

The Herald

May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of the so-called Fall

I don't know why I do it; but sometimes I can't help glancing at Billy Graham's column in the Religion section of the paper...I guess I shouldn't be so critical of his patriarchal theistic theology, after all he comes from an earlier post-World War II generation that needed comfort in the face of the unspeakable violence of that war...an age in which the church was characterized as a "hospital for sinners." A person had written Graham and described herself as a sinner beyond all hope, but Graham assured her that no one is without hope...I agree with that...but then he described all of humanity as fallen and indeed unworthy of hope except for the atoning sacrifice of Christ's death on the Cross...that it took the death of God's Son to pay the incalculable price for our abject unworthiness...This is where our theologies diverge.

If there is a so-called fall...then I propose we haven't fallen far...the Yahwist writer (one of three writers of the creation stories in Genesis) speaks of the man and the woman eating of the tree of knowledge. The Gods' (plural) remark that if that happens then humankind will become like "us"...endowed with god-like knowledge...the knowledge of good and evil...This is a story about humankind becoming conscious beings...a story of evolution...beings endowed with agency...beings called to be co-creators in the created order. Matthew Fox called this an ascent...not a fall. It is within the story of Cain's murder of his brother Abel, out of envy, that violence enters the world...envy, and the violence envy begets, the first and last enemy, against which divinely endowed humankind must stand...Ironically, to name humankind's place in creation as fallen, unworthy, is to abdicate our responsibility to tend to it, to renew it, to stand against that which would undermine it...what we're made for...so to "place it all on Jesus"...I think is to deny our true Christ-like nature...our true nature bestowed upon us in the garden in the beginning...the creation story, high mythology, teaching us about our rightful identity.

We are not creatures of the fall...but we are creatures of the new creation, people of the resurrection, people of 'God-nature' bestowed upon us in the beginning, affirmed by the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, who by his life and ministry reminds us of what the true human looks like...Jesus pressing us with ancient memory of who we are in truth...It is Jesus' life that saves, not his death...God sees us through the lens of Jesus, his sons and daughters like the one we follow...Not fallen, but raised to bear God's saving life to our world through stranger, through neighbor, through the down and out, through the poor in Spirit...To take on God knowledge is to see that the world is so very good... And to see that heaven makes its home in this beautiful place called Earth...one doesn't have to look far to see such beauty...and one doesn't have to look far to see the great need that is irrefutably among us as God is among us...the grand paradox of the Christian Faith...But paradox notwithstanding...it for us, tasters of the divine fruit of Grace...It is for us to go among our kin like our Galilean brother, raised for the good, bearing, as he and those who follow him did and do...bearing life saving justice and peace and nonviolence and forgiveness and mercy...To build Jerusalem no less in our own place and time is our vocation... we the raised ones bringing heaven... this call given to us in the beginning...we have the knowledge; it was given us, has raised us....Remember?

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, April 28

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 29

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)
6:30pm L'Arche mtg (nursery)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Sunday, May 2

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, May 4

11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
3:30pm Training Choir

Wednesday, May 5

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal
7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 6

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Sunday, May 9

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
Picnic on the grounds

Food Share Thanks



Many thanks to all those who helped this past weekend with Food Share. This is a vital ministry and your support is needed and appreciated. The next Food Share weekend will be May 21 & 22... the weekend BEFORE Memorial Day weekend. Please mark your calendars to come and help!

An extra special thanks goes to the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St. Francis' Episcopal Church on Dauphin Island. They donated \$500 to the Food Share program last month!

Bible Study on the Internet from Episcopal Life Online

The study of Scripture is basic to the Christian life. Now the Episcopal Church has harnessed the Internet to allow Episcopalians to participate in Bible study by posting comments and thoughts on each week's Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. The complete weekly readings are posted along with study questions and reader comments at

www.episcopalchurch.org/107902_116094_ENG_HTM.htm.

According to its mission statement, the online weekly Bible study intends "to grow an active, web-based community of laity and clergy to share insights and perspectives from the Episcopal Church's Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) Sunday readings." Its vision is "to develop a deeper understanding of the Bible and to foster spiritual growth by applying the understanding gained from lectionary readings into the context of daily life."

The online Bible study also offers a downloadable list of weekly readings for the current lectionary year, which facilitates not only online participants but congregational Bible study groups as well. Links with Facebook, Twitter, and other websites are helping the website grow into a resource useful not only to Episcopalians, but to all who seek to connect to an online faith community for study and reflection on Scripture. Some leave comments, some simply read what others have written, and some raise questions. (Please visit the website to learn how to access the Facebook and Twitter pages.)

A special feature of the online Bible study is the weekly focus verse, designed for readers who want to participate but don't have time to review all the lectionary readings each week. Highlighting a single verse or a few short verses from each week's gospel selection allows even those with busy schedules to ponder a single sentence or two.

For example, for the fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2), the designated RCL readings are: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35. The Bible study focus verse is: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

For more information about the online Bible study contact coordinator Sarah Johnson at sjohnson@episcopalchurch.org.

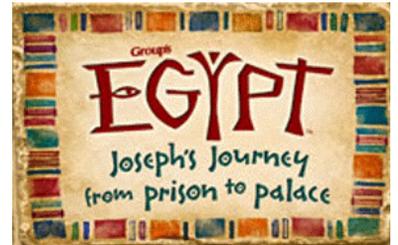
Congratulations to Bob and Sherry Allen on the birth of their first grandson. Charles Lowry (Chuck) Weber was born to their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and her husband Drew, on March 24 in Jackson, MS. Bob says that Sherry was in the delivery room, and he was in the waiting room, and "everyone is fine. Mother is getting slimmer, baby is getting fatter."

All Saints serves lunch to the clients of 15 Place on Tuesday, May 4 at 11:30am. Please join us if you would like to participate in this important ministry.

Vacation Bible School in July

Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15, from 5:15-8:15pm for 3 years through rising 5th graders.

The program this year will be "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace." For four days we will follow the story of Joseph, who was sold by his brothers, taken to prison in Egypt, became a leader under Pharaoh, led Egypt through years of famine and was finally reunited with his family.



An End and a Beginning

After several wonderful years of excellent leadership by Renea Greene, we are sad to say that Renea has "graduated" from the job of Vacation Bible School director. Thank you, Renea, for all your great work! You have done everything with great class!

Now we need someone else (or 2 or 3 someones) who would like to coordinate this summer's program. If you are interested, please call Jim or Mary at the church, 438-2492.

If you are interested in being part of the staff of VBS this year, please let us know that, too. We need class facilitators, game players, craft makers, supper staff and musicians. Rising sixth graders through high school are welcome and encouraged to help as well!

Registration forms will be in future Heralds.

Picnic, May 9!!!

Get ready for a Youth Sunday service at 10:30 on May 9
and a fun-filled picnic lunch to follow afterward!

All Saints will provide the lunch, aided by some of our best grillers.

Donations to cover costs will be accepted.

Bring your favorite beverages! Wear your picnic clothes!

Bring bathing suits for the children!

There will be games and water activities!

Adults are encouraged to bring games, too. Challenge your friends.

Sit and chat. Or just sit...

You won't want to miss this fun afternoon!!!

Please call the church if you plan to come so we can know how
much food to buy. 438-2492



Eagle Scout Project Information

Hello to the congregation of All Saints! This is Forrest Brewster, asking for monetary donations for my Eagle Scout project.

I have been in the Boy Scouts since the age of seven. Now at seventeen I'm working on my service project required for the rank of Eagle Scout.

The project is to build wooden partitions to replace the flimsy blue tarps currently being used for the IHN program. These new wooden walls will be prettier and provide much more privacy to the families staying in Stirling Hall. The Boy Scouts require that all my funding for the project must be donated. Also I need the donations soon because I need the materials before I can build them. I must completely finish the project by my 18th birthday. I also need help building the walls. Thanks for anything you can do.

Forrest Brewster (479-9781)
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My email is brewster919@bellsouth.net

Thanks to my April 17th work day helpers from All Saints: Darryl Williams, Fred South, Curt Doyle, and Richard Coarsey. And thanks to those who have donated money as well: Mr and Mrs Keith Winkler, Albert Lilly, Beth Hardaway, Woody Hannum, Wylly Stirling, Henry & Emily Callaway, Matt McDonald, Don Mosely, Ben and Martha Harris, Debi and James Foster, Martha Hennessy, and Nancy Lancaster

NEXT WORK DAY: May 8, 2010

All Saints Online Directory

Did you know that you can update your own information and pictures in the All Saints Online Directory?

If you've been able to access the directory, you know that most of the pictures are several years old. If you and your family have recently had family portraits made or you have a favorite picture of your family, you can change the picture. Simply go to the website <http://www.membersonline.us/ase> and click on the "My Profile" button. Then click on "Edit". On the next screen you will see a place for Photo. Simply "Browse" through the photos on your computer until you find the picture you want. Click on that photo, and when it appears in your photo window, click "Keep Photo". You have now successfully changed your photo. If you have problems or need other information, email Andi Barrett at office@allsaintsmobile.org or aphill4314@comcast.net and she will be happy to assist you with it.

Children's Books Needed

Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM) works to sustain the relationship between mothers at Tutwiler Prison and their children. AIM arranges for visitation and provides schools supplies, uniforms, and birthday and holiday gifts. AIM also hosts a monthly Storybook Program at Tutwiler Prison. Volunteers record mothers reading a children's book and then send the tape and the book to the child, giving children the sound of their mothers' voices to listen to when they are lonely. Over the course of a year, about 400 women participate in the



program. For some of the children, hearing their mother's recorded voice is the only contact they have. As one mother recently wrote to AIM, "My children do not get to come see me because they are at relatives who don't care to bring them to this correctional facility. To actually be able to send them a part of me, my voice reading them a story, as well as the gift of a book and personal message is such a blessing. I thank you all for this from the bottom of my heart."

Like many non-profits, AIM is struggling in this time of economic devastation. AIM is in need of new and gently used books for infants to 12 year olds, especially those with multi-cultural illustrations or stories. **Books may be left in the church office for Kate Bonnici, who will pick them up and send to AIM. Donations are tax deductible.** Checks should be made out to AIM and sent to the following address: *Aid to Inmate Mothers, PO Box 986, Montgomery, AL 36101-0986.* Thank you for helping AIM make a difference in the lives of mothers and children.

The Centre for the Living Arts

will present the premier of local playwright (and All Saints parishioner) Danielle Juzan's new comedy, *Arthbruted*, in the Alabama Power Foundation Auditorium at Space 301. Performances will be May 7 and 8 at 8:00 p.m. and May 9 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$15. Ivan Davidson is the director. Contact information: Cindy Phillips, 208-5677, cla.phillips@cityofmobile.org.

Tri^olo^ocue

MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND CHRISTIANS – TOGETHER

INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM

Women Sharing Their Stories of Faith

Thursday April 29, 2010

Spring Hill College

Byrne Memorial Hall 7:00-9:00 pm

The pleasure of your company is requested for this gathering of Muslims, Jews, and Christians from the Mobile area as we continue to learn from one another through interreligious dialogue.

For this event our Triologue will be enriched by three women as they share their stories of faith from their respective religious traditions.

This is not an event for women only, but will be an exploration of what it means to live one's faith in everyday life!

We hope you will join us for this event.

RSVP (251) 380-4458

Requested—though not required (for the sake of planning only)

Admission is Free

Light refreshments served which meet dietary restrictions of all faiths.

Lost and Found

A key has been found in the parking lot. It appears to be one that would fit a van or a truck, and is perhaps a spare key. If it is yours, please call the church office at 438-2492.



Golden Circle will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at 12 noon in Stirling Hall. Join us for a fabulous lunch and bingo to follow. Call Mary Hunter Slaton, if you would like to attend, at 479-2692.

It's graduation time again, and we would like to honor those from All Saints who are graduating from high school, college, and graduate school. If you or someone in your family is graduating, please let the church office know (438-2492) so we can congratulate you officially in The Herald!



EYC NEWS

[May 2. No EYC](#)

[May 7-8. Girls Overnight Retreat](#)

We will be heading down for a night at Dauphin Island. See Catherine for more details!

[May 9. Youth Sunday](#)

We still need people to run the service. Let me know what you would like to do! Afterwards we will have a church picnic and will provide games for the kids.

[May 16. Mission Trip Lunch Fundraiser](#)

Since we will be headed to New Orleans in July we will serve Jambalaya! Meet in Stirling Hall @ 10:30 to begin preparing lunch that will follow the 10:30 service. For all of you going on the mission trip it's really important that you are here!!

[May 23. Exam Dinner and a Movie](#)

Exams are coming up so we will have a low key night with dinner and a movie at the Mackey's.

310 S. Georgia Ave, right around the corner from the church! 5:30pm-7:30pm

[June 6. PUMP IT UP](#)

It's SUMMER! We will celebrate with an afternoon at Pump It Up! It will be \$15 per person and that includes pizza and a drink! Meet at the church at 4:45pm. We will be back by 8pm.

Interested in **KANUGA**?? Youth Week 2010 is June 20-25. For more information go to www.kanuga.org or see Catherine!

[Contact Info](#)

Catherine Mackey. 490.6675.

SCatherineMackey@gmail.com

Sunday Lectionary: Fifth Sunday in Easter

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

[Psalm 148](#)

[Revelation 21:1-6](#)

[John 13:31-35](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams

Flower Guild: Barbara Brewster, Becky Wilson

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

Reception: Clayton Ryan, Rosemary Williams

8:00

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessor: Jeff Clearman

Chalice bearer: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Burl Ratcliffe, Bill Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Valerie Mitchell 2) Keith Winkler

Intercessor: Valerie Mitchell

Chalice bearers: Clayton Ryan, Lister Thomas

Acolytes: Louie Wood, Danny Moreau, Meredith Mosley, LH Greene, SF Greene

Ushers: Marion Elledge, Ricky Bradford, Paul Webb, Don Mosley

Music for Sunday, May 2

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Erschienen Ist Der Herrliche Tag* BWV 629,
Heut' Triumphiret Gottes Sohn BWV 630

Processional Hymn 432 *Laudate Dominum*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Peter Hallock *Psalm 148*

Sequence Hymn 582 *Sancta Civitas*

Offertory Anthem Adrian Batten *O Sing Joyfully*

Presentation Hymn 304 *Land of Rest*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Christ Our Passover*

Communion Hymn 487 *The Call*

Motet Thomas Tallis *If Ye Love Me*

Post Communion Hymn 610 *Blaenhafren*

Processional William Boyce *Voluntary in C Major*

Refugee Pantry Items

Donations are requested for the following items, which cannot be purchased with food stamps: **paper towels and laundry soap**. Please bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann Street narthex. Thanks!

Please keep in your prayers:

Betty Ijames
Bill Flowers
Kate Makkai
Grant Wood
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Ernest Morrison
Gordon Jernigan
Janie Tyler
Eugene Fuquay
Carol Turner
Becky Moore
Ernestine Rogers
Shirley Roberds
Louie Skipper
Joel Danley
Celeste Taylor
Larry Hall
Tim Holston
Bill & Lida Bowman
Linda Irby
Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Sean Paul Naylor
Joseph Willcox
Steven DeWeese
William Wesley Pollard
Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.





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Return Service Requested

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Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey, Senior Warden
Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
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: Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Curt Doyle
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Joe Basenberg, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

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