

The Herald

June 10-17, 2012

2nd & 3rd Sundays after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of the Economic Trinity

This past Sunday was the feast of the Trinity, the only Sunday of the church year that celebrates doctrine, per se. In my sermon I said that the Trinity is a “doing trinity” within which we are intimate participants...that when speaking of God, or attempting to understand God, it is best to speak of what God does rather than who God is... The formal theological term for this understanding is “economic trinity” and it is an ancient concept first postulated by Hippolytus and Tertullian, both theologians of the second century C.E. So it is certainly not a new fanciful modern idea. Sadly, as Christianity became institutionalized and became the official religion of empire, codified formulas as to the nature of God and Son and Spirit were required by the hierarchy, the powers that be, so that the realm in terms of its religion could be on the same proverbial page.

The now-imperially sanctioned church fathers of the third and fourth centuries were commissioned to formulate creeds and dogma as to the “being” of God. God was Trinity: (the doctrine of a Trinitarian God is absent from scripture) Father, Son and Spirit...three persons of same substance in one Godhead...the philosophy of Aristotle no small influence; the philosophical modus operandi of the Greeks always predisposed in its inquiry as to the nature of God’s being, and rarely concerned with the nature of God’s doing. In short, the church that evolved in the third and fourth centuries espoused an inchoate deism (that was later resurrected in the Enlightenment), that is: God is aloof in the heavens complete unto God’s self, who has created the world once and for all, and set it loose subject to the prescribed natural order...the Son and the Spirit being the means of making any connection with this God who simply and purely... is.

This aloof God whose love is meted out in bits and pieces by the Son and Spirit was orthodoxy (right belief) articulated by Augustine, and later by Anselm, and Aquinas, and still later by Calvin, and in our own day by Karl Barth. It has ensured that the Christian faith would be one that valued dogma first and foremost and that predisposition, as we have witnessed over the centuries, has made the church not one of embrace, but one of exclusion. The theologies of an economic Trinity have always been in the background, though a decided minority view, but always offering an alternative to the church’s dogmatism (most particularly in the mystic tradition) through enlightened practice privileged over “right belief.” Orthopraxy first, orthodoxy last.

The voices in support for an economic Trinity have become more resonant in our time. As early as the 1920’s Alfred N. Whitehead was formulating what he coined “process theology,” that as the creation, including humankind, is process, then God, Godself is process, the creation being an outward and visible sign as to the changing nature of God, and God inseparable from the process of the created order... The liberation theologians of the 1950’s spoke of God as the active liberator of communities under the oppression of structural sin in our world, a liberation in which faith is necessary catalyst, the means of liberation incarnate in the work of God’s people...The notion of the aloof unmoved mover, the unchangeable God of the Greeks and their interlocutors over the centuries was and is being challenged by the awareness that God inhabits creation, is immanent among us effecting change...effecting change by means of Trinity: Creating, redeeming, and sustaining....A doing Trinity, not just a being Trinity; practice engendering belief.

And we the beloved of God are a vital, necessary part of this doing, this creating (the world still being created) and redeeming, restoring that which is in need of God’s healing and wholeness, and sustaining, insuring that this promised reign of God that breaks into our world as we speak has the power and impetus to sustain itself....therefore we people of faith, and I mean all faiths, all people of conscience, participate in this so-called economic Trinity...and therefore we are a part of the very Godhead, that is love let loose...which means all the affairs of earth are our business...all matters of creation and its well-being and dignity are our business, just as it is the business of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...but no less...because it is all the same...all one beautiful process....One blessing....One privilege.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, June 6
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Thursday, June 7
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

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

Tuesday, June 12
5:30pm Murray House Board

Wednesday, June 13
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
6pm 15 Place Board

Thursday, June 14
8:30am Food Share delivery
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, June 15
5:15pm Food Share packing

Saturday, June 16
8am Food Share distribution

Sunday, June 17
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed.
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
IHN/Family Promise begins
Jim Flowers’ vacation thru 6/26

Monday, June 18
Vestry mtg: Tuesday, 6/26

Tuesday, June 19
2-week Herald

Wednesday, June 20
9:15am L’Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)

This is a 2-week Herald!

Two-week Heralds are the norm during the summer, so please make sure to check the monthly schedule of those who serve and the 2 weeks of assignments in each newsletter. If you are supposed to serve and cannot do so, please try to get a sub as soon as possible; if you are unsuccessful, call the church office, 438-2492, to let us know.

The June Food Share weekend is scheduled for June 14-16. Thursday, June 14, food is delivered from the Food Bank to Stirling Hall. If you can help with setup, please come at 8:30am. Packing the food for the families takes place on Friday, June 15, at 5:15pm. This usually takes less than 30 minutes to complete if we have enough volunteers. On Saturday, June 16, the food will be distributed. Volunteers should



come by 7:30am to help bag up any frozen food. Distribution begins by 8am and is finished by 8:30. New volunteers are always welcome! Mark your calendars!

Family Promise/IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) week begins at All Saints on the afternoon of Sunday, June 17, and runs through Sunday morning, Jun 24.



Volunteers are needed to prepare breakfasts and evening meals, to be evening hosts and overnight hosts, and to help set up and take down the room partitions. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, please let Henry Brewster know as soon as possible: call 338-0630 or email hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net.

Prayers are offered for the family and friends of Tripp Tate Diedrich, who died recently; and for the family and friends of Robert Hunter, who died June 3. *May light perpetual shine upon them.*

The Refugee Pantry needs toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, soap bars, laundry soap and dish soap. Please put your donations on the desk outside the church office. Thank you!

Pizza & a Movie

On Sunday, June 24, the Race Relations Committee of Mobile United, will show the documentary *Slavery By Another Name* as part of the ongoing series, 'Pizza & A Movie.'

Based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas Blackmon, *Slavery by Another Name* spans eight decades, from 1865 to 1945, revealing the interlocking forces in both the South and the North that enabled this "neoslavery" to begin and persist. Using archival photographs and dramatic reenactments filmed on location in Alabama and Georgia, it tells the forgotten stories of both victims and perpetrators of neoslavery and includes interviews with their descendants living today. The program also features interviews with Blackmon and with leading scholars of this period.

Pizza is served at 6pm and the film begins at 6:30 in the Walter K. Smith Room. The film runs 90 minutes. Mark your calendars!

Please keep in your prayers:

✚For healing: Jim Wilson, Kay Jackson, Barbara Deming, Jessica & Bryant Mair & baby, Amy Floyd, the Hale twins, John Stephens, David Barrineau, David Hicks, Ann Wilson Wesley, Johnny Madden, Thelma McMillan, Ann Tiffin Greer-Cowden, Amy Krecker, Sarah, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, Wayne Smith, JoAnn Pappas, 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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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

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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

Henry Callaway and Hank Caddell encourage any
who are interested to participate!

THE MOBILE & BALDWIN BAR ASSOCIATIONS'

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KAYAK & CANOE RACE

benefiting

SOUTH ALABAMA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM (SAVLP)

JUNE 9TH, 2012 - 9 AM START

THE BLUEGILL *on the* CAUSEWAY

SHRIMP & GRITS BRUNCH *and* ENTERTAINMENT

**TWO-MILE RACE COURSE / FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
RACE ENTRY, T-SHIRT(S) & BRUNCH INCLUDED!**

REGISTRATION FEES:

CANOE DIVISION

2-PERSON CANOE W/ RENTAL - \$100
2-PERSON CANOE (NO RENTAL) - \$75

KAYAK DIVISION

KAYAK W/ RENTAL - \$75
KAYAK (NO RENTAL) - \$50

BRUNCH TICKETS (ONLY): \$12/ADULTS \$5/KIDS

To REGISTER: (251)433-6693 or www.SAVLP.org



Sunday, June 10, 2012
2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 5

The Lessons

[Genesis 3:8-15](#)

[2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1](#)

[Psalm 130](#)

[Mark 3:20-35](#)

The Collect of the Day

Difficult God, whom the world judges mad or worse: reveal our life's distortions posing as normality; enlarge our sense of family beyond those close to us; and cast down Satan's kingdom of cruelty and exclusion; through Jesus Christ, the one who is accused. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Bill Evatt,
Kathy McKenzie, Rose Ellen Stanbery
Bread bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley
Flower Guild: Betty Bentley, Ricky Bradford
Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Robert Rodriguez,
Kay Montgomery
Reception: Rosemary Williams

8:00am

Lector: Larry Hallett
Intercessors: Serena Willcox
Chalice: Mark Taylor
Ushers: Fred & Barbara South
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Richard Coarsey, Debi Foster
Intercessor: Melanie Petithory
Chalices: Michael Morrison, Henry Callaway
Acolytes: Liam Gray, Douglas Greene, Emma Gray
Ushers: James Hamilton, Bill Hines, Martha Hennessy

Music for Sunday

Voluntary TBA
Processional Hymn 525 *Aurelia*
David Hurd S-277 *New Plainsong, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Robert K Kennedy S-413 *Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14*
Sequence Hymn 589 *Walden*
Offertory Anthem TBA
Presentation Hymn 598 *Mit Freuden zart*
David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
David Hurd S-161 *New Plainsong, Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 424 *East Aclam*
Post Communion Hymn 657 *Hyfrydol*
Processional TBA

Sunday, June 17, 2012
3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6

The Lessons

[Ezekiel 17:22-24](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:6-17](#)

[Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14](#)

[Mark 4:26-34](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of the misfit, whose prophets came like weeds to an ordered garden, shaking all that deadens your love: give us faith in your kingdom's growth, unruly and exuberant, and let it be a shelter wide enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our teacher. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Bill Evatt,
Kathy McKenzie, Rose Ellen Stanbery
Bread bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley
Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Beth Hardaway
Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Betsy Schneider,
Woody Hannum
Reception: Debi Foster

8:00am

Lector: Serena Willcox
Intercessors: Joe Basenberg
Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt
Greeter: Renee Dillard

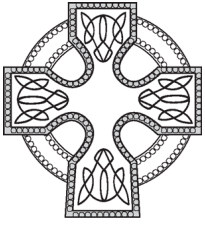
10:30am

Lectors: Jan Irving, Marlena Kelley
Intercessor: Richard Coarsey
Chalices: Skeeter Robertson, Beth Hardaway
Acolytes: Ben Foster, Emily Doyle, Sarah Greene
Ushers: Don Mosley, Caroline Mosley, Chris Conte

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Herbert Howells *Psalm-Prelude Set 2, No. 1*
Processional Hymn 595 *Mannheim*
David Hurd S-277 *New Plainsong, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Robert K Kennedy S-413 *Psalm 130*
Sequence Hymn 621 *Rhuddlan*
Offertory Anthem R. S. Thatcher *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*
Presentation Hymn 533 *Lyons*
David Hurd S-124 *New Plainsong, Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
David Hurd S-161 *New Plainsong, Agnus Dei*
Communion Hymn 620 *Land of Rest*
Post Communion Hymn 209 *St. Botolph*
Processional Johann Pachelbel *Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt*





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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)