

The Herald

May 6, 2012

5th Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of Being Saved

Just yesterday I received an inquiry via this blog site posted as a comment on the piece entitled "Of the Proverbial Fall." (Feb. 14, 2012) This person said she had been a member of All Saints many years ago. The question was whether the Episcopal Church believed in the inerrancy/infallibility of scripture. You, gentle readers, know me well enough to know how I might have answered the question, but if you are curious you can look up this post in the archives; just click on the month cited above on the blog site.

Then the questioner followed up thanking me for answering her first question and then posed a few others. Chief among them was the question, "What does the Episcopal Church believe about salvation," and "what is required to be saved," and "when does that happen." My mind raced towards my memories of my days in high school, a time in which there were a number of teenage evangelical groups whose sole purpose was to make sure their classmates got "saved" (as if it were something one got) and therefore their/our souls would be destined for heaven in the next life; I used to get asked from time to time growing up, "are you saved?" My mother's snide answer for me was to say to them.... "of course I am, I'm an Episcopalian!".... and even today we still speak in many denominational and nondenominational churches about salvation being an intimate and intensely personal enterprise. Living in the South we still see such theologies of salvation in the revival culture. Indeed our culture as a whole still prizes above all things self-interest.

So here is my reply to the questioner who only identified herself as Ms. M (perhaps she is reading this): First and foremost we must look and see what scripture has to say about salvation. For the Gospel writers and for Paul, the word salvation is synonymous with the state of "well being". Salvation then is principally about living in the present; how we live together justly, sharing the abundance that God provides. The word salvation in scripture rarely speaks of an afterlife. So the term salvation, particularly in the Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, has decided social, economic, and political implications (not partisan political, but political, meaning how we live together as the human family). Implications for the present day, for a people oppressed by a totalitarian regime. Salvation then is not a possession, but a way of life for the good of the whole up and against the tragedy and injustices of our world...It is a communal term and not a personal term in scripture. Through Jesus' preaching and teaching we learn that salvation means loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, that we *are* our brother's and sister's keeper. Salvation is something we don't hold on to, or claim as our own, but something we give away, something we bear to our world, a way of life.

And at least, according to Paul, the gospel of John and in Hebrew scripture, salvation is intended by God for all, it is universal, not just for a chosen few. We still suffer in our culture from the theologies of Augustine and Calvin, which hold that only an elite few will receive salvation...how this doctrine has survived and the damage it has done is beyond me....perhaps it evolved and survived due to a collective self-loathing that centuries of violence have brought upon us...that's my amateur psychologist's guess. So salvation is intended by God for all of us since before time....Baptism a symbol of a reality that already is.... Salvation is for all, and all means

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, May 1

11:30am All Saints @ 15 Place
12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael choir

Wednesday, May 2

8am Race Relations Committee
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St. Cecelia choir
6pm Rector's Forum
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 3

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, May 6

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
1:30pm EYC

Tuesday, May 8

NO St. Michael choir

Wednesday, May 9

9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm Sts Michael & Cecelia
choirs
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 10

12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, May 12

9am Garden Work Day
10:30am PFLAG
2:30pm L'Arche in Nursery Rm

Golden Circle The last Golden Circle until next fall meets Tuesday, May 1 at 12 noon in Stirling Hall. Everyone is invited to a wonderful lunch and bingo to follow!

Don't Forget Your Pledge

While we got off to pretty good start during the first couple months of the year, we have begun to slip a little too far behind on our pledge collections. As of the end of the first quarter, we are currently \$9200 behind on those contributions. Since our budget is fairly tight this year, with very little wiggle room, we cannot sustain this trend; I implore you to catch up on your pledge if you are behind. And if you were lucky enough to receive a little back from the tax man, it will be a good time to get ahead on your pledge. Look for a statement in the mail; if you have any questions, contact Mary Holbrook at mary@allsaintsmobile.org or at the church office (438-2492). Let's ensure the health of our parish and its mission by fulfilling our pledges!!

Thanks, *Curt Doyle*

Help for Service Center

The Mobile Bay Bears Baseball team is sponsoring a "Service Center Night" to benefit The Service Center of Catholic Social Services. **Monday, May 14**, anyone bringing a donation of a needed item for The Service Center will receive a free ticket to the Bay Bears vs. the Chattanooga Lookouts game at 7:05 pm. Suggested items are infant disposable diapers, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, paper towels or toilet paper and basic school supplies. The free tickets are provided through the courtesy of Remington College. For more information call 434-1510, go to www.servicecentercss.org or email Volunteercoord@mobilecss.org.

Layweeders and other gardeners are invited to a Garden Work Day at the church on Saturday, May 12, at 9am. Please bring your gloves, gardening tools and plenty of water to drink. Summer is upon us!

The Rector's Forum has resumed its schedule, meeting every other Tuesday night at 6pm for potluck supper, and following with discussion at 6:30. Everyone is invited! The next session is May 1. For the other Tuesdays in May—the 15th and the 29th—the group will be reading and discussing *Freedom in Obedience*, a new book by William Stringfellow. After May, the group will be on hiatus for the summer.

The May Taizé service will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 6pm in the Chapel, followed by potluck supper in the Saad Room. Come join us!

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all... the human community entire around the planet. I don't believe "religious" affiliation has a thing to do with it, because salvation is not principally about belief, but it is about the practice of the faith, the practice of the good...the principal goal, the principal tenet being the well-being of the people God loves and the creation in which they live...well-being meaning living in freedom, and non-violence, and in good health, fed and clothed... cloaked with dignity, living justly with one's neighbor....and the means of salvation, what is required of us, quite simply has been expressed by the prophet Micah: (6:8) "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God." What more than that can there be?

Senior Sunday

On Sunday, May 13, we will recognize our 5 high school seniors during the 10:30 service. Each senior will be presented with a certificate and the congregation will bless them as they begin new chapters in their lives.

The Choirs of St. Michael and St. Cecelia will rehearse together on Wednesday, May 9 at 4pm, and will sing at the 10:30am service on May 13. There will be no more rehearsals until the Fall. Join us at 10:30 to hear their marvelous voices!

Youth Sunday School classes will finish on Sunday, May 20, and resume again in the Fall. We will recognize and thank our teachers at both services that morning, as well. Please thank them for their dedication and hard work when you see them!

Food Share in May will begin with food delivery and unpacking on Thursday, May 17 at 8:30am. On Friday, May 18, packing begins at 5:15pm in Stirling Hall, and food distribution is at 8am on Saturday morning, May 19. Mark your calendars to help in this vital ministry.



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Sunday, May 6, 2012

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Lessons

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

[1 John 4:7-21](#)

[Psalm 22:24-30](#)

[John 15:1-8](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth: you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard, Rosemary Williams

Bread bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Kathy McKenzie, Diana Nichols

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Barbara Evatt

Reception: Martha Hennessy

8:00am

Lector: Mary Hunter Slaton

Intercessors: Elyzabeth Wilder

Chalice: Lee Van Dyke

Ushers: Mark Taylor, Caroline Coker

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Molly Allison, Martha Hennessy

Intercessor: Michael Morrison

Chalices: Nancy Lancaster, Clayton Ryan

Acolytes: Boone Reeves, Dustin Reeves, David Reeves, Wieu Kuot

Ushers: Don Mosley, Chris Conte, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Healey Willan *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

Processional Hymn 492 *Finnian*

John Rutter S-236 *Benedictus es, Domine*

Edward John Hopkins *Psalm 22:24-30*

Sequence Hymn 489 *Tallis' Ordinal*

Offertory Anthem Harold Friedell *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Presentation Hymn 379 *Abbot's Leigh*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

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

Jeffrey Rickard *Christ Our Passover*

Communion Hymn 464 *New Dance*

Motet Ralph Vaughan Williams *O Taste and See*

Post-Communion Hymn 296 *Engleberg*

Processional Théodoré Salomé *Grand Choeur*

Please keep in your prayers:

✚For healing:

David Hicks

Ann Wilson Wesley

Johnny Madden

Carson Owens & family

Thelma McMillan

Ann Tiffin Greer-Cowden

Amy Krecker

Sarah

Brian Hammond

Heather and family

Corey Flowers

Jason Cummins

Martha Collier

Wayne Smith

Martha Robert

JoAnn Pappas

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Geoff Peach

Jami Salac

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Becky Boulter

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

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

Jonathan Carter

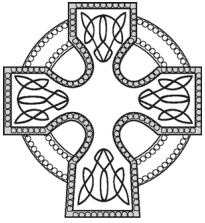
Kyle Metcalf

DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Jordan Caturia

Joseph Willcox



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Woody Hannum
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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)