

The Herald

January 20, 2013

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Cana's Wine

This coming Sunday we will be reading John's account of the wedding in Cana of Galilee, a small village about halfway between Nazareth and Capernaum, at which Jesus turns the water contained in six stone jars into wine. It is one of the more famous passages from the gospels, though it only appears in John. A reference to this passage is also found in our marriage rite in the Book of Common Prayer. In the address to the congregation in the marriage rite the celebrant says; "The covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life at a wedding in Cana of Galilee." That to be sure is an exegetical (interpretive) stretch. I don't believe the editors of John's gospel were seeking to affirm the institution of marriage in this passage. The marriage just happens to be the setting, a setting in which hospitality is a key component to understanding the writer's intent. This passage is entirely allegorical concerning the transformation of the people of Israel into the rich and abundant and celebrated life God intends for them; the way of Jesus being the way to such a life, and such a life has profound ramifications for our world. Israel's transformation begets the world's transformation according to Hebrew scripture and the New Testament literature, most passionately posited in the writings of Paul.

I recently read an article by Raymond Pickett, a Lutheran scholar who taught new Testament at the Seminary of the Southwest while I was there. He is now a senior professor at Wartburg Seminary in Chicago. I think this excerpt from his article applies to what John has in mind in the overall theme of that gospel: "A challenge in interpreting the New Testament with an emphasis on mission is the perception that its message is primarily religious. In contemporary cultural contexts in which religious, social, political and economic issues tend to be compartmentalized, mission tends to be conceived of in religious terms. But Jesus was the leader of a renewal movement within Judaism that dealt with religious, social, economic and political issues in an integrated fashion. Followers of Jesus were convinced that by raising Jesus from the dead God had initiated a thoroughgoing transformation of the world. This transformation would begin to occur in the present through communities empowered by the Spirit to embody the message and mission of Jesus throughout the cities of the Roman Empire."

I mentioned in my sermon last Sunday that in our baptisms we enter our second life. In our first life, in early development we must live for ourselves, to acquire knowledge and nurture to learn what it means to be a human being. In our second life we learn to live for the other, for the transformation of our world. And it is essential to understand that this transformation takes place in community. The water of baptism becomes the luscious and delectable divine wine of new life. Later in John, Jesus will refer to this wine as the world's life blood. We as the baptized, as the community of the faithful, as the ones living the second life, we who are the body of Christ, are that life blood; we are the water transformed into wine. The story of the wedding at Cana always reminds me of a poem I dearly love written by Richard Wilbur, former poet laureate of the United States. The poem was written as a wedding toast for his son and soon to be daughter-in-law:

Wedding Toast

St. John tells how, at Cana's wedding feast,
The water-pots poured wine in such amount
That by his sober count
There were a hundred gallons at the least.

It made no earthly sense, unless to show
How whatsoever love elects to bless
Brims to a sweet excess
That can without depletion overflow.

Which is to say that what love sees is true;
That this world's fullness is not made but found.
Life hungers to abound
And pour its plenty out for such as you.

Now, if your loves will lend an ear to mine,
I toast you both, good son and dear new daughter.
May you not lack for water,
And may that water smack of Cana's wine.

Through the waters of baptism may we live abundant lives for our world's sake that smack of Cana's wine.

On the Calendar:

- Wednesday, Jan 16**
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
5:30pm Trinity Choristers
7pm All Sts & Trinity Adult
choirs rehearsal
- Thursday, Jan 17**
12N Al-Anon
6pm Taizé service, Chapel
7pm AA
- Sunday, Jan 20**
8am All Sts Holy Eucharist,
Chapel
8am Trinity Holy Eucharist,
Church
9am Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9:15am Trinity Holy Eucharist
9:30am All Sts Christian Ed
10:45am Trinity Christian Ed
11am All Sts Holy Eucharist
Reception following
5-7pm Conde Explorers
5-7pm EYC Manna Bags, supper
- Monday, Jan 21**
6pm All Saints Vestry
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
- Tuesday, Jan 22**
3-4pm L'Arche, Stirling Hall
6pm Rector's Forum & Supper
6pm Trinity Vestry

All Saints 2013 Stewardship Campaign

Thanks to those who have already made a pledge for this year! We still have approximately 35 pledge cards that have not been turned in as of today. Your vestry is trying diligently to finalize a 2013 budget, but we need your help. The National Championship is history and we are not quite yet in the throes (throws, get it?) of Mardi Gras, so if you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do, so that we can have an accurate count. If you have lost it, do not worry. Just call Mary Holbrook (438-2492) and let her know. Thank you!

Our prayers are offered for Barbara Caddell and her family at the death of her uncle, Edward D. Hudgens, who died on January 1. *May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

A Taizé service will be held in the Chapel this Thursday evening, Jan 17, at 6pm. Taizé is an ecumenical community of worship founded in France in the 1950's which became principally a community of youth in its early history. Since then it has become a place of pilgrimage for all ages who seek a very intentional form of reflective and contemplative worship. Beautiful music has been written for Taizé services. It is easy to sing, often repetitive, and contains pleasing harmony. It is meaningful for the singer and non-singer alike. There will be readings, periods of silence, and reflections as well as beautiful music. The service will last about 40 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The next Friday Night Supper Club will be on Friday, January 18th, at the home of Jane Gordon, 2116 Sheffield Court, phone 662-3386. Please call Jane and let her know if you can come and what you can bring to share. Directions: Jane lives off Japonica behind St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Turn onto Japonica from Azalea Rd; after a short distance, Sheffield Court is on the left. Jane's house is just over halfway down the street on the right. All are invited!

The EYC meets Sunday at 5pm at the church to make "Manna Bags" - bags that can be kept in your cars to give to anyone you see on the street who might need one. The bags will have non-perishable foods that don't need to be heated, bottled water, socks, etc. If anyone would like to contribute to these bags by providing granola bars, chips, apple sauce, peanut butter crackers, etc, please email Breck Pappas at breckpappas@gmail.com. If anyone wants to volunteer to provide pizza and soft drinks for supper, email Breck about that as well. Kids will be ready for pick up at 7pm.

The office will be closed on Monday, Jan 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday.

All Saints Vestry will meet on Monday, Jan 21, at 6pm in the Saad Room.

The Rector's Forum will meet next Tuesday, January 22, at 6pm in the Saad Room. Potluck supper begins the evening, followed by discussion at 6:30. This is the class in which adult confirmation instruction takes place. All those who are interested in knowing more about the Episcopal Church are invited to participate!

The Bayou Bash Mardi Gras Parade Party will take place at the home of Jim & Katharine Flowers at 6pm, February 1 with chili & fixin's. To attend, please call the church office, 438-2492. Cost is \$15 per person, children get in free. Pay at the office or when you get to the party. Jim & Katharine's address is 922 Conti Street. All are welcome!

We have received the news that the next visitation from our bishop will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013. The Rt. Rev. Philip Duncan will preach, celebrate, and confirm adults and youth 6th grade or older. Adult confirmation instruction will take place during the Rector's Forum classes, held every other Tuesday at 6pm. If you would like to be confirmed or even just to learn more about the Episcopal Church, call Jim Flowers, or just show up!



The rector will offer confirmation instruction for youth ages 12 and up. This instruction will take place in the Rector's office from 9:30am to 10:15am Sunday mornings between services. We will cover church history, both the church of England and the American Episcopal Church...where we come from; also we will discuss the Book of Common Prayer, and the authority and interpretation of scripture; we will also have conversations as to the contemporary mission of the church.

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The Lessons

[Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

[Psalm 36:5-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)

[John 2:1-11](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of the wedding day, passion of joining and spirit of festival: take our hearts of stone and flood them with new wine, that we might savor ordinary miracles given to sense and taste; through Jesus Christ, the Wine-maker. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan
Bread Bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad
Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Charlotte Hall
Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene, Clayton Ryan
Reception: Richard Coarsey, Wylly Stirling

8:00am

Lector: Joe Basenberg
Intercessor: Bill Evatt
Chalice: Lee Van Dyke
Ushers: Renee Dillard, Woody Hannum
Greeter: Renee Dillard

11:00am

Lectors: Lillian Carsten, Melissa Nissen
Intercessor: Frances Rouse
Chalices: Ben Harris, Clayton Ryan
Acolytes: Ben Foster, Douglas Greene, Liam Gray
Ushers: Louie Wood, Alan Blair, Michael Morrison

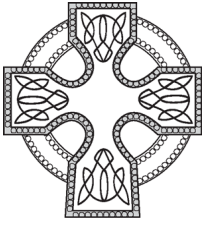
Music

Voluntary Healey Willan – *Prelude on “Gardiner”*
Processional Hymn 7 *Ratisbon*
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Anglican Chant George Garrett – *Psalm 36:5-10*
Sequence Hymn 505 *O heiliger Geist*
Jeffrey Rickard – *The Nicene Creed*
Offertory Anthem Walter K. Stanton – *Christ is the World’s True Light*
Presentation Hymn 138 *Carlisle*
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 132 *Erhalt uns, Herr*
Motet George Frideric Handel – *Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor*
Post Communion Hymn 371 *Moscow*
Processional Sigfrid Karg-Elert – *Allein Gott in der Höh*

Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: Nate Smith, Francis Argulewicz, Helen Sewell, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Thack Dyson, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Mark Wilson, Jeff Jenks, Regina Slayton, James Henry LeBatard, Julie Tadlock, Eleanor Mae Hunt, David Leff, Brittany, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Jack Ratcliffe, Steven Bodiford, Arthur Johnson, Walter Sims, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson



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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)