

The Herald

October 14, 2012

20th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: [God Bless the Child](#)

The last two Sundays that I have preached, the central figure of the Gospel text in Mark has been the child. The image still stirs me. Unlike in our modern, relatively affluent, western world in which the child is almost deified, in Mark's world the child is of no account, having no social status. Many children in the Ancient Middle East were sold into slavery so their families could survive in a world in which wealth was held by less than one percent. So the child becomes a symbol to Mark of all of the marginalized and dispossessed of our world, and Jesus, according to Mark, is calling for a radical change in such a social order. In the Gospel of Luke the symbol of all the abased and dispossessed is a poor, pregnant, unmarried teenage girl who would rank socially as low as one could go. For Mark and Luke it is in receiving blessing and dignifying these, the least of us, which ushers in the commonweal of God, and our own entrance into it. It is this sort of imagery and the rhetorical force it carries that makes the gospels treatises on the socio-economic and political systems in which we live and move and have our being. We as people of faith have much to say to our world and the way it works.

The child bears the kingdom; the pregnant, unmarried teenager bears the son of God who will teach us that it is in receiving our least that we find abundant life. It is as if God sees humankind, and perhaps even the planet itself, as one organism, one living and breathing utterly contingent bio-synthetic realm, both animate and inanimate, in which all things are of the same genesis, all things intimately kin....and unless all of the whole are brought to wholeness....Jesus' words for such wholeness are "received, welcomed and blessed"....unless there is, in short, salvation for all, then none of us are saved, because part of the body still suffers the indignities of a world that chooses wealth and power as the norm of living an abundant life, which engenders life-stifling injustice and violence. We all share in the wounds of our world, the shame and the pain.

The norm, the world set right according to our sacred lore, is that wealth and power are shared in gracious mutuality...that no one's head is lowered in unworthiness...that the rubric of life itself is to welcome, receive and bless those who do not share our social status, on a macro and microcosmic scale...we must receive the so-called kingdom as a child...not we, the child...but the kingdom incarnate in the child, the lost ones of our world. We are to live into faithful maturity, recognizing through our learning and practice "quick-eyed" (Herbert) that this counter-cultural teaching of the gospels is in fact the only way the human race and the planet will be sustained and survive. I believe the stakes are that high. So in all your work, in every way that you live your life, welcome, receive, and bless the child, because the ever-impending birth, the ever-impending emergence of God's reign depends upon it. It will come in no other way.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, October 10
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 11
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, October 13
10:30a PFLAG
10:30a Usher training
11a Lector & Intercessor training
11:30am Chalice bearer training

Sunday, October 14
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, October 15
6pm Vestry meeting
6pm 15 Place Board

Wednesday, October 17
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
7pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 18
10am Food Share sign-up
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, October 19
5pm Food Share prep
5pm Food Share packing

Saturday, October 20
7:30am Food Share Distribution

Sunday, October 28
Birthday Celebration!!!

ALL ushers, lectors, intercessors and

chalice bearers, OLD and NEW are expected to come to a brief training session **this Saturday morning, Oct 13**. Usher training begins at 10:30; lectors and intercessors begin at 11:00 and chalice bearers begin at 11:30. We will go over the essentials and make special note of things that have changed or need to be reviewed. Contact lists for the participants will be available as well. If you are unable to come, please let Mary Robert know: 438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org.



This Sunday, Oct. 14, everyone is invited to return to Stirling Hall at 9am for breakfast and a report from Dr. Jeannie Maes concerning the results of the Appreciative Inquiry interviews conducted in September. Hear what we said about what we like about All Saints, what is good about it, and where we would like All Saints to go in the next 3-5 years. It is important work to do as a church community and we need everyone to be on board. See you at 9:00!

We are still behind on our pledges.

Some of you have responded to our latest appeal, some of you haven't. We have paid some bills and have enough money to cover payroll, but our sizable quarterly insurance bill is due and still unpaid. Please make an effort to catch up your pledge, pay ahead, or perhaps add a little extra. We're not crying wolf!

All Saints' Sunday will be observed on Nov. 4 this year; that weekend is when Daylight Savings Time ends as well. So we are going to have a special schedule that Sunday:

- We will have ONE SERVICE ONLY, at 10am.
 - After the service, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held, at which time new Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention will be elected, and reports will be presented.
 - Pledge cards for 2013 will be distributed
 - After the meeting, we'll have lunch together!
- Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join us!

If you would like to be a Vestry member, there are a few requirements to do so:

- You must be 16 years old or older
- You must be a communicant in good standing, i.e., attend church regularly and "be known to the treasurer" (that means you pledge)
- You must attend at least 8 Vestry meetings in a calendar year

If you would like to be a delegate to the Diocesan Convention, check your calendars now. The convention will be held from Thursday, Feb 21—Saturday, Feb 23, 2013, at the Majestic Beach Resort in Panama City Beach. We will elect 4 delegates and one alternate at our Annual Parish Meeting on Nov. 4.

Nomination Forms for Vestry and delegates will be in next week's Herald.

This Sunday, Oct. 14, the Beth Murray adult education class (a/k/a Christian Living Today) will start watching the seminal PBS series The Power of Myth, featuring scholar Joseph Campbell and journalist Bill Moyers. Here's what reviewers have said about the series:

Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth is essential viewing for anyone old enough to appreciate its vital teachings. One of the greatest interviews ever recorded, these stimulating conversations between Campbell and Moyers created a national sensation when they first aired on public television. In lively, expansive dialogues, the two men discuss how myths hold the key to understanding human experience. They may vary superficially from culture to culture, but at their deepest level they all reveal the path to self-fulfillment, social integration, and ultimately, transcendence. Join Campbell and Moyers as they touch on topics as diverse as world religions, marriage, the virgin birth, and pop culture. Filmed at George Lucas's Skywalker Ranch and New York's American Museum of Natural History, this series fires the imagination and the intellect.

The series contains six episodes of about 57 minutes each. Episode 1 is The Hero's Adventure. "Whether it's Buddha, Moses, Jesus, or the Knights of the Round Table, the heroes in every mythic tradition undertake the same archetypal journey from departure through fulfillment and return."

The showings will begin promptly at 9:20 a.m. (in order to finish by 10:20) in the Walter K. Smith room each Sunday for the next six weeks, and all members of the congregation are invited.

There are 2 EYC events this weekend! On Saturday, Oct. 13, both Junior and Senior EYC folks will leave the church around 11am to go to Michael Morrison's beach house at Perdido. You will be back at the church by 6pm. Parent volunteers are needed to help drive. Email Breck to let him know if you can help: breckpappas@gmail.com.

On Sunday afternoon from 3-5pm, the Senior EYC will begin their work on the Kuot's winter garden. Wear clothes you can get dirty in and if you have some small garden tools, those would be helpful. Breck can pick you up at the church if you need a ride. Email him to let him know. If you are coming on your own, the Kuot's address is 264 Cherokee Street.

Friday Night Supper Club will be on October 19 at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Andi and Bruce Barrett, 708 Brannan Drive East. Phones are cells: 599-1830 (Andi) and 751-9469 (Bruce).

Bruce is making a pot of chili, so please let Andi or Bruce know 1) if you're coming, and 2) what you'd like to bring. Suggestions are salad, dessert, appetizers and trimmings for the chili such as grated cheese, sour cream, chips, anything you might like on your chili.



Cost is \$3 per person.....visitors and new members are always welcome! Hope to see everyone there!

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 15 at 6pm in the Saad Room. Please let the office know if you will not be present. 432-2498.

The next Rector's Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 16. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper beginning at 6pm. Conversation about topics on which the group decides follows the meal. The Forum takes place in the Saad Room and meets every other Tuesday.

Blood Drive on Sunday, Oct. 28

A blood drive will be held at All Saints on Sunday, October 28, from 8:30am to 1:30pm in Stirling Hall. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 year-olds may donate with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. There is no upper age limit to donate blood. You must bring an official form of I.D. that includes proof of age, your signature and/or your photo.



Beds will be set up in Stirling Hall with privacy screens separating the donation and breakfast areas. Please eat something before donating. The usual cookies and drinks will be available after you donate, as well as breakfast at 9am or the Birthday Celebration after 10:30 church.



Last Sunday in the Godly Play class, Chloe Ayres decided that her work for the day would be to explore what happens at the altar. She put on a stole, one of several made by Suzanne Drew for the class. David Ritter made and distributed some bulletins, and found some baskets to use as offering plates. With a little help, Chloe found the right pages in the prayer book and then set the table (our beautiful kid-size altar was made by Elizabeth Doyle's father). Then everyone had communion. It was an exciting morning for all of them!

Every week in the Godly Play class, there is a unique opportunity for our children in K5 through 5th grade to learn the stories of God's people, to choose their response to what they have heard (their 'work') through art, retelling stories, reading, or modeling what they have seen in church, and then to share prayers and a feast with the group. If you have a child in this age group and haven't been before, please encourage him or her to join us at 9:20 each Sunday morning. There is always room for one more!





Check out the new sign at the corner of Ann and Government streets! Made by our own Wyll Lewis, it is bound to catch the eye of passers-by. Folks stopped at the light will surely by the office for tickets once they see this! The sign is also lighted at night, so why not take a drive in the cool evening air and check it out then, too! Thanks, Wyll, for your creativity.

Bayou Bash News

The tickets are ready! The posters are here! You can get both at the church office or you can call Pete Mackey (see below) for tickets and Diana Nichols for posters. Take some tickets to sell and posters to put up in area businesses, etc. We make most of our money through ticket sales and the live auction. Remember to tell everyone that all the money we raise after expenses goes to the various community ministries we help support: IHN Family Promise, All Saints Refugee Families Fund, McKemie Place, 15 Place, L'Arche, Alabama Arise, South Alabama Cares, and Education for Ordained Ministry.

The Auction Committee would like every household to contribute something to the auction. You can ask for donations from businesses you support. You can consider donating your time or talent for the auction... an item or a service such as baby sitting, cake baking, a dinner or a weekend get away at a condo, etc. Please be sure you are donating something you yourself would be willing to buy, not just a typical garage sale item. Call on businesses for donations and be sure to tell them all proceeds go to outreach in our community, not to the church itself. You can pick up auction forms from the office or call Katharine Flowers at 644-9887. Leave one copy of the form with the donor and return the other, along with the item, to the church office and the auction committee will take care of the rest. Please have all items in by Friday, November 2.

Here are the names and contact information for the chairs of the Bayou Bash committees. If you want to help, please call or email the appropriate person. Please don't forget to help the Auction Committee as well. (See above)

Tickets:	Pete Mackey	psmackey@bcmlawyers.com	433-6094
Food:	Burl Ratcliffe	mobileburl@yahoo.com	404-1115
Beverages:	Bruce Barrett	trogldyte42@gmail.com	751-9469
Decorations:	Ricky Bradford	rbradford66@gmail.com	423-1959
Set-up/takedown:	Renea Greene	renea_greene@bellsouth.net	433-1042
Greeters:	Martha Durant	martha.who@hotmail.com	471-1341
Auction:	Katharine Flowers	jflowersjr@bellsouth.net	664-9887
Audio/Visual	Doug Greene	dgreene40215@gmail.com	433-1042
Promotional:	Diana Nichols	diana@redsquareagency.com	471-9773

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PRESENTS THE 8TH ANNUAL

Bayou Bash

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 | 6:00-10:00 PM

Food, Music and Fun
Silent and Live Auctions
Entertainment by **Bust**

TICKETS: \$30

For more information,
call 438-2492

All proceeds to directly benefit: IHN Family Promise, All Saints Refugee Families Fund,
McKemie Place, 15 Place, L'Arche, Alabama Arise, South Alabama Cares and Education for Ordained Ministry

Scenes from the Blessing of the Animals, 2012



Beth and Rhoda



Sheri and Ragu



Aguol, Jan and Stretch



Daisy (caught up in the Spirit) and Olivia



Sadie



Rose Ellen and Jack and Lucy



Bilbo



Rosie

Sunday, October 14, 2012
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The Lessons

[Amos 5:6-7, 10-15](#)

[Psalm 90:12-17](#)

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

The Collect of the Day

God of the narrow way, you call us to shed all that burdens the lightness of life: help us to surrender false wealth, embrace our need of you and live for your kingdom above all things; through Jesus Christ, the richness of God. Amen.

Those Who Serve

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

Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Elizabeth Doyle, Clayton Ryan

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester, Jim Rivers

Reception: Martha Durant

8:00am

Lector: Larry Hallett

Intercessors: Joe Basenberg

Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Mark Taylor

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Eric Browne, Lillian Carsten

Intercessor: Martha Harris

Chalices: Michael Morrison, Beth Hardaway

Acolytes: Ben Foster, Emily Doyle, Wieu Kuot

Ushers: James Hamilton, Bill Hines, Martha Durant

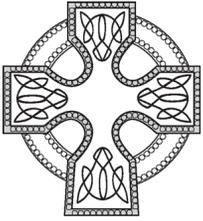
Music for Sunday

Voluntary	Charles Marie Widor	<i>Symphonie Gothique Op. 70 (II. Andante sostenuto)</i>
Processional Hymn	680	<i>St. Anne</i>
<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i>	William Mathias	S-278
<i>Psalm 90:12-17</i>	C. Hylton Stewart	
Sequence Hymn	615	<i>St. Flavian</i>
Offertory Anthem	Alice Parker	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
Presentation Hymn	408	<i>Mit Freuden zart</i>
<i>Sanctus</i>	William Mathias	S-128
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	William Mathias	S-165
Communion Hymn	475	<i>Tysk</i>
Motet	Mark Schweizer	<i>Lift Up Thine Eyes</i>
Post Communion Hymn	346	<i>Song 4</i>
Processional	Ralph Vaughan Williams/Robert Lind	<i>Fantasy and March on "Guildford"</i>

Please keep in your prayers:

✚For healing for: Jim Hultgren, Angelo Harris, Ayen Guet, Warren Butler, Melanie Wright, Jack Ratcliffe, Scott Clark, Mary Stewart Stephens, Steven Bodiford, Donna Baines, Arthur Johnson, Ernestine Rogers, Jim Hamilton, Walter Sims, Patricia Fry, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Vic Underwood, Jason Cummins, Jim Wilson, Barbara Deming, the Hale twins, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Martha Rose Hester, Dunn Chandler, Geoff Peach, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Gregg Pounds, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Mike Downing, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson, Jordan Caturia



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Elizabeth Doyle
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James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
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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)