

Holy Spirit Anglican Church Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Desk

Who is Jesus? WHO IS HE?

He is the Greatest Man in History

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

In chemistry, He turned water to wine.

In biology, He was born without the normal means conception.

In physics, He disapproved the law of gravity when He ascended into heaven.

In economics, He disapproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread.

In medicine, He cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In government, He said that He shall be called wonderful counselor, prince of peace.

In religion, He said no one comes to the Father except through Him.

In history, He is the beginning and the end.

Parish News and Announcements

DEUS Synod

The Anglican Providence of America held its synod in Orlando, FL from July 17th-19th. The business meetings ran smoothly. On Wednesday evening, there was a wonderful banquet dinner accompanied with a comical pianist. Laughter was shared by all. On Thursday, a significant event took place as we elected our next bishop. All of the candidates were well qualified, so there was anxiety on how many votes it would take to declare a winner as there needed to be a 2/3rds majority vote from both the clergy and laity. In a surprising result, it only took one vote for the clergy and laity to declare Bishop Chandler Jones the next bishop. Bishop Grundorf commented "It shows the unity of the diocese having the voting run smoothly and one, unanimous vote which the diocese should be proud of." Thursday evening comprised of a high mass with incense accompanied by a BBQ dinner. An educational presentation was given emphasizing the necessity of good liturgy, good education, good fellowship, and good spiritual direction for church growth. The synod concluded with reports given by events within the diocese such as the summer camp and mission trips along with parish reports of churches that are doing well.

Martha Leary



On Saturday July 27th, we lost our dear friend and sister in Christ Martha Leary after her battle with ALS. She was a faithful congregant and a willingly served on the vestry. There was a celebration of life for Martha on Thursday August 8th. It was well attended. There were pictures which captured many different memories of Martha's life. Several people gave glowing eulogies about Martha. Chief Leary told of the significance of the number 27. He has 28 principles and the 27th one is that he could not do his job without the support of his wife.



Humbly, Chief Leary said by marrying Martha he "out kicked his coverage, married up, and is in love with a beautiful woman." Martha's and Jim's marriage is inspiring as it combined blended families. Martha's self-sacrifice and love was felt by many people. She will be missed. However, as we embody the characteristics we admired in Martha and share memories of her, her legacy will

live on. It is not good-bye we say, but rather until we meet again. May her soul and the soul's of all faithfully departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Parish Picnic

Sunday September 22nd, we had a joint picnic. We joined All Saint's Anglican Church in Lancaster and Fr. James Johnson. Fr. James cooked burgers and hot dogs, and other participants brought side dishes and desserts. There was a wonderful time with food and fellowship. The park was out in the Lancaster area and a bit of a drive, but it was great to connect with other Anglicans especially within our own jurisdiction. Along with good conversation, the park provided an atmosphere to go for a walk, play Frisbee, or play cornhole. We hope we are able to engage in more events like this one.



Yard Sale



We had a yard sale on Saturday September 28th. It was a great event for our church to interact with the community. We had a lot of visitors and made positive connections. Thank you to Tom and Josephine for coordinating this event. A thank you to all those who provided donations. To those who helped price beforehand, thank you. Last but not least, a thank you to all those who helped to set-up, manage tables, and clean-up. It would not have run as smoothly as it did without every one's help. I believe we achieved our goal of making the church more known in the community and the profits were an added blessing.



Prayer Requests:

Special Needs

Leighanne, Ann, Jim, Marge, Tami, Iiene, Melea, Chris, Matt, Diane, Annie and DJ, Angela, Paul, Chad and Becca

Sick

Cindy

Shut-in

Marlene, Charles, Ruth, Thelma,

Studying for Ministry

Greg

Serving in the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement

Jim, Charles, William, Tommy

All those serving our country here and abroad.

All police officers and 1st responders.

Note regarding the Prayer List

Please remember the parish prayer list is purged every month. If someone you know requires continued prayers, please ask that they remain on the list.

Birthdays

October 5	Angelica Maria de Camp
October 8	Teresa Mason
October 8	Andrew Groves
October 16	Gregory Gibson
October 30	Karen Aichele
October 31	Joan Hinks
October 31	Vera Ewing
November 9	Mary Ann Edsall
December 1	Tricia Rush
December 8	David de Camp
December 13	Eileen Tufton
December 23	Faith McKoy

Anniversaries

October 13	Tom & Phyllis Blair
November 18	Bob & Mary Ann Edsall
November 27	Stephen & Teresa Mason

Ask the Seminarian

If you are a “believer” and do not go to church does it mean you are going to hell?

In order to understand this question, we need to understand sin. Sin can be classified as commission or omission. Commission is sin we do and omission is when we neglect to do what we ought to do. There are two other categories for sin. There is venial and mortal. Venial is a lesser sin which does not result in the complete separation from God and the damnation of the soul. Mortal sin is a gravely sin which can lead to damnation if a person is not repentant.

By not going to church, it is a sin of omission because we are neglecting to do what we ought to do. Christians are known by what is says in Acts 2:42, *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.* We learn the Christian tradition by being with other Christians. Hebrews 10:23-25 states, *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* We are not to forsake assembling with others. This means we should go to church.

It is important to remember the fourth commandment which is honor the Sabbath. Exodus 20:8-11 declares, *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.* If we do not go to church, we are not keeping the Sabbath holy. The Lord created the Sabbath or the day of rest for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

The other commandment we need to remember is the first one. Exodus 20:3 exclaims, *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.* This means we need to think about our priorities and if we are placing God first in our lives or if He is just an afterthought. God is not a vending machine we go to when we need something. We are meant to be in a constant relationship with Him, and give Him the glory and honor which is due to Him.

God is not meant to be worshiped individually, but in community. Life is not traveling alone, but with others. We can pray to God, but He receives greater glory with sharing testimonies of God's steadfast love. Our *Book of Common Prayer* has the St. Chrysostom Prayer which says, *ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.* We are assured the Holy Spirit is with us when we are in community.

To determine whether it is a venial or mortal sin is difficult. The Bible tells us the only unforgivable sin is blaspheme of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 12:31-32 proclaims, *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.* It is difficult to determine if it is venial or mortal because the way God judges is different from human opinion. God looks at the heart of the individual. Another important fact is we are placing sin on a gradation scale. Sin is sin, and everyone sins and will be held accountable for their actions or non-actions. Romans 3:23 says, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* Our hope should be God will show His mercy and forgiveness on the Day of Judgement.

We believe God forgives sin as long as it is confessed. 1 John 1:8-10 states, *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.* In addition, we have the Apostles and Nicene creeds in our *Book of Common Prayer* which profess our belief in the forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, let us conclude a pray the Confession of Sins, with a Prayer for Contrition and Pardon from the Family Prayer section of our *Book of Common Prayer*. *MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.*

Do you have a question you would like to ask the Seminarian? If so, please submit them to me in person, by email, or by phone.

Faithfully,

Greg

Pastor's Teaching

Why do the Clergy wear special clothing?

In Biblical worship, the ministers wore distinctive garments to cover their clothing in the Old and New Testaments (Revelation 4:4). Why?

They represent someone beyond themselves, namely Jesus Christ. They cover their clothing with garments to point away from themselves and to Christ. When they lead the worship, they are not just “good old Joe”. They hold an office as a minister of God and their clothing signifies the office. For example, a judge wears a gown because he does not act for himself. He represents the law and government of this land. In the same way, a minister represents the law and government of another kingdom by the clothing he wears. Just as the location of the Altar in Anglican churches emphasizes the centrality of Christ, the ministers clothing has Christ-centered meaning as well.

The basic color for worship is white, representing the light and glory of the Resurrection. This white garment (a surplice) is normally worn over a long black gown called a cassock. It symbolizes the death on the cross. The two together emphasize the finished work of Christ. Over the surplice and cassock the minister often wears a long narrow strip of cloth around his neck: either a black preaching scarf, called a tippet, or a colored one when communion is served, called a stole. This mantle represents the “yoke” of Christ, as He said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me...for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light (Matthew 11:29-30). The yoke was literally a harnessing device for oxen in the time of Christ. Being harnessed with a yoke, an ox could bear a load. When Christ says that He is the “yoke”, He means that He literally carries the burdens of this life. When the minister wears the stole, he is preaching a visual sermon, reminding people of the Christ who bears their burdens.

To symbolize further that a minister is a servant, he also wears special clothing for his everyday work. This should be viewed as his uniform, just as any special service for the community has a distinct uniform: firemen, policemen, doctors and so forth. The standard symbol of clerical clothing is the collar around the neck. This neckband was around slaves in the

ancient world. The church adopted this as its distinctive symbol for her ministers to emphasize their being “slaves for the Lord”. Certainly every believer is a slave for Christ, but the minister specially represents this function. In his calling he actually symbolizes the priesthood of the whole Church, the priesthood of Christ. The clothing of the minister points to Jesus Christ and sets Him apart in the throne room of worship and life.

From the Anglicana Website

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Did You Know? From An Anglican Glossary

Almuce, Hood, and Tippet

The Almuce

Percy Dearmer calls the almuce “*a vestment of dignity and certainly one of the ornaments of the Rubric.*” He tells us that it was revived in the reign of Elizabeth I. It was a scarf, “doubled back over the shoulders and narrowed at the ends which hang down in front.” It was generally made of fur.



The Hood (Caputium)

Cannon 58 orders all clergy who have a degree to wear the hood with the surplice.



The Tippet

The Tippet is the *liripipium* that hung down from the back of the hood. Dearmer says that to wear it is “to wear the hood in two parts.” It was worn when copes and hood fell into disuse among Parish clergy. Deacons are qualified to wear the tippet.



Sunday Worship Service: 10 AM
(Other Services as announced)

*Biblical Teaching - Apostolic Faith - Liturgical
Worship - Sacramental Theology*

**We are a Traditional, Conservative
Christian Church.**

WE BELIEVE that the nature and will of God were revealed once and for all by His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and that this revelation recorded in Holy Scripture cannot and must not be altered or reinterpreted to meet the changing desires of man.

WE SUBSCRIBE to the Faith and Order of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as clearly expressed in the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds, and that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation.

WE ARE MEMBERS of the Body of Christ under the Spiritual Leadership of faithful Bishops in Apostolic Succession adhering to traditional Christian doctrine and principles.

WE WELCOME ALL who seek a firm and unchanging foundation for their Christian Faith in this confused and troubled world.

Most Sundays we celebrate Holy Communion according to the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Our Schedule of Worship Services embraces Anglicanism in its' broadest liturgical forms.

We also provide a Healing Service including prayers, the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil. The Healing Service is at 11:15AM on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

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