

The Herald

March 11, 2012

Third Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of Church and State

The issue of church and state has arisen in an odd way over the past two weeks. Rick Santorum posted a video clip of John Kennedy saying that one's religious beliefs should be kept private, out of the public sphere, and Santorum went on to excoriate Kennedy's statement, implying that it was an abdication of one's moral duty in public life. Of course there was much more context surrounding Kennedy's statement, and, after all, Kennedy's Roman Catholicism was no small issue in that race in 1960 for the presidency. Kennedy's statement was tantamount to saying to the American people, "I won't be forcing Roman Catholicism on you."

The doctrine of the separation of church and state is fairly unique and new among nations. The birth of our nation was a dramatic separation from England, a nation that had and has an "established church," (with legislation however allowing other denominations and faiths to practice their form of religion), but still the queen/king appoints not only the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the Church of England, but other diocesan bishops as well. Our doctrine of the separation of church and state disallows the government to establish any particular religion, and it prevents the government from exercising any control over any religious body. That is the first and foremost premise of this provision in the constitution; secondarily and conversely, organized religion may not have any institutional control in the affairs of government, lest there be the possibility of a theocracy. It is a good law.

But the separation of church and state does not mean that we don't act out our faith in the public sphere. Nor do we remain silent on issues that affect the good of the whole. Archbishop William Temple of the Church of England in 1942 said it best, that the church exists only and solely for those outside its walls. The principal concern of the early first century church was quite simply to see to the well-being of their neighbors' immediate needs, and therefore seeing to their neighbors' dignity.

By living out our faith in the public sphere I don't mean to huckster to and coerce people to accept Jesus as a belief system (we're still trying to figure that out). Living the faith in the public sphere, to the contrary, is to become agents, advocates for the ethics that Jesus represented in his life and ministry....we are to, in short, proclaim the egalitarian life, bring it to fruition...This way of life is stated in the sermon on the mount (my paraphrase): we will help you who are poor and at the end of your rope; we are community enough to stand with you who mourn; you who are humble and courageous of heart, stand firm, for you will lead us all in the end; thank God for you who are passionate for justice, for your work will bear great fruit; you who ardently seek the truth will see God's actions in the world; those of you who proclaim and strive for non-violence, you are God's very own children; even when people challenge you with malice, know always that you share and participate in God's life.

The gospels, as you have heard me say time and again, are intensely political....not partisan political....but political, that is: How do we live together justly and with integrity? That is the political question since time immemorial. So when it comes time to cast your ballot in the electoral process that we thankfully have in this country, vote for the candidate who best stands for the manner of life Jesus modeled in his life and ministry, Republican, Democrat or Independent...vote the beatitudes...vote for the ones who seek to bring a way of life in which all share in the abundance of our world... As Robert Berra (article in last week's Herald) wrote.... "we don't need a roof to be the church"...we belong to the world, so that it may be continually changed, transformed, recreated for the better....that is our lives' work...the reason we are here.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, March 6

11:30am All Saints @ 15 Place
12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St Michael choir
6pm Lenten Supper & Program

Wednesday, March 7

8am Race Relations Committee
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecilia Choir
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 8

12N AI-Anon
6:30pm The Chat & Chew Supper Club
7pm AA

Friday, March 9

6:30pm The Chat & Chew Supper Club

Saturday, March 10

8:30am Vestry Retreat
10:30am PFLAG
6:30pm The Chat & Chew Supper Club
2am Daylight savings time begins!

Sunday, March 11

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
6:30pm The Chat & Chew Supper Club

Tuesday, March 13

3:30pm St Michael choir
6pm Lenten Supper & Program

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

9am Food Share delivery & setup
12N AI-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, March 16

5:15pm Food Share packing
6:30pm The Chat & Chew Supper Club

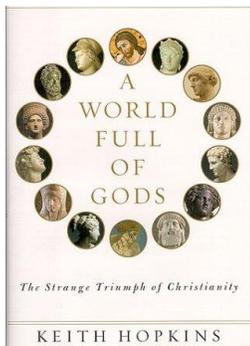
Daylight Savings begins this weekend!



Believe it or not, the time will 'spring forward' to Daylight Savings Time at 2am this Sunday, March 11! Set your clocks 1 hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday night.

New Book for Adult Class

The Christian Living Today adult education class is starting a new book, A World Full of Gods: The Strange Triumph of Christianity. This highly creative book by British scholar



Keith Hopkins looks at how the Christian sect survived and eventually flourished among "the cacophony of religious voices that vied for domination in the Roman marketplace of ideas." Two of the book's chapters follow time-travelers who find themselves transported to second century Pompeii, which was apparently even more ribald and sex-obsessed than the 21st century U.S. The class plans to read selected

chapters and the books (used) are \$5; call Henry Callaway at 694-6224 or stop by the class if you'd like a copy. The class meets on Sundays at 9:30 in the Walter K. Smith room, and visitors or new members are always welcome.

Lenten Schedule

- Feb. 28 Lenten Program: *Steadfast Hope—The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace* begins. Supper is at 6pm, followed by program. Nursery is provided.
- Mar. 6 Lenten Program. 6pm
- Mar. 13 Lenten Program. 6pm
- Mar. 20 Lenten Program. 6pm
- Mar. 27 Lenten Program. 6pm
- Apr. 1 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 2 7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Apr. 3 7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Apr. 4 12pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Apr. 5 6pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with washing of feet
- Apr. 6 Good Friday liturgy at 12pm and 6pm in the Church
- Apr. 7 9am Holy Saturday liturgy; 7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter, and feast to follow
- Apr. 8 8am Easter Eucharist with music; 10:30am Easter Eucharist with choirs

The Vestry Retreat begins this Saturday, March 10, at 8:30am in the Parish Hall. Please let the office know if you will NOT be there!

The EYC meets again this Sunday, Mar. 11 from 1-4pm to continue cleaning out the Youth Room in Stirling Hall. Signs of great progress are all around! Contact Liz or Scott Kirby at ehaddock422@gmail.com for more information.

Family Promise Golf Tourney

Family Promise of Coastal Alabama invites you to participate in its Annual Golf Tournament fund-raising event on Thursday March 22, 2012. Participants will play a four-person golf scramble at Heron Lakes Country Club. The shotgun start is scheduled for 10:00am. If you would like to play on an All Saints team, contact Don Mosley at 680-8942 (c) or 460-6730 (w). See page 6 in this Herald for a sign-up form.

Travelling Exhibit on Display

Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible is on display at the Ben May Main Library from Feb 29-March 30, marking the 400th anniversary of the publication of that translation. Lectures by a variety of speakers will take place during the weeks the exhibit is here. A large flyer is on the bulletin board by the Walter K. Smith room in the Parish Hall; letter-size flyers are located on the volunteer desk outside the office. Please take one if you wish!

The Refugee Pantry needs



dish soap and laundry detergent. Please drop them off at the church office during the week or leave them on the volunteer desk on Sundays. Thanks for your help!

Our prayers are offered for Warren Butler and his family, at the death of his grandmother, Esther Regan Warren, on the 1st of March. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*

Steadfast Hope

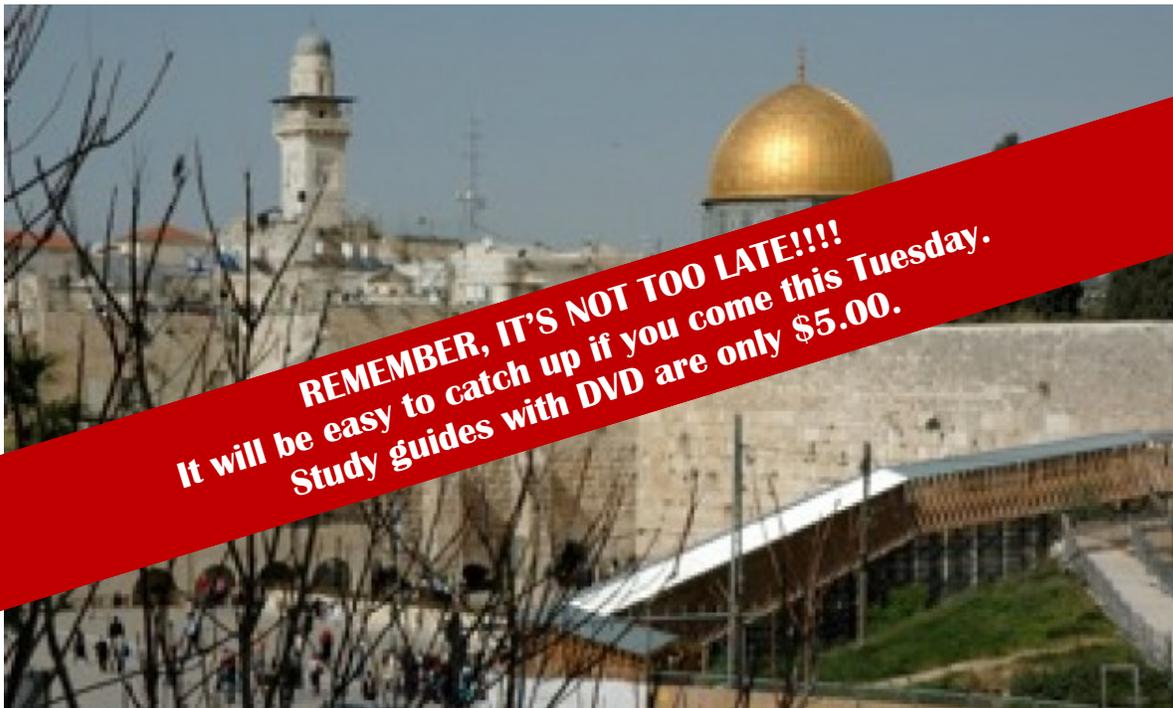
The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

This Lent we have a special opportunity. We are studying a recently published documentary curriculum that looks at the realities of the relationship between Israel and Palestine. The curriculum is very professionally produced and highly credible. It was produced originally in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A and now has been replicated and adapted and made available for study by the Episcopal Church via the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. (The cost of the materials is \$5.00 per person or couples may share.)

The course looks at issues of land hegemony, virtual apartheid, media bias, the fading opportunity for a two state solution, and other important realities on the ground in Jerusalem, its environs, Gaza, and Palestine in general.

We are most fortunate that this Lenten series is being led by Dr. Ed LaMonte, retired professor of history at Birmingham Southern College, and his wife, the Rev. Ruth LaMonte, an Episcopal priest with extensive connections and experience in the matters of Israeli and Palestinian relations. We feel this is a timely conversation, given the increased instability in the Middle East, the relationship between Israel and Palestine being of central importance.

Our Lenten series takes place on Tuesdays. The programs will continue through March 28, beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:30 p.m. A nursery will also be provided. Everyone is welcome!



About the EPF: The Episcopal Peace Fellowship is a national membership organization that brings Episcopalians together to do justice, dismantle violence, and strive to be peacemakers. We pray, study, and take action to build peace and justice in our communities, our Church and the world. EPF/Palestine Israel Network (PIN) was created in 2010 by Episcopalians dedicated to a more robust Episcopal Church witness for justice and peace for our Palestinian and Israeli brothers and sisters. Find out more about the Episcopal Peace Fellowship at <http://epfnational.org> or 312-922-8628 and the Palestine Israel Network at <http://epf-national.org/PIN>.

A Lenten Sermon

Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop, recently preached this sermon at the opening service of the Annual Synod of the Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan, using the lectionary for the second Sunday of Lent. Taiwan is one of the 110 dioceses of the Episcopal Church.

Taiwan Diocesan Synod
March 2, 2012

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Greetings from the rest of The Episcopal Church, who pray for you. When Isaiah challenges the people to be a light to the nations, he could be speaking to this part of the body of Christ. We are not only present in many nations, but we are meant to reach beyond those boundaries to all the other nations of the world, shining light in darkness, proclaiming love where there is hate and division, speaking in languages and ways that other nations can understand.

Isaiah wrote to a people in exile, to refugees and hostages held for ransom, in pledge for those who remained in their occupied homeland. In some sense we are all held captive, waiting and working in eager anticipation for the world God intended at creation – a world of peace and justice for all peoples. Isaiah wrote to a people who were feeling hopeless, challenging them to become a witness to the new thing God is always doing, to be a light to other nations also in captivity.

We, too, are still captive, along with those who surround us. The ills and suffering of the present age are not so different from Isaiah's day, or Jesus'. People go to bed hungry, some sleep in subway stations or on the street. Others live in the prisons of addiction and grievous illness. Many live surrounded by the violence of war or the violence in their own homes and local communities. Some live in nations oppressed by overlords and tyrants. Countless numbers of children and adults are wage slaves, doomed to eke out a living hour by hour and day by day with little hope for anything more than dying young and exhausted. That reality is known in the poverty of the countryside as well as in wealthy city centers, where many people live lonely and disconnected lives even in the midst of crowds. Some are still sent off to prison for trivial crimes or reasons of conscience, or to labor camps where they disappear, forgotten. Where is the light, where is hope for a different future?

Jesus' response is to challenge us to embrace that suffering and hopelessness and let it be transformed by love. When he says, "those who lose their life will find it," he means turning

toward that suffering rather than away from it. When we do, we will discover joy and life, rather than loneliness and hopelessness. There may still be captivity around us, but we have been set free to work toward a different reality.

Losing your life in order to find abundant life in Japan (Sendai and Tohoku) looks like working with tsunami survivors, teaching new job skills, sharing tea ceremonies with the displaced who are living lonely lives in temporary housing after their villages were destroyed.

Losing your life in Shanghai looks like building homes for senior citizens, offering community and shelter to abandoned and lonely elders of many different faith traditions.

Losing your life in the northern Philippines is building simple tramways for terrace farmers to haul implements, water, seeds, and crops up and down the steep and trackless hillsides.

It means advocating for peace and reunification on the Korean peninsula, sending rice to those who are starving in the North, continuing to seek ways to bring fearful governments to the negotiating table, as well as bringing Anglicans together from across the world to learn the ways of peace.

Losing your life means offering hope to gambling addicts in Macau, alcoholics in Honolulu, and drug addicts in rural communities in the United States. It means offering shelter, community, and hospitality to Filipino migrant workers in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and Saipan. It means advocating for just immigration policies everywhere, so that human beings might find decent and dignified ways to feed themselves and their families.

Losing your life in Congo means Anglicans welcoming rape victims into shelters, where they can find healing and support for rebuilding their lives. Those women have had their lives taken away from them by violence, violence repeated as they and the children born to them are shunned and discarded by their husbands, families, and churches. Would you lose your life for these human beings despised by their own society?

People of all ages discover new life in schools around the world, begun and supported by people who lose themselves in the work of teaching. Hong Kong is a province of some 30,000 to 40,000 yet serves several times as many school children. The Diocese of Haiti



teaches 80,000 from preschool through university. Liberia is slowly rebuilding from civil war through the human capital developed in diocesan schools. Children in Taiwan are finding unexpected abundance in the kindergartens of this diocese. A man named Paul Rusch lost himself in love for the Japanese people beginning in the 1920s. He was expelled as the Second World War began, but he returned afterward to start a farming school, teaching desperately hungry people how to raise dairy cattle in the mountains. Today the milk and ice cream of that farm support an environmental program that teaches a new ethic for engaging the earth.

Losing your life in order to find it is primarily about turning yourself inside out, giving yourself away to love the world into a new future. That's what it means to be the light of the world – to let the light planted within us shine out, and dispel the dark. As the psalmist says, “weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5). When we embrace the weeping of the night, we begin to partake in that creative dawn, that shedding of light into the world, and we begin to be a light to the nations.

Will you take up your cross? Will you embrace the suffering around you, and let it touch your heart? Will you let love flow through you to heal that brokenness? Those who do will find their own lives renewed and redeemed in the process. That is the road to resurrection and new life. That is the direction in which the morning light dawns.

Embrace the suffering around you, and you will discover what Isaiah dreamed of: “Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.” May this season of Lent bring a new willingness to see the suffering around us and embrace them. That is the road to peace and light and life abundant. Peace and light be with you!



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Heron Lakes / March 22nd, 2012

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GOLF Tournament

Join the cause!

The Golf Tournament will raise community awareness of homelessness while supporting Family Promise of Coastal Alabama. We invite you to be part of this event through a tax-deductible sponsorship.

Event Details

- ✓ Heron Lakes Country Club
- ✓ March 22nd, 2012
- ✓ Shotgun start at 10am
- ✓ Four Person Golf Scramble

Contact Information

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Interested in sponsoring the golfers lunch, beverage cart, or a hole-in-one prize?

Contact: Knox Boteler
Phone: 251-433-7766
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- \$500 Donation**
- ✓ Sponsors four participants in tournament
 - ✓ Hole sponsorship
 - ✓ Certificate of appreciation sponsor

\$125 Donation

- ✓ Hole sponsorship
- ✓ Certificate of appreciation

\$100 Donation

- ✓ Sponsor a participant in the tournament
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Raffle/Prize Donation

Any Other Donations

GOLF Tournament

Heron Lakes Country Club • March 22, 2012

- Individual Participant (\$100 fee enclosed)

Name _____

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- \$500 Donation Sponsor (donation enclosed)

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- Raffle/Prize Sponsor (donation enclosed)

- I cannot attend, but please make a donation toward Family Promise of Coastal Alabama

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to Family Promise of Coastal Alabama / "Golf Tournament" in subject line.

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Sunday, March 11, 2012

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The Lessons

[Exodus 20:1-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

[Psalm 19](#)

[John 2:13-22](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of the overturning, your passion sweeps away the calculating religion, the pious profiteering which keep us safely outside the holy places: may we find our way through the debris of all that protected us to find your dangerous heart and our world upside down; through Jesus Christ, our exiled Lord. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan, Rosemary Williams

Bread bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley

Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers

Breakfast: Charlotte Hall, Amy Hamilton, Karen McDonald, Amy Thompson

Reception: Martha Hennessy

8:00am

Lector: Joe Basenberg

Intercessors: Warren Butler

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Thomas Locke, Claudia Zimmermann

Intercessor: Diana Nichols

Chalices: Henry Callaway, Louie Wood

Acolytes: Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres, Emma Gray

Ushers: Mark Williams, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres

Music for Sunday, 3/11

Voluntary Robert Hobby *Prelude on "Slane"*

Processional Hymn 149 *Old 124th*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica, Kyrie eleison*

Plainsong Tone IV.1 *Psalm 19:7-14*

Sequence Hymn 471 *Breslau*

Offertory Anthem Thomas Morley *Nolo mortem peccatoris*

Presentation Hymn 518 *Westminster Abbey*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica, Sanctus and Benedictus*

Richard Webster *Missa Dorica, Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 431 *Aldine*

Motet Eleanor Daly *Here, O My Lord*

Post Communion Hymn 495 *In Babilone*

Processional J. S. Bach *Fantasia on Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 713*

Please keep in your prayers

✙ For healing:

Martha Collier

Wayne Smith

Martha Robert

Ruth Merrill

Anne Wilson Wesley

Charlie Behlen

David Powers

JoAnn Pappas

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Jami Salac

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Ethan Fisher

Logan Barnhart

Becky Bouler

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

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Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

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✙ For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Jonathan Carter

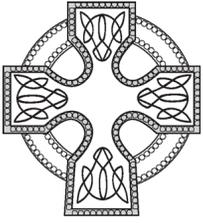
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Service Schedule

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)