

Easter-Pentecost 2007

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA

Luke 24:5-6: “and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the Men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee that the Son Of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be Crucified, and on the third day rise.’”And they remembered...

I am writing this the day after the tragedy at Virginia Tech and a little less than two weeks after the tragedy at Norfolk State University. These tragic events did not take place in the hood, public housing or a ghetto. They were events that happened on college campuses. The victims and the perpetrators were all enrolled college students. Who could have imagined that one of the most significant and important ministries of Grace Church would have been college ministries? When parents send their children off to college they should have the reasonable expectation that they will be safe. What can we do? We can follow the only commandment that Jesus Christ gave: to love! There would be no victims, ever, if people knew and experienced the love of God. Even though Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross, it was for a purpose. The purpose that we might be redeemed and have an everlasting relationship with God. The Easter Season is a time to celebrate the fulfillment of God’s promise that he would send a Savior. This means as Christians that we have a promise of eternal life, that we will not taste of death, that we will live forever. It is the only consolation that we have and it is also why we have a mandate to share the love of God with all persons. The Way of the Cross is an event that we remember on Good Friday when we follow in the footsteps of Jesus on that fateful day. We also follow in His footsteps everyday by how we live our lives. It is more important than ever that we walk the walk, and talk the talk for others to see. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to us for our daily living. That very power of God can be at work in our lives when we yield our will and allow it to be superseded by the will of God. May we continue to pray as if it all depended on God and work as if it all depended on us. Peace and Love!

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