



## Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

### Fourth Sunday after Trinity

#### Sunday Report



Today we celebrated the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here, sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 58°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 72°F, all under bright blue and clear skies. We ended up with 2 people present for the service as Jack Arnold left early Tuesday morning to visit the Thomas Family in Guam for a couple of weeks.

#### *Gathering Song*

Dru Arnold played *Amazing Grace* for the gathering song.

#### *Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.



We try to pick our gathering songs to have a wonderful message, be easy to sing and suitable for guitar accompaniment. *Amazing Grace* seems to be the parish favorite, as well as Hap's.

#### *Propers*

Each Sunday there are Propers: special prayers and readings from the Bible. There is a Collect for the Day; that is a single thought prayer, most written either before the re-founding of the Church of England in the 1540s or written by Bishop Thomas Cranmer, the first Archbishop of Canterbury after the re-founding.

The Collect for the Day is to be read on Sunday and during Morning and Evening Prayer until the next Sunday. The Epistle is normally a reading from one of the various Epistles, or letters, in the New Testament. The Gospel is a reading from one of the Holy Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Collect is said by the minister as a prayer, the Epistle can be read by either a designated reader (as we do in our church) or by one of the ministers and the Holy Gospel, which during the service in our church is read by an ordained minister or our Deacon Striker.

The propers are the same each year, except if a Red Letter Feast, that is one with propers in the prayerbook, falls on a Sunday, then those propers are to be read instead, except in a White Season, where it is put off. Red Letter Feasts, so called because in the Altar Prayerbooks the titles are in red, are special days. Most of the Red Letter Feasts are dedicated to early saints instrumental in the development of the church, others to special events. Some days are particularly special and the Collect for that day is to be used for an octave (eight days) or an entire season, like Advent or Lent.

The Propers for today are found on Page 194-194, with the Collect first:

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity.**  
*The Collect.*

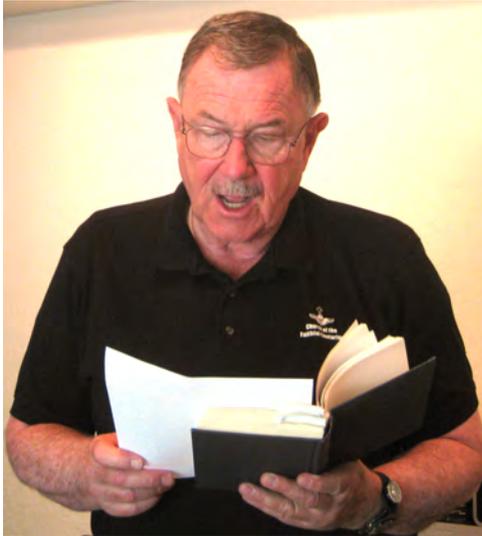
**G**OD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing **O**is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from the Eight Chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, beginning at the Eighteenth Verse. Paul tells us that walking God's path, though it may seem hard at the time, is nothing compared to the reward we receive in heaven for following God's will. God gave us free will, which if we exercise it properly, that is the will to overcome temptation. What at first seems like a constrained way of living, once actually lived is really perfect freedom. If we overcome temptation to do what we want and do what God wants, we will receive the gift of eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. For until Christ, there was no delivery from the pain of worldly existence; through Christ there is redemption of our souls and our resulting bodily resurrection.



**R**ECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory **I**which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious

liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.



The Holy Gospel came from the Sixth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Thirty-Sixth Verse. This is a simple message, yet often misunderstood, with majestic language that brings the message to a point of incredible sharpness. "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven; give and it shall be given unto you... ..Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" "... why beholdest thou the mote that is in the brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ...How canst thou say to thy brother, Brother let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest no the beam that is in thine own eye?" This is often quoted, but the following sentence is left out, "Cast out first the

beam out of thine own eye, then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the more that is in thy brother's eye."

Only when we first take care of our own spiritual health, look to our own relationship to God and evaluate and improve how we follow His Word, we will be able to effectively spread the Word of His love for us.

E ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.



### *Sermon – Time and Action*

Today's sermon discussed the Collect, Epistle and Gospel. It is partially contained in the forewords above.



Consider these words from the Collect:

... protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal...

God can only help us if we put our trust in Him, we can never be strong, nor set aside to Him if we do not let Him be our leader. If we will follow His lead, we will pass through this world in good order

and go on to the next in eternal happiness.

Paul builds on this, telling us that walking God's path, though it may seem hard at the time, is nothing compared to the reward we receive in heaven for following God's will. God gave us free will, which if we exercise it properly, that is the will to overcome temptation. What at first seems like a constrained way of living, once actually lived is really perfect freedom. If we overcome temptation to do what we want and do what God wants, we will receive the gift of eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. For until Christ, there was no delivery from the pain of worldly existence; through Christ there is redemption of our souls and our resulting bodily resurrection.

Luke presents a simple message, yet one that is often misunderstood, with majestic language that brings the message to a point of incredible sharpness. What we do to others is a good measure of how we follow God's Will and Direction. We are expected

to treat others as we would be treated. Our real earthly fortune, as well as are eternal lives, are a reflection of our commitment to God.

We are so ready to condemn the performance of others when our own is even worse. As Paul tells us, "all all short." The operative word here is ALL. If we look to condemn and repair our own spiritual lives before condemning others, we will be better suited to help them. Our beam before their mote.

For only when we have taken care of our own spiritual health by looking to God for help to evaluate and improve how we follow His Word, we will be able to effectively spread the Word of His love for us.

And that is our job, to improve ourselves to effectively spread His Word by example; our action, not our diction, is the measure.

### *Bishop Ogles' Sermon*

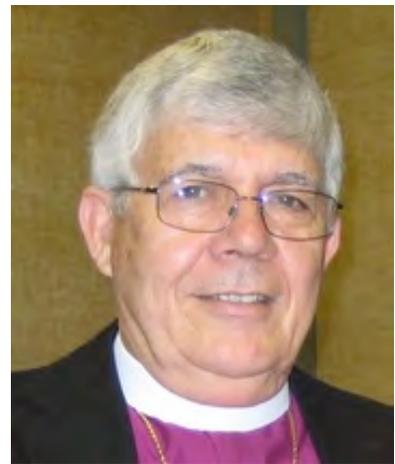
We are off fortunate to get copies of Bishop Jerry's sermon notes. Today is one of those Sundays. Today's sermon starts off with the collect. It will give you a lot to consider in your heart.

### **Sermon Notes**

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity  
1 July 2012, Anno Domini

#### **Fourth Sunday after Trinity.** *The Collect.*

**O** GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*



*1. In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, 2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. 4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? 5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. 6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. 7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. 8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. 9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.*

This passage is another occasion of Christ feeding the multitudes as earlier revealed in Matthew 14:17 in which Christ fed 5,000. In this instance, there are about 4,000 people.

You think to yourselves – 4,000! That is a large number of people to be fed! Is it

really?

The Lord of Heaven has created billions and billions of people to populate the world – all with different faces and features, personalities and characters.

How many were not fed? How many in Israel that day were not fed the Bread of Heaven (which Christ is) because they did not bother to come into His Presence?

**Matt 11: 28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.***

Jesus Christ is the Bread of Heaven! He is the Bread of Life!

We need earthly bread to sustain our bodies which die at last, but we need the Bread of Heaven, the Bread of Life, to sustain our spirits into eternity.

**John 6: 32 *Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.***

*In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them Apart from Christ, we, too, have nothing to eat . We are poor and hungry even if we are dressed in furs and silk.....our souls are without nourishment without Him, and without Him, we die.*

Jesus always has compassion and knows our condition – the condition of our physical well-being, and the condition of our hearts.

***2. I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far***

*There is a time for fasting and a time to eat. Eccle 3: 1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. 9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? 10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.*

I love the Reformed approach to preaching. When we take the pure Word of God

and allow it to speak, there remains little for the Preacher to consider otherwise. The minister is to proclaim the Word of God – not the Word of the preacher!

Jesus, seeing our need, provides the resource to feed us. But we must be on the mountain with Him. We must not be in Dothan playing around at the arcades, or at home watching TV, or any other thing apart from being with Christ.

*4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?*

These men had already witnessed the mighty works of God that Christ had performed. They had even previously witnessed His feeding 5,000. How short our memories! Have we forgotten when we deserved to fail, and God made us to succeed? When we should have been humiliated but he spared us the shame?

When God speaks, do not question His power to bring it to pass. It is not witnessing the miracles that saves us – though we are saved miraculously – it is the Grace of God through Faith in Him.

*And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.*

Seven was all they had! Christ will help us, but He wants ALL our hearts and nothing held back. Though we may possess little, Christ can magnify our resources both spiritually and physically, to reach lost souls. We have little, but He possesses all things – cattle on a thousand hills.

*6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.*

When we will be fed by Christ, we must become lowly. We must sit at His feet as Mary of Bethany – we must humble our soul and spirit. Even Christ gave thanks to the Father for bread – so must we express our gratitude to God for every blessing.

God provides the heavenly Bread, we are His family to serve the younger ones in Christ – much like our church meal: Every one pitches in to make the table ready and to restore the dining room when finished with the meal.

*7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.*

How often in life does the provision seem inadequate, but the touch of Christ makes the ends meet. Even when there are only a few small fishes, Christ will multiply the provision. There will not only be enough, but left-overs as well. The left overs will exceed the resources with which we began.

*8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets.*

We cannot always sit and eat – there is a time to eat and a time to labour.

After being fed with Christ, we must feed others. We must go out into the wilderness to find others who are starving and lead them to the mountain of blessing. Just like St Andrew after whom our church is named: *John 1: 35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, **Rabbi,** (which is to say, being interpreted, **Master,**) **where dwellest thou?** 39 He saith unto them, **Come and see.** They came and saw where he*

*dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, **Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.***

Be a stone for Christ like Peter, but also be a gatherer to Christ like Andrew.

Whom have you led to Christ lately. Have you searched out the sorrowful, the deluded deluded of the world, your brother, sister, father, mother?

He shall come for you. Be ready with the Oil of the Holy Spirit burning in your Lamp. AMEN

### *Rev David McMillan's Independence Day Sermon*

I commend the following sermon to you for reflection upon the Liberties God has given us above every other nation of the earth, as well as to consider the consequences of a lack of vigilance in their preservation – Bishop Jerry Ogles

### **Liberty according to Jeremiah in his lamentations**

*Sermon by the Rev David McMillan - 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church-PCA – Florala, AL*

#### **Lamentations 3:21-33 (KJV)**

21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.



When I was a seminary student in 1976, I had the marvelous opportunity to work down town Philadelphia as a volunteer in the American Bible Society (for my seminary was in downtown Philadelphia). There I operated an old printing press and printed off Bible

verses during our nation's bicentennial for people that stopped in. I would often take the subway or walk over to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall to go through the halls to see our nation's origin. Here I saw the actual place where our founders signed the Declaration of Independence and the crack in the liberty bell with the inscription from Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." I was in awe of these places. I am still in awe of our nation and its principles and its founders who through rough times hoped in God and did not give up despite the force arrayed against them. They were of the spirit of Patrick Henry who in response to the unfair taxes of the colonial British empire said, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

I saw a picture yesterday of the American Bald Eagle in front of the American flag with his head down. Someone put it on Facebook. I do not think he was praying so much as crying. That is what I thought. Why was he crying? He was crying just as Jeremiah did in Lamentations which we take a look at today because the true nation of Israel was in exile. Jerusalem and Judah were destroyed. The beautiful structures of the people's places of worship were torn down. The Chaldean army had done their work. How could this all happen? "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations." Lamen 1:1

The rabbis called this book, "Dirges". It is a book of laments about what has happened and a self-examination of the people which caused it. Here is the reason, "Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; **for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions**: her children are gone into captivity because of the enemy." 1:5 Her transgressions against the law and love of God are the reason. God does not act without reason. "The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts.." 1:4

We do not get it. Neither did the people of the Old Covenant. "Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed..." 1:8 For this the prophet does not shout. He does not pout. He mourns and He cries and He prays! "O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself." 1:9 He takes it personally. Imagine going to Philadelphia and not seeing the Liberty bell and Independence Hall because they have been removed. Liberty is no longer among us. Today we are fighting such a battle for the soul of our nation and the liberty of its people. We are fighting for the unborn who are slaughtered every day in our nation. We are fighting to worship God as we believe and in the extension of our worship to not have the interference of the government in works of charity in dictating what religion should look like. This problem sounds a lot like what we started with when the settlers left England because of this very problem. We believe in the 1st amendment to the Constitution.

What does it say? "The **First Amendment (Amendment I)** to the United States Constitution is part of the Bill of Rights. The amendment prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances." Wikipedia. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Is there hope? What should we do? What did Jeremiah say and do?

Yes, there is hope. In our reading today we heard it. "The LORD's compassions fail not." 3:22 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Jeremiah could hope because he had hope in God. He knew " The LORD is my portion...I hope in him." " Though He cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies." 3:32 We should not lightly read over these verses. Even if the situation in our country does not change we have hope. We have life. We have liberty. For our liberty is found in God and His faithfulness. It does not come from men. Our portion is Him. Therefore I hope. And if we can lovingly persuade those of the opposing view that their liberty too does not start with themselves or their pleasures, but in God, we will see our country and our churches prosper. It is not in fireworks that burn for a moment but do not last. Even if we are the last to say it, it will not matter. God's Word and His truth march on. He will sweep this generation away if it does not turn back to His laws and His love. We may have to experience His judgment in disaster if we do not turn to our true liberty.

So now is the time and the time is short. The time for liberty is upon us. I do not want to walk thru Philadelphia and see a hollow display. In that display of liberty of the bell and the Hall are true heroes of our nation who fought and died for liberty. Can we do less?

*New Nametags*

We had no new nametags today.

*After Church Hospitality*

Sadly, no after church snacks. With no fatted dog nut in sight, it was off to the next village for Fred's Hamburgers. Fatted dog nuts next week! We are hoping between now and next Sunday some invents no-carb dog nuts.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
8 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>
15 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>
22 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>
29 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>
5 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>
12 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
19 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>
26 August 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>

*People in our Prayers* - <http://faithfulcenturionprayerteam.blogspot.com/>

**Why? Prayer is an extremely important activity.**

It is not that God knows not our needs, for He surely does. Yet, Jesus commanded us to ask God for those same needs. In addition to the obvious of asking God for help, offering thanksgiving and the like, prayer helps us focus our thoughts on how we might do God's work.

The Prayer Team of the Church of the Faithful Centurion was established to help our members and fellow Christians pray for those in need and to give thanks as well for the blessings we have been granted.

**Who can be on the list? Do I have to be a member of the Church of the Faithful Centurion to be prayed for?**

No! The only qualification to be on the list is that you want our prayer team to pray for you. We are Christians and are happy to pray for you, no matter who you are. If you want help from God, you are our kind of people.

**What is the commitment from the prayer team?**

Each member of the team will pray for the desired outcome at least once per day.

**How do I get myself or someone else on the prayer list?**

You can email one of the prayer team leaders: Jack - jack@faithfulcenturion.org or Dru - dru@faithfulcenturion.org, or call the church office at (619) 659-3608 or fill out a prayer card at church.

**What should I ask for?**

Depends on what you want. Some people merely want God to be asked to heal their ills and be mentioned by their first name, others want a specific outcome and / or have more of their personal information known to the team. Ask for what you want. It is your desire and need for prayer the team is attempting to meet. For typical examples, see the list below.

**Updating the Team**

If you are on our prayer list, or if you have submitted a person that you have asked us to pray for, please update one of the team members or Hap in person, by telephone or email. It helps to be able to pray specifically for these individuals including their specific needs; plus if they get better, it is nice to give thanks!

Please note that on the yellow (maybe green or orange if you get an old one) cards at church, you can ask that those to be prayed for have their names disseminated to the prayer team. Those names will be said in church and appear here. Or, you can ask that their names and purpose be kept confidential, then only Hap will know to pray for them.

*Prayer List Notice – If you have someone on the prayer list and their needs have changed, please let us know. We'd like to update our prayers to reflect the need and most important to give thanks!*

**Travel**

Jack Arnold is on travel to Guam. If you want to track him, you can find him here:

<http://poshkandaroo.blogspot.com/>

<http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0yREOEBWEr3x4Y77ijqDMZvnbVizvezAe>

Mona Mukerji traveled from England to Pakistan recently, in order to commemorate the opening of a church she and her extended family had built in the town of Stunzabad, Pakistan, a very volatile area. Also, Mona's brother was a very, very renowned priest or bishop, in Lahore until he passed away. This family is heavily involved in uplifting Christians in Pakistan; as we know, they have their work cut out for them. God bless them and keep them safe.

### ***Move***

*Ryan Hopkins* has moved to Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, to study Dressage Riding through June 2013. Please pray for God's guidance in his life as he works and studies.

*The Thomas Family* is on a short tour assignment in Guam through August 2013. Please pray for the assignment to continue to go well for Kurt and for Mary and the kids to make new friends. In particular pray that Kristyna and Mitchell will develop good friends and school mates there so as to further their development as both Christians and citizens. Things seem to be going well where the sun rises on the United States, so keep praying! Give thanks and ask for continued good developments.

### ***New Position***

*Rev LTC Al Ryan* has been appointed Deacon-In-Charge of the mission parish of St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, Anglican Church in America (ACCA) parish in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. It is a small but growing mission, which has been plagued by clergy change. Al, the diocesan pilot, has been appointed for one year, during which time he is to help them identify what their needs are for a vicar. He has done this before and asks you to pray for God's help one more time; not only for himself, but for the parish.

### ***Birthday***

*Laurel Bessesen* celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26 April 2012.

### ***Nearing the end of their time here on earth***

*Caroline*, good friend of Sara Simmons, was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer last week. Her doctor believes she has two weeks or so left here on earth. Please pray for her to retain her trust in the Lord and ease her transition to home. Sara asks in particular that she truly understand that God will welcome her with His open arms and that her pain be relieved as she makes this last trip.

### ***Homebound or Infirm***

*Norma, Sara's mother* is in a state of deteriorating health, both physically and mentally, with both onset dementia and Alzheimer's. On 30 January 2012, she broke her hip and had a partial hip replacement. She is not doing well, but has decided she would like to live a bit longer. Please pray Norma might come back to God and for peace of mind for her and the ability for both Sara and her mother to put their cares and worries on God's shoulders so they can deal with the many problems involved.

### ***Departed***

*Alice Berry* passed away 24 May 2012, after a hard fought battle with cancer. Please give thanks for her life here and pray for comfort for her husband Larry and their family who remain behind, pray that they can look to the Lord for comfort during this very hard time.

### ***In need of a miracle or understanding of God's Plan***

*Todd and Kenny* have both been fighting osteocarcinoma for over five years and have been told their time here on earth is nearing its end, absent a miracle from God. Both are ready to go home and leave the pain, but would like to stay. Please

pray for them and their families.

### *Healing*

*Kevin Gerhart* discovered cancer on his neck. This is not believed to be the primary site and his doctors are trying to find the source site. Please pray for the medical team treating Kevin that they might pay attention, do their very best and find the source; that the treatment might be successful and he might live a long and healthy life to His honor and glory. Pray also for trust in God and peace of mind for Kevin, his wife and family.

*Gil Garcia* had surgery at the VA hospital in Long Beach. The surgery was successful, they are predicting a 12 week recovery time. Please pray for a rapid recovery for Gil, as well as peace of mind for Gil, his wife Mary and their family.

*Sylvia Lee*, Sandra Lee's mother, has progressive lumbar stenosis and sciatica, which is causing increasing pain in her back and weakness in her legs. Sylvia has already had mobility issues because of the strokes she had almost 20 years ago. She uses a wheelchair and walker as it is. Various pain pills and injections have not helped, so now it is time for a consultation with a surgeon. If this continues and Sylvia gets to the point where she can't walk or even stand, they will have to face moving out of the house they've lived in for 45 years. Please pray for strength, healing and easing of pain for Sylvia and her family's continued faith and in God as the Great Physician. They pray for help to listen to God's voice and guidance through this journey together.

*Sara Simmons* sustained a fractured right knee as the result of a fall on a slate patio. She is now in a leg brace, but is still challenged for mobility and undergoing physical therapy while trying to take care of her mom, her husband Bill and Caroline. Please pray for patience for Sara and her husband Bill, as well as rapid and complete healing.

*Bill, Sara's husband*, had a third abdominal surgery on 22 November 2011. This time the tumor was removed. Bill is having difficulty keeping the doctor's instructions, including taking a chemotherapy once a day for three years, radically decreasing the consumption of alcohol and eating properly, he is also having difficulty maintaining equilibrium, please pray for help for him to do all this. Please pray also that Bill might turn his heart outward to help those around him, as well as live a long and healthy life to the honor and glory of God. Pray also for peace of mind for Bill and his wife Sara.

*Kay Denton* (Mrs. Kay) got a blood clot, which affected two of her fingers. She underwent an angiogram which seemingly had the desired result and the Eveready Bunny rebounded once again. Please pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the positive outcome and pray for continued peace of mind for Mrs. Kay and her family. Give thanks for her trust in the Lord and her positive attitude.

*Izaiah Urista* (4) has a brain tumor. He was playing with his older sister, Jade, at McDonald's when she noticed he wasn't using his right side to climb, etc. Jade took her brother to their mother after which they realized he couldn't lift his arm. They took him to the hospital where it was discovered he has a brain tumor. He

will undergo about 18 months of chemo to see if the tumor will shrink. At this point they do not think they can do anything else for him. Please pray for strength and guidance for Izaiah and his entire family, as well as provide guidance for medical treatment team.

*James L. Cavanah* had surgery the afternoon of 10 February 2012, to remove two small but cancerous tumors. James is a minister with the AOC in Savannah, Georgia. Please pray for his recovery and remission from the cancer. Give thanks for the surgery and pray for both him and his family to allow God to carry their worries while he recovers.

*Dotty Valkenaar* had successful surgery for a shoulder ligament problem on 28 February 2012. Physical therapy seems to be working, but is painful. Please pray for continued recovery and peace of mind through trust in God for Dotty and Lew, her husband, as well as their entire family.

*Morris Martin, 91*, has had multiple bouts of pneumonia and lost his ability to swallow; he is still trying to regain his ability to swallow. We are very thankful Morris was released home from the nursing home after gaining strength and getting his blood sugar under control. Pray for continued gain of strength and peace of mind for Morris and his family, in particular his son Paul. Pray for his trust in our Lord and for both him and his family to let God carry their worries while he recovers.

*Steve Sundberg* had a heart attack after Easter. After some time, the medical team treating him decided he was not a candidate for stents and a five-way heart bypass was performed the week of 6 June 2011. Please pray for his complete recovery and for his three children and family who are very worried about him, pray also for his trust in our Lord and for both him and his family to let God carry their worries while he recovers.

*Matt Alcantara*, age 15, has Osteosarcoma (bone cancer), a very rare and often lethal form of cancer with limited treatment options. This is a disease that is about 90 percent fatal in a couple of years. He has no hip joint on one side, but he walks and swims! Courage? Guts? You bet! Matt just came back from his what is now every four month bone scan – CLEAN! Thanks be to God for the way things have gone. Thanks also for the great faith of Matt and his entire family. Their faith and trust is a wonderful example for each and every one of us. But, now is not the time to stop praying. Actually, it never is the time to stop praying!

*Judith Clingwall*, is afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She is currently in Laurel Place, an extended care facility in Surrey, British Columbia. Judith's condition has worsened recently. She is no longer able to stand, in fact she has a lot of trouble sitting upright. Judith is depressed and wants to go home to watch her birds, which given everything seems unlikely at present. Please pray for her to take an active part in her own life, for her strength, peace of mind, trust in God and remission of the disease so she might return home to her family. Pray also for strength for her husband Martin as he deals with all the problems and stress of Judith's situation.

*Becky Madden* is paralyzed from the neck down as the result of a tragic shooting

accident. Her husband is doing his best to take care of her; it is hard and he is learning the best he can. Please pray for further recovery for Becky, as well as strength and guidance for her husband.

*Betty Macauley*, Tim's mom, fell and cracked her hip. The surgeons were able to put a pin in the hip. She made it home after a week of rehabilitation, which is a good sign. She is now walking with the aid of a walker around the house and wheelchair when out side of house. Tim says she is tough and hanging in there, considering she was 92 in June. Tim will be heading up to see her for a few days in April. Please pray for her rapid recovery and for a good attitude and most important for trust in God to keep her moving while she is here.

*Lauralee* underwent a lumpectomy on Friday after Thanksgiving. A further anomaly has been discovered and she had additional preventative radiation treatment. Please pray for a complete remission of the cancer. Pray also Lauralee will maintain her great attitude and trust in God.

*Vince (age 15)*, reoccurrence of Osteosarcoma, recent testing found a nickel sized tumor in his lungs. The doctors are consulting with a specialist in Houston. Please pray for guidance for the medical team and for peace of mind for Vince and his family.

*Obra Gray* continues to take day by day. Please continue to keep Obra in your prayers, and give him the strength of knowing the Lord is with him and will never forsake him. Obra needs security of what lies ahead of him, and only the Lord can grant the solace to answer his prayer.

### **Guidance**

*Sara* asks that you pray for guidance for her as she deals with the stresses of her family and life. Pray that she can separate those things which she can affect from those things which she cannot and give her grace to accept that she cannot do everything and can only change those things within her control.

*Jacquie* to open her heart to God and accept His Love and Grace.

*Hap* and *Ryan* both ask you to pray they might be able to trust God will help them make the right decisions at the right time and not to worry uselessly, to change those things they can change, accept those things they cannot change, sleep well to be able to do the correct things with a clear head and that they will open their hearts to the Holy Ghost.

### **Armed Forces & Contractors**

Airman Donny Patton (Kadena AB, Japan), Jordan (USMC – 29 Palms), Trevor (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator), Trevor (USN – Whidbey Island, EF-18 Pilot), Kurt Thomas (USN – Guam)

### **Persecuted**

Around the world, Christians are under attack, not only in the Muslim world, but from Hindus and others in India. Also, they are under continual attack in the name of "Separation of Church and State" in the western world, as it becomes actively atheist or pro-devil buddy. Please pray for God's guidance and protection for all

persecuted Christians and those around them.

### *Various Special Requests*

We ask that you pray, please ask God that the Holy Ghost might give you insight into how you might make the lives of your friends and family better. Remember helping others is not just those who you don't know!

Please join us in praying that the *Free Teen Guitar Class* will be continue to be an opportunity for God to work in the lives of the kids and their families. Please ask God to guide the class to new opportunities to make Him known to others. Help us to let the love of our Lord shine through us into their lives, putting Him first, so that He might enter in to their hearts and lives.

### *Question that only you can ask*

What would you like to know about our history, what we believe, what we do or how we operate? Hap is looking for material for the continuing education class and *Thought for the Day* material. Help us help you. Please send your question to Hap so we all can get an answer. Just because you don't know the answer to your question doesn't mean you are the only one who doesn't know. But, if you don't ask, no one will know.

### *Guest Commentary from Bishop Pressey, Anglican Episcopal Church*

#### *The Emperor's New Clothes and Professional Clergy*

American society has come to venerate titles, degrees, and credentials. Specialization garners much respect and adoration. But for many titles and degrees, the reality is the "Emperor's New Clothes". I have earned degrees and titles; yet because of experience in the "School of Hard knocks", I look with reservation on anyone who is so enamored with degrees and credentials that they hold their achievements as a badge of elitism and status. I have seen stateside officers and noncoms who failed the test of battle. I have seen school administrators who are consummate politicians; yet, totally lacking in courage to administer with wisdom. Within the church, there are pastors, priests, bishops, and even rabbis who are money and status driven.

#### *Dedication and Service vs Pride and Ambition*

Part of the reason for inadequate behavior from so-called educated people is that ambition overrides dedication to service. There is a flaw in character. All too often schools of higher learning often benefit the staff rather than the students. For example, when professors earn sums in the hundred thousand dollar range and teach less than 12 hours per week while extorting unconscionable fees from the student, there is a problem. It is even more egregious when the courses are based on opinions and untested theories and the earned degree has produced no saleable skills in the job market. How many students waste their time earning a degree in general studies or the softer and nebulous disciplines?

#### *Some Seminaries are No Different*

Religious seminaries are even more suspect when they develop curriculums that perpetuate theologies that are inconsistent with Bible teachings. They are suspect when theological students get the idea that they are all knowing and all wise. Nothing is so ridiculous as when a seminary student graduates at 22 years of age and is an expert in counseling, guidance, family affairs, finance, and human understanding.

### *I'd like to get a different point across or announce something*

If you have a different point of view, I would be happy to give you room to get your point across. While this publication is my perspective on events, I recognize not everyone may agree and that some people would like to express their own opinion. If you want to write something, please forward your item to Hap (with a note as to whether or not you would like editing help) to: [hap@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto:hap@faithfulcenturion.org).

### *Epistleers*

We post the list of Epistle Readers in the Sunday Report each week so you can either plan your attendance or your pre-reading as the spirit so moves you.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>
4 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Independence Day
8 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Fifth Sunday after Trinity
15 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Sixth Sunday after Trinity
22 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

### *The near future, as well as Next Sunday*

4 July 2012 – Independence Day – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

8 July 2012 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

15 July 2012 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

22 July 2012 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

29 July 2012 – Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**