

The Herald

September 11, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Seasons and the Sacred

We've gotten a soft reminder these last few days that Fall is on its way once again. Change in the air. The crisp air of early morning; the light of day is beginning to slant the way it does during the coming season, setting as-parkle the water of the bay, the shadows of clouds lengthening towards some proposition perhaps.....the leaves on the trees look tired and ready for easeful rest...storms from the tropics about their work bearing equatorial heat to the northern climes...all in a rhythm hauntingly familiar. It is the rhythm of change.

The Covenant between the people Israel and God in Hebrew scripture is about this people worshipping the one God, the great I AM, and in return their God will bless them...and this covenant over centuries is set within the context of change. The people of Israel live as slaves, as nomads, as a loose confederation of tribes, then as the subjects of monarchs, both good and bad, then as occupied people of other kingdoms, then in exile to a foreign land...and then for a brief period under their own sovereignty....only to again to be conquered and ruled by empire....and scattered among the nations... The theology of Israel was to speak of God as present amid the inevitable change that has and will forever wheel them towards their destiny.

New Testament literature which covers a much more brief period of history, a little more than a century, still sets its context within the perpetual rubric of change....the gospel writers call for a new world order represented in the teachings of Jesus in which wealth is shared; in which well-being and dignity for all is the way of life, a world order in which justice, kindness and mercy and nonviolence are the law...for this to come about requires change, change of hearts and minds and the courage of sacred agency, agency being the empowerment that comes with well-being and dignity (salvation in short)...the courage of agency to effect such change....we've seen it in our own day. We are seeing it still.

In the last presidential election a prominent theme was "change." That will be the theme in the upcoming election as well. Our job as people of faith is to see to it, as the seasons of the life of the human community come and go, as change comes inexorably, that the change is for the better, that the marks of God's sacred commonweal of equality, dignity and well-being are the cardinal marks of the change that comes. Change is always about opportunity, the opportunity to name the world we live in as good and therefore sacred, and that requires courage. Perhaps in the cosmic scheme of things there is an innate courage that enables change....an innate courage woven into the fabric of the universe...perhaps summer in its plenty yielding to the dying process of Fall perhaps takes courage....the migration of birds surely must take courage....the deathly grip of forgetful winter awakening, conceding to the raucous new life of spring must take courage....If courage drives the seasons...If courage is innate to the created order then we must claim our share of it and be the sacred change for our world that God envisions...God is change....an unchanging God makes no sense in a universe that is marked by change....God, change divine among us creating anew the world, as has forever been and forever shall be.

In our own families we know that there are seasons...a grand procession of change which sometimes feels unbearable, because change is the birth pangs of possibility and therefore change is sacred. Dare we claim that in our families...dare we claim that for our world....Take courage good people, because in the midst of life and death there is always new life that comes on the wings of change, borne by the courage that is ours by birth...know that the seasons will not forsake us...for God is present and therefore the whole of this grand and mysterious process is good, sacred... and worth celebrating.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, September 7
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecilia Choir
6:30pm Intro to Godly Play
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, September 8
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, September 10
10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, September 11
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am **Sunday School begins!**
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, September 12
6-8pm IHN Family Promise Fund-raiser at area restaurants

Tuesday, September 13
3:30pm St Michael Choir

Wednesday, September 14
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecilia Choir
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, September 15
9am Food Share preparation
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, September 16
5:30pm Food Share packing

Saturday, September 17
8am Food Share distribution
8-11am Layweeters Guild

Welcome to Fall at All Saints!!

Welcome back from summer fun, vacation, Labor Day weekend, from whatever you might have done or wherever you might have been over the last couple of months. Tropical Storm Lee is gone and has left us with some cooler weather for however long it might last. School has been in session for some of us for a month already. The Ministry Fair was a great success and now it is time to begin the Sunday School for our children and youth.

Classes begin this Sunday, September 11, at 9:20am and are finished at 10:15. Come at 9:00 if you'd like and eat breakfast in Stirling Hall.

Intro to Godly Play: Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6:30pm

If you are the parent of anyone age 4 through 5th grade, you are invited and encouraged to come to an introduction to Godly Play, the curriculum that will be used for Sunday School this year at All Saints. (Everyone is invited, even if you don't have children in that age range.) The meeting will be upstairs in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm. A nursery will be provided beginning at 6:15pm. Come see what it's all about!!



Godly Play: Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:20am, Second Floor Parish Hall

The Godly Play class will be held in the newly expanded and painted classroom just to the right at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Ages 4 through 5th grade will all be together (It works! We did it this summer in Vacation Bible School!). Parents of younger children are asked to drop them off at the door to the room, where they will be welcomed by the door person and the storyteller, and to pick them up at the door at 10:15. This is going to be a wonderful time of learning about the family of God!

Middle and High School: Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:20am, EYC Room

Things are changing for these two groups! New teachers for Middle School are Renea and Doug Greene, Clark Kelly and Mark Williams will be the teachers for High School, Jim Flowers will teach each of those groups once a month, and Liz and Scott Kirby are the new EYC advisors. This Sunday, everyone will meet together and the whole group will begin planning both Sunday School and EYC activities — how and when to meet, what to do and how often. Your input is very important! See you then!

Adults: Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:25am, Walter K. Smith Room

The Christian Living Today class (adults) has continued to meet throughout the summer. They are currently studying The Once and Future Bible: An Introduction to the Bible for Religious Progressives, by Gregory Jenks, and will continue with that book for a few more weeks before moving on to a new topic. Everyone is invited to join. Call Henry Callaway for more information at 694-6224.

The Rector's Forum: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6pm, Saad Room

This group began last spring, took a break over the summer, and is ready to resume for the fall. Potluck supper starts off the evening at 6pm in the Saad Room of the Parish Hall. Conversation around a variety of subjects chosen by the group begins at 6:30 and continues until 7:30. Everyone is invited to come!

Serving YOU! For Family Promise

You are invited as Family Promise of Coastal Alabama hosts its first annual Serving YOU! for Family Promise events throughout September. Local celebrity servers will serve at various Mobile restaurants for tips and donations. IHN/Family Promise is the *only* organization in Mobile County that provides homeless shelter services for entire families.

Participating restaurants:

- Atlanta Bread – Monday, Sept. 12; 6 – 8pm
- Dew Drop – Wednesday, Sept. 14; 6 – 8pm
- Wintzell's Oyster House – Monday, Sept. 19; 6 – 8pm
- Cafe 615 – Wednesday, Sept. 21; 6 – 8pm
- True Midtown Kitchen – Monday, Sept. 26; 6 – 8pm

Celebrity Servers include: Dierdra Tate, Clement Townsend, Fred Richardson, **the Rev. Mary Robert**, Buzz Jordan, Minister Kathy Jorgensen, Merceria Ludgood, Bess Rich, Gina Gregory, Tommy Boeller, Scott Hunter, John Green, Rob Holbert, **the Rev. Jim Flowers**, Ken Riemer, Marcus McCrory, Vivian Davis Figures, Marty Lester, and more...

[You can, of course, go to any of these venues to participate, but Mary Robert will be serving at the Atlanta Bread Company on Sept. 12, and Jim Flowers will be serving at True Midtown Kitchen on Sept. 26!!! Come join them!]

Toy Story

For many families at All Saints, the nursery provides their children with a safe, loving place to play while services take place. The toys in the nursery have been put to good use, but the majority are now broken or missing vital pieces. We are currently working to take inventory of the toys that are still useful and clean out the ones that are ready to be retired. If you have any gently used toys appropriate for infants to age 4 that you would like to donate, please bring them to the nursery. We are also looking for cash donations, so that new toys can be purchased. Our goal is to raise \$150. If you would like to donate a new or used toy please consider the following:

- * wooden chunk puzzles
- * wooden blocks
- * large Duplo Lego's (no small pieces)
- * crayons and coloring books
- * classic toys
- * anything by Melissa and Doug
- * busy beads
- * toys that you can push or pull
- * extra batteries

For donations and/or questions, please contact Elyzabeth Wilder (elyzabethw@aol.com).

Food Share next weekend begins with unloading the Food Bank truck on Thursday morning, Sept. 15, around 9am. Anyone who can help then is encouraged to come to Stirling Hall. On Friday, 9/16, the food is packed at 5:30pm in Stirling Hall and/or to help distribute the food on Saturday, 9/17. Distribution begins at 8am, but we need you here at 7:30 if possible. Thanks in advance for your help!!



Layweeders Guild

The Layweeders Guild will meet on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8-11am. Breakfast will be provided. Bring tools and gloves and help get our beautiful grounds ready for Fall.

Training for Lectors, Intercessors and Chalice Bearers

will begin Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10:30am in the church. Everyone in each of these groups should attend, whether you are brand new or have been doing this for the last 25 years! Remember, we DON'T always do it 'this way'! There are some changes to each of the ministries and it is important to get the word out about them. Please come on time and the meeting will not last too long. (FYI: Eucharistic Visitors will have a separate training at a later date.)

Honor Flight Special

WKRK-Channel 5 will air a one-hour special about Honor Flight South Alabama on the evening of Sept. 9, 2011, at 7pm. The program will include the sights, sounds and interviews from all honor flights. Hosted by Bill Riales, this program will be quite a tribute to our WWII veterans and their magnificent Guardian Corps. Please tune in!

-Ed. note: Keith Winkler, member of All Saints, is a WWII and an Honor Flight veteran.

The Friday Supper Club will meet at the home of Andi and Bruce Barrett, 708 Brannan Drive East, on Sept. 16 at 7pm. Please call Andi to let her know if you are coming (662-1258). All are welcome!

A New Citizen Abraham Kuol traveled to Atlanta last week to take the U.S. citizenship test. He passed the test with flying colors, and was sworn in as a citizen that very day! Congratulations to Abraham!

Vocabulary of Peace

by Carissa Baldwin

We might have preferred ten years ago that the ground open up and mysteriously consume the Twin Towers, an inexplicable act of natural disaster. We might have preferred a decade back that a plague of locusts drive a commercial airliner into Midwestern fields, a seeming act of an angry God. We might have preferred on that same day that a gale force wind suck out the center of the Pentagon without fault of human kind. For then, would not we have borne the depths of our grief without having to bear the burden of searching our souls and increasing our consciousness?

In a moment such as 9/11 we manifest overtly the conflation of political and spiritual beings that we are - wholly of the world and wholly of the spirit. Our minds race to make sense of it. Our souls crave the deeper truth of it. So we put one foot in front of the other, a swirl of human frailty and sacredness.

We stepped forward in those days, and we started to learn. We learned where Pakistan and Afghanistan are on a map. We added words like "blowback" and acronyms like "WMD" to our vocabulary. We came to understand the destruction that a long-held seed of resentment can unfurl.

Since 2001, we have learned many things together. As people of faith the chief inheritance in this time of growth may be that we remembered how to pray.

Lament. Implore. Inquire. Confess. Even as apparent victims, at the core of our confusion on September 11, 2001 was a single utterance, "Dear Lord, what have we done?" This was not the inquiry of an unpatriotic people. This was not the expression of an anemic citizenry with lack of pride or low self esteem. This was the baring of a collective soul. "Who are we?" We needed to know.

When someone speaks to us in unexpectedly violent terms, we inevitably become disoriented. If, for example, we believe ourselves as a nation to be fluent in diplomacy, democracy and international relations, an incoming act of terrorism is stunning. If we assume that we as a people generally speak the language of peace and prosperity, the absorption of an attack like 9/11 puts us to doubting. "When, Lord, did we see you naked and deny you such that something this horrible could come to pass?"

We reviewed the history of the Cold War in Southeast Asia, and subjectively assembled a context for the attacks of 9/11. As we satisfied our minds, we searched for our spirit's hope.

Sure enough, there it was, waiting in the mystical traditions of our brother Jews and our sister Muslims - peace, love, something higher, something shared. Further comfort rested in the discovery that people of all classes, creeds, races and nations were as confused on 9/11 as we were. We found further hope in new vocabulary of interfaith and international friendship far superior to the dialects of retaliation and war.

Let us strive these ten years later to prefer the living poetry of love, commitment and friendship, while working to retire the phrasing of war's sour talk gone on too long. We have learned much in this last decade. Now it is time that our learning bears fruit. May each of us seize opportunities to talk across religious lines. May we all pursue experiences in countries far away. May we together never fear advocating for the vocabulary of peace. Like the poor, we may always have violence with us. But certainly we can strive to pray something better into being.

- The Rev. Carissa Baldwin is the Director of the Peace & Justice ministry at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, CA

Mobile Christian-Jewish Dialogue



the hands that reach will touch

Please join us for the Dialogue's next program

"Christian-Jewish Relations in the U. S. Today"

Speaker: Rabbi James Rudin

Tuesday - September 13, 2011 - 7:00 pm

Spring Hill College, Gautrelet Room

New Phone Number

Atem Kuot is living in the garage apartment belonging to Immanuel Episcopal Church in Bay Minette while he attends Faulkner State.

Unfortunately, his old cell phone did not get any service in Bay Minette, so he has a new service provider and phone number and asked that it be published here: 251-377-3585.



This Sunday: September 11, 2011

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19

The Lessons

[Exodus 14:19-31](#)

[Psalm 114](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel

Flower Guild: Suzanne Drew, Jean Tucker

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliff, Robert Rodriguez

Reception: Rosemary Williams, Melanie Petithory

8:00

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessor: Warren Butler

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Bill and Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Ben Harris, Amy Hunter

Intercessor: Lillian Carsten

Chalices: Nancy Lancaster, Andy Mitchell

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, David Reeves, Dustin Reeves

Ushers: Louie Wood, Martha Hennessy, Michael Morrison, Henry Callaway

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Gabriel Fauré *Prelude in D-flat Major*

Processional Hymn 376 *Hymn to Joy*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

George Mursell Garrett *Psalm 114*

Sequence Hymn 425 *Adon Olam*

Offertory Maurice Bevan *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

Presentation Hymn 597 *Jerusalem*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 674 *Detroit*

Motet Dent Davidson *A Song of Wisdom*

Post Communion Hymn 690 *Cwm Rhondda*

Processional Christoph Gluck *Processional in D Major*

Please keep in your prayers...

✚ For healing for:

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Jeff Hurst

Robby

Anne Carpenter

Ethan Fisher

Dick Van Benschoten

Devin Carlino

Charles Blackmon

Taylor Parton

Butch Boyington

Dan Allums

Steve & Jared Hicks

Laurie Bailey

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Devon Booth

Gary Hamilton

Iris Prosch

Hugh Mauldin

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Celeste Taylor

Cheryl Peach

Patsy Childress

Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Haley Jones

Daniel Taylor

Charley Taylor

Wes Parks

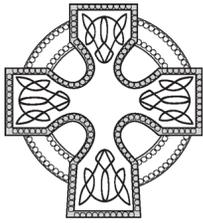
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Service Schedule

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)