

# The Herald

May 15, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## From the Rector: Of the Praise of Violence

I watched in horror the wild jubilation upon the president's announcement that Osama Bin Laden had been killed. Certainly I am not defending the despicable acts perpetrated by Bin Laden and Al Qaeda....but it just seemed so wrong to me for people to celebrate with such unbridled joy, catalyzed by anger, the death of anyone, even if it is the death of one of our worst enemies. We are exhorted time and again in Hebrew scripture not to gloat over our fallen enemies....At a downtown restaurant I watched a muted television

mounted on the wall with the camera panning baseball fans chanting U.S.A....U.S.A. as if the whole notion of warfare were a sport. This morning the Press Register's headline was "Rejoice." That made me cringe as well.

Let me hasten to say that I am proud of the bravery of our service men and women who have carried out their orders with integrity. We owe them a great debt....but when will we learn that violence will never end violence...it never has. And I can only imagine the economic cost to simply track down one combatant over a period of ten years...when we know and have known all along that there are hundreds ready to take his place....we have been stoking the coffers of the military industrial complex at an exponential rate....a calamity of which we were warned by president Eisenhower in his final speech as president sixty years ago....and then there's the human cost....How many dead?... not just military dead and wounded, but the thousands of innocent civilian victims caught in the crossfire in both Iraq and Afghanistan....we call that "collateral damage"...what an obscene coinage.

I've heard pundit after pundit call Bin Laden an evil man...as if he created evil itself...certainly he gave himself over to violent extremism and committed crimes against humanity....but let us remember that even he, like we, is a child of God who has joined so many other dead in two questionable and controversial wars....wars in which diplomacy never was given a chance....so I say let us lament....let us lament all the dead who were caught in the crossfire of political manipulation....half truths and outright lies.

There is indeed evil in the world, and there are those who choose to join forces with it, like Osama Bin Laden and al Qaeda....and evil's calling card is violence first and foremost.... So for God's sake, shall we learn that we can't fight evil with evil....violence with violence? The human and economic cost is always too great. If it is freedom and good will we wish to bear to the world, then let it be by the means of peacemaking....building hospitals and schools...providing aid for infrastructure....dignifying the shamed....I believe evil, even terrorism, is undone by such acts of compassion and mercy. We might as well try a different approach because we know one thing for sure... war has never ended war....it has only whetted our appetite for more.

Let us lament the violence of our world, and pray for the courage to end it with love.

### On the Calendar:

**Tuesday, May 10**  
5pm Murray House Board mtg  
6pm 15 Place Board mtg

**Wednesday, May 11**  
8am Race Relations Committee  
9:15am L'Arche in Chapel  
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)  
7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

**Thursday, May 12**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA

**Saturday, May 14**  
10:30am PFLAG

**Sunday, May 15**  
8am Holy Eucharist  
9am breakfast  
9:25am Adult Christian Ed  
10:30am Holy Eucharist  
Reception following

**Monday, May 16**  
6pm Vestry meeting

**Tuesday, May 17**  
12N Golden Circle  
6pm Rector's Forum & supper

**Wednesday, May 18**  
9:15am L'Arche in Chapel  
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)  
7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

**Friday, May 20**  
5:30pm Food Share preparation

**Saturday, May 21**  
7:30am Food Share distribution

Note from the Rector: please see Pete Wilson's erudite response to this blog at <http://allsaintsmobile.net/blog/2011/05/of-the-praise-of-violence/>

## Apologies with a sigh of relief!

Last week, Tuesday noon-ish to be sort of exact, the rector had just finished writing his blog for *The Herald*, and the assistant rector was just about to download it into *The Herald*, when the principal parish musician called the assistant rector and said, "The internet is down. You need to fix it." That was an understatement. Apparently, the entire office computer network was 'down.' No internet. No email. No communication from computers to the network drives. No communication from computers to the office printer. Zip. Zero. Nada.

Fred-the-computer-guy was called. Paul-the-email-guy was called. Paul-the-email-guy said nothing was wrong with his stuff. Fred-the-computer-guy said it was the assistant rector's fault for trying to fix the internet. On Wednesday, Fred-the-computer-guy took the server away.

*The Herald* was not printed or emailed last week. The Sunday bulletin was a 2-for-1 because recreating one from scratch and figuring out how to get it printed was VERY time-consuming and exhausting. Emails were undelivered and unread.

On Monday, Fred-the-computer-guy returned to the office with server in hand. It had been on life support at his office, but on the sixth day (not the third—computers take longer) it had arisen. The problem: a lightning surge during the brief rain the week before fried a 'card' that prevented everything from working. Fred-the-computer-guy installed a new one. Everything works! Insurance will pay the bill!

It is the seventh day. Fred-the-computer-guy is resting.

**Thanks to the EYC** for the delicious Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, for their participation as ministers in the Youth Sunday 10:30 service, and for serving the reception afterward. Everything was well done, as usual.

**Thanks also to all those** who taught Sunday School this past year. Your dedication is very much appreciated!

## Congratulations to H.S. graduates!

During the 10:30am service we had the chance to honor those in our midst who are graduating from high school this year: Forrest Brewster, Rebecca Brewster and Atem Kuot from Murphy; Lizzie McDonald and Jane Wiley from UMS; and Jane Bartlett Pappas from St. Paul's.

**Congratulations** to the St. Michael and All Angels choristers, who completed the light blue ribbon level of training in the Royal School of Church Music program: Emma Gray, Wieu Kuot, David Reeves, Dustin Reeves, and Olivia Swann. Good job!

**Our prayers are offered** for Jean Tucker and her family at the death of her grandmother, Autie Walker, on Maundy Thursday.

Prayers also go to Bill and Barbara Evatt at the death of their friend, Linda Irby.

Please pray also for the family and friends of Al Story, a recent member of All Saints, who died on Monday, May 2, at Providence Hospital.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## The Friday Night Supper Club

will hold its last gathering until the Fall on May 20 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at the home of Andi and Bruce Barrett, 708 Brannon Drive. Please phone them to let them know if you are planning to attend: 662-1258. Everyone is welcome!

## A request from the archivists:

The archive office at All Saints, staffed by Becky Wilson and Melanie Petithory, has some audio cassette tapes made during the 75th anniversary of the church. Is anyone able and willing to transcribe the tapes for them? Call the church office on Tuesdays to talk to one of them, or leave a message for them. 438-2492.

**The Wedding Guild** will meet at Betty Bentley's house, 1256 Selma Street, on June 4 at 10:30am. If you would like to join the guild, you are invited to this meeting. You do not need previous experience—we provide on-the-job training! Call Betty if you have questions: 438-1312.

## Special Ministries Camp

For more than 30 years, All Saints Parish has sent children from Leinkauf Elementary to Camp Beckwith for several days, paying for the children's tuition through fundraising and donation. This year's session will be Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 and we hope to be able to send 30 children again this summer.

The cost to go to camp is \$200 per child. Can you help by sponsoring one of these children? Or could you contribute part of cost? If so, please make your check to All Saints Episcopal Church and mark it for *Special Ministries Camp*. Drop it by the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it; your help is appreciated!

## Episcopal Church provides help for southern storm victims

By Mary Frances Schjonberg, May 03, 2011 [Episcopal News Service]

The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama is helping its members and neighbors recover from the late-April series of tornadoes that blew up across the southern United States. According to a story on the diocese's website, Bishop Henry Parsley of Alabama made a day-long visit to Tuscaloosa May 1. Parsley delivered emergency relief funds to Christ Episcopal Church, St. Matthias' Episcopal Church and Canterbury Chapel on the University of Alabama campus for use in meeting the urgent needs of parishioners and members of the wider community affected by the storms.

Parsley participated in morning worship services at Christ Church and evening services at Canterbury Chapel, the only diocesan facility known to have sustained damage from the storms, the story said.

The Ven. David Drachlis, diocesan disaster officer, told Episcopal News Service May 3 that the chapel's roof was damaged when early straight-line winds in advance of the main storm blew a tree down. Despite that damage and a resulting lost of power and phone service, Canterbury members began early on to organize students who wanted to help with relief efforts. On April 28, their Twitter feed said, "We do not have power or phone but are available for shelter to those in need. Will try to provide food later today. Gas kitchen!" And the next day, the feed said "We will still be participating in our food ministry Tuesday morning, with donations from around the state and breakfast for those in need."

Canterbury members also began going out of Tuscaloosa to help in surrounding counties. "7 trucks of supplies at Canterbury Chapel Town. Need to distribute. Tweet us with what you need and where you are!" read a tweet on May 2.

Meanwhile, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Guntersville is feeding recovery workers, Drachlis said, adding that several parishes throughout the state are collection points for relief supplies. A group of Episcopalians from the Birmingham area delivered water, clothing, and toiletries to the impoverished rural Sawyerville area of Hale county -- home of the diocese's Sawyerville Day Camp ministry -- over the weekend. Homes there were destroyed and four lives were reported lost, according to Drachlis. "And the list goes on," he said.

In an April 29 letter to the diocese, Parsley said, "The reports of so many deaths, injuries, and wide-

spread destruction are heartrending... We pray particularly for those families who have lost loved ones and those who are homeless," he wrote. "It appears that our diocesan churches were not badly damaged, although some of our parishioners and clergy did suffer significant damage to their homes."

The National Weather Service said May 2 that from 8 a.m. EDT April 25 to 8 a.m. EDT April 28, an estimated 362 tornadoes tore through the southern part of the United States. The 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. EDT April 28 saw 312 tornadoes, the service said. At least 350 people were killed during the entire outbreak, according to the NWS, with 340 deaths coming during the last 24 hours. April 27 was the deadliest single day for tornadoes since the March 18, 1925, tornado outbreak that caused 747 fatalities across seven states.

The Tuscaloosa-Birmingham tornado caused at least 65 deaths, the weather service said, and had a maximum width of 1.5 miles and a track 80 miles long. The agency's Birmingham office said May 2 that the tornado was an EF-4, the second-highest designation of strength, with peak winds of up to 190 miles an hour. NWS aerial imagery of the destruction along that path is here.

The most recent wave of destructive weather comes after storms barreled through the Southeast over the weekend of April 16.

While in Tuscaloosa, Parsley inspected tornado-damaged areas of the city and visited the Spontaneous Volunteer Coordination center established in the St. Matthias' parish hall. Staffed in large part by St. Matthias' parishioners, the center is being operated by Compassionate Coalition, a group of area faith-based organizations that have joined together to work with Tuscaloosa County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, the Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency and the Red Cross to meet countywide needs after disasters, the diocesan news story said.

To date, the St. Matthias' center has processed more than 4,000 volunteers, Betty Hust, a member of the St. Matthias' vestry and the Compassionate Coalition board of directors, said in the story. The center is fielding volunteers in response to emergency needs articulated by the Tuscaloosa mayor's office. The volunteers' work has included chainsaw crews, triage teams that go door to door checking on the needs of residents in damaged areas, and transport crews to deliver relief supplies to the field.

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On April 28, Hust told the Crimson White, the University of Alabama student newspaper, that Compassion Coalition "is a group to organize spontaneous volunteers, people who have not necessarily been trained." Within two hours of St. Matthias opening up as a headquarters for volunteer coordination in Tuscaloosa to help with disaster relief efforts, 745 people came out to lend a hand, the newspaper's website reported. Mobilization Chair Nancy Green said 45 congregations and 13 denominations came together in the coalition, the web story said.

"One of the biggest things we need is debris pickup," Hust said at that time. "But we also have chainsaw crews, medical aid crews, transportation groups and organizational crews."

St. Matthias also accepted cash and food donations, especially bottled water. "The steady output of volunteers is hopefully good for the community," Green said. "I feel our community is greatly blessed in talent, resources and people. We are very sorry for the people who have been impacted."

In addition to the Alabama diocese, Episcopal Relief and Development has been in contact with dioceses in the southern part of the United States and is working with local churches to respond in a number of locations. Katie Mears, program manager of ERD's U.S. Disaster Program, said in a press release, "connections to other congregations and social service organizations in the affected areas help to maximize the reach of the response effort. Churches can also provide pastoral care and financial assistance for funeral expenses to families who are grieving."

"After this sort of traumatic event, people deeply need spiritual support," Mears said in the release. "Local churches can provide a safe space to talk through the grief and loss that people are feeling, and the churches can also work with families to meet their immediate physical needs. Pastoral care and immediate relief ideally go hand-in-hand."

**Please keep in your prayers** those who have died in the recent tornados, those who have lost family members and friends, those whose houses or places of work or worship were damaged or destroyed, and those who are helping others put their lives back together. Pray that they may be safe, and that they may have strength and courage to face the days ahead.

*May the souls of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.*



**If you want to contribute** to relief efforts for the tornado victims, the people of Japan or Haiti, or anywhere else in the world, please send checks to:

\* Episcopal Relief & Development – [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) (to donate online) or P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058 (to mail checks)

\* the Diocese of the CGC, designating the funds for Tornado Relief and the Diocese to which you wish your gift forwarded.  
P.O. Box 13330  
Pensacola, FL 32591  
[www.diocgc.org](http://www.diocgc.org)

directly to the diocese in the affected areas:

\* Diocese of Alabama  
521 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205) 715-2060  
[www.dioala.org](http://www.dioala.org)

\* Diocese of Atlanta  
2744 Peachtree Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30305  
(404) 601-5320  
[www.episcopalatlanta.org](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org)

\* Diocese of East Tennessee  
814 Episcopal School Way Knoxville,  
TN 37932  
(865) 966-2110  
[www.etdiocese.net](http://www.etdiocese.net)

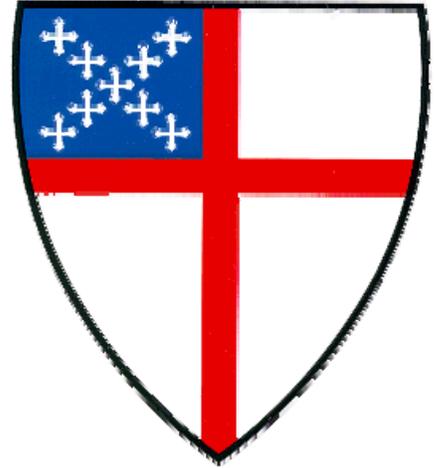
\* Diocese of Mississippi  
P. O. Box 23107  
Jackson, MS 39225  
[www.dioms.org](http://www.dioms.org)



# Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

**Are you 18-35ish?  
Do you like to do good while having fun?  
Then come on out!**



The Diocesan Commission on Young Adult and Campus Ministries is sponsoring a Young Adult build with Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County. If this is successful, we will do another in Pensacola or Gulf Breeze.

## When?

Saturday, May 14th from 8am-4pm (or you can work a half day)  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

## Where?



6103 Biloxi., Mobile, AL 36608

From I-65:

- From I-65, take the Springhill Ave. Exit.
- Drive West on Springhill / Zeigler about 5.2 miles.
- Turn left onto Cody Rd.
- Take the first left onto Felhorn Rd. and go .2 miles.
- Take a left on Biloxi Ave.

The house is on the right, just past Hillsdale Middle School

Lunch will be provided, so please register so no one goes hungry!

## Register Online:

<http://goo.gl/Lplma>

## Questions?

Contact Ellen Wilson  
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## EYC NEWS

*Thanks to all those who helped with the Mother's Day brunch;  
who took part in the Youth Sunday service: ushers, singers, lectors, inter-  
cessor and preacher;  
and who helped with the reception after church.  
Y'all are the best!!!*

### Sunday May 15

#### *End of the Year Party and Messy Games!*

School is winding down and summer is near. Before exams start let's have one last get together.

Our party will follow directly after the 10:30 service from 12-2.

Bring clothes that can get dirty and a bathing suit!

#### Contact Info

Catherine Mackey

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Have a GREAT summer  
everybody!!

# Sunday Lectionary: 4th Sunday of Easter

[Acts 2:42-47](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)

[John 10:1-10](#)

## Lay Ministers for Sunday, May 15

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

Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Stella Hester

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland

Reception: Rosemary Williams, Melanie Petithory

8:00

Lector: Larry Hallett

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice bearer: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Harold Dodge, Pete Mackey

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Debi Foster 2) Richard Coarsey

Intercessor: Melanie Petithory

Chalice bearers: Louie Wood, Beth Hardaway

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, William Kelly, Brendan Williams, Douglas Greene

Ushers: Doug Greene, Curt Doyle, Ray Pappas

## Music for Sunday, May 15

Voluntary Searle Wright *Brother James' Air*

Processional Hymn 492 *Finnian*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

John Goss *Psalm 23*

Sequence Hymn 343 *St. Agnes*

Offertory Anthem Orlando di Lasso *Jubilate Deo*

Presentation Hymn 208 *Victory*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus*

Ambrosian Chant *The Lord's Prayer S-148*

Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 664 *Resignation*

Motet Healey Willan *Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*

Post Communion Hymn 708 *Sicilian Mariners*

Processional Paul Manz *Neander*

## Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers for healing:*

the people of Japan  
the tornado victims

Virginia Hallock

Gary Hamilton

Dottie Lundy

Ben Wilson

Rob Johnson

Anna Marie Brown

Iris Prosch

Libby Davidson

Hugh Mauldin

Helen Porter Dyson

John Stevens

Ken

Sarah

Shannon Reeves

Debbie Phillips

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Sylvia Spann

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Danny Moreau

Mike Downing

Celeste Taylor

Pauline Oliver

Cheryl Peach

Butch Boyington

Devanie Ellison

Barbie Driver

Patsy Childress

Debbie Davis

Laura

*Serving in the military:*

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

T. J. Sherman

Haley Jones

Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Daniel Taylor

Charley Taylor

Daniel Robert

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

Scott Tanos

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★ **Refugee Pantry Items** We need items such as **laundry soap**,  
★ **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**, **adult-size toothbrushes**,  
★ **dish soap**, bath soap and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church  
★ office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!  
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# All Saints Church

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Marion Elledge  
Rob Gray  
Renea Greene  
Woody Hannum  
Amy Hunter  
Clark Kelly, Treasurer  
Pete Mackey  
Susan Meztista  
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden  
Diana Nichols, Clerk  
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden  
Darrel Williams

## All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson  
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, 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: Jean Tucker  
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster  
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle  
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres  
Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
Property: Michael Morrison  
Refugees: Martha Harris  
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood  
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry  
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

## All Saints Episcopal Church

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## Service Schedule

**Sundays** 8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Breakfast  
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
**Wednesdays** 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)