



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

June & July, 2015

Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Present Reality

It is still Easter, the season of resurrection in the liturgical tradition of the church. This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, marking the end of Easter, the day on which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. That is the day according to the writer of Luke, that the disciples spoke in various tongues of the gospel vision of Jesus, the implication being that the gospel would be heard and understood by “the nations” of the world. In this narrative Luke claims that the gospel of the Christ and of the people who follow him has universal implications. The writer of John has a different point of view. John has Jesus giving the Holy Spirit to his followers on the day of resurrection; Matthew has no narrative regarding Pentecost, nor does Mark. Mark, in fact, has no resurrection

appearance, only a young man at the tomb saying Jesus has risen and will meet them in Galilee as he promised. This is only to make the point that the gospel writers all express their own theological view regarding the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus... sometimes opposing points of view. But certainly in each of the four gospels the writers present the resurrection of Jesus not as having implications about life after death... going to heaven, as it were. These writers are much more concerned with resurrection as a present reality. Modern western Christianity has been obsessed with the former notion. But New Testament literature is concerned with God’s imminent coming... imminent being.

I would argue that Pentecost and Easter are intimately connected, inseparable. The presence of the Spirit of God is synonymous with the presence of resurrection life. In post exile, restoration Israel, the scribes and theologians of Judaism lamented the perceived absence of the Holy Spirit, and yearned for a day when God’s Spirit would return and give renewed life to the people of Israel; a theology full of social, economic and political implications. The Gospel writers, who were Jews, in answer to the lament, are making the claim that the resurrection of Jesus has begun a new age of the Spirit, a new age in which God is active in the world... doing the things that God does... raising up the shamed and dispossessed... healing... bringing justice and well-being... Resurrection, the life of the Spirit is not about going to heaven after death, though we have hope for some sort of life after death... Scripture speaks very little about the hereafter. But scripture has everything to say about how we live now, and how we as people of faith have the gift of choice as to whether we live into the present reality of resurrection, which is to live into the life of the Spirit, which is to be about the things that God does... raising up the lost and the least (the word for resurrection in the Koine Greek literally means to “stand with dignity”), caring for the orphan and widow, feeding, healing, visiting those in prison... the gospel message ain’t about me... It’s about bearing God’s raised life to the world in need of kindness and goodness and restoration to what God intends it to be..

If the resurrection of Jesus is merely a fanciful magic trick unique in history, unique to Jesus alone... only so that we who believe (and which gospel account?) will go to heaven... then our faith is reduced to a sentimental exclusionary platitude. And worse, such a belief, I think leads to an abdication of our own responsibilities as people of faith to bear God’s life to the world. Resurrection life has always been. It is God’s modus operandi. Resurrection motifs in the religious consciousness existed long before Christianity, not only in the Mediterranean basin, but around the world. It is a reality ever-present if we would but pay attention to its presence. And it is more than just paying attention. It is a choice we must make... a way of life. To love our neighbor as ourselves is the doorway into the profundity of the resurrection of Jesus. To stand for God’s goodness, and mercy, and justice... doorways as well... to live in touch with gratitude at being human, made in God’s image... a doorway... to experience the dynamic of life’s renewal... a doorway.

We cannot know where the doorway leads... but to be sure resurrection life is full of improbable possibility and promise... not for a distant future, but for here... and now.

Sunday, May 24, is the Day of Pentecost



Please wear something the color of fire to the one service at 10:30am. There will be no breakfast, but there will be Sunday School at 9:20 (this is the last Sunday of Godly Play until the fall) and a reception following the service.

Summer Service Time

Beginning May 31, we will begin a summer schedule with one service on Sundays at 9:30am through June, July and early August. There will be no breakfast or Sunday School; there will be a reception following the services.

Special Ministries Camp needs you!

Special Ministries Camp is fast approaching! This year, we are hoping to send an all-time high of 47 campers to Beckwith. This means we really need your help sponsoring campers. So far, only 16 children have sponsors; we need 31 more. If you would like to sponsor a child, the cost is \$225; if you can sponsor a 'part' of a child, any amount is a wonderful gift. Checks should be made out to All Saints and marked 'Special Ministries' and can be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Bayou Bash Grants have been made to the following organizations: \$5500 Family Promise; \$2500 McKemie Place; \$500 Alabama Arise; \$1000 refugee fund; \$1000 Food Share; \$1000 North Mobile food market (a new venture: a community market for fresh local produce, food and crafts in Pritchard, which is a designated a 'food desert.' Jessica Norwood, a community organizer, is leading this effort in hopes of empowering residents to invest in the well-being of the community).

Clergy in Italy

Jim and Katharine Flowers will be in Florence, Italy for the month of June. Jim is supplying for the Rev. Canon Mark Dunnam at St. James Episcopal Church there while Mark is on sabbatical. (St. James is part of the Episcopal Church, so services are in English!) Jim and Katharine will return on July 2.

Mary Robert will supply for Mark during the month of July, returning July 29.

A Reminder from the Treasurer:

As most everyone knows, All Saints is on a very slim budget this year and cash flow is extremely tight. The decision whether to pay salaries or pay the bills occurs frequently; for example, our property and casualty insurance is due now, and we don't have the money to pay for it! In order to continue to meet our obligations, I encourage everyone to **catch up your pledge** if you have fallen behind and make sure that you **meet your pledge obligations during the summer months**, since that is a time when many of us get behind on them. Please make every effort this summer to stay current on your pledge payments.

Thanks,
Curt Doyle

Food Share in June & July will be on Saturday, June 20 and July 18. Come help pack food bags at 7:30am on Saturday morning just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.

The Refugee Pantry

Our pantry continues to have gaps in our stock. During June and July, the pantry needs toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, bath soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please put it by the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop it off M-F during office hours.

Thank You

The Cade-Bacon family thanks All Saints for the kindness and prayers for our family during the illness and death of our brother-in-law, David French Bacon III. All the cards and attendance at the funeral meant so much to us and our family.

In the Spirit,
Jan Cade & Cora Cade-Lemmon



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

God willing and the people consenting

The Reverend James Russell Kendrick

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the
One, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,
and
Fourth Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of July
in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Mobile Civic Center Expo Hall
401 Civic Center Drive
Mobile, Alabama

CHIEF CONSECRATOR

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Bishop and Standing Committee of the
Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
request your prayers and the honor of your presence.

Clergy: Red Stoles
Bishops: Rochet, Chimere, Tippet

Reception following at
Christ Church Cathedral

Additional information:
www.bishopsearch.diocgc.com

Diocesan Youth Weekend with Bishop

To celebrate our new bishop's consecration, young people (Grades 6-12) are invited to begin collecting items for the Wilmer Hall Thrift Shop, and on July 24 we will join the new Bishop for lunch at Wilmer Hall and present these items to the Thrift Shop. Young people will then stay overnight on Friday, July 24, at Camp Beckwith in the cabins. There will be a camp fire and youth program that evening. On Saturday, July 25, they will join the rest of our diocese for the consecration. We are renting vans and providing transportation (for free!) from three locations along I-10 between Dothan and Mobile as well as return transportation afterward. All meals and lodging are being provided by the Commission on Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Registration forms will be emailed to each church, so mark your calendars and watch for more details! Contact James Lawrence, Diocesan Youth Coordinator at james@beckwithal.com or (251) 616-2162 with questions.



June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	4 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	5	6
7 <i>Pentecost 2</i> 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	8	9	10 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	11 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	12	13 10:30a PFLAG
14 <i>Pentecost 3</i> 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	15 6p Vestry mtg	16	17 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	18 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	19	20 7:30a Food Share
21 <i>Pentecost 4</i> 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	22	23	24 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	25 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	26	27
28 <i>Pentecost 5</i> 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows 10:30 Special Ministries Campers leave for Beckwith Asst Rector leaves for Italy	29	30				

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!
 If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.

Lay Ministers for June 2015

Date / Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	LEVs	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
June 7 9:30am	M Morrison MH Slaton	R Coarsey	S Willcox B Harris	H Gardner	P Mackey H Dodge D Mosley B Hines	V Mitchell	B Evatt (C Bailey)	M Petithory B Rockstad K Gray	J Clearman B Bentley	B Bentley K Butler			The Mosleys
June 14 9:30am	H Caddell H Gardner	D Foster	H Callaway N Lancaster	A Atem	W Hannum R Dillard L Wood J Rivers	V Mitchell	Hannums (P Coleman, M Merrow)			S Drew J Simpson			R Williams K Kelly
June 21 9:30am	J Basenberg V Mitchell	F Rouse	L Wood B Hardaway	D Williams	F South W English M Morrison W Grace	RE Stanbery	P&E Burgess (B Montgomery)			E Doyle C Hall			F Rouse K McKenzie B Woodman- see
June 28 9:30am	E Doyle B Woodman- see	M Durant	M Elledge B Bentley	Em Doyle	Evatts C Doyle D Greene	H Caddell	L Thomas (Chiepalich) C Ryan (MK Cook)			B Hardaway C Mackey			M Durant ML Durant

June Birthdays

1 - Rosemary Williams	10 - Katie Anderson Jeansonne	19 - Billie Montgomery	29 - Serena Willcox
2 - Curt Doyle	10 - Kate Nichols	21 - Jean Alice Basenberg	29 - Jacob Harkins
2 - Tory Cleverdon	15 - Lister Thomas	24 - Pete Wilson	
4 - Atem Kuot	16 - Valerie Case	27 - Ellen Wingard Faulkner	

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Lay Ministers for July and August 2nd, 2015

Date / Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Vestry Greeter	LEVs	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Godly Play Doorkeeper	Reception
July 5 9:30am	A Barrett B Jackson	M Harris	S Willcox L Thomas	SF Greene	J Basenberg M Williams C Conte B Hines	RE Stanbery	B Hardaway N Lancaster (A Fay, M Frazier)	B Bentley P Reeves C Ryan	N Lancaster B Rockstad	C Ryan J Tucker			TBA
July 12 9:30am	S Willcox N Hamilton	L Carsten	B Harris N Lancaster	C Mosley	H Dodge D Mosley H Brewster J Hamilton	C Conte	B Evatt (C Bailey)			B Wilson B Bentley			B Ratcliffe S Cleveland
July 19 9:30am	C Ryan M Pettithory	B Evatt	H Callaway R LaMonte	M Morrison	P Mackey L Wood M Elledge J Rivers	C Conte	Hannums (P Coleman, M Merrow)			B Brewster K Butler			The Burces
July 26 9:30am	P Wilson C Zimmermann	B Hardaway	L Wood R LaMonte	M Williams	W Hannum H Caddell M Morrison W Grace	C Conte	P&E Burgess (B Montgomery)			S Drew E Doyle			M Morrison C Ryan
Aug 2 9:30am	A Blair E Kelley	B Barrett	L Thomas R LaMonte	H Gardner	F South C Doyle D Greene D Greene	E Valera	L Thomas (Chiepalich) C Ryan (MK Cook)	S Drew B Ratcliffe M Winkler J Gordon	B Hardaway L Carsten	K Flowers J Simpson			B Hardaway B Ratcliffe

July Birthdays

3 - Kathy Scheidt	8 - Jim Rivers	12 - Buck St. John	26 - Carla St. Paul
3 - Amy Hunter	8 - Boone Reeves	15 - James Foster	27 - Jeff Barnes
3 - Harrison Callaway	10 - Allison Clearman	15 - Lizzie McDonald	28 - Malcolm Carsten
5 - Chris Lee	11 - Andi Barrett	19 - Sharon Cleverdon	29 - Henry Brewster
6 - Susan Gardner	11 - Valerie Mitchell	22 - James Hamilton	30 - Diane Bourassa
6 - William Tucker	11 - Penny Emmons	23 - Cora Cade-Lemmon	
7 - Martha Harris	12 - Flora Mary Pearson	24 - Keith Winkler	



July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist Campers return from Beckwith	2 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm Rector returns from Italy	3 <i>Office closed</i>	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 
5 Pentecost 6 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	6	7	8 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	9 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	10	11 10:30a PFLAG
12 Pentecost 7 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	13	14	15 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	16 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	17	18 7:30a Food Share
19 Pentecost 8 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	20 6p Vestry mtg	21	22 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	23 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	24	25 2p Ordination of new Bishop Mobile Civic Ctr Expo Hall
26 Pentecost 9 9:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	27	28	29 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist Asst Rector returns from Italy	30 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	31	



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Barbara Michell Valerie Mitchell
Burl Ratcliffe Jana Simpson
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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
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Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
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Physical Plant: Clayton Ryan
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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)