

Poor Sick Boy

Marty, a little boy, was in church one Easter Sunday with his mother Doris, when he started feeling sick. 'Mummy,' he inquired, 'can we leave now?' 'No,' his mother replied, 'the service isn't over yet.'

'Well, I think I'm about to throw up.' Marty announced. 'Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.' said Doris.

After about sixty seconds, Marty returned to his pew, alongside his mother. 'Did you throw up?' Marty's Mum asked quietly. 'Yes,' Marty answered, embarrassed.

'How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?' Doris demanded. 'I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy. They've a box next to the front door that says, "For the Sick".'

Church Notices

• Baptisms: After Easter, the North and South ends of the church will be used. Children will be baptized at both ends.



• **HELP WANTED!** Come work for the Lord. The work's hard, the hours are long and the pay's low. But the retirement benefits are completely out of this world.

An Act of Kindness

The neighbour of a four-year-old child was an elderly gentleman, who'd recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old Gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

WOW!

Bible Study...

Richard, my friend's little grandson came home from Sunday School last week and I asked him what they had studied.

Without hesitation, he replied, 'Nothing.'

So I asked him, 'Didn't you study Jesus?' Richard's reply was, 'No, he wasn't even there.'



Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love, love coming down from heaven, love blanketing the earth in a transforming embrace; unique and infinite love, giving more than we can imagine for us, to cleanse our sin, a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God, the walking, talking Word.

He is teacher, role model, friend, this God in human form, dying, then rising from the dead, proving all who believe will also rise to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.

Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

By Joanna Fuchs

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 **1 Peter 1:22...**
"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth...love one another deeply from the heart."



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Join us each Sunday for Worship...

3 p.m. worship and praise

Thot: "God has something for you. A key to every problem, a light for every shadow, and a plan for every tomorrow." ~ unknown

What was that song?

Young Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother she'd learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realised the hymn Maria had been singing was: "*Gladly The Cross I'd Bear.*"



Never thought of that...

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' His son thought deeply then asked, 'What happened to the flea?'



Something to Think About...

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." [1 John 4:7] If there is any one word that can be used to describe the celebration of Easter, it's "Love". The central focus of the Gospel is love with such love no better shown than in the famous text, John 3:16, which proclaims God's love for the world demonstrated in life through the sacrifice of his Son. This lesson of sacrificial love takes on even more meaning by the events of the cross. Christ's selfless act provides power to all who would receive God's gift of grace – power to live free from the tyranny of sin.

Many dismiss the joy of the Easter season, suggesting the reality of death lingers in the air as the church gathers to listen to God's voice in a time of great despair and suffering. But even Good Friday seeks to offer us the opportunity to look at the Golgotha scene with eyes that see and ears that hear what is really going on related to God's work through God's covenant love.

In the events of Easter, the old covenant is realized in Christ, a new covenant is being forged through the willful action of God in Christ. Through the crucifixion our sins are forgiven, our hope is secured, new life is received - God demonstrates faithfulness to His promises. At Calvary we find redemption, we discover peace and joy and love. We seek now in light of the cross to understand God's salvation in a new way. The old traditions of bringing our sacrifices to God take on new meaning. The old covenant is now understood from the perspective of the new made in Christ Jesus through the events of

Good Friday. The lesson is clear. Our response must become the foundation to our discipleship fleshed out in serving and loving one another. In fact, Jesus said, *"everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* [John 13:35]. Serving others as Christ serves is more than simply acting out of love. Because He's always with us, it's acting out of the abiding love of Christ. Jesus loves us who are in the world because of the abiding love of God within Him. How can we do less than to love the unlovable, forgive the unforgivable, with the same compassion, the same abiding love given us while we were yet sinners and alienated from God?

Yes the death of Jesus on the cross is horrid. The agony suffered, the oppression He bore, were because He willingly *"carried our iniquities"* so that *"the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him"* [Isaiah 53:4-5]. We celebrate therefore because hidden in the horror of Christ's death is the power of God's life-giving promise and covenant. So again I say, the only response appropriate in the wonder of such a discovery is our living out such promises in the midst of a community grounded in love and the doing of good deeds for others.

Just before his own death Jesus teaches his disciples how to live. He models servanthood and loving one another, But it's a lesson both the disciples, and each of us, understand in light of the Resurrection. If the season of Easter ended with Good Friday, Christians would be the most pitied of all people, but on the third day, Jesus revealed Himself, the stone had been rolled away and we saw an empty tomb. As much as this season's about sacrifice, about the death of Jesus on the cross, it's so much more. Easter Sunday assures us Jesus is alive – alive for evermore. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. The empty tomb is there to remind us He's not there, He alive!

Because He lives, we know to live in Christ is to receive that eternal life. As He left this earth, Christ's final command was to call us to act in His service; loving one another as He has loved you! Let "love" define this celebration. As you too celebrate this season of Easter, may you be alive in Christ and have life. **Happy Easter!**

Mark your Calendar...

Sunday March 6th – Communion
Mondays 3:30 – Bible Study 8771 Parkhouse
Fri March 25th – Walk of Witness 10:30am (Good Friday) *fm* St Jude's Anglican Bowan St. Mt Brydges
Sunday March 27th 10:30 a.m. Combined Easter Celebration *with Christian Community Centre*