

# Grace Tidings



A Newsletter of Avalon Grace Church

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## The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

**E**aster Sunday commemorates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, all over the world!

In the gospel of Luke, we learn about the two men on the road to Emmaus and how Jesus suddenly appeared 'as a stranger' and walked with them on the afternoon of Our Lord's resurrection. Jesus asked the travelers what they were talking about (see Luke 24:13-33). The two men, who were discouraged and sad, told Jesus they were discussing the things that had happened in Jerusalem the past few days concerning Jesus of Nazareth. They were astonished at the Lord's questions assuming that this 'stranger' did not know what had happened to the One whom they had hoped would redeem Israel.

After listening to one of the two men (Cleopas) explain all that had happened, Jesus said to them, "... "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself. Mark 24: 25-27 KJV).

The Bible does not tell us specifically which Old Testament verses Jesus may have referred to as He explained all the prophecy that was written concerning Him. What we do know, however, is that Jesus searched the Scriptures with them, pointing out that, Messiah must suffer, die, and rise again before entering His glory.

What an example our Savior left for us to do . . . To search the Scriptures!

Even though their eyes had not yet been opened and they did not recognize Jesus at that time, Luke tells us that their hearts burned within them as He spoke with them:

"... And they said one to another; did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (v. 32)

Probably Psalms 16:10 : "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." And Matthew 12:40 "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth".

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**Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**

**(Sunday Messages available on website:**

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**Children's Sunday School 10:45 AM**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study is**

**Currently Suspended**

**"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: . . ."**

**- Ephesians 3:9**

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or Psalms 72:2-3: "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us." We just don't know what specific passages the Lord shared with the two men on the road to Emmaus.

But we do know what the Risen, glorified Lord shared with the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus! The glorious gospel of grace hidden with God from the beginning. We are saved by grace and grace alone in Christ alone. Because of Israel's rejection of their King, the nation of Israel was blinded (Rom. 11:25), set aside, or put in a "time

out" and God instituted His glorious dispensation of grace for all who would place their trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Son of God.

Wishing you a blessed Resurrection day!

What a joy it is to commemorate our Savior's resurrection! Like the two men on the road to Emmaus, our own hearts burn within us as we study and search the Scriptures!

Pastor Phil

**A**pril showers bring May flowers  
That is what they say . . .  
And if the showers turned to flowers  
In the sunny month of May . . .  
Would the flowers speak to the April showers  
And what exactly would they say?



Well, five little flowers were growing in a row  
The first one said, "I'm purple you know!"  
The second one said, "I'm pink as pink can be!"  
The third one said, "I'm blue like the sea!"  
The fourth one said, "I'm very red, dear fellow!"  
And the fifth one said, "My color is yellow!"



Then came out the sun, so big and bright  
And the five little flowers smiled in delight  
The five little flowers thanked the April showers  
That rained from heaven to create May's flowers.



By Anonymous



*Low, in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*



**A** fresh start, a clean heart  
Forgiven pasts  
True Love that lasts  
A Holy embrace  
A face to Face  
Man's peace restored  
Forevermore  
Love far and wide  
For me, His bride  
The Savior Divine  
Forever mine.  
No longer blind,  
now Christ I see  
That is what Easter  
means to me.



By Jennifer Walker, 2013



*Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

- Refrain -

*Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior  
He tore the bar away, Jesus my Lord!*

- Refrain -

~ Robert Lowry, 1826-1899



# GOOD FRIDAY

by Pastor Cornelius R. Stam  
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There has been much debate among theologians as to whether the Lord Jesus Christ was actually crucified on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Traditionally, of course, it is supposed to have taken place on Friday, but this writer has never been able to get very excited about such details. What matters is that Christ, the Creator, God in flesh, died in shame and disgrace and agony for sins He had never committed — for your sins and mine.

But have you ever considered that this *in itself* is not necessarily good news? Many an innocent person has died in the place of some guilty criminal who has gone free through some miscarriage of justice. We didn't see anything *good* about this. When St. Peter addressed his kinsmen he *blamed* them for the crucifixion of Christ, saying: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you... as ye yourselves also know... ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:22, 23), and later he faced the Supreme Court of his nation and charged *them* with His death (Acts 4:5-11).

What then, was "good" about the death of Christ?

Well, we come to this when we reach the Epistles of Paul in our Bibles. There the chief of sinners, saved by grace (ITim.1:15), exclaims: "He *gave Himself* for me" (Gal.2:20). He says: "God hath made Him to be sin *for us*... that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor.5:21).

He does not blame us for Christ's death — though our sins helped to nail Him to that cross — but proclaims the glad news that, "We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace" (Eph.1:7). And why did He do this for us? "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph.2:7).

So, for us who have trusted Christ as our Savior, the death

of Christ at Calvary is indeed good news. We rejoice in it, sing about it, preach about it and all it has accomplished for a lost humanity. Little wonder Paul declared:

"God forbid that I should boast," except in one thing: "*the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Gal. 6:14).

## Scent of April

By Marilyn Ferguson

The smell of sweet magnolia  
Drifts through the morning air  
The lingering scent of perfume  
Is found most everywhere.

The lilac tree is blooming  
True color, in its prime  
Its fragrance, just like heaven  
Aroma, so divine.

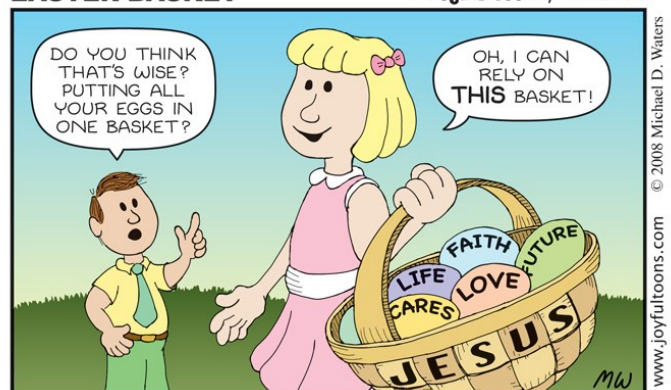
The sun is brightly shining  
A cloud cannot be found  
Bright blue skies of azure  
With tulips all around

The birds are gently lilted  
Their song is warm and sweet  
With thoughts of home and nesting  
Upon the breeze they meet.

With grass so green and tender  
A garden that's been blessed  
Daffodils are blooming  
God's beauty at its best.

## EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 KJV

## I Heard the Truth of God

By Anonymous

I know the truth of God's great love, and still I live for me.  
I say I love my God above, and still I live for me.  
God is there through all my trials, and still I live for me.  
He sent his Son to be defiled, and still I live for me.  
He wrote a Book to guide my path, and still I live for me.  
He spares us of His mighty wrath, and still I live for me.  
God provides for all my needs, and still I live for me.  
Into his light my soul He leads, but still I live for me.

Thank you Lord for all your mercy.  
In spite of how I stand unworthy.  
You give me strength in times of grief.  
Blessing me beyond belief.  
I don't deserve the love you give.  
But still you give and so I live.  
Not just now but after death.  
I praise you Lord for every breath.  
Thank you for the perfect man.  
A willing sacrificial Lamb.  
The Lamb of God, the perfect One.  
Jesus Christ, Your only Son.  
I love you Lord and so I pray,  
Use me in amazing ways.  
To glorify your very name  
Providing for the sick and lame  
The poor of spirit, blind and proud.  
The lost and lonely from the crowd.

You give me all the strength I need,  
and still I live for me.  
You grant me mercy every day,  
and still I live for me.  
I pray I'll see the grace you give,  
and not just live for me.  
But grow in grace and truth each day,  
**and live for Thee.**

## SIMPLICITY

By Lillian Burns Hudson

I'm thankful for such simple things  
As butterflies with colored wings  
For every bird that sweetly sings.

For buttercups and daisies, too  
For clover sweet and violets blue  
For little pearls of morning dew.

For cooling drops of summer rain  
That fall upon my windowpane  
For grazing sheep and golden grain.

For every creature large or small  
For painted foliage in the fall  
For majestic trees that stand so tall.

For children laughing as they play  
For beginning of each new day  
For gurgling brooks that glide away.

For gentle word and kindly hand  
For faith to follow God's command  
For friendships strong as iron band.

There are so many simple things  
That to our lives much comfort brings  
And make us great as reigning kings.

So may we ever thankful be  
For birds and brooks and forest tree  
And every note . . . Simplicity!

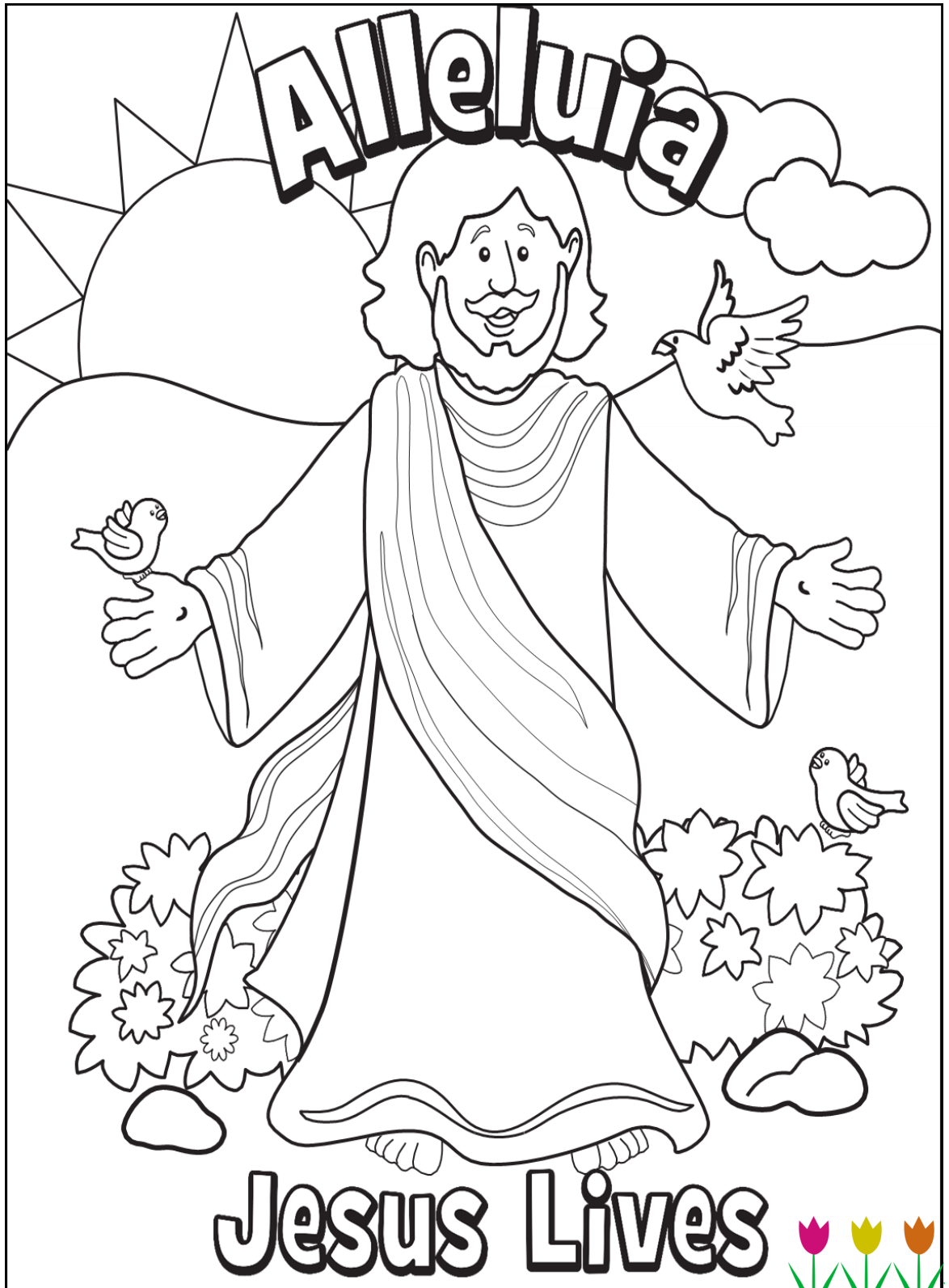


# Coloring for Jesus

After Jesus was risen He appeared to His disciples and said, "Peace be with you!"

Then Jesus said, "Touch My hands and My feet so that you will know it is really Me!"

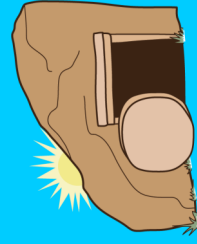
The disciples were so happy to see Jesus again!



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10:30 AM Sunday Worship  
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**



- 1st Pat Crim
- 8th Willard Hedden
- 11th Susan Anderson
- 18th Sharon Sims
- 14th David Anderson
- 27th James Crim

**COMING IN MAY**

- 2nd 9:45 AM Sunday Breakfast
- 9th Mother's Day
- 31st Memorial Day