



## THE CROSS AND THE EMPTY TOMB

A world traveler relates the account of visiting the constructed Calvary in the village of Damadossala in northern Italy, and of climbing that hill, along which were constructed little chapels, each containing life-sized figures of the Christ in the various points of His Passion - the Christ before Pilate, Jesus shouldering the cross, etc.

Climax was reached in the chapel showing Jesus on the cross. Up to this point the path between the chapels was well worn, indicating that many pilgrims visited in veneration this place of pilgrimage.

But this traveler noticed that the top of the hill had not been reached, and so he continued to ascend, but now by a path which was overgrown with grass, indicating few travelers. At the summit of the hill was the Chapel of the Resurrection, commemorating our Lord's victory over death. Entirely beautiful and glorious, yet not many ever went beyond the crucifixion.

As meaningful as Lent ought to be to each of us (and I'm certain that for some readers Lent has no meaning at all, sad to say), as meaningful as in this season, culminating in a Good Friday, we always

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need to remember that even Good Friday presents an incomplete picture. We must include Easter in the wonderful epic of salvation as planned for us by God Our Father through Jesus our Lord.

Lent and Easter belong together as the inseparable facts of the fruition of God's plan to break the power of sin on man's life. Christ did not remain on the cross; He did not remain dead. Though certainly dying and placed in a burial plot, as are all men, Christ fulfilled the story of redemption by rising from the dead on the third day, which we observe as Easter Sunday.

Let not our Christian observance be incomplete. May we not merely be mindful of Lent and its impact for us but let us also know the glorious message of life over death. Also let us not be merely Easter Christians, certain to be at church to celebrate the resurrection and make our Easter communion, but forget all about Lent by never attending any of the Sunday or mid-week services. The joy of resurrection is not the whole story. It was preceded by a Calvary. Our Christian faith needs must be thorough and complete if we are to worship the Lord Christ in the fulness of His glory.

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Garden of the Grave." The Sacrament  
of Holy Communion will be offered  
in both services.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12 CONFIRMATION TESTIMONY

Services at 8 and 10 a.m. In the  
early service the pastor presents  
the message on the subject, "The  
Garden of God." In the 10 a.m. ser-  
vice (note change of time) the mem-  
bers of our Confirmation class pre-  
sent original papers on subjects  
pertinent to the matters of faith.  
This will be the first appearance  
of our 1967 class in their robes of  
white, as honored people in our ser-  
vice.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19 PALM SUNDAY

Services at 8 and 10 a.m. Distri-  
bution of the palms at both servic-  
es. Procession of the Palms. Palm  
Sunday message at both services on  
the subject, "Palm Sunday, Sentimen-  
talism or Reality?" The Rite of  
Christian Confirmation will be be-  
stowed upon the members of our 1967  
class who make the decision to be  
confirmed.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26 EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise service at 6 a.m. and  
the Festival Service at 10 a.m., the  
Sacrament of Holy Communion being  
offered at both services. The di-  
play of our Easter Lily Memorial  
tar will also be at both services.  
The Easter Lily Altar Memorial Ser-  
vice will be a part of the 10 a.m.  
service only, as will the first com-  
munion for members of our Confirma-  
tion class. The Easter message at  
both services by Pastor Rasche on  
the subject, "He Has Gone Into Gal-  
ilee," Excellent Easter music by  
our choirs. Bringing of our Easter  
offering to these services and the  
dedication of the Lenten Dime-Fold-  
ers at the 10 a.m. service.

## FOUR GREAT SUNDAYS IN MARCH

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5 ONE HOUR OF SHARING

Week by week we have been point-  
ing to this important day on which  
we take our part in the One Great  
Hour of Sharing Offering of our de-  
nomination and of Protestantism. Re-  
presenting 29 Protestant and Ortho-  
dox denominations, Church World Ser-  
vice cooperated with Christian Coun-  
cils in more than 40 countries in  
providing assistance for the need  
of world peoples in innumerable man-  
ners: aid to refugees, schools for  
rehabilitation of natives whose way  
of life have been altered by war-  
fare; agricultural assistance in war  
torn lands, provision of clothing,  
food, tools, seeds, etc., in all  
parts of the world where need is.

Please, may we all share in this  
wonderful cause which is being giv-  
en overseas in Vietnam and else-  
where and which depends solely on  
the free-will gifts of Protestant  
communions. Bring your own and the  
family's generous gift to the servi-  
ces in the special envelope provid-  
ed with this mailing. Sermon in  
both 7:45 and 10:15 service on "The





## MID WEEK AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Our midweek Wednesday services at 8 p.m. continue to bring us the messages on great masterpieces of Holy Week, copies of each master piece being provided for all in attendance. Coffee Hours and bake sales after each service are planned.

At the service on Wednesday, Mar 15th, our Senior Choir will present the Lenten cantata, "The Story Of Nicodemus," by Gillette. This is an excellent musical composition. Look with anticipation to this Lenten offering of music by our devoted choral group.

Holy Week brings services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 pm with a morning Good Friday communion and preaching service at 9 a.m.

On Wednesday, Mar. 22 the Men's Club will present the annual dramatization of "The Lord's Supper" in living color and with live characters. Portraying in stop-action the famous DiVinci's "Lord's Supper," this dramatization also brings a characterization of each disciple from his own lips, a very impressive lesson. Bring your friends from other churches to witness the outstanding Lenten presentation.

Thursday, March 23 brings an impressive Tenebrae Service with Communion. This has been said to be a usual and moving experience, to witness the lights go down one by one and darkness descend upon the congregation as it did upon the world that Good Friday when Jesus died.

The Services on Good Friday bring the message for this solemn day and the offering of the Holy Sacrament. Pastor Rasche brings messages at all these services save the service on Wednesday evening.

The Community 3 hr. Good Friday service will be at Highland Methodist Church, Highland and Pratt from 12 to 3 p.m. with pastors and choral groups from the Protestant churches of Highlandtown - Canton participating. This service will be in seven sections, giving worshippers opportunity to depart at any segment desired. We hope many will remain for the entire service.



## PERTINENT LENTEN AND EASTER ITEMS

1) Please note the Memorial envelope enclosed, for your use in contributing memorials to the church at the Easter season. These memorials are to be honored at our Easter Lily Memorial Altar service at 10 a.m. on Easter. Deadline for memorials is absolutely Palm Sunday, March 19

2) Gifts to the Easter Lily Fund are also important. These can be gifts to the church or memorials. It is our desire to again have a beautiful array of lilies at the altar for Easter, and this can happen only as individuals, families and groups are kind in making these contributions. We purchase all our lilies at one time, and so request that no lilies or other flowers or plants be sent to the church, but contributions come through this Fund. These gifts must be also received absolutely by Palm Sunday.

3) Home Communion for those who cannot get to church during Holy Week or Easter is offered by special request to the church office. The pastor seeks to be of service to our aged and shut-ins in this manner. Please call by March 8.

4) May we remember that the return of our Lenten Dime Folders is important to the church. This is a special offering you are challenged to be making through the days of Lent, using the dimes you get in change, and then adding a check or bill in the square pocket provided on the card. These Lenten Self - Denial folders are to be returned during Holy Week or on Easter, and deposited in the special boxes provided in the Narthex.



## CHURCH RECORDS

### NOTES AND NEWS

CHICKEN SUPPER - APRIL 12, Remember this date, for this is the annual Chicken supper by our Ladies Aid. Only one day this year, it brings a delicious treat for all of us, so plan now to bring your family.

NEW FLOWER COMMITTEE AND NEW MAILING COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING. Yes, we have a new Flower committee, the members of which are giving their time to taking the altar flowers of the Sunday services to our shut-ins and sick. Also an enlarged committee of folk to assist in the mailing of the Endeavor and other materials from the church office has been organized. These items are mentioned because these committees are formed as the result of the Time & Talent offering of time to the church in specific areas of labor.

#### WOMENS' RETREAT, SAT. MARCH 4th

This retreat is for the women of our United Churches of Christ in this larger Baltimore area and is being held at our Heritage Church, 3106 Liberty Hgts Ave. from 10 - 4. The topic for the retreat will be "Christian Unity." The women of our groups and of the church at large are urged to attend.

#### CHESAPEAKE YOUTH RALLY, ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, SUNDAY, APRIL 9th.

This is an advance notice of this meeting, which will probably begin at about 3 p.m. and continue until 8. The topic for the day will be "Vietnam." More information later.

#### SCHOOL OF RELIGION HERE IN APRIL

We will play host to this school of our denomination on the 4 Tuesdays of April, using the facilities of our Church School building. Courses for youth and adults of the church, with special emphasis on church school workers. Total cost, \$1.00. Local members of our staff, please save these nights, as we are desirous of a large turnout of our own people for this school. Time will be approximately 8:00 p.m. and we want our folk here each night to act as hosts and hostesses. Do not fail to save these nights.

#### CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 7, ST. LUKES CH.

This is also advance notice, for we are to have representatives of our groups present for this afternoon and evening meeting.

#### Baptisms:

Teresa Lynn, daughter of Robert and Rosalie Felter, on Jan. 8  
Allen Leroy, Jr. son of Allen and Debra Dowell, on Jan. 8  
Darrell Lorne, son of George H. and Peggy Benner, on Jan. 15  
Rhonda Michele, daughter of Ralph and Gladys Perry, on Jan. 15  
Edward John, Jr. son of Edward and Sharon Bullock, on Jan. 15  
Lisa Dawn, daughter of James R. and Joyce Alexander, on Jan. 29  
Brian Scott, son of Charles E. and Peggy Bennett, on Jan. 29  
Thomas Michael, Jr. son of Thomas and Doris Deegan on Jan. 29

#### Marriages:

James P. Bostic and Paula Rose on Jan. 7  
Joseph Kolodyieski and Shirley Intee, on Jan. 15  
Albert Isella, Jr. and Peggy Burton, on Jan. 21  
Melvin Adkins and Patricia Melazzi, on Jan. 25  
Ernest Moore and Beverly Mohr on Jan. 28  
Frederick Hudgins and Frances Houser on Jan. 28  
Leopold Schultz, Jr. and V. Valerie Stamatiades, on Jan. 29  
Richard Hyer and Belinda Gardner on Feb. 7  
Claude Brooks and Charlotte Heath on Feb. 8

#### Deaths:

Mrs. Mamie Lang, age 64, on Jan. 3  
Dorothy Trautner, member, age 58 on Jan. 5  
Mrs. Amelia Earhart, age 80, Jan. 10  
Raymond M. Long, age 80, on Jan. 14  
Mrs. Lena B. Kahler, member, 70 on Feb. 2  
Frederick Berger, age 59, on Feb. 14

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## PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966

As we gather in our annual 'report' meeting, we do so, not primarily as a business house or institution would, to only assess the story of progress or decline in the life of the institution, but as a congregation of people, organized primarily for spiritual purposes but having the business aspects of an organization, concerned with maintenance of property, program and finances. It is proper that we look at our life together in a quizzical manner, eager to discover the record of our life in 1966 as figures and reports depict that life. We are cognizant, however, that one cannot measure spiritual factors, and that thus mere calculations and figures never tell the whole story. But we can use these annual facts to see at least a part of the picture.

What are the facts about our church life in 1966?

1. We as a people have been less mindful of our constant presence in God's House on the Lord's Day than in the year previous. In 1966 we had four very bad Sundays, and so it is natural that our attendance total for the year should be down, for on two of these Sundays we had virtually no one here and on the other two the parking was so bad here and at our homes, that our attendances were limited very severely. However, if to our total attendance figure we would add an average number of people for those four Sundays, our average attendance would still be about 10 per Sunday under the mark of a year ago. If you took our actual attendance total for the 48 fairly good Sundays, the result is a figure of 421 per Sunday across the year, or about 24 less per Sunday than in 1965.

2. Total communions for the year were also less than in 1965, the total being 3518 or just about 400 less than in 1965. These figures do not include private communions in either year.

### 3. Church statistics

Baptisms - 48, 47 last year; Marriages - 49, 53 last year; Funerals - 63, 81 last year, (20 of these were members); Confirmation - 24 confirmed; Adult additions to membership - 20 by first or reprofession of their Christian faith; Transfers out - 10 folk transferred out; Removals - 216 were taken from our active membership list by the Membership Committee, as sent in to our denomination.

Our reported membership as of Dec. 31, 1966 - 717. (Over against this we have 894 sets of envelopes issued in 1967.)

The financial picture as translated for the annual report shows that while we failed to meet the total amount requested of us by our denomination, a figure of \$10,300.00, toward which we contributed \$6,712.00, still when the total of our Benevolence is considered, it is discovered we contributed \$10,175.00 to missions and benevolences, or just about 25% of our total income. This new year should be one in which we strive to approach a figure of 30% for total benevolences. Our benevolent giving was approximately \$1,000.00 greater than in 1965.

There seems to be a new sense of laxness on the part of some of our people in relation to their regularity in attendance at the services of worship as well as their attendance at the Lord's Table in a very regular manner. I think it should be noted in this regards, that whereas the old constitution of the church stated in so many words that only one attendance at the Holy Sacrament was sufficient to maintain membership through the year, this is not a part of our new constitution. And as we have many more communion services than formerly, the new constitution advises us to be 'frequent' at the Table of the Lord. And the men of our Council, in looking over the individuals' record for the year, are prone to think of only one communion as being indicative of laxness and inactivity in relation to this phase of our membership. Our Membership Committee has been at work on the records and finds a sad story on the part of a percentage of our membership as regards the fulfillment of vows taken at Confirmation or adult membership. The laws of our Constitution, which this congregation voted into effect, are being followed by your Council as a mandate of this congregation, which means that there will be some who will find their membership coming to a close if they are persistent in being lax in the fulfillment of their vows of loyalty. We do



not want this to happen to anyone, and thus again encourage our members to be attentive to the fulfillment of these requirements:

a) Attendance - it is not sufficient to be in the House of God only a few times in the year when it is possible to be here more frequently. When one considers how soon we can grow old and not be able to attend, or how rapidly we can become afflicted, even in our youth, with a disabling disease or accident, we should be very thankful for the blessing God gives to us, and be demonstrative of this thankfulness in our constant presence in God's House. One note here, the Membership Committee is cognizant that there are some who are in the services of worship, but for whom there is never any attendance card turned in, therefore no mark of attendance upon the record. This makes for difficulty for this committee. Remember, they are volunteers who are only seeking to fulfil the laws you have set down, and therefore desire that matters of calculating active and inactive membership be made as simple for them as possible. It could well happen that an individual, not known personally to the Committee, and who is here quite regularly but fails to sign membership cards could be inadvertently placed on the inactive listing. So, may we request, in the name of our Council, that each one attending the services sign the attendance card regularly.

b) What has been said already concerning the Sacrament can be echoed here, also with the admonition that a registration at Communion be made each and every time.

c) Finances - Here again if an individual refused to use the envelopes, it is difficult for the committee to know whether or not that individual is a contributing member, and thus mistakes may be made in the placing of individuals on the active or inactive membership list. It is still a responsibility of each member to be a contributing member, and the suggestion comes from your Council that a set of envelopes be used by each member for these contributions.

I cannot bring my report to a close but that I express appreciation and thanks for the services of those on the staff, as we've worked together in a most splendid fashion; to the members of the 1966 Council for loyalty given to church and pastor. Especially do I want to say 'thank you' to Fred Long, who had to withdraw from the Council at the end of 1966 because of the constitutional direction that one must leave the Council after a certain number of years of service. Fred served the maximum years in various capacities, on various committees, but always in a spirit of complete cooperation and loyalty. Thank you, Fred. And, may I thank our choirs and the director of music the church school teachers and staff, the officers and folk of all our organizations and groups; our caretaking staff and our efficient secretary. It has been another good year of cooperation here at the church, and this has made the work enjoyable and fruitful. The Lord has blessed us; where we failed, it was because of our own lack as people. The Lord would have His church prosper always, but it is up to us to assist Him in bringing forth the fruits of our discipleship.

And now, may the Lord bless us and keep us as his people, active and loving, from now until eternity.

Sincerely,

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Pastor