



Happy Easter!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!"*
2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear members and adherents of Clifton Pastoral Charge:

God exists as a power at the core of creation, resisting the forces of evil and working for love and life. Some of the time God's power brings us back to wholeness from sickness and disease, but sometimes new life comes out of death and resurrection. But "life" always has the final word from the perspective of Easter faith!

Resurrection from death is at the heart of the Easter message, but it is also the ongoing pattern and work of God in the course of our lives individually and collectively. It's what gives people of faith a solid HOPE both individually and for all creation and make us people of JOY, whatever happens. There is no real change and transformation without death and new life. But, it's not something that any of us embrace willingly. "Everybody wants to get to heaven, but nobody wants to die."

Seasonally, the death of winter gives way to the new life of spring. Liturgically, Lent and Good Friday give way to Easter. On a personal and biological level, I'm relearning this pattern this year as chemotherapy cream kills precancerous cells on my face and replaces them with new cells; new life.

What are you as individuals ready to let die in your life this year to make room for the new? What new life is God offering us as a pastoral charge this year? What do we need to let go of?

Come join us especially for Holy Week this year as we re-enact the last Week of Christ's life and celebrate both the way of the Cross and the new life of resurrection!

April 2	Palm/Passion Sunday	9:30 a.m. in Old Barns; 11:00 a.m. in Hilden
April 6	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m. in Hilden
April 7	Good Friday	2:00 p.m. in Old Barns
April 9	Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Yours in ministry,

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.... When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

Mark 16