

# The Herald

January 15, 2012

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## From the Rector: Of the People Working

The word *liturgy* literally means “the work of the people.” We are the dramatic personae acting out an ancient truth Sunday after Sunday so that this ancient knowledge will become, as it were, muscle memory. Liturgy doesn’t just happen on Sundays however. Those who plan for and prepare flowers for the altar and greenery on high occasions are liturgical participants, no less than the formal worship we practice; the same is, of course, true for setting up the altar for Eucharist; preparing meals for the congregation; visiting the sick and infirm; greeting and making welcome those who enter here; the preparation of the music that happens here...all work of the people...liturgy...And on Sundays and other occasions of worship, all that preparation is distilled into an expression as to who God is in relationship with us...and what that relationship means for our world, locally and globally.

In the former 1928 Book of Common Prayer, the one many of us grew up with, there was very little room for varying the way we worship; and though I still love the “old” prayer book which used King James English, there was no room in it for fresh expression, and in some ways its theology over decades of its use had become tired and outdated. After Vatican II in the Roman Catholic Church in 1964, at which it was decided that the Mass would no longer be said in Latin, but that the Mass would be said in the native tongue of the worshiper, the Episcopal Church decided also it was time to revise its Prayer Book as well. Language was changed to modern idiom, but more than that important change, the church was given much more flexibility in the manner in which we worship, more options to make more relevant and resonant our public expression of faith...we liturgists call that “the permissive rubric”... for example, from the Prayer Book: “here an anthem or some other suitable hymn *may* be sung” or, the rubric preceding the time honored “Gloria” early in the service of the Holy Eucharist, “When appointed, the following hymn *or some other song of praise* is sung or said.” In the 1928 Prayer Book no such flexibility existed, and there was not much opportunity for the laity to participate in worship either. Now there are ample ways laity are meaningful participants in worship. Now the work we do demands planning, creativity and relevancy...we are encouraged by the Book of Common Prayer, as well as later supplemental texts produced by the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church, to expand our expressions of worship to be beautiful and resonant, inclusive and presently relevant...as theology evolves, and indeed it does; it is not static, so must our expressions of faith.

The Book of Common Prayer is the template of our worship, always will be, but we have imaginative and beautiful new resources for our use. You may have noticed lately, while using the traditional format including one of the traditional Eucharistic Prayers, we are also using a new set of collects that I find fresh and meaningful (one parishioner used the word expansive... good word). They were written by Steven Shakespeare, a priest and scholar in the Church of England, and they follow the thematic ebb and flow of the lectionary; again striving to give our worship a seamlessness, a connectedness from beginning to end. These collects are published by Church Publishing Co., the official publishing house of the Episcopal Church. Also we are using as the Prayers of the People a collection of prayers compiled by now-retired Bishop Jeffrey Rowthorne, a noted scholar and musician in the Episcopal Church who has many contributions to the Hymnal 1982. These prayers also follow the lectionary cycles, making them more relevant to the occasion.

We make these changes from time to time, not for the sake of change, but to make our worship meaningful, relevant, resonant and, most of all, beautiful. We worship beautifully (or certainly try our best to) because our imaginations and therefore our souls are informed as to the truth and efficacy of our faith. We, of course, welcome your compliments, comments and critiques, because this is the work given to all of us as a community of faith...the beautiful practice of the faith in worship which will inform our actions and belief...and send us out empowered for the work in the world to which our liturgical work models for us and calls us.

### On the Calendar:

**Tuesday, January 10**  
5pm Murray House Board mtg

**Wednesday, January 11**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)  
6pm Rector's Forum  
6pm 15 Place Board mtg  
7pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, January 12**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

**Saturday, January 14**  
10:30am PFLAG

**Sunday, January 15**  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am Breakfast  
9:20am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Eucharist  
Reception following  
5pm Conde Explorers

**Monday, January 16**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Office closed  
Vestry mtg rescheduled for 1/23

**Tuesday, January 17**  
3:30pm St. Michael Choir

**Wednesday, January 18**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)  
4pm St. Cecilia Choir  
7pm Adult Choir

**Thursday, January 19**  
9am Food Share prep  
12N Al-Anon  
5:15pm Food Share Packing  
7pm AA

**Saturday, January 21**  
8am Food Share distribution  
12N-3pm L'Arche in Stirling Hall

**Pledge envelopes for 2012** are on the back pew of the church. If you ordered envelopes, you will find your name on one of the alphabetically arranged packets. Please take them and save us the price of the postage. Thanks!

**The January Vestry meeting** has been rescheduled for Monday, January 23, at 6pm instead of Jan. 15. Please let the office know if you will be unable to attend.

**A new group, Debtors Anonymous** (DA), has begun meeting at All Saints at noon on Wednesdays, in the Walter K. Smith room. The contact person's name is Angela. She can be reached at [angrayburn@hotmail.com](mailto:angrayburn@hotmail.com).

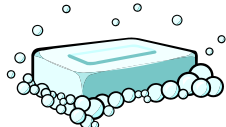
**The Rector's Forum**, a discussion group preceded by potluck supper, will resume its every-other-week schedule on Wednesday, January 11. Supper begins at 6pm and discussion at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Choir Rehearsals** The Adult Choir resumes rehearsals this Wednesday, January 11 at 7pm. St. Michael and All Angels Choir begins on Tuesday, January 17 at 3:30pm. St. Cecelia Choir resumes on Wednesday, January 18 at 4pm.



**Friday Night Supper Club** meets next on Jan 20th, 7:00 p.m., at Gwen and Edgar Hughes' home, 1050 Palmetto. Please let them know (433-5881) what you can bring or if you are unable to attend. All are welcome.

**The Refugee Pantry is bare!** Please help stock it again with adult medium toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath soap, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps and are expensive. They can be dropped off at the church office during the week or placed in the basket in the Ann St. entrance on Sundays. Your help is always appreciated!



**Many thanks to the staff** and management at the Winn-Dixie at Government and Catherine for their help with our November and December Food Shares. Special thanks go to Heath Edwards and Jeremy Culbreth for making the ordering and storage of turkeys and hams so easy.

**The office will be closed** Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

**The Bishop will visit** All Saints on Sunday, Feb. 5 to preach, confirm and celebrate. The Vestry, confirmands and their families, and any other interested folks are invited for breakfast in Stirling Hall at 9am to meet the Bishop and hear what he has to say. Any adults or youth in 6th grade or higher who want to be confirmed should contact Jim Flowers: [rector@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:rector@allsaintsmobile.org) or 438-2492.



**A Confirmation Retreat** will be held on Saturday, January 28, at All Saints from 9am-12 noon. All adults and youth being confirmed are asked to be there. Breakfast will be served. The topic will be the Rite of Confirmation as it is related to our baptisms and to liturgy. Please let Mary Robert know if you will attend: [asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org) or 438-2492.

**The next Food Share weekend** is January 19 & 21. The food will be packed this month on Thursday, Jan. 19, beginning at 5:15pm. Distribution of the food will take place on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 8am. We will need extra help that Saturday since several 'regulars' who carry bags for our guests will not be able to help that day. If you can lend a hand, please arrive by 7:30am. Thanks!



**Our prayers are offered** for the family and friends of Jean Radcliff, who died last week. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

**Blood Drive** LifeSouth Blood Centers will hold a blood drive in Stirling Hall on Sunday, January 29, from 8:30am to 1:30pm. More info to follow. Mark your calendars!



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### The Lessons

[1 Samuel 3:1-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

[Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17](#)

[John 1:43-51](#)

### The Collect of the Day

Summoning God, inviting us to see what we find so hard to notice – the blinkers we wear, the lies we accept: as we are held in your gaze, may our faith awaken to see your kingdom growing and heaven open wide; through Jesus Christ, son of Joseph. Amen.

### Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Bill Evatt, Rose Ellen Stanbery

Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers, Jean Tucker

Breakfast: Catherine Mackey, Valerie Case, Betsy Schneider, Woody Hannum

Reception: Martha Hennessy

### 8:00am

Lector: Lee Van Dyke

Intercessors: Warren Butler

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Fred & Barbara South

Greeter: Renee Dillard

### 10:30am

Lectors: Eric Browne, Emily Kelley

Intercessors: Rob Gray

Chalices: Brewer Ayres, Nancy Lancaster

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Emily Doyle, Sarah Greene, Danner Butler

Ushers: Don Mosley, Martha Hennessy, Michael Morrison

### Music for Sunday

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*, BWV 690, 691

Processional Hymn 542 *St. Joan*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Ian Quinn *Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17*

Sequence Hymn 656 *Franconia*

Offertory Anthem Arlen Clarke *God Be In My Head*

Presentation Hymn 436 *Truro*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 439 *Wondrous Love*

Motet Samuel S. Wesley *Lead Me, Lord*

Post Communion Hymn 599 *Lift Every Voice*

Processional Percy Whitlock *Prelude on "Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>"*

Please keep in your prayers

✙For healing:

Monica Ventress

Buck St. John

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Lynn Hastie Bozone

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Frances Reed

Joy Russ

Jami Salac

Jerry Kozart

Taylor Merry

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Terry Godwin

Ethan Fisher

Logan Barnhart

Becky Bouler

Katie Hammond

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Taylor Parton

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

Laura

✙For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

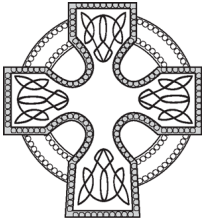
Scott Tanos

Kyle Metcalf

DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Robert Carr



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Harold Dodge  
Elizabeth Doyle  
Rob Gray  
James Hamilton  
Woody Hannum  
Amy Hunter  
Emily Kelley  
Don Mosley  
Diana Nichols  
Jean Tucker  
Darrel Williams

## All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson  
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory  
Choirs: Jeff Clearman  
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald  
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Episcopal Youth (EYC): Liz & Scott Kirby  
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer  
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers  
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe  
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling  
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker  
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt  
Lectors, Intercessors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle  
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres  
Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
Property: Michael Morrison  
Refugees: Martha Harris  
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood  
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry  
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

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## Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)