

The Herald

May 20, 2012

7th Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of a Glimpse

This past Sunday I mentioned in my sermon that we gather on Sunday for three reasons: first, to celebrate the fullness of life God gives to us; second, to thank God for our being loved unconditionally; and third, to join together at God's table for nurture and renewal so that we may go into the world empowered to change it for the better. Those are just three reasons among many. I have had people tell me that they can just as well be a person of faith alone, but I don't think that is true. We are meant for community. We are stronger together; we learn from each other; sometimes we have to believe for one another; sometimes we must carry our sister, our brother; community engenders creativity; love is present among the proverbial "two or three."

But there is another reason we gather and perhaps it is the most important one: We gather as the people of God, and in high dramatic fashion, we act out what God's reign in earth looks like...just as poems and plays are maps of the world captured by the imagination. That is why liturgy, not dogma, is the first priority of Episcopalians. What we believe is borne bodily in the way we worship: We gather as friends of God, in majestic procession befitting the entrance into God's presence; we sing and play beautiful music because we know that our souls are fed and formed and our imaginations quickened by beauty; I like to believe that God's own imagination is set afire by things beautiful; We hear from the sacred texts of our tradition to remind us where we've been, who we are, and perhaps in so doing we gain a sense of where we are going; through preaching we hear studied interpretation of the texts we have read; we offer our life and labor symbolized by the elements of bread and wine, and we ask God's blessing upon them, that they may be for us the risen Christ shared among us, empowering us with the Spirit of life; and then we are sent as Christ's raised body into the world as nurture ourselves to a world hungry and thirsty for this abundant life. It is a "passion play", as it were. It causes us, as all art does, to remember something profoundly important about who we are.

The reign of God looks like a community who have travelled far together and who love each other for it. It is not some other-worldly place within which the streets are paved with gold. God's reign is among us. It is an open, all inclusive, egalitarian commonweal in which neighbor takes care of neighbor; a radically mutual community in which justice, kindness, peace, and mercy prevail...and it is for our world now... not exiled into the hereafter. We act liturgically that we might remember who we are and to whom we belong; and that as the people of God's Way, we remember that we are called as Jesus was called into the world to make this reign so.

I think this past Sunday in our liturgy we got a glimpse of such a world as we sent our high school seniors out into the world to serve it, love it, change it. What we enacted liturgically yesterday, though symbolic, was no less real....as real as the many tears shared on this day...tears of love and joy and hope...and the inevitable tears that come when we depart from one another...but as the community of faith, we never say goodbye for long...we always meet again along the way...for such is life in God's kingdom...that comes ever so close....as close as the love that lives among us, and as real.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, May 16
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 17
8:30am Food Share prep
10am Food Share signup
12N Al-Anon
6pm Taizé & potluck
7pm AA

Friday, May 18
5:15pm Food Share packing
5:30pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, May 19
8am Food Share distribution
5:30pm Wedding

Sunday, May 20
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School—last day
10:30am Holy Eucharist - Baptism
& Committal of Ashes
12N Burgers for Beckwith

Tuesday, May 22
2-week Herald
6pm Rector's Forum & supper

Wednesday, May 23
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 24
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, May 27
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed.
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, May 28
Office closed—Memorial Day

Senior Sunday

Congratulations to all the high school seniors who were honored this past Sunday! Thanks to Grace Williams, Sarah Williams, and Kate Kelly, who gave heartfelt and meaningful homilies. And thanks to the St. Michael and All Angels Choir and the St. Cecelia Choir for their beautiful music!

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

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.

The Friday Night Supper Club will have its last meeting of the year at the home of Nancy Lancaster, 2933 Quail Creek Run, on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please phone Nancy at 602-1855 to let her know what you will bring.

Youth Sunday School classes will finish this Sunday, May 20, and resume again in the Fall. Thanks to all the youth who have participated. We will recognize and thank our teachers at the 10:30am service. Please mark your calendars!

Our prayers are offered for the family and friends of Amelia (Mimi) Ross Bloom, who died on May 8; and for the family and friends of Paul Robert Courrege, Sr., who died May 12. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

The Mobile Christian-Jewish Dialogue invites you to the first in a series of occasional visits to local houses of worship: **VESPERS AT THE ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**, Wednesday, May 23rd, at 5:30 pm, 50 South Ann Street. Following the service refreshments will be served. Registration is requested, but not required (for the sake of preparation). Please call 438-9888. We look forward to seeing you!

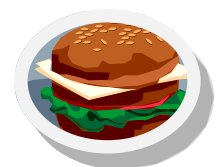
The Thursday Night Supper Club will meet on May 24 at the home of Ray & Stella Hester, 1107 Palmetto Street at 6:30pm. Please call the Hesters at 415-3127 to let them know if you will be there. Everyone is invited!

We still need sponsors for Special Ministries Campers. The total cost for one camper is \$225.00. Any part of the total is also welcome. Make your check to All Saints and mark it for Special Ministries Camp.



burgers for beckwith!

- Who:** Everybody!
- When:** This Sunday, May 20, at 12:00
- 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)
- \$\$:** suggested donation is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12



Vacation Bible School
July 23-27, 2012

Focus on the Faithful

9am-12noon
ks - 5th grade
stirling hall

438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org to register

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Age/Grade _____

_____ Age/Grade _____

Parent's name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Do any of your children have any allergies? Please list: _____

Focus on the Faithful

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 23 — Friday, July 27

9am — 12 noon

Time and Talent Sheet

(Note: you don't have to be a parent to help)

I am willing to:

___ lead / assist with a small group (circle one)

Name: _____

___ help with arts and crafts

Phone: _____

___ help with snack time / play time (circle one or both)

Email: _____

___ help get supplies organized

___ help set up on Sunday, July 22, after church

___ help clean up Friday, July 27

Beckwith Summer Camp 2012
Celebrating our 40th Anniversary



Camp Beckwith 2012
"the best week of a camper's life!"

Spots still available in most sessions -
sessions 2,4,6 and 8 filling fast.

Register Today

Sr. High Camp 9th - 12th: 6/7 - 6/12
Session 2 - 5th & 6th: 6/14 - 6/19
Session 3 - 8th & 9th: 6/22- 6/27
Session 4 - 3rd & 4th: 6/30- 7/3
Session 6 - 7th & 8th: 7/11- 7/16
Session 7 - 4th & 5th: 7/19 - 7/23
Session 8 - 6th & 7th: 7/26- 7/30
Session 9 - 2nd & 3rd with a Parent 8/1-8/3

All registration is online
at the Camp Beckwith website
www.campbeckwith.org

Lara Wiggins—Summer Camp Director
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Sunday, May 20, 2012

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Lessons

[Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#)

[1 John 5:9-13](#)

[Psalm 1](#)

[John 17:6-19](#)

The Collect of the Day

Sanctifying God, your gift to us is one who overcame the system which enslaves and feeds upon the victim: send us to your world to speak the truth of peace, to stand with those who suffer, to show another way; through Jesus Christ, the life of all things. Amen.

Those Who Serve

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

Bread bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten

Flower Guild: Hall wedding

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

Reception: Debi Foster

8:00am

Lector: Burl Ratcliffe

Intercessors: Jeff Clearman

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Bill Case

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Sarah Williams, Eric Browne

Intercessor: Martha Hennessy

Chalices: Louie Wood, Henry Callaway

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Darrel Williams, Emily Kelley, Liam Gray

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Thomas Locke

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Olivier Messiaen *Prière du Christ montant vers son Père*

Processional Hymn 460 *Hyfrydol*

Gerre Hancock *Psalm 1*

Sequence Hymn 483 *St. Magnus*

Asperges Hymn 296 *Engelberg*

Offertory Anthem Ralph Vaughan Williams *Let All the World In Every Corner Sing*

Presentation Hymn 494 *Diademata*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

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

Jeffrey Rickard *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 341 *Omni die*

Motet traditional English carol *Joys Seven*

Post Communion Hymn 208 *Victory*

Processional Healy Willan *Prelude on 'Deo Gracias'*

Please keep in your prayers:

✚For healing:

Jessica & Bryant Mair & baby
Amy Floyd

the Hale triplets

John Stephens

David Barrineau

David Hicks

Ann Wilson Wesley

Johnny Madden

Carson Owens & family

Thelma McMillan

Ann Tiffin Greer-Cowden

Amy Kreckler

Sarah

Brian Hammond

Heather and family

Jason Cummins

Martha Collier

Wayne Smith

Martha Robert

JoAnn Pappas

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Geoff Peach

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

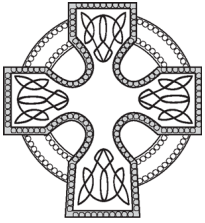
Kyle Metcalf

DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Jordan Caturia

Joseph Willcox



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Henry Callaway, Sr Warden
Valerie Case
Harold Dodge
Elizabeth Doyle
Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

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
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Finance Committee: Curt Doyle
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratchliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt
Lectors, Intercissors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Ricky Bradford
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

All Saints Episcopal Church

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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)