the amount of the money I received, but the intention and message behind it. "God told me to give to you," he said. He was being obedient to the Lord's command.

Jesus told Simon Peter to feed the sheep to show his love for Him (John 21:15-17). I believe Jesus is telling us every day to feed the sheep, whether we do it or not. As the Lord asks us, "Do you love me?" .... If our response is "Yes, I love you Lord," we are then told to feed His sheep.

I believe one way of feeding the sheep is to show Christ's love through simple acts of kindness to one another. Saying, "I love you" is one of the simplest acts of kindness. God everyday says to us, "I love you and have loved you enough to die on the cross." The cross is a reminder of that.

I would like to encourage you to think deeply about how much God loves you and share that with other people either in our church, and/or out of our church. During your meditation, ask God's Holy Spirit to make God real in us.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Resurrection Sunday, let us meditate on God's love. Jesus did not have to go through riding a donkey, washing His disciples' feet, the Stations of

the Cross, and later be risen from the dead on Easter Sunday! The epistle reading says in 1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.” The Lord did it because he loved you and needed to have you for himself.

Praise God, Hallelujah! May we accept and be forever transformed by the fierce LOVE of God, relentless in its pursuit, and the CROSS of Christ, the greatest love of all. Amen.

*May the light of God surround you. May the love of God enfold you. May the power of God protect you. May God place His healing hands upon you and heal you quickly. May the presence of God watch over you. May God bless you and your family with needed miracles. Amen.*

Happy Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday to you and to your families.

Hallelujah Christ Is Risen, The Lord Is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah! Amen.



**Men's Bible Study & Lunch** *with Fr. Samuel*  
**Friday, April 12 & 26**  
12 pm - Flex Fridays  
*Casey's Restaurant*



**Women's Bible Study & Lunch** *with Fr. Samuel*  
**Friday, April 19**  
12 pm - Non-flex Fridays  
*Lugo's Grill*

# Adventures with Deacon Debby



The Rev. Debby Buffum

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In one of his sermons, Fr. Samuel said, “Have you ever seen God?” No, I have never seen God, but I have seen the outcome of His work, I have experienced Him working through me, and once I heard His voice.

I love seeing God’s handiwork in His creation of this world we live in. I love being out viewing the exquisite beauty of His landscapes, mountains, seas, waterfalls, and all the creatures He has created.

I love viewing the Heavens with all of the stars, the planets, the sun and the moon as they rise and set. God is there in His creations of earth and universe, and I can feel near to Him. I love interacting with my fellow beings whom He created.

As I go about, I see people and I ask if I may pray for them. Sometimes, I have seen and experienced God doing things through my prayers. I prayed for a 13-year-old boy in the ER with a

103°+ temperature and then heard the nurse say that it was 100° thirty minutes later. Whether I was involved in prayer or not, I see things happen and know it is God’s doing.

Frank and made a trip to China in 2006. Before we left, I kept getting a message to take a Bible which was illegal to bring to China. All the people on the plane were speaking Mandarin. There was a church next door to our hotel in Beijing, but when I entered, they were all speaking in Mandarin. The third day, our guide and I were alone as we walked through a passageway in the Forbidden City. He asked me to tell him about our Jesus! That afternoon he and I rode together in the rickshaw with him asking me question after question about Jesus. I wrapped the Bible in a piece of Chinese newspaper and slipped it to him on the way to the airport for our next city.

Frank retired from the Navy in 1996. He went out and cut the roses, and came in the house, saying it only took 20 minutes and what was he to do? Long story short he applied and was accepted as a physician assistant student at Alderson-Broadus College in West Virginia in 1997. Frank was 62. We put some household stuff in a Yellow Freight truck, put Morgen our golden retriever on the back seat and drove across the country to Philippi, West Virginia. Little did I know that we would live there for just under eight years.

While there we drove 45 miles to attend church and worship. When deacons in the diocese were ordained in 1998, I felt like I had been hit in the chest with a 4' by 4' to serve God in a servant ministry. When I told the priest, he said, "You are moving to Wheeling (Frank was doing his rotations), tell the priest there." When I told that priest, he said that he was extremely busy being the priest in-charge searching for the new bishop and it would have to wait. Frank graduated, passed his boards, and was hired by a

clinic for the underserved in Spencer. The church was now 75 miles away. When I spoke to the priest there, he said that he felt that I had a calling, but he was leaving to go on sabbatical.

After training, I was a Lay Eucharistic Minister and would serve Communion. My first time, the chairperson who assigned people filled my Chalice to the brim. I slipped on the stone steps and some consecrated wine spilled on the floor. I kept checking the schedules to see when I would serve again. My name never came up although the chairperson never told me she had taken me off.

One morning sitting in the rocker at our home in Spencer, I poured out my heart to God. How could I ever serve You (God) and become a deacon if I was not allowed to serve Communion? As I was praying, I heard God shout, "TRUST ME"!!! To say the least it startled me greatly. I heard an audible loud voice. I heard God speak!!

Long story short, when I was home visiting in California, Fr. Ken Richards, at St. Michael's

listened and counseled me. I began the process of becoming a Third Order Franciscan of the Society of St. Francis.

Frank and I moved back to Ridgecrest in 2005. Later in the year, we were returning from traveling in New Zealand. There was a phone message. "Can you be at ECHO, our diocesan retreat center in Oakhurst (275 miles), in the morning at 9:00 AM"? They were interviewing possible clergy candidates. I threw clothes in the

washer, went to bed, and woke at 4 AM. There was a dove on the front lawn as we left. I was ordained to the

Diaconate on April 13, 2008, at St. Michael's Anglican Church by Bishop John-David Schofield.



*Dear Friends,*

*My rehab is going great. They are giving me 4-6 weeks of continued therapy. I am allowed to drive with someone in the car. I still have a way to go.*

*The weather so far hasn't been too bad. We've had snow but it's all gone now. Angel, one of my dogs, loves to roll in the snow. We laugh when she does this on our walks.*

*I've been busy knitting and can now clean house and do laundry. I walk around the house and don't have to use the walker. I'm getting better every day.*

*Taking BJ and Steph to dinner tonight. It's his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday and their wedding anniversary.*

Fran Beal broke her knee in October in Flagstaff and wasn't able to come home this winter. She hopes to be back with us this October.

*Love to all,  
Fran  
3-1-24*



# Deacon's Discourse

The Rev. Judy Battershell

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So, here we are again, at the end of six weeks of penitence, analysis, prayer, and revelation of where we are in our relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If you are somewhat like me, our relationship with each of these persons is different. The way I pray to them, the kinds of circumstances that bring me to seek them, and many other kinds of categories that bring me to communicate and seek the three persons of the Trinity are each unique. I am also looking at my experiences of Lent, this year, as opposed to last year and other previous years. How is it different, and how is it similar? Have I grown as a Christian, as a person, in my ability to communicate honestly with myself as well as others? I don't have any pat answers to any of these questions, and I hope that in some respects my answers are

positive. Yes, I am learning, growing, and continuing to become more of who I am created to be by God the Father.

However, I don't want to be so busy analyzing everything that I forget the absolute *Joy, Awe, and Wonder of the Resurrection!* I am completely full of wonder and jubilation at being able to shout *Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!* How can we ever put into words what Jesus accomplished on that cross for us? There are no words that adequately express my gratefulness, my astonishment, and my undying love, for what He has done for me and all of us who believe.

We humans have an inborn compulsion to sin, in both large and small ways, day after day, for our whole life long. The only



good thing about this truth is that from year to year, if we are diligent and persistent with our prayers and behavior modifications, we don't continue with the same sins after a time. So, the sins are conquered, but others take their place, and so on and so on, right? Our learning process continues, but we never run out of things to learn that we need to change and do better on. Now, the good news is, God isn't finished with any of us yet! Which is why I shout so loudly and enthusiastically, "Alleluia! Alleluia!" every Easter Morning! I can begin again with a new slate of challenges and a new set of circumstances. I have no clue when they will come and what they will be. It keeps a person from getting bored, doesn't it? So, we are off on our new adventure for this year. We are ready and willing to meet our



*Alleluia!*

new beginning with smiles on our faces and hope and love in our hearts. Isn't God great? He knew all of this from the beginning, and He went ahead and created us, and gave us free will, anyhow. Our God is brave! No wonder He knows what we need when we ask for courage.

In closing, I just want to restate what I personally believe. First, God loves us beyond anything we can understand. Second, God has more patience than any of us deserve. Third, we cannot out-give God in any category, no matter how hard we try. Fourth, He sticks with us no matter what! That is also why I shout *Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*



**Next Meeting:**

**April 13, 2024—Saturday—1 pm**

**St. Andrew's Room**

Join the ladies for a short meeting, program on the painted churches of Romania, and fellowship. Bring a friend and a snack to share if you like. Hot & cold beverages provided.



# Corporal Actions of Worship (and Why)



The Rev. Spencer Stubblefield, SSC  
Trinity Church, Bakersfield—*Assistant Rector*

**D**uring an Anglican service, you will see people doing several different things, often in a coordinated and timely manner. Perhaps, you do many of them yourself. Our worship is both spiritual and corporal, which means, we're moving around a lot. Here are some things you will see people do in the service, and what it means.

## **The Sign of the Cross**

Making the sign of the cross is probably the most common thing you will see in the service. In the Anglican tradition, we touch our head, lower chest, then the right side of our chest followed by the left side, then we return back to the middle to make the sign of the cross. There are several reasons for doing this, that I will go over in another article. But for now, here are the three main

reasons: 1) to seal, like wax on a letter, a blessing or absolution that has been done over us. A gesture of receiving and accepting. 2) to remind of us our baptismal vows. 3) to remind us how this is all possible, by our Lord on the cross.

## **Beating of the Chest**

This one you may not see as often. At certain points in the liturgy, the person making a fist will *lightly* hit their chest. This is a gesture of penitence and humility as we approach the Lord. There are three main times this is done in our liturgy, two of which only happen in the Anglican Standard Text. 1) At the confession, when we say "Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father," we can make two beats. 2) In that same Eucharistic Prayer, the priest will say, "And though we are

unworthy...”, and then 3) it is also common to beat the chest after each section of the *agnus dei*, where we beseech God to have mercy on us.

### **Bowing and Genuflecting**

We bow and genuflect as sign of reverence to Jesus, our Lord, as he is the King of kings. But did you know there are different forms of bowing?

Simple Bow – This is a simple nod of the head, a sign of acknowledgement and reverence, usually in quick passing. We do this at the mention of the Trinity and the name of Jesus, and when we approach the altar while the Sacrament is not present (mainly, Maundy Thursday).

Moderate Bow – This is a penitential bow of humility made by bowing the shoulders and head. It is often done at the confession, the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy...), the Institution narrative, and the *Agnus Dei*.

Profound Bow – This is a deep bow made at the waist, and many consider it to be equal



to genuflection, if you cannot genuflect. We do this at the Incarnation in the Creed and as we enter and leave our seats as sign of reverence to the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist that resides in the tabernacle behind the altar.

Genuflecting – This is where you go down to the ground, right knee touching the floor. The practice of genuflecting is not used a lot, but can be used at the same time as the profound bow and at the Elevations by the clergy. Because we genuflect to God on our right knee, when you greet royalty, a bishop, or are proposing, you should go down on your left knee.

Blessings,

Fr. Spencer Stubblefield, SSC

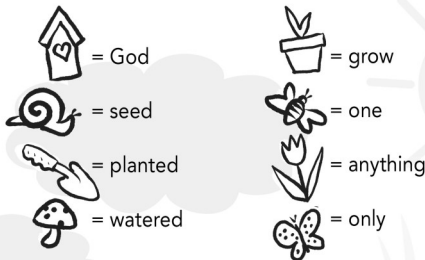





## PLANT, WATER, GROW



Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.*



### KEY






I  the , Apollos  it,

but  has been making it .

So neither the  who plants nor the

 who waters is ,

but  , who makes things .

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, church, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow



# HEALING PRAYER

Thursdays 5:00-6:30 pm  
*Sanctuary*



“He has  
**been raised;**  
he is not here.”

MARK 16:6



- 1—John Lorch
- 8—Lisa Buffum
- 9—Philemon Hodges
- 13—Daniel Kennedy
- 17—Chris Stewart
- 24—Glenda Blackshaw



May's Deadline  
Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>



# PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- Mike Archer
- Wyatt Berz
- Joseph Brown
- Ryan Bruce
- Nathaniel Carrasco
- Stevie Ann Duff
- Daniel Hobson
- Tim Johnson
- Tim Kaber
- Daniel Kennedy
- Mark Ian Longacre
- Darren McCue
- Alex McDonald
- Andrea McDonald
- Tania Palmer
- JP Pooley
- Ron Reed
- Robbie Reid
- James Ryan
- Justin Sanders
- Megan R. Schwerin
- James Smith
- Justin Smith
- Jonathan Smitherman
- Daniel Walters
- Logan Waterman
- Scott Welker
- Jessica Wells



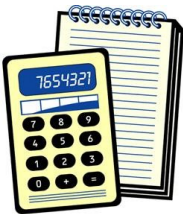
# Statement of Financial Position

## February 29, 2024

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>108,945.32</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
3120 Immediate Funds (Building & Plant)	64,089.77
31610 Altar Guild	604.51
31617 Mission of the Quarter Fund	340.00
31635 Daughters of the Holy Cross Fund	50.00
31645 Food Baskets Fund	1,469.98
31660 Martha & Mary Fund	150.13
31675 Youth Discretionary Fund	1,574.74
31680 Pastoral Care Fund	1,000.00
31680 Uncategorized Donations Fund	2,150.00
31825 Altar Flowers Fund	448.18
31830 Christ the King Academy Fund	120.16
<b>Alta One Balance</b>	<b>180,942.79</b>

# Profit & Loss Performance

## February 2024



**Building Loan Balance:**  
**\$153,396.54**

Income/ Expenses	YTD
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>52,578.83</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>28,584.63</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>23,994.20</b>



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