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“At The Cross” by Reuben Morgan and Darlene Zschech

“At the cross I bow my knee
Where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave
Your glory fills the highest place
What can separate me now?

And when the earth fades
Falls from my eyes
And You stand before me
I know you love me
I know you love me

You tore the veil
You made a way
When you said that
'It is done'

Oh, Lord You've searched me
You know my way
Even when I fail You
I know you love me

I love these words to this song. I have been singing this song again and again. While I walk and when I drive my car, I have been singing this song. When I am with others, the words of the song have been running through my head.

This song has often been my Easter theme and inspiration. I have been wondering why the song means so much to me and I wanted to share my reflections with you.

First, I think it has always been a part of my Easter experience that if someone doesn't realize the whole story of Jesus' resurrection, it is impossible to really appreciate the resurrection. By the “whole story” I mean Jesus' death on the cross. I realize that Easter is filled with worshipers, but I am also a little sad that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday have far less who attend. I believe you cannot really appreciate Easter unless you take in the full story of Jesus' passion.

This song tells why the passion of Jesus and especially Jesus' cross, is so important.

“At the cross I bow my knee
Where your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this”

The cross is not as much a symbol of Jesus' suffering as it is a demonstration of Jesus' love. The Bible says, “Greater love has no one than this, than that they lay down their life for their friends.” The song brings up the love of Jesus again in the verse I quoted:

“And when the earth fades
Falls from my eyes
And you stand before me
I know you love me”

We don't know Jesus loves us because of the empty Easter tomb. We know Jesus loves us because of His blood shed on the cross. Maybe that is why people question their eternal salvation because they base that salvation on Jesus' resurrection and not Jesus' death and resurrection. The resurrection is a gift, but is it my gift? We know the resurrection is my gift because the cross is proof of God's love. “There's no greater love than this!”

Also the bridge of the song states:

You tore the veil
You made a way
When you said
'It is done'

These are instances from the cross. When Jesus breathed his last the veil in the temple was torn in two. The veil separated the common people from the presence of God. Jesus' death on the cross gives us access to God. Nothing else does. Also that is the meaning behind Jesus' final words on the cross: 'It is done'. What is done is the way of salvation that is now paved with the blood of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross. The resurrection cannot add to what is already “done”.

We have been given much from Jesus. Jesus gives us forgiveness, life, healing, daily food and material wealth through creation and much, much more. But the greatest gift of Jesus is the cross because it is God's ultimate expression of an

undeniable love for us. The cross demonstrates God's love for eternity, where eternity would not be possible without it.

Pastor Rick

Attendance For March

	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
3/6	98	13	111
3/9	Lenten Worship		55
3/13	105	14	119
3/16	Lenten Worship		53
3/20	112	14	126
3/27	169	12	181

March Finances

Income	\$14,100
Expenses	\$12,834

Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a "blind" e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

Bible Studies for the Spring 2nd and 4th Saturdays in May

These Bible studies will take place at Pamela and David Blyth's at 221 Brookview Court in Santee. We will study Isaiah. Everyone is welcome. Come Saturday, 4:30pm, May 14th and May 28th.

Daily Devotions

Would you like to be a part of our church's daily devotions? Just let Pastor Rick or the Church Office know your e-mail address and you can receive the daily devotions via e-mail or stop by the table in the back of the church and pick up last week's list of daily devotions. Most of the devotions are written by Pastor Rick but some are shared by members on the list. If you want to submit a devotion to the list that has now grown to over 120 participants just write to Pastor Rick at SYMCN1@aol.com. What a great way to have Bible study a part of your everyday life a little Scripture at a time.

Feed the Homeless

On Monday, May 2nd at 2:30pm we meet in the church parking lot to help feed the homeless at T.A.C.O. at First Lutheran in San Diego. Let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in going.

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am on May 10th at the Ranch House at 11510 Woodside, El Cajon.

Flowers Each Sunday

Would you like to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or honor a loved one by having flowers placed on the altar of the church on Sundays? There is a sign-up calendar in the back of the church. Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like flowers placed and print your name and phone number on the calendar. Call Jean Setzer at 619-449-0785 and tell her if you would like to have an arrangement for \$20.00 or if you will bring your own arrangement. The bulletin will indicate that you have provided flowers for the occasion.

Grief Support Group

The grief support group will meet the third Saturday of each month from now on. There has been a conflict with the Dorcas meeting the second Saturday and this is to accommodate that conflict. The group will meet Saturday May 21st at 10:30am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon.

Sunday, May 1st St. Columba's and Carlton Hills Lunch at Noon

Everyone is welcome!

Interfaith Ministry with St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the year Pastor Rick has been preaching weekly at St. Columba's Episcopal Church at 11:00am Sunday mornings. St. Columba's lost their priest to retirement and the ELCA is a "full communion" partner with the Episcopal church, which means among many things that they can share pastors.

Pastor Rick has been spending 75% of his time at Carlton Hills and 25% of his time as Director of Youth Ministry Leadership for the Pacifica Synod. Next year the Pacifica Synod will elect a new bishop and it is possible that Pastor Rick will move that 25% of his work from the Pacifica Synod to St. Columba's. We have a few months to prepare for that possibility.

During the next year both churches are going to experiment with sharing the same pastor and a cooperative ministry. This would be a cooperation of ministry and not a merger. There would be two separate churches and one pastor. Both churches would remain separate, but they would also benefit from a close cooperation with the other.

This could be a great new direction for our church and we have a year to explore the possibilities of sharing ministry and buildings with each other.

Mother's Day Brunch, May 8th

Please plan to attend a Mother's Day brunch coordinated by Jeffery White. If you would like to contribute financially to the brunch or with a food donation, please contact Jeffery. The brunch will take place Sunday, May 8th at 10:15am. If you would like to help set up on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00am or you would like to help clean up after the brunch, please sign up in the back of the church.

Note

Pastor Rick and Deby Celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on a European River Cruise and will be gone May 10-23. Keri Hyles will take over the pastoral duties while Pastor Rick is gone. She can be reached at 619-402-7190.

May Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Fellowship Hosts: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

Lector: 1,8,15- Jennifer Brown 22,29- Laura Vaughan

Greeters: Heather Gasner & Diedra Zeller

Communion Assist.: Laura Vaughan & Sara Paulson

Communion Care: Laura Vaughan

Acolyte: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Stephen Minister of the Week:

<u>S. M., Communion</u>	<u>Prayer Loft</u>
1- Carol Davidson	Ellie Timan
8- Steven Schmidtke	Jackie Gammon
15- Jeanna Timan	Carol Davidson
22- Ellie Timan	Marian Privett
29- Heather Gasner	Diedra Zeller

May Birthdays

- 1 Rudy Flores
- 2 Zachary White
- 4 Victoria Grant
- 5 Diedra Zeller
- 8 Emily Weber
- 9 Brianna Perez
- 10 Nancy Funick
- 10 Caroline Holicky
- 13 Robin Perna
- 13 Ryan Halloran
- 13 Alissa Perna
- 17 Tom Reaney
- 19 Carol Davidson
- 21 Joan Suess
- 21 Belinda Karge
- 24 Tammy Halloran
- 25 Michele Strand
- 26 Benjamin Timan
- 26 Zachary Zeller
- 27 Bob Metz

If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888

May Anniversaries

- 11 Erica & Chad Altringer
- 17 Marie & Michel Weber
- 21 Keri & Jake Hyles
- 21 Pastor Rick & Deby Schowalter
- 24 Selina & Jason Kaufman
- 25 Michael & Amanda Cofrancesco
- 26 Sara & Stephan Paulsen
- 27 Dick & Betty Maxa
- 31 Jack & Marie Youngblood

Children/Youth & Family Ministry

Tuesday Night Events:

4:30 God's Gifts Group- Disney Bible Study!

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 One Salvation

Joyful Noise 2016:

Applications to work at camp are due in the beginning of May and interviews are May 15th- contact Selina or Belinda to get an application or schedule your interview!

Camper applications are available on the church's website. Camp runs July 5-July 29 Monday through Friday 9 am to 3 pm for pre-k to 8th graders. Only \$100 for the first week and \$25 for each week after!

Sunday School Schedule

	9:00	10:15
May 1	Jeanna	Selina
May 8	Katie	Jean
May 15	Belinda	Belinda

Crochet at Church

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9am (on the 2nd Sat, this is right before Dorcas Circle). Come to learn, from scratch or help with a new stitch, skill, or pattern, or bring whatever project you're working on and come for the fellowship! (If you want to come just for the fellowship and leave off the needlework, we'd love to have you!) Kids are very welcome to learn or to play.

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For Pastoral Emergencies:
Call Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 or 258-8775

April 2016

Church office:
M-F 9 to noon
Pr. Rick M-Th 9 to noon
Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 (cell) or 258-8775 (home)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship</p>	<p>4 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 10:30a Exercise 11:30a Sr Flwship @Bonny's, El Cajon 12p SA Sr Lunch 4:30p God's Gifts 5:30p Dinner 7p One Salvation</p>	<p>6 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 1:30p Santee Village 7p Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 9a Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch</p>	<p>8 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off</p>	<p>9 9a Crochet 10a Dorcas 2p Alissa Perna/Adam Lay Wedding 4:30p Bible Study @the Blyth's 221 Brookview Ct, Santee</p>
<p>10 9a Worship & S.S. Brownie Bake-off 10:15a SS, Bible Study 11a St Col's Worship 3-6p Chili Cookoff at St. Andrews</p>	<p>11 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 10:30a Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Steph Min @St. Col 4:30p God's Gifts 5:30p Dinner 7p One Salvation</p>	<p>13 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 9a Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch 6p Long Range Plan.</p>	<p>15 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off Elementary School Retreat</p>	<p>16 10a Grier Support Group at Borgeson's 2149 Hillslake Dr, El Cajon Elementary School Retreat</p>
<p>17 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship 12p Council Mtg Elem. School Retreat</p>	<p>18 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19 10:30a Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Steph Min @St. Col 4:30p God's Gifts 5:30p Dinner 7p One Salvation</p>	<p>20 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 9a Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch Cursillo</p>	<p>22 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off Cursillo</p>	<p>23 NO Crochet at Church 4:30p Bible Study @the Blyth's 221 Brookview Ct, Santee Cursillo</p>
<p>24 St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Col's Worship Cursillo</p>	<p>25 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 10:30a Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Steph Min @St. Col 4:30p God's Gifts 5:30p Dinner 7p One Salvation</p>	<p>27 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 9a Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch</p>	<p>29 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off</p>	<p>30</p>