



# APRIL TIDINGS

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Dear Friends,

The resurrection of Jesus makes a clear showing of the power for good, the vitality of life itself, and the eternal life of God. We will be gathered into God. There is no power on earth that can hold us back from the fulfillment of God's design.

We have had a challenging year, where a simple illness harbored the possibility of death and the fear of dying. The fragility of mortality has touched us in ways we normally place out-of-conscious-mind. We

hold our dearly deceased individuals in Holy Memory, for all the wisdom they shared with us in their lives.

We hold them in memory; but God holds them in Life.

Death may whittle away at us; but it is not the last word. The final Word lives again, raising the mortal flesh with the Spirit. "Rather our desire is to have the new body put on over [us,] so that our mortal part may be absorbed by life immortal. God himself has shaped us for this very end; and as a pledge of it he has given us the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 5:4B-5)

The final Word is Christ,

showered with our Alleluias! Outfitting our hearts for the fellowship of Heaven, and the feast of the redeemed of God. May God give us all every faithful and holy conviction, that we know the loving hold of God now in this mortal life, and through the times that endure. Blessed and happy Easter to all!!

I remain,  
Yours in Christ,  
(The Reverend)  
Richard S. Signore



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## April Birthdays

- 1—Karen Ballou
- 1—Anna Burns
- 6—David DeMings
- 18—Susan Howland
- 20—John Dirlam
- 23—Bill Nelson



## Musical Notes from Anne

Wishing everyone a blessed and wonderful Easter as we continue with our social distancing. I thank everyone who is making the on-line services so special for all of us, especially Lynn and Joe coming each Sunday so we have leadership in our hymn singing. I hope everyone is singing at home especially during this coming Eastertide. I will be adding a hymn during the offertory, while we are still remote, for us to enjoy.

Happy Easter! He Is Risen, Alleluia!



### Mission & Outreach

The Mission Plate funds for the month of April will continue to go to Doctors Without Borders. Teams are responding to the Coronavirus pandemic in more than 70 countries where they run

existing programs, as well as opening projects in other countries that have become outbreak hotspots. In addition to treating Covid 19 patients, they are working to provide infection preven-

tion and control measures against the virus worldwide.

*Susan Grant  
Member of the Outreach and Missions Committee*

### Update on the Liberian Project

The children in Liberia have a critical need for school supplies, including: spiral notebooks, binders, folders, writing paper, pens and pencils, markers, erasers, etc.

There is also a great need for toiletries, including: shampoo, conditioner, bath (bar) soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion (cocoa butter cream),

deodorant, etc. We are also seeking contributions toward the cost of shipping these materials to Liberia.

*For His Sake,  
Susan L. Grant  
President of the Daughters of the King, Mary and Martha Chapter*

### Childreach: Sign up to sponsor Nicholas Onyango Okondo

Please make a \$35.00 donation to sponsor Nicholas in 2021. We still need a sponsor for December. Please contact the office (508-765-9559) to sign up. Thank you!



**Our next Consecrated Communion pickup will be on Saturday, April 3 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please check your email for an invitation. RSVP is necessary to make sure we have the hosts ready for you/your family. Thank you!**



## PRAYER CARD FOR HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

- PLEASE INCLUDE THIS PRAYER IN YOUR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING PRAYER LIST.
- PLEASE INCLUDE THIS PRAYER IN THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING PRAYER LIST **AND** SHARE WITH THE PARISH .

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## Adult Social Studies Class

The Social Studies group continues our study of the "White Privilege" Curriculum. This month we began learning about "The Cash Value of Whiteness as a Tax-exempt Status: Chapters 1 & 2". We read about the subtle ways that Black persons and communities pay the same in support of our common life, but more often than not receive less benefit. We learned about the complex interplay between these forces:

- Incarceration rates that find black males disproportionately picked up, arrested, convicted, and serving longer sentences have a direct impact on educational outcomes.
- Housing values that decline, regardless of one's economic status, in any neighborhood with more than a 9% non-white makeup affect both tax bases built to support public education as well as a family's ability to fund a child's education.
- Inheritance laws that distribute wealth accumulated during slavery to succeeding generations also give whites a greater ability to fund expensive college degrees.
- The same can be said of white families who earn tens of thousands of dollars a year more than racial minority families working the same jobs.
- The single greatest factor in finishing college once one is accepted and enrolls is ability to pay.
- That a far higher percentage of black college students fail to complete college than their white counterparts is mostly due to the lack of a sufficient financial safety net for either the student or their family.

We also heard testimony from a class member about her personal experience with discrimination from a previous employer and a recent interaction with a local police officer. We are united in our desire to find a path out of the societal structures that are so contrary to the teachings and example of Jesus. While we know our small group study and discussion does not directly influence the larger social issues, we find it helpful to come together in Jesus' name. Being more informed helps us better prepare to notice when an opportunity for action arises.

**Our next meeting will be on April 21st at 7:00 via Zoom.** We are continuing our discussion of Part 3: "The Cash Value of Whiteness as a Tax-Exempt Status, Chapters 3 & 4". This will focus on the impact of generational wealth on racial inequality. We would love to have you join us!

If you would like to check it out, this link will take you to the website <http://privilege.uccpages.org>.

Questions?

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## Prayer List

If anyone is in need of prayers, you may fill out the form on page 2 and send it to the church to be added to the prayer list. You may also email or contact anyone below from the Daughters of the King.



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\*unless otherwise noted\*

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**Sunday Services**

**9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist**

**Celebrant and Preacher  
The Rev. Richard Signore**

**Save These Dates**

**Tuesdays—8:00 p.m.—Service of Compline**

**Thursdays—8:00 p.m.—Zoom Fellowship Hour**

**Wednesday, April 21—7:00 p.m.—Adult Social  
Studies Group via Zoom**



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