



# Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The weather was once again picture perfect, clear, dry and 54°F at sunrise, rising to 78°F by the end of church under those same blue skies! Once again, the gathering song gathered not one and we ended up with 3 people present for the service.

## *Gathering Song*

Jack 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 199-200, with the Collect first:

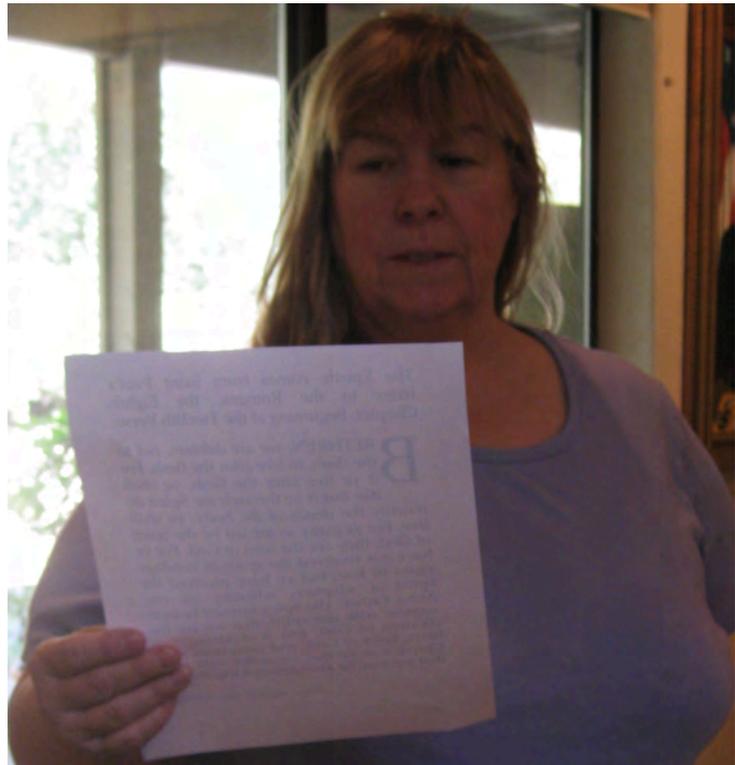
### **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity.**

#### *The Collect.*

**G**OD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from Paul's letter to the Romans, the Eighth Chapter, beginning at the Twelfth Verse. Paul tells us to live out our lives as Jesus instructed us to. If we live as we want, we die and are gone. If we live as Jesus commanded, we will live through to eternity. Life is not about here, it is about doing well enough here so we can get there. If we want the fruits of the heirship we have been given, we must live the part:

**B**RETHREN, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.



Deacon Striker Jack Arnold read today's Holy Gospel, which started in the Seventh Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the Fifteenth Verse. Matthew records the warning that so few heed. Many leaders talk a good line, but how do they actually act, particularly in private? For it is private when none are looking that we are revealed. If you want to get to heaven, you have to act the part, not just talk about it.



**B**EWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

### *Sermon – Time and Action*

Today's sermon tied the Epistle and Gospel together talked, as is oft the case, of the need for action, not simply diction, the general content is in forewords above.



Consider the words from the Collect, wherein we ask God who ... ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; ... to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us ...

We must understand in our hearts that God does indeed "ordereth all things" here as well as in heaven. Once we understand that, then we can ask Him to keep us away from those things hurtful to us and incline our hearts towards those things that are good for us.

Paul tells us, much like last week, that if we are of this world, we die of this world. Yet if we will accept our adoption by God, we will be entitled to call Him Abba, or Daddy. For, if we are His children, then we gain His Birthright and all that results from that status. While we may have some cause for suffering here on earth, the resultant glory will all be well worth it.

Matthew reminds us to listen to those who preach of the Gospel and discard the words of those whose teachings are not congruent with The Word. For, it is by their actions can you judge their teaching. To quote President Reagan, "Trust, but verify." Does what the person say match with The Word. We all have Bibles, most the Authorized Version. Does what the person preach match what God has said? Does their life live

that talk?

Action counts. For by their actions ye shall know them. Speaking of actions and judging, check out Bishop Jerry's sermon.

### **Be of God - Live of God - Act of God.**

#### *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.

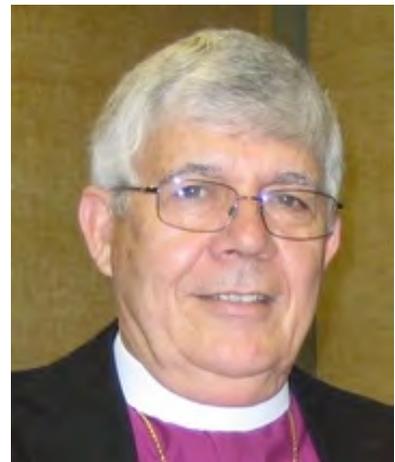
#### **Sermon Notes**

Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
29 July 2012, Anno Domini

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##### *The Collect.*

**O** GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? 20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. 22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. 23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? 24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. (John 7:14-24)*

Should the any man judge another? If so, should a Christian judge another? If so, by what measure should a Christian judge? It would be impossible to live in the world without exercising the means of judgment with which the Lord has imbued us. Our sense to judge right and wrong, expedience and foolishness, have been implanted in the minds of every human being created. We daily judge the kind of food that is needful for our bodies, the kind of places we frequent, and the kind of friends with whom we associate. We would be fools to choose people as friends whose values are diverse from ours as associates, would we not?

There are really only two kinds of judgment – good and bad. If we judge wisely regarding our foods, our investments, our careers, our soul mates, we have prospects for a happy life. If we judge foolishly in these areas, we may find ourselves in great sorrow. Among other things, we learn how to judge from the words of the Lord in

today's passage: Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. The modern church has been rendered sterile by an over-enthusiastic observance and misapplication of the words of Christ in another place – "***Judge not that ye be not judged.***" (Matthew 7:1) This quote is most often taken completely out of context and stands the principle Christ is conveying on its head. Remember the fuller quote and meaning: ***For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*** (Matt 7:2-5) In other words, do not judge others by a more stringent standard than you judge yourself, for it is by the standard you judge others that you, too, shall be judged.

What does Christ mean when He commands us to judge with ***righteous judgment?*** How do we know the definition and standards of such righteous judgment? Do we not hold it in our hands – the HOLY BIBLE! Whatsoever God calls sin, we are obligated to call sin even if that sinner is a brother or sister. ***24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*** Men judge not only by appearance, but according to their own personal animosities as in the case of the text today.

The occasion is the Feast of Tabernacles. If we read the first few verses of this chapter, we will discover that even the brothers of Jesus ridiculed Him and did not believe in Him. ***His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him.*** (John 7:3-5) It is suggested by Scripture that even His own dear mother, Mary, did not comprehend fully who He was until after the Resurrection. They judged Jesus by the common appearance and not the Power of God that was in His Person.

There is a new Presbyterian minister who has come to the Korean Presbyterian Church. As usual, the gossipers try to find something wrong with him instead of something right. He is the most qualified Korean minister to come to these parts from the standpoint of education and experience. He is a graduate of the Korean Military Academy, a retired Lt. Colonel, a graduate of the Presbyterian Seminary in Australia with a baccalaureate, from Fuller Theological with a Masters of Divinity; yet, the gossipers are busy. "***Why would such a man so qualified come to a small church in Alabama? He must have something wrong with his character.***" It is almost amusing to consider what those same gossipers would have said of Jesus Christ....but wait a minute! That DID so scandalize the Lord Himself, didn't they?

If you cannot challenge the message, then attack the Messenger! (an old established principle of detractors). ***14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*** Notice, they do not question the validity of His learning and teaching, but they question ***How did He come to KNOW it!*** If a man is too little trained, the detractor will question how does He know so much! If the man bringing the uncomfortable message is highly trained, they will question the truth of his sanity. Remember the words of Festus to Paul? ***And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.*** (Acts 26:24)

How proudly do many clerics boast of their diplomas and degrees, their superior learning and calling when the most humble of believers in the audience may have been

taught more directly by God the truths of the Gospel! When shall we ever learn that the authority with which we speak the Gospel is not ours, but God's? Charles Spurgeon was converted by the preaching of an illiterate country deacon. The deacon clumsily spoke the truth of the Gospel to Mr. Spurgeon. It was not the eloquence, or lack thereof, of the deacon that touched the heart of that great preacher, but the authority of God inherent in the Word of God that the beloved old deacon spoke. Who cares how one comes by truth just as long as it is TRUTH? **16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.** **17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.** **18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.** If the truth of God is spoken by a devil, it is yet the truth of God. Remember the words of the ungodly High Priest, Caiaphas, who spoke the truth and prophecy of God even if unwittingly? **And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.** (John 11:49-52)

When we, as ministers of the Gospel, preach sermons that may move many souls, can we lay claim to the power of that sermon? I think not, if the sermon comes from God. It is HIS sermon! The people of God are simply the vessels of gold, silver, stone, and wood in which the Bread of Heaven is served. The quality of that Bread is not dependent upon the vessel in which it is served.

If a sermon is ever preached that does not point to the beauty and hope of Christ is only a man's sermon. **19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?** When my son, Michael, was four years old, there was a little game he loved to play on me. He would say in the morning, "Dad, today is 'opposites' day, OK?" I would agree to his silly game and forget the consequences. Later, he would ask to go to the market for 'chocolate eggs' a Norwegian chocolate treat. If I said 'No', he would say that meant 'Yes' because today was opposites day. So I would relent and go for the treat. That was an innocent child's game, but it is also a deadly adult game as we see in the text today. They all considered themselves virtuous, yet none truly kept the Law of God. **20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?** To the only one among them who was truly righteous, these fools accused of having a devil. Ironically, it was their own tongues that were possessed of devils.

We constantly, by our natures, attempt to exonerate ourselves of sin by rationalization and redirection, but such tactics do not alter truth. It is always the other driver who is crazy while we are wise and prudent behind the wheel. It is the neighbor's child always who starts the fight and not our little fair-haired darlings.

**21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.** **22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the Sabbath day circumcise a man.** **23 If a man on the Sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the Sabbath day?** If we will know the will of God, we must also know God to whom that will belongs. Look at the reason of God in all things. Do not disobey His perfect will by a hypocritical and superficial adherence to the letter of the law. The more weighty things of God supersede our faulty maneuvering around the demands of the law. If we are able to always place LOVE at

the top, we shall do well, for it is upon love (the love of God and our neighbors) that all of the law and the prophets hang.

**24 Judge (apply God's judgment) *not according to the appearance (the outward form), but judge righteous judgment (based on God's authoritative Word).*** If we judge according to the world and appearance, we are judging amiss. If we judge with an application of God's Word, mingled with love, we judge not according to our own weakly senses, but His. AMEN

### *Bishop Dennis Campbell's Sunday Sermon*

As is oft the case, we are honored to present Bishop Dennis' Sunday sermon presented to his parish. Dennis has a great sermon for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity:



#### **God, Builder of Lives**

Psalm 127, Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 7:15-21  
Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
July 29, 2012

I think Evan Daniel's history of the Prayer Book, expressed the meaning of today's reading from Romans well when he wrote that it "teaches us that to put away all things hurtful to us we must through the Spirit 'mortify the deeds of the body.'" "We cannot live after the flesh and at the

same time live after the spirit. Life according to the one involves death according to the other."

He also captured the essence of our reading from Matthew, saying; "The Gospel... teaches us that the fruits of our lives will be hurtful or profitable, according as we regard or disregard the will of our Father who is in heaven. Thus, while we recognize a never-failing Providence, we also recognize the indispensability of bringing our wills into accord with God's will."

Psalm 127. *Nisi Dominus.*

**E**XCEPT the Lord build the house, \* their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the Lord keep the city, \* the watchman waketh but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; \* for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children, and the fruit of the womb, \* are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, \* even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; \* they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127 reiterates these lessons. It tells us the most hurtful, harmful, self-destructive thing we can do to ourselves, our families, our churches, or our nations, is to attempt to build them according to our own plans, ideas, and values, rather than upon God's. If God does not build the house, "their labour is but lost that build it."

Moses learned this the hard way. In Exodus 2:11 he killed the Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew, "one of his brethren." Acts 7:25 tells us Moses thought his action would show the Hebrews that God was going to use him to deliver them from their slavery, "but they understood not." Moses didn't understand either. Moses was brought up in the palace and educated in the ways of the Egyptians. His education included training in warfare, for leading the army was expected of the house of Pharaoh, and the Pharaoh himself led the army in pursuit of the Hebrews (Ex. 14:8). Moses probably thought God was going to have him organise the Hebrews into an army to rise up against Egypt and gain their freedom in battle. Moses was trying to build the house of Israel according to his own plan, but that was not the way God intended to do it. Moses' labour was lost.

Let's go further back than Moses. Let's go back to Abraham and Sarah, when their names were still Abram and Sarai, when they decided God wasn't moving fast enough in His promise to make a great nation out of their descendants. They decided Abram should beget a child with Sarai's slave, Hagar. Through that unholy union Ismael was born, and immediately began to make trouble for Abram and Sarai. And the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Ishmael have been at odds ever since. Abram was trying to build the house of Israel according to his own plan, but that was not the way God intended to do it. Abram's labour was lost.

Let's go back a little further. Let's go back to Abraham's nephew Lot. Lot is a significant person in the Bible because Lot wasn't trying to serve God or build a nation for God. Lot was only concerned about Lot. You remember that the shepherds of the flocks of Abraham and Lot argued over the water and grazing resources of the land, so Abraham, trying to make peace, suggested they separate, and he told Lot, "if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will depart to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left" (Gen. 13:9). And Lot chose the land of the plains of Jordan, for Lot wanted the bright lights and night life of the cities. So he settled in Sodom and Gomorah, and with his wealth, he probably became a big hit on the party circuit. He forgot all about God. He settled into the pagan culture and built his life upon it. And it nearly killed him and his family because they barely escaped with their lives. When God destroyed the cities, they were miraculously saved because Abraham interceded for them with God. But Lot's wife died because of her disobedience to God, and Lot's daughters were never able to rid themselves of the pagan ways they learned in Sodom and Gomorah. Lot was trying to build his house Lot's way, but Lot's way wasn't God's way. Lot's labour was lost.

Let's go back even further into history. Let's go back to the beginning, to Adam and Eve. Here were people who literally owned paradise. They had everything, and they threw it all away because it didn't fit their idea of what paradise should be. To them, paradise meant they were in control. They would decide what was good and what was evil. They would decide what was right and what was wrong. They would decide what was beautiful and what was ugly, and what was true and false, and what was valuable and what was worthless. And the result of their sins and their choices and their values was the loss of paradise. Strife became a part of human relationships. Adam and Eve became estranged from each other. Within one generation, probably less than twenty years after the Fall, the children of Adam and Eve were at odds with each other, and their son, Cain, murdered his brother, Abel. Adam and Eve were trying to build their house their way, but their labour was lost.

The lesson to us today is quite obvious, if God does not build the Church, the family, the nation, and our very lives, our labour to build them is lost. We labour in vain. In other words, if we build by the ideas and values of the world, if we build by our own passing whims and desires, or upon whatever ideas and life-styles are the current fad or politically correct, whatever we build will fall apart like the foolish man's house that was built upon the sand.

So how does God build? He builds upon the foundation of Jesus Christ who died to redeem His people and to establish His Kingdom. In Him we have the forgiveness of sin, which we receive by faith. That is the first principle of the way God builds. The second principle is that God uses His own tools when He builds. He builds with the Church, public and private worship, the reading and preaching of the Bible, the sacraments, and holy, Biblical living. That's how God builds His people and His Kingdom.

And so, if you want your life to be able to stand the tests of time and eternity, it must be built by God using His tools. Thus we pray according to the Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity:

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*The Collect.*

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**New Nametags**

We had no new nametags today.

**After Church Hospitality**

Sadly, no after church snacks. The same story every week, is it not? The fact is that we are supposed to be on a low carb diet and there really aren't any low carb snacks that appeal to us. So, with no fatted dog nut in sight, it was off to the next village for Greek Food; a salad at that! **AGAIN!** 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:

Date	Name
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>
2 September 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Thirteenth 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**

*Shamim Gray* is on travel to London this week to be with her family as her father Bashir Ahmed passed away recently.

**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.

### ***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***

*Bashir Ahmed*, father of Shamim Gray, passed away on Tuesday 17 July 2012, in London. Bashir had been in failing health for some time and had a series of seizures on 10 July 2012. Please give thanks for his transition to be with our Lord in His home, pray also for his family who of necessity remain behind, in particular his daughter Shamim and his loving wife who cared dearly for him. Above all, pray for his entire family to open their hearts to accept all God's love will bring them.

*Morris Martin, 91*, passed away on Monday 16 July 2012. His son Paul was with him as he left for home, for which all are grateful. Morris was comfortable in our Lord. While he will miss his family here on earth, he was grateful for all the time the Lord has given him. Please pray for continued peace of mind for his family, in particular his wife of many years, his daughter Patty and son Paul. Pray for their trust in our Lord and for his family to let God carry their worries.

*Elizabeth Brooks*, mother of Reverend Tom Brooks, Rector of All Saints Church in Pensacola, Florida, and Chancellor of the Anglican Episcopal Church. Mrs. Brooks passed away the morning of 6 July 2012, at after a long illness at 0130 EDT in Rochester, New York. Thankfully, her son Tom was in attendance for her final illness and at the time of her passing. She was born on 6 January 1920, and so was 92 ½ years old. Please pray for the repose of her soul, now safely in the arms of our Lord, and for the strength and consolation of Tom and her other children.

*Robert "Bob" M. Hall* passed away the afternoon of 5 July 2012. Bob, a lifelong follower of our Lord, left behind children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who are a testimony to his work here. His family misses him, but rejoices in his freedom and happiness. Please pray for their comfort as they deal with the temporary separation, in particular remember Elaine, his wife of 65 years, who will miss him dearly.

*Caroline*, good friend of Sara Simmons, passed away on 5 July 2012, after a battle with lung cancer. Please give thanks for her safe passing and comfort for her family and friends who of necessity remain behind.

### ***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. They have not found the primary site and his doctors are trying to find the source site. In the mean time, he is undergoing

radiation and chemotherapy. 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.

*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. Please pray for her to keep 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.

### **Thanksgiving**

*Hap Arnold* gives thanks for safe travel this past week.

### **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 (ACA) 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.

### **Armed Forces & Contractors**

Airman Donny Patton (Kadena AB, Japan), Jordan (USMC – Fleet Marine Force - Pacific), 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.

### *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>
5 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
12 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
19 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
26 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
2 September 2012	Dru Arnold – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
9 September 2012	Dru Arnold – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
16 September 2012	Dru Arnold – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
25 September 2012	Dru Arnold – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

5 August 2012 – Ninth 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**

12 August 2012 – Tenth 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**

19 August 2012 – Eleventh 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**

26 August 2012 – Twelfth 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**

2 September 2012 – Thirteenth 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**

9 September 2012 – Fourteenth 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**

16 September 2012 – Fifteenth 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**

25 September 2012 – Sixteenth 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**