Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is a verse in the first chapter of John’s Gospel that haunts me whenever I read it:

*He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. (John 1:10).*

I wonder why people failed to recognize the long awaited Messiah. It seems to me that the fact that they themselves had been made “through him” would have been a compelling clue as to his identity. Even at the Last Supper and through the subsequent events the apostles were fairly clueless.

Recently I read a story that reminded me of this passage from John. It was about a man who traveled overseas to his grandparents’ homeland and the village where they had grown up. There was no advance notice; suddenly the man simply appeared in the village walking down the main street. He was quite surprised when a number of people greeted him, immediately identifying him as the grandson of the couple who had left many decades earlier.

The striking part of the story is that the man’s facial features were so similar to his forbears that the people of their generation recognized him at once upon first sight. Now I would not expect people to recognize “the Word made flesh” on the basis of facial features, but there are certain features that “the Word” possesses that ought to help us realize who it is when we encounter “the Word made flesh.”

Donald Heinz, a Lutheran theologian at the Graduate Theological Union, provides a useful list of these features when he observes: “The Greek word logos (word) could mean word, mind, power, deed, reason, structure, purpose.”

“We recognize Christ’s presence in the women and men whose word illuminates our existence, whose mind expands our sense of wonder, whose power is used to restore and heal, whose deeds give witness to the grace and compassion of God, whose reason explores the elemental processes of creation, whose way of being reveals a structure that rescues the world from chaos and whose love gives purpose to our living and our dying,” writes Professor Heinz. My prayer is that when we see these features embodied in human life, we realize we are encountering the one through whom we were made and who dwells among us. (cont. pg. 2)
We are now, of course, in the penitential season of Lent preparing to walk with our Lord, enduring the agony and pain of the Cross, entering into the emptiness of his death, enjoying the glory of the Resurrection on the third day.

Yet, I cannot let go of the Incarnation. If Jesus is born in our hearts, if the Logos is foremast in our lives and the life of the world, it reminds us of our duty towards those with whom Jesus was particularly concerned. Do you recognize the Word made flesh? You see him every time you heed Jesus’ call to heal the sick, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and care for the lonely or those held in prison.

Continued Lenten blessings,

Canon Seger

**Search Committee News**

Please come to the Day of Conversation, Thursday April 3. We will gather in the Common Room 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and talk about the things that bring us joy and review the survey.

Lunch will be provided. After the Day of Conversation, parishioners may begin nominating candidates to be the next rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Peace,

Katheryn Flournoy

**Vestry News**

Please remember the Day of Conversation with Canon Shannon Manning on Thursday, April 3rd from 11 am – 1 pm in the Common Room. Lunch will be served as we discuss the results of the parish survey. Nomination forms will be available soon after the Day of Conversation so that names of prospective candidates can be submitted by parishioners for vetting by the Bishop’s office.

Redesign of the website is continuing with completion targeted by early May. The new website will be a vital source of information for all ministries and worship schedules as well as a place for prospective clergy candidates and parishioners to learn about our church.

A restricted fund has been established to fund the rector search efforts. Thus far, many of the search activities have been privately funded. If you are interested in making a donation to help fund the search process, please contact Aminta in the church office.

Many thanks to all of you who attended Marcie’s baby “sprinkle” / going away reception on Friday, her last official day of work before beginning her new life as a stay-at-home mom. Marcie has been a great asset to Trinity Day School and Church for many years, and she will be greatly missed. Janie, Aminta, and Lee are eager to embrace their expanded job responsibilities resulting from Marcie’s departure.

-Jennifer Johnson
Wednesday Nights During Lent
Our Wednesday Night Lenten series continues each Wednesday evening through April 9. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for Stations of the Cross in the church. At 6:00 p.m., the Soup Supper Series starts. Folks are asked to bring their favorite pot of soup to share. We’ll enjoy a soup supper at 6:00, followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided in the Rathbone Ministry Center (red house) across the street for children ages newborn to five.

A Note from Elvia
We thank the Bell Ensemble for playing Sunday and adding some “bling” to our worship.

Day School News
- The Gala was a terrific success. Thank you for supporting the Day School.
- The PreK students enjoyed riding for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.
Upcoming Events

- **http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6L6M7N8F0L6J4**

- **Grief Support**– Our Grief Support Group will meet each Tuesday through May 13 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Common Room. The group is geared toward anyone grieving due to loss or illness. Attendance at all meetings is not necessary to benefit from the group.

- **Wednesday Nights during Lent**– Please note page 3.

- **Day of Conversation**– Join Canon Manning and the Search Committee as they discuss the survey results and such Thursday, April 3, from 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

- **UTO SUNDAY**– Sunday, April 27.

- **Men’s Club Annual Crawfish Boil**– Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 p.m. at the Red House. All men of the parish are invited to attend. For more information contact Lucius Butts, lbutts@transfinancialco.com.

Upcoming Youth Events

- **Acolyte Festival**– Sunday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church. For more information and to RSVP, email Amelia Arthur, aarthur@edola.org.

Holy Week 2014

**Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday** 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm Eucharist

**Monday, April 14 - Tuesday, April 15 - Wednesday, April 16** 12:15 Holy Eucharist -Church Chapel

**Thursday, April 19—Maundy Thursday** 7:00 pm Eucharist

**Friday, April 18 - Good Friday** 12:00 noon Eucharist

**Saturday, April 19 - Easter Vigil** 7:00 pm Eucharist

**Sunday, April 20 - Easter Day** 7:45 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am Eucharist & Flowering of the Cross, No 5:00pm Service on Easter Day, Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:45 service

Parish Prayer List

Mother Karen, Helen, Pierre, Jeremy, Tracey, Mahlon, Stephanie, Andrew, Jeff, Gary, Stephen, Peter, Keneth, Stennis, Sam, Cheryl, Marilyn, Peyton, Nita

Pray For Those Serving Our Country


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