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## *Ponderings From Pastor Pam*

Luke 24:1-8 - At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the women came to the tomb carrying the burial spices they had prepared. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. But once inside, they couldn't find the body of the Master Jesus. They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said, "Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up.

The tomb is empty. Empty. Take a few moments and

mull over the word in your head. What feelings does the word invoke? Such a stark word. Empty. What does it mean? Often the word empty has a negative connotation. 1. Containing nothing; not filled or occupied. 2. (of words or gesture) lacking meaning or sincerity. Synonymn of the word 'empty' are: vacant, blank, void, and lacking contents which could or should be present.

We have stories or verses about emptiness in our Scriptures. Take a moment to reflect about the meaning and significance of "empty" in these contexts.

In the Old Testament from 1 Kings 17: 10-17 The prophet Elijah set out and came to the gate of the town, a widow was there; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your

hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah

And in the New Testament, in Luke 1:53 He has filled the hungry with good things,

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## VOICES

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but sent the rich away empty. Or in Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

At Easter we are given the choice to enter into the mystery of the empty tomb, to believe and to have our emptiness filled.

It is about our hymn, #647 in Common Praise:

**"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me... break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."**

May you know the fullness of God filling your emptiness through the power of the resurrection life of Jesus. filling you so that you can pour into the lives of others, today and always.

**Your Priest & Pastor  
Pam**

**New Life from Death**

I have always been a little envious of people who have grown up with the presence of their grandparents. I watch from afar as grandchildren and their grandparents eat at a restaurant or stroll through the mall or watch a movie at the cinema, and I've wished that that could be me, with *my* grandparents.

In 1998, while still living in India, my parents had filed their immigration papers for Canada and had anxiously been awaiting a reply regarding whether their application had been accepted. The push towards Canada had mainly been to give my sister and me a

future with more opportunities. But there was something that held them back: while my paternal grandparents still had my father's siblings around, my maternal grandparents did not; my mother did not want to leave them behind, especially in their old age.

However, a few months later, my maternal grandparents both passed away. In February, it was my grandmother. The next month, it was my grandfather. At the time, I don't think I was old enough to understand the gravity of the situation. My fragmented memory brings to mind a melancholic image of my grandparents' funeral, which happens to be the only memory I have of them. As fate would have it, shortly after my mother's parents passed away, she was informed that our immigration papers had been accepted. The presence of her parents had once been the only factor that had kept her from leaving, and now their absence was what influenced her to go.

My sister and I have been lucky enough to call Canada home. It is the only home I have ever known, the place in which we grew up, went to school, and of course, joined the community at Christ Church. The parishioners here have seen us grow from children to teens and now to young adults. My parents are in

## Voices:

jobs they love and have essentially found new lives here, though they often reflect fondly on their past in India. But none of this new life—for my parents or my sister or myself—would have been possible if it had not been for that “push factor”; the death of my maternal grandparents.

As we celebrate Easter, I am reminded of the greatest story of new life from death. Three days after Jesus gave His life on the cross, He was resurrected. As Christ rose on that third day, it was a new beginning; for the first time, death’s shackles had been broken. Easter reminds us that we can start afresh, whether it is in our work, in our treatment of others, in our self-growth; in any aspect of our lives, we can become anew. At the same time, we are not like Christ; we will *always* fall prey to sin. But, we can try to view the world in the way that Christ viewed the world of His time.

Although my grandparents have passed, I’m still getting to know them today. My grandfather used to write, and sometimes I feel like I’ve gotten to know him better through his work and the stories my relatives often tell about him. Similarly, to know Jesus, one has to turn no further than the nearest Bible; we get to know Jesus through the stories of how He worked in

people’s lives and continues to work in ours today. He is always there reminding us that through Him our lives are eternal.

**R. Luther**



## Thank you to my Christ Church Family

This March I celebrated ten years as a part of this church family and I feel really blessed. Thank you all for loving and supporting me.

Thanks to Choir Director Dennis and the members of the choir for your encouragement. I am enjoying singing to God’s glory.

To Pastor Pam and Deacon Jacquie, thanks for your wisdom, your teaching and your support.

I am always amazed at the dedication and commitment of you all.

Thank you.

**Tammy Durdle**

## As We Sow

*A favourite of Ellen MacKay Avery (1903-2000), mother of Elinore Burton*

Even now it is time to plant our seeds in the sweet smelling earth, believing as we sow so shall we reap.

First we must plant 5 rows of peas: preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, and prayer.

Next we must plant 3 rows of squash: squash gossip, squash criticism and squash indifference.

Then you shall plant 5 rows of lettuce: let us be faithful, let us be loyal, let us be true, let us love one another and let us put Christ first.

No garden is complete without turnips, so let us turn up for Church, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, and turn up with a real determination to do some good and make the world a better place to live in. If we plant our garden in this way our harvest will be the first we have ever had.

**Submitted by Rene Thomas**

## SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRIES

*Continuing the series of articles about the origins and work of various ministries of CCSV*

### Chancel Guild

Do you ever wonder how it happens that every Sunday morning the altar is beautifully prepared, everything is gleaming and ready for the service?

This is the work of a devoted group of women (no exclusivity here, we just don't have any male members right now!) who, in four teams, take turns to come in early Saturday morning and do all the things that are necessary for the sanctuary to be ready for worship. They have been called the "housekeepers in the House of the Lord".

Depending on the season, this may involve changing the colour of the frontal and the pulpit antependia, as well as bookmarks, chalice veil and burse. At Christ Church we use five liturgical colours: green for the greater part of the summer and parts of January and February; white for the Easter and Christmas seasons and special occasions; red for Palm Sunday, Pentecost and the feast of any saint who was also a martyr; blue in Advent and purple in Lent.

The fair linen which covers the altar needs to be spotlessly clean, as do the corporal over it and the credence table cloth. Then there are the purificators (to wipe the chalices) to lay out, the chalices and paten to polish, as well as the collection plate and the flower vases. We also have to change the Candle of the Presence, which only lasts a week at a time.

The altar is laid according to a precise practice, each item easily accessible for the celebrant. There are wine and water flasks to fill, wafers to count, the flowers to arrange when they are delivered by our faithful florist, Butterfly.

Of course, if there is a baptism, the font needs to be brought out, its bowl and ewer polished and baptismal towel and candle prepared for each person. If you have ever wondered why the babies do not cry when Pastor Pam pours water on them – we use WARM water! Of course cold water would make them cry, who wouldn't!

Then there are the "decoration days" before Easter,

Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as the palm crosses workshop – but all these are open to everyone who wants to help.

And if this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, 13 Saturday mornings in the year, we would love to have you join us. We also enjoy ourselves, with an annual breakfast business meeting at the end of January and an annual spouses-welcome lunch at the Mandarin in mid-September.

If you would like to know more, please speak to the Chancel Guild Directress, Deacon Jacquie.



## Service Schedule for Holy Week



**April 9**  
**Palm Sunday**  
8:30a.m & 10a.m

**April 13**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Commemorating the Last Supper:  
Seder Supper with Holy Communion  
Washing of Feet  
The Stripping of the Altar  
**6:30p.m.**

**April 14**  
**Good Friday**  
**9:00a.m** Self-directed Stations of the Cross  
**10 a.m.** Service

**April 15**  
**Easter Vigil**  
**6:00p.m**

**April 16**  
**Easter Day**  
**8:30 a.m.** – Quiet, traditional celebration of the Resurrection with Holy Communion  
**10:00 a.m.** – Joyous, musical celebration of our Risen Lord with Holy Communion

## Mark these dates!

The Fundraising Committee of CCSV  
Invites you To It's  
**INTERNATIONAL TALENT NIGHT**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

In the Upper Hall  
Come and enjoy a  
A great dinner, great entertainment and dancing  
Bring your family and friends

Price: Adults \$25.00  
Dinner 6.00 pm  
Dress: casual  
Door Prizes Dancing

**May 6 – Flea Market & Rummage Sale 9:30am – 1pm**



## A BLESSING AND A SMILE AS WE CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

On the sixth day, the Lord said to Archangel Gabriel, 'Today I am going to create a land called Canada. It will be a land of outstanding natural beauty. It shall have tall majestic mountains full of mountain goats and eagles, beautiful sparkling lakes bountiful with bass and trout, forests full of elk and moose, high cliffs overlooking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life, and rivers stocked with salmon'

'I shall make the land rich in resources so as to make the inhabitants prosper. I shall call these inhabitants Canadians and they shall be known as the friendliest people on the earth,' He continued.

"But Lord, don't you think you are being too generous to these Canadians", Gabriel asked.

'Not really', the Lord replied..., 'just wait and see the winters I am going to give them.'

Submitted by Helen Ward

## Happy Birthday



**Ian Khan**  
**Jeanette Khan**  
**Kimberly Rice**  
**Christopher Rice-Portelance**  
**Natash Rice-Portelance**  
**Querida Linton**  
**Amma Ajax-Darko**  
**Monica Francis**  
**Eleanor Lorde**  
**Margaret Bovell**  
**Farai Mudereri**  
**Joan Lewis**  
**Carol O'Neil**  
**Felicia Rajan**  
**David Moses**  
**Maureen Corby**  
**Beverly Baird**  
**Ritika Luther**  
**Nikita Luther**  
**Unice Babb**  
**Brian Carr**

**"Happy birthday to you, to  
 your Lord be true,  
 May His love and blessing  
 descend upon you."**

**We do not want to miss  
 anyone. If you or someone  
 you know is celebrating a  
 special day please let us  
 know.**



**Earle and Rene Thomas**  
**Christopher & Christobel**  
**Dhanaraj**  
**David and Condacy Moses**  
**Art and Maureen Corby**  
**Gordon & Joan Lewis**  
**Josh & Florence Smith**

## Obituary

We remember in prayer the families and friends those who have died: especially:

**Ethel Hargreave**  
**Rev. Arnold Hancock,**  
**Irma Knight,**  
**Michael De-Coursey Trotman**  
**Notson Calliste**

We also offer condolences to **Unice Babb** and **Leonora and Simeon Benjamin** on the death of their family members, and to any other families that are grieving at this time.



We give thanks to God for their lives and witness among us.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## Thank You

The Natural Church Development (NCD) members, namely Bill Wilkins, Eleanor Lorde, Howard Cyrus and Pastor Pam would like to thank the thirty persons who did the survey. Stay tune for more information.

**We are thankful to have had** Imam Syed B. Soharwardy speak at the 10am service on April 2. There was a positive response that we would love to have him return to do an event with us and other churches in the neighborhood in the hopes of strengthening our relationship with the Muslim community thereby establishing further understand of the people, religion and culture.



## Easter

The Deacon's cupboard is low on supplies. Please bring a non-perishable food item or items so that we can share with neighbours in our community who are in need.

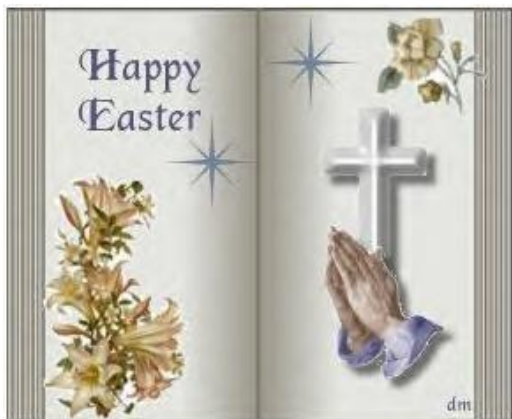
## An Easter Hymn

Come, let us with our Lord arise,  
Our Lord, who made both earth and skies;  
Who died to save the world He made,  
And rose triumphant triumphant from the dead;  
He rose, the Prince of life and peace,  
And stamped the day forever His.

This is the day the Lord hath made,  
That all may see His love displayed,  
May feel His resurrection's pow'r,  
And rise again to to fall no more,  
In perfect righteousness renewed,  
And filled with all the life of God.

Honor and praise to Jesus pay  
Thro'out His consecrated day;  
Be all in Jesus' praise employed,  
Nor leave a single single moment void;  
With utmost care the time improve,  
And only breathe His praise and love.

Then let us render Him His own,  
With solemn prayer approach the throne,  
With meekness hear the Gospel Word,  
With thanks His dying love record;  
Our joyful hearts and voices raise,  
And fill His courts with songs of praise.



## An Easter Prayer

From the darkness of the grave  
Blood poured out, a crown of thorns  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day *Alleluia!*

From the triumph that is won  
Over the power and fear of death  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day *Alleluia!*

Walking from the empty tomb  
Opening wide the gates of life  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day *Alleluia!*

Lord of life  
You defeated death  
To show that we can rise  
From all that binds us to the world  
Pride, envy, anger, fear  
The debt of sin that holds us here  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day *Alleluia!*

Lord of life  
You defeated death  
To demonstrate a love that is  
Beyond our understanding  
That reaches out even to me  
Saving Grace to all who hear  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day *Alleluia!*

Lord of life  
We pray for all who bring your word of life  
As a light to those in darkness  
For those who bring your word of peace  
To those enslaved by fear  
For those who bring your word of love  
To those in need of comfort  
Lord of love and Lord of peace  
Lord of resurrection life  
Be known  
Through our lives  
and through your power  
Christ the Lord is risen to-day *Alleluia!*

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..A welcoming, inclusive  
and caring community  
committed to experiencing  
and sharing God's  
message of love, hope,  
and salvation with all his  
people".

### Just a Thought...

***'Those who are well  
have need for a  
physician.'***

I am not well, I am not  
whole, I am imperfect.  
Some of these  
imperfections are  
voluntary, like those I  
made after a friend  
refused to even look at a  
book or an album with  
the fear of not putting it  
back in the right place.  
Others not so much, they  
are just there. On my  
journey my imperfections  
are my vices and so the  
best thing is to sit on the  
fence.

Not so said Teresa of  
Avila who wrote ***'My God  
is not the least  
meticulous about such  
matters, as long as the  
intentions remain  
firm. He does not look  
at trivial details. If***

***you are trying to  
please Him in any way,  
he will certainly accept  
that as your gift...as  
he judges us, he is not  
exacting, but  
generous. No matter  
how large the amount  
we owe him, it is a  
small thing for him to  
forgive us'***

This and other moments  
of grace make me realize  
that I do not have to  
think like the chef or  
bakers who in the test  
kitchen rework their  
recipes till the tastes and  
textures are exactly what  
they want them to  
be...perfect.

This Easter as I glory in  
the resurrection I will  
embrace my 'perfect'  
imperfections trusting in a  
love that is greater than I  
will ever fathom.

'Glory to God whose  
power working in us can  
do infinitely more than  
we can ask or imagine...'

Thanks to all our  
contributors to this  
edition of the Parish  
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Please join me in  
welcoming Ritika Luther  
to the Newsletter team.  
You will see more of her  
gifts in future editions.

A happy Easter to all  
***Hyacinth***

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