

# The Herald

May 5, 2013

6th Sunday of Easter

## From the Rector: Of One God

In my sermon this past Sunday I mentioned attending our recent clergy conference at which our speaker, who specializes in inter-religious studies and translation, made the bold statement that there are far, far more similarities among the three Abrahamic faiths, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam than differences. No one had any problem with Judaism being compared to Christianity, but as I recounted in the sermon, one priest at the conference, a former military chaplain, couldn't stand being in the room when our speaker said that the God of Islam is no less the God of Love than the God we worship. He was infuriated. I have for the past week wondered why he was so full of hate. Perhaps it was because both the Iraq wars and the war in Afghanistan, in which he served, were fought against people who were predominantly Muslim. In the media we rarely,

if ever, see scenes of Muslim families honoring their time honored tradition of hospitality and welcome, breaking bread with their Christian brothers and sisters; rather, Muslims are most often depicted as extremist bomb-toting warriors and not to be trusted either abroad or at home. Remember, just a couple of years ago Juan Williams (a skilled reporter) was fired by the venerable news source, NPR, for saying that if he were boarding a plane and saw someone obviously Muslim, he would think twice about boarding. (I think he ended up at Fox News...poetic justice?) I cringed when I learned that the Boston Marathon bombers were Muslim, because, of course, that will further feed the malicious stereotype.

The Koran is no less a call to love than our own Bible, purely and simply. Yes, there is violence in the Koran, including holy wars, but no more so than what is contained in the annals of our scripture. The fact is there are fundamentalists and fundamentalist extremists in all religions who can find justification for violence, or anything else for that matter. But Dr. Starr, our speaker at the conference, pointed out that the vast and overarching theme of the world's religions, and here I'm concentrating more particularly on Christianity and Islam, is a call to love...Love one's neighbor, make way for justice, practice compassion and mercy, welcome the stranger, work for peace, live lives of hospitality... these are rudiments of the scripture we read and of the Koran. Dr. Starr says that the hope for the future is that all people of particular faiths must stop "other-izing." We must seek out our common bonds, which are many, united in the sacred rubric of love.

I told Dr. Starr of an event that happened a couple of years ago in the lobby of the Saenger Theater. I ran into a former Episcopalian who has left the church for one of the fundamentalist splinter groups. No sooner than we had said hello, he launched into this rant attacking Muslims, calling them evil, that their goal is to eradicate all other religions, that a "holy war" was coming...I stopped him there and said, "you need to stop reading whatever it is you're reading." He turned and walked off. This brings me to the conclusion that much of this other-izing towards Muslims, this insidious caricature, so pervasive in our culture, comes quite simply from ignorance (which begets falsehood) and fear, and the media, and talk show hacks, only fuel the fire of ignorance and falsehood. There are countless scholars, and mainstream citizens who know differently; they've done their homework. Perhaps it's time we did some homework as well, because I believe that to engender a peaceful future for our world, there must be genuine inter-faith dialogue, and that will require a working knowledge and understanding of the subject. We must educate ourselves, become knowledgeable. That is a vital part of the work of faith. We are all...All of us people of faith worldwide for the sake of peace...We are going to have to name ourselves as members of one family... God's family... By whatever name God is called, we are God's, Yahweh's, Allah's children, sons and daughters, blood kin... and that makes us fearless children of love.

### On the Calendar:

- Wednesday, May 1**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal  
7pm Adult Choir rehearsal
- Thursday, May 2**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA
- Sunday, May 5**  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am Breakfast  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Eucharist - Senior  
Sunday  
Reception to follow
- Tuesday, May 7**  
6pm Rector's Forum & Supper
- Wednesday, May 8**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal  
7pm Adult Choir rehearsal
- Thursday, May 9**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA
- Saturday, May 11**  
10:30am PFLAG
- Sunday, May 12**  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am Breakfast  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Eucharist  
Reception to follow
- Tuesday, May 14**  
12N Golden Circle

**Thanks to all who helped** with Food Share on the weekend of the 21st. Your help is always appreciated!

**Sunday, May 5 is Senior Sunday.** At the 10:30 service we will honor our graduating high school seniors with certificates for their achievement and for their contributions to the life of All Saints, and we will pray for them and send them forth into the next stage of their lives. Please be present to help honor these fine people!

**Our prayers are offered** for the Hewitt family at the death of Tom’s nephew, Rick Hunt; for the Kelley family at the death of Emily’s aunt, LaNiece Bland; and for Diany (Thomas) Deng and the Kuot family at the death of his mother in Sudan. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Burgers for Beckwith** is a fundraiser for the Special Ministries Camp at Beckwith. (See page 4 for more information.) Last year we raised over \$2200 for expenses such as the bus to take the children to Beckwith and back, and items we provide like flashlights, ponchos, bug spray and beach towels. Mark your calendars and join us!!

**Thanks to all the folks** who helped make the reception on ‘Birthday Sunday’ another wonderful occasion!

**It has come to our attention** that there is a lot of noise - talking, laughing, etc. - among the congregation before the Sunday services begin. Many people want to have some time of quiet before the services. Please try to keep your conversations to a minimum length and volume in order to respect others.

**More Baby News!** Congratulations to Jeff Clearman on the birth of his first niece, Miriam Elizabeth, born on April 22. Uncle Jeff seems to be doing well!

**The Rector’s Forum meets** Tuesday evening, May 7. Potluck supper begins the evening at 6pm, followed by discussion on a variety of topics. The Forum meets every other Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**The last choir rehearsals until** the fall will take place Wednesday, May 8, at 4pm for the St Cecelia Choir and at 7pm for the Parish Choir. Thank you all for your hard work and beautiful music!



# Beckwith

Summer Camp Schedule:

[Register online](#)

Session	Ages	Dates	Cost
Session 1	Grades 10, 11 & 12	June 7 – 12	\$465
Session 2	Grades 8 & 9	June 15 – 20	\$465
Session 3	Grades 3 & 4	June 23 – 27	\$330
Session 5	Grades 4 & 5	July 7 – 12	\$465
Session 6	Grades 5 & 6	July 15 – 20	\$465
Session 7	Grades 6 & 7	July 23 – 28	\$465
Session 8	Grades 7 & 8	July 31 – August 05	\$465
Session 9*	Grades 1, 2 & 3 w/ a parent*	August 07 – August 09	\$220

\* Session 9 – A parent or family member is strongly encouraged to attend. Cost for adult is \$55.

## **It's Time for Special Ministries Camp!**

Dear All Saints Family,

Each summer, for over thirty years, All Saints has been sending a group of amazing neighborhood children to Camp Beckwith for one session. Last Spring, when I was asked to join the organizational and fundraising team, I happily agreed because I have always felt like this was such an important ministry. I am so glad that I said yes and am proud to chair this year's effort. The camp dates are Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The thirty children that we send to camp each summer are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Leinkauf Elementary School, just a few blocks west of our church. The children who apply must qualify for the free lunch program at school, be hard working and well behaved students. In the last month, Karen McDonald, Lara Wiggins (the Beckwith Camp Director) and I met with all of the students and introduced them to our wonderful camp! Interest indicators were sent home and we have over fifty students who would love to attend. Soon, we will meet with the teachers, who will help us to select the most deserving children to receive scholarships. It will not be easy to choose!

I had no idea when saying "yes" that this experience would change me! Many of these children have never been outside of Mobile and most do not even know how to swim. A teacher told me a few weeks ago that three arrests have been made so far this year at school and gangs are beginning to form as early as 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It must be terribly difficult for these precious children to learn and thrive in such an environment. Last year, when I rode the bus home with the campers, there was not a dry eye in sight. Each child mourned leaving (as did the camp counselors). It hurt to see them so sad, but I felt so happy that they were given a week of dignity, love, respect and fun! It warmed my heart to receive hugs and waves from last year's campers when they saw us at school this month!

**The cost to sponsor one child for this summer's camp session is \$225.** We are so grateful to Lara Wiggins and Camp Beckwith for extending the camp session 2 additional days and keeping our cost the same. If you cannot sponsor an entire scholarship please know that ANY amount of donation is very much needed and appreciated. Please make checks payable to All Saints Episcopal Church and specify Camp Beckwith in the bottom left corner. Checks can be sent to Mary Holbrook at the church or given to Karen McDonald or me.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or would like to be involved with our efforts! My home phone is 694-3019 and email is [eliz\\_doyle@comcast.net](mailto:eliz_doyle@comcast.net).

Many thanks for your help and support with this important ministry.

Elizabeth Doyle



# Announcing: Burgers for Beckwith!

Who: Everybody!

When: Sunday, May 19, following the 10:30 service

What: Lunch—burgers, side dishes and drinks

Where: Stirling Hall

Why: To raise money to support Special Ministries campers at Beckwith

How: Sign up on Sunday or email Mary Holbrook ([mary@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:mary@allsaintsmobile.org))

cost: Suggested donation is \$10 per adult and \$7 for children under 13



**May 15, 2013**  
**Bragg-Mitchell Mansion**  
**11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**



You are cordially invited to Family Promise of Coastal Alabama's 10th Anniversary Luncheon. Join us as Family Promise National Founder, Karen Olson, speaks on how ONE can make a difference. Come enjoy southern cuisine served alongside the Azalea Trail Maids on the grounds of the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person to benefit Mobile's ONLY family homeless shelter.  
Call: 251.441.1991 or go to [www.familypromisemobile.org](http://www.familypromisemobile.org)

**Our Database Needs Updating!** We need correct information from many of you who have moved or changed phone numbers or email addresses. Birthdates are lacking for many (we don't need the year if you are shy!) and we don't even have all your children's names and birthdates, which would be especially helpful for figuring out Sunday School needs, etc.

The former on-line directory never worked very well, and it is now defunct. If we can get sufficient response from you all, we will be able to print a new directory (picture-less) and send it via email. Please fill out your name, spouse/partner's name, street address, phone #s you want listed and email address(es) you want The Herald and other church communications to go to. Add your birth date, with or without year. For children, please give their full date of birth. For children in college, add their college address if they would like to receive The Herald.

Return form by mail, by placing in the alms basin on Sunday morning, or dropping by the church office.

**Thanks for your help!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse / Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Spouse / Partner \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Child's address, if different \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

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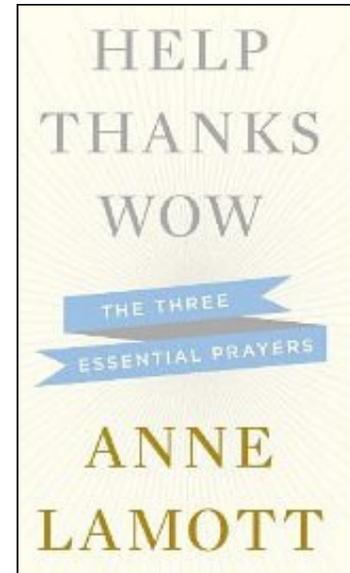
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Editor's Note: Since there was an empty page to fill in this Herald, it seemed reasonable to offer a book review. This review is written by Daniel B. Clendenin, Ph.D., and copied from his website [Journey with Jesus](http://Journey with Jesus). If anyone would like to contribute a book review to be published here, please contact Mary Robert [asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org](mailto:asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org).

## A Book Review

*Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott (New York: Riverhead, 2012), 102pp.

As a sect of Judaism, the earliest Christians inherited the conviction that God is both infinite and intimate, that he speaks and acts. Moses, Aaron, and Samuel, says the psalmist, "called on the Lord, and he answered them" (99:6). The gospels describe how Jesus prayed to his Father in heaven. Paul's letters are full of prayers given and received, although he also confessed that "we do not know how we ought to pray." So, however mysterious and problematic, we pray. Maybe true prayer, as opposed to sanctimony, is like pornography: even though it's hard to define, you know it when you see it.



Anne Lamott has done what feels almost impossible — she's written a short book on prayer that avoids pious platitudes and tired clichés. There are a few passing references to the likes of Thomas Merton and CS Lewis, and an occasional snippet of poetry from e.e. cummings, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and Raymond Carver. But most all this book emerges from her own experience as a Christian pilgrim who prays, about her pets, her mother with Alzheimer's, or friends with cancer and ALS. The tone, then, is real honesty about the Really Real. Here's one of her own written prayers (p. 34).

Hi, God.  
I am just a mess.  
It is all hopeless.  
What else is new?  
I would be sick of me, if I were You, but miraculously You are not.  
I know I have no control over other people's lives, and I hate this. Yet I believe that if I accept this and surrender, You will meet me wherever I am.  
Wow. Can this be true? If so, how is this afternoon — say, twoish?  
Thank You in advance for your company and blessings.  
You have never once let me down.  
Amen.

When I finished Lamott's book, I wanted to read it again. I think it would help me to pray more and better.

# Sunday, May 5, 2013

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### The Lessons

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)

[John 5:1-9](#)

### The Collect of the Day

Birthing God, whose Spirit's wings stir the waters of creation: hear our stories of paralysis and exclusion; accept our desire for welcome and acceptance; and lead us to find our dignity in your gift; through Jesus Christ, the healer. Amen.

### Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Gretchen Thiel, Bruce Rockstad

Bread Bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Beth Hardaway, Kathy McKenzie

Breakfast: Clark Kelley, Curt Doyle, Will Hester, Jim Rivers

Reception: Debi Foster

### 8:00am

Lector: Joe Basenberg

Intercessor: Jeff Clearman

Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Will English, Mark Taylor

Greeter: Renee Dillard

### 10:30am

Lectors: Alan Blair, Molly Allison

Intercessor: Martha Durant

Chalices: Clayton Ryan, Ben Harris

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Mark Williams, Caroline Mosley, Emma

Gray

Ushers: James Hamilton, Bill Hines, Martha Durant

### Music

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach – *Erstanden ist der heilige Christ*, BWV 628

Processional Hymn 191 *Lux eoi*

Song of Praise John Rutter S-236 *Benedictus es, Domine*

Edward Bairstow (Anglican Chant) – *Psalm 67*

Sequence Hymn 538 *Lucerna Laudoniae*

Offertory Anthem Charles Villiers Stanford – *O For a Closer Walk with God*

Presentation Hymn 705 *Forest Green*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens S-148 *The Lord's Prayer*

Jeffrey Rickard *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 204 *Noël nouvelet*

Motet John Rutter – *A Gaelic Blessing*

Post Communion Hymn 292 *Kingsfold*

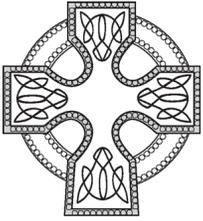
Processional Benedetto Marcello – *Psalm 19*

### Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: Carole Greene, Beth Hardaway, Sara Martin, Alan Grubbs, Joe O'Shea, Annette Sanders, Dan McGeachy, Stella Vaughn, Katie Hammond, Bryant Blake, Skip Shirah, John D. Cade, Becky Price, Amanda, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Dorothy Clark, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzel, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Julie Tadlock, David Leff, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, 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, 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

✚ For those who have died, especially Rick Hunt, LaNiece Bland, and the mother of Dian (Thomas) Deng



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### Service Schedule

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