



# Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Sunrise brought a very deep marine layer, all the way to well above the church's 3,500' msl with a temperature of 53°F; which rose to a toasty 63°F by the end of church under those same cloudy skies. Not that pretty, but the even with the damp weather we had our usual 3 people to worship.

## 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.

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 Holy Table 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 217-218, with the Collect first:

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#### *The Collect.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle for today, which came from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians beginning at the Fifteenth Verse of the Fifth Chapter. "... the days are evil. ... understand... what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ..."



God wants us to be happy, to be good and to enjoy life. The key to happiness is to do what God asks of you. No more (you can't), no less. Though you fall short, keep trying, that is all God asks. If you find this no other place, listen to the words of St. Paul.

**S**ee then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel, which came from the Twenty-Second Chapter of



the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the First Verse. Talking to the priests and scribes, Jesus told one of the wedding parables, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned

up their city. Then" he sent "his servants ... into the highways" to "gather... together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment?<sup>1</sup> And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

**J**esus said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

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<sup>1</sup> In that day, the giver of such a feast would have provided wedding garments for those who traveled far and were unable to bring one. In our case, Jesus provides the appropriate garb to those who will wear it, not just accept it and put it to one side.



*Sermon – Rev Deacon Jack Arnold – Time and Action*

**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

*The Collect.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect's prayer that God might keep us from the things that are bad for us so we can do the things He wants us to do ties perfectly with the Epistle and Gospel.

One word that intrigues me from Paul's letter to the Ephesians is "circumspectly", which when I looked it up meant "wary and unwilling to take risks." I believe Paul meant in these troubled days, we should not be taking risks with our faith, but walking in that which has been tried and true for over two thousands years. We cannot risk comprising the integrity of the faith, with new fangled modernistic New Age spirituality, as some of the more liberal, mega churches are wont to do.

Paul warns us against the dangers of drunkenness, but he does not mean never to drink wine, as some, (the Puritans) would take, but rather have "moderation in all things", which is a similar idea to what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6:12 "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything." Rather than turn to the excesses of this world, Paul says that we must turn to God and be filled with His Grace of the Holy Spirit. Making joyful noises to the Lord, be it in prayer or in song, and giving thanks always for all things to God.

In our lives, we should be grateful to God more than we are. At least, I know I am often not thankful to Him, when I should be. That is the troublesome aspect of having free will, we so often exercise it, not to the Glory of God, but for our own means. We have to turn away from that temptation, and let the Holy Spirit in and guide us, to thanking God for what He has done for us in our lives.

The Gospel's story has troubled me for many years now, wondering why the King cast out a man, whose only error appeared to be that of the wrong clothes. When I thought about it more, and in many discussions, I came to realize that the wrong clothes, was Jesus metaphor for one that is not prepared for heaven, not walking in God, not filled with the Holy Spirit, and that is why he was cast out of the wedding (which is implied to be heaven. And the King stands in for God in the tale.)

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel tie together, laying out, detailing and reinforcing the same message, ultimately. We have to ready and willing to listen to God, and walk in God, and act with the Holy Spirit in us, in order to have the right "clothes" to enter into the kingdom of heaven.



**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, and like always, it will give you a lot to consider in your heart.

### **Sermon Notes**

Saint Bede Anglican Episcopal Church  
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### **Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

#### *The Collect.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **Saint Matthew 22:1-14**

*1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.*

Jesus so often spoke in Parables that those whose hearts are open and humble might understand where those whose hearts were arrogant, proud and hardened would not so understand. Jesus relates this parable of marriage that has a double application. It relates to the first institution of God in the Garden at Eden, as well as the relationship between Christ and His Bride. Marriage is viewed with such profound meaning that the very first commandment God gave man involved this sacred institution that exists only between ONE man and ONE woman.

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Gen 1:28)*

Marriage is so important to Christ that He performed His first miracle at Cana of Galilee (which just happened to be a marriage feast.)

Since being the first institution of God in the Garden at Eden, marriage has been sacred and Holy to God – and it must be to us as well. It is an earthly model for the Kingdom of God and the great marriage between Christ and His Bride, the Church.

*"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,"*

This certain king is God the Father. Do I need tell you who the son represents? None other than Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God.

*"And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come."* The great prophets were these servants who called those who were bidden to come, but Israel would not hear them and did not come. They even stoned many of these prophet messengers, and others they sawed in half.

*"Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage."* The Great King leaves nothing to chance. He prepares ALL we need for our comfort and nourishment and joy. The sacrifice has been made for us – all we must do is come. He desires to honor us by allowing us to honor His Beloved Son.

*"But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:"* Here we see the dreadful preoccupation of the world, and even the church, with our own devices – money, trade and barter, etc. The service to God seems a light thing to them. We today are sorrowfully no different. We 'do our duty' in attending service once on Sunday, go back to our troughs and mud, and live as if God were not watching.

*"And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them."* You will recall how wrongly they treated Samuel, Moses, Jeremiah and all the prophets. Even Abel was slain by his brother for living and teaching righteousness. The Apostles, most of whom died brutal deaths, were no less dishonored by those who knew no honor.

*"But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city."* If you have been living under the delusion that God will always show mercy and kindness, you are wrong. Christ Himself shall return to claim His own, and the remainder shall be put to the sword and cast into Hell without mercy! They will have sealed their own fate through the neglect of the things of God. If you have not loved God in this life, you cannot love Him in the next. The tares (unbelievers) shall be gathered by the Holy Angels and burned. Even the details of this prophecy were fulfilled when the armies of Rome came and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Many of those same doubtful hearers suffered in that destruction!

*"Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.<sup>9</sup> Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."* Most of the people of Israel depended upon their pedigree as sons of Abraham; however, they did not rightfully belong to the Old Testament Church of Abraham who looked to the coming of Christ.

**The noble Stephen proclaimed:**

*And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be*

*blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham*  
(Gal 3:8-9)

*This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us*  
(Acts 7:38)

Abraham was a Christian: Jesus said - *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.* (John 8:56)

And we are the Children of Abraham through faith.

Now back to those who refuse to attend the things of God: These being rejected through their own complacency, God turns to all who will come. All who love Christ are adopted into that great Church and are Israel indeed. None are to go without invitation!

*"So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests."* This is like the great dragnet of souls mentioned in Matthew 13:47-48. It drew every kind of fish, both good and bad, and the fisherman (angels) sat down and separated them. Or the fields of wheat and tares growing together picture this same truth.

*"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: <sup>12</sup> And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

Do we desire to be properly attired at this great and distinguished feast? If so, we must take on the White Robe of Righteousness which Christ offers to cover our rags and filth. The prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) received that Robe from His Father on his return from feeding the pigs in a far country. He was covered with the filth of his disobedience, but His Father covered His unsightly sins with love and His Robe of Righteousness.

There is an interesting prophecy in Isaiah 4:1. When women are referred to in prophecy, they represent a religious power.

Isaiah 4:1 - *"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."* To me, these may represent the seven churches, I humbly believe, who wish to be nominal Christians only. They will eat their own bread, and not the Bread of Heaven He offers, and will wear their own filthy rags of sin instead of His Robe of Righteousness. But they desire the dignity of being called, only, by His name.

In the end of all things, Christ concludes His message to the seven churches in Revelations 3:20, and particularly to the Church at Laodicea - *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

Does Christ stand in the midst of us at Saint Bede's this morning, or does He stand without the door and knock? I believe He stands in the midst of all faithful worshippers, but we must insure that we carry our faith home with us today as well.

*"For many are called, but few are chosen."* Friend, it is quite possible that you have been called and invited, but never accepted the invitation. A gift may be offered, but it is not fully a gift until it has been received. Have you accepted, with serious heart and intent, the Redemption made available through the blood of Christ?



### *Bishop Dennis Campbell's Sermon*

Bishop Dennis is a brilliant speaker. He is able to take biblical precepts and make them perfectly understandable, even to me. Oft he provides the text of his sermons and I take the utmost pleasure in passing them on:



#### **God Served with a Cheerful Heart**

Psalm 11, Ephesians 5:15-21, Matthew 22:1-14

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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I love the liturgy of Morning Prayer. I love that it includes the ancient practice of giving thanks for the Bible by singing a Canticle after each Scripture reading. One of the favourite Canticles has always been Psalm 100, the *Jubilate Deo*. Morning Prayer begins in private prayer, and moves into a common prayer seeking God's

blessings upon us, committing our cares and needs unto Him, asking Him to fill us with the spirit of prayer and beseeching Him to enable us to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The prayer is followed by a hymn, which is a prayer or exhortation set to music, and the hymn is followed by a Scriptural statement of the grace and mercy of God, such as, "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Giving our attention to the grace and majesty of God naturally moves us to consider our own unworthiness, and to confess our sins. After the confession we hear the joyful declaration that God "pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel." Next we pray the prayer that has comforted God's people in times of joy and times of sorrow for more than two thousand years. Prayed in everyplace from death beds to baptisms, we know it as "The Lord's Prayer."

Having confessed our sins and joyfully entrusted ourselves into the merciful heart of God, we move to the *Venite exultemus Domino*, "O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation." This is what others might term a Call to Worship. Based upon the mercy of God, who forgives our sins and calls us to live in His love, the *Venite* invites us to enter more deeply into the worship of God. This is especially appropriate as we prepare for the most important part of Morning Prayer, the reading and hearing of the Word of God.

In a sense, everything so far has been done in preparation to hear God's Word. The prayers and hymns have brought us together as one body, ready to humbly and reverently stand before God as He addresses and ministers to us through the words of Holy Scripture. Then, having heard with faith the Word of God, we rejoice in His mercy, singing:

Psalm 100. *Jubilate Deo*.

**O**BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.



Psalm 100 rings with words like "gladness," "song," "thanksgiving," "mercy," and "truth." It tells us that the right response to the grace of God towards us is to "serve the Lord with gladness." It encourages us to do as the Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity also teaches, "cheerfully accomplish" the things God commands. What does the Lord command? "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Present your body as a "living sacrifice," which is your "reasonable service." "Serve the Lord with gladness."

Cheerfully serving God is one of the common themes in the Scripture readings for this morning. The Epistle to the Ephesians speaks of living wisely and understanding the will of the Lord. It also speaks of life filled with thanksgiving and melody because it is lived in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We Christians are not controlled by our circumstances. We are not defined by the troubles or conditions we encounter in our journey through this world. Nor are we surprised by them. We expect problems "because the days are evil." They are part of life in a fallen world filled with fallen people. But we are not overcome by the evil days. Instead we "redeem the time." We are controlled by the Holy Spirit. He is the One who sets our attitudes and habits and outlook on life. As we are controlled by the Holy Spirit, we speak to ourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," and "giving thanks always for all things unto God." We do not dwell on our problems. We do not allow the situation of the world, the evil times, to make us angry or depressed or bitter. We fill our minds with the goodness and grace of God by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We live in thanksgiving for the unnumbered blessings we enjoy through God's grace. Especially do we give thanks that all things work together for our good if we love God, and that we are bound for an eternal home so wonderful it will enable us to realize that all the trials of this life are as nothing in comparison. Such a life leads to a cheerful heart. It leads naturally to a condition of wholeness, a life of spiritual wellness and harmony. It leads to what our Lord called "peace."

The Gospel of Matthew speaks of the joy of those who come to the wedding feast, and the sorrows of those who do not. Those who come are the poor. Their meager food consists primarily of hard bread supplemented with a few vegetables, fruits, and fish. Their clothes are rough, woolen work clothes that itch and smell like barns and fish and soil and sweat. Suddenly, they don't know why, they are called to freely partake of a sumptuous banquet. They are fed the finest meats and delicacies. They are dressed in fine robes, that are clean and comfortable and sweet with the fragrance of expensive perfume. Everything is of the best quality and served in abundance. And all is the free gift of the king. Those who did not come receive none of it. They have only their farms and their merchandise, which is nothing in comparison.

Obviously, the King is God and the wedding is the forgiveness and eternal peace given to us through the sacrifice of Christ. The farms and merchandise are the trinkets of the world, and those who refuse to come to the wedding receive nothing more from the King than their trinkets. Those who come to Christ receive joy and peace in abundance, now and forever.

Psalm 11 is written in the form of a dialogue. The congregation was probably divided into two groups, with the first singing verse 1, and the second group singing verses 2 and 3. Group one takes up the song again in verse 4, and continues singing to the end.

You will notice, then, that the Psalm consists of three sections. The first, in verse one, as though speaking to a person who is fearful and doubtful in the face of the world's problems, asks why someone would tell people who trust in God to "flee as a bird unto the hill?"

Psalm 11. *In Domino confido.*

**I**N the Lord put I my trust; \* how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver, \* that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, \* what can the right- eous do?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple; \* the Lord's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor, \* and his eyelids try the children of men.

6 The Lord approveth the righteous: \* but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brim- stone, storm and tempest: \* this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; \* his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

The answer is given in verses 2 and 3, "the ungodly bend their bow;" "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" There is danger in this world. There are evil people who desire to destroy us. And we are powerless before them. They have shaken the foundations of our lives, and we can't stop them. That is the answer of those of wavering faith.

Their answer is partially correct. There are enemies out there, who want to destroy us. They want to silence our voices in the public square. There are also enemies that tempt us to turn away from Christ, to give up the faith and flee to the hills. And there are enemies that come to us in the form of problems and troubles and sorrows. And, sometimes, as Martin Luther wrote, this world with devils filled threatens to undo us. But it is wrong to think we have no recourse but to flee to the hills. It is wrong to think we cannot withstand their attacks. It is wrong to think there is no defense against their attacks. Why? Because "The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's seat is in heaven." It is as though the Psalm is saying, "Look around you, Christian. God is not moved by evil men or worldly troubles. He is seated on His royal throne in Heaven. They cannot reach Him or hurt him, nor can they move or disturb Him. He is far beyond their reach."

We may say, "but I'm not God. I'm not in Heaven, and I'm not strong like God. These enemies trouble and hurt me." That is true, but God is with you. God is on your side. Verse 7 says, "Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest: this shall be their portion to drink." The Day will come when all of our troubles are cast down and put behind us forever. Verse 6 tells us God approves of the righteous. He has placed His stamp of approval on you. He has sealed and marked you as His own. And He will preserve you, whole and safe, to the shores of eternal bliss. In verse 8, God's eyes behold the thing that is just. That's you. If you are in Christ, in Biblical faith, you are just because the righteousness of Christ has been given

to you. And God's countenance beholds you. This means He is watching you. But He is not just seeing you, He is watching over you. He holds you in His protection. He upholds you with His hand. He will not allow evil to triumph over you. It may look like evil is winning now but it looked the same way 2,000 years ago when a sinless Man was nailed to a cross and tortured to death. Evil must have rejoiced at His death, like the Witch and her minions at the death of Aslan in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. But their joy soon became sorrow, for that Man walked out of that grave. He passed right through the stone and the seals and the guards. What seemed a sure victory to His enemies, was actually the stroke that assured their defeat. And so it is now. The troubles we experience teach us to trust in God alone, not the amusements of earth or our own puny strength.

Therefore, we cling to God. We boldly say with David, "In the Lord put I my trust." And, as we trust in Him alone to overcome our enemies and deliver us to Heaven, we now cheerfully accomplish those things which He has commanded.

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### *Rev Bryan Dabney of Saint John's Sunday Sermon*

We are fortunate to have Bryan's Sunday Sermon. If you want people to come to The Truth, you have to speak the truth, expound the truth and live the truth. This is really a good piece and I commend it to your careful reading.



#### *The Sermon - God's gift to Mankind*

I have often seen the depressing statistic that half of all marriages today will end in divorce. It used to be that the newer marriages were coming unglued within five or so years; but the trend now extends to those marriages that have been around for decades. We live in a society that values very little except for what gratifies the fleshly lusts of the masses. But what does God have to say about this matter? In our gospel lesson, we have his unambiguous view on the subject: What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder (St. Matthew 19:6b). To look at the divorce rate, you'd get the impression that people really do not care for the institution of marriage. But then consider this: those who divorce their spouses today will, in most cases, marry again in the near future. So what is the problem? Like every other difficulty that humanity faces, it stems from a lack of God's presence within the homes of those who are contemplating divorce. If God is honored by both parties, then no divorce will take place because the grounds for such will not exist. You cannot honor God by cheating on your spouse, by abusing your other half, or alienating yourself from them so that they regard you as a stranger and not the person they married.

The importance of marriage as an institution is set forth in Genesis chapter 2 (21-25) wherein it was written that the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. This is one of the most beautiful passages found in Scripture. It sets forth the purity and the spirituality of the institution of marriage. That is why our Lord spoke as he did in defense of marriage because he was there at its beginning. He also spoke of the origins of divorce because in the Law of Moses such was permissible on account of the sinful natures of men and women who would not abide in God's rules for life.

Marriage is, after all, about life and its orderly continuance upon this earth. God ordained marriage to join a man and a woman together that they might provide each other comfort and companionship. Under the rubrics of godly marriage, the two became one flesh in his eyes and the blessings of children would come out of the marriage bond and these were to be reared up in the knowledge of God. Thus it would follow that after they had matured these same godly children would marry and the process would begin anew. God's expectation was and remains that those who would choose to marry ought to enter into that institution with thoughtfulness, solemnity and with loving acceptance of their new estate.

Consider the words of the BCP on the Solemnization of Matrimony (pp. 300-304). The parties to matrimony are reminded of the need to examine their motives for joining together. They are then given the charge that God will judge them both if they are in error in their seeking to be married. Afterward, both make a public profession of their agreement to wed in taking the other as their spouse. This is followed by the giving of the marriage ring to the wife. And after a series of short prayers, the minister will repeat the words of our Lord, Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Enter now Satan and his cadre of wicked spirits. They have sought to make mankind's life as miserable as they can, as well as to turn as many as they are able from following God's rules for life. Satan hates everything God has made and that includes the institution of marriage. Where God has ordained a state of loving faithfulness, the devil creates unfaithfulness. Where God has created a union, the devil fosters disunion. Where there is supposed to be peace and harmony, the devil stirs up strife. Where the family home is supposed to be a place of refuge from the world, the devil brings the world right inside to confound and depress. Where children are supposed to have a haven in which to grow in the love and admonition of the LORD, the devil brings his spiritual chainsaw to cut away the bonds of unity within the family. In so doing, he divides spouses one from the other, and parents from their children. He engenders bitterness and wrath so that the children will hardly hear a kind word between their parents, much less be taught the intentions of God. Afterwards, God hears the weeping of those dejected spouses and the tearful cries of their children whose lives have been turned upside down by the antics of one or both of their parents. So imagine, if you will, when those so-called learned men of the Law tempted our Lord with their foolish questions about marriage and divorce, it would be safe to say that he was revolted not only by their question, but by their hardheartedness as well. An omniscient God had



clearly seen way beyond their time and even ours. He knows all too well the consequences of divorce—the lives ruined and homes wrecked.

Then there are those who live outside the bounds of God's institution of marriage in fornication and corruption. Sadly, very many so-to-speak Christians are doing just that. They do not give any thought to how God sees them as simply living in sin, and they may even believe that God's prohibition against their behavior is just a matter of interpretation. They have conveniently forgotten that if one claims to be in Christ Jesus then one must be obedient to Christ Jesus (St. John 14:15). In St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, the apostle advised them concerning marriage when he penned, Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency... for it is better to marry than to burn (7:2-5, 9b).

Scripturally speaking, those that co-habit apart from the institution of matrimony are saying rather straightforwardly that their living arrangements with one another do not involve asking God anything. And so, when one or the other party leaves, they just walk away without any obligation, or for that matter, without any valid reason. They believe that they are free to then go and form any number of new live-in relationships without any consequence. Can there be any stability in this sort of relationship? Where is the bonding that God intended for both the man and woman? What about the possible inclusion of any child or plural being born out of such a tenuous relationship? What about the effects on any child or plural who became part of a previous relationship? So when a live-in couple breaks up, one can blame it all on "bad karma," or "a lapse of judgment" but not on the very malefactor who chose to end the relationship. The message here is plain and simple: those who refuse to marry present the devil with any number of golden opportunities for mischief and mayhem in their lives. The message here is plain and simple: those who refuse to marry have opened the door to demonic spoliation. To paraphrase a notorious political figure of our day, The devil and his minions will "never let a good opportunity for theft, murder and destruction go to waste."

Nevertheless, in spite of everything the devil has done to destroy this institution, marriage still remains a gift of God to mankind. The solid foundation of Christ makes for longevity in Christian marriage. What a bulwark it is against the wiles of the devil. What a joy is found therein. This is not to say that Christian marriage will not have its rocky moments for even the best of marriages will face turbulent times. But I should think that a couple who are committed to each other—who have the love of God in their hearts—and seek to maintain their fellowship with each other, and with the Godhead, will survive the storms which the devil will send their way. Marriage is a life-long commitment. It is not a life-sentence as if one were somehow imprisoned. It is a life-enriching union which ought to have our Lord Jesus Christ at its center. Think about it in this manner, if Jesus Christ is ruler of all of your life then you will have a happy and secure marriage. That is why the man and woman who are contemplating marriage ought to be believing Christians. Marriage is not "a bed of roses," it is not "a piece of cake," but it has the potential to be one of the most fulfilling aspects of this life or God would not have established it.

Our task as Christians is to encourage others to seek God's will for them. While we may not be able to keep bad marriages from ultimately failing, we can assist those who are struggling to keep their marriages together through our prayers, and with God's permission, to appeal to the parties as we are given leave to do. God is sovereign and his power preempts all others. Ergo, we should bring before him our prayers and petitions on behalf of those who are trying to maintain their marriage vows, as well as for their children. We should make it part of our daily prayer life to seek God's assistance for those who are troubled in mind, body or estate and that includes the fractured households in our church and in our communities. We should also be in prayerful thanksgiving that if we are married and our home life is good, that God would give us grace to continue in such until he calls us home. Being thankful for the good things which God has given us is just as important as bringing him our petitions for his assistance regarding those things which trouble us. May it please our Lord to bless each of you in your respective homes and that you will not give Satan an open door to enter and wreck the good that God has given you.

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, make of us effective witnesses via our homes and marriages as a people who revel in thy blessings and desire that others might experience the same; and this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

### *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, we headed down the hill for an early dinner with other members of the family. Please someone, between now and next Sunday invents some no-carb dog nuts.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
28 October 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, superseding the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity</b>
4 November 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity</b>
11 November 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Veterans Day - Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity</b>
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25 November 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Sunday next before Advent</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**

Hap, Dru and Jack Arnold are on travel this week.

Hope and Ralph DeLong are on travel this week.

**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.

### **Marriage**

Elizabeth and Gunnar will be married in a few more weeks. Pray they will find a way to come together in prayer and to seek a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray they will find the wisdom to begin life together with Christ at the center and His Word as their daily bread.

### **Departed**

*Bob Burrell*, for whom the Arnolds' valley is named, passed away 21 September 2012, at age 90. Please pray for his family members who remain behind, in particular his wife of sixty some years, Marion.

### **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.

### **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.

*Colonel Bud Day's* cancer has returned. The outlook is not favorable. Bud has been an inspiration to all of us for years, this changes nothing. He is well at peace with our Lord and we all hope he stays with us for a while longer.

### **Thanksgiving and Continued Healing**

*Carol Stone*, the sweet wife of Mike Stone, longtime friend and colleague of Sara Simmons as well as Hap, was helicoptered to hospital with an ultimate diagnosis of severe bleeding on the left side of her brain. She remains hospitalized, but seems to be making some progress.

Please pray for peace of mind and trust in God for Mike, guidance for the medical team treating Carol and strength for Carol as well as faith and trust. No one can ever understand the why of these things here on earth. Sara who passed this request on asks that you pray in both faith and hope.

### **Healing**

*Baby M. Sowry* is having heart surgery. Please pray the medical team will pay attention and do their best. Pray for peace of mind for the entire family, as well as a good outcome.



*Colleen* has been battling pancreatic cancer over the last year and it has now spread to one of her lungs. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

*Nellie* is in the emergency room of a hospital in a great deal of pain. Please pray for peace of mind for her and guidance for the medical team looking for the cause and cure.

*Liz Strauch* has a pineal cyst, which is causing various problems for her, headaches, dizziness and distress. She has committed to having it drained on 4 December 2012. This is a difficult and concerning procedure. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating her, as well as for Liz and her husband Ken.

*Lauralee Meade* 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.

*Kevin Gerhart* discovered cancer on his neck. He underwent 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.

*Sara Simmons* has recovered pretty well from a fractured right knee, but is still challenged for mobility while trying to take care of her mom and her husband Bill. 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 doing better keeping the doctor's instructions, for which we are all grateful, including taking a chemotherapy once a day for three years. He needs to radically decrease the consumption of alcohol and eat 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) hip has deteriorated to the point walking is a slow and painful process, but she manages. Please pray for continued peace of mind for Mrs. Kay and her family. Give thanks for her trust in the Lord and her positive attitude.

*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 2011. 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 and his mom just came back from Houston at the Cancer Center for what was hoped to be a routine every four month bone scan. The scans were done on schedule, but a couple of new spots showed up. After Matt's San Diego doctors conferred with the Houston doctors to figure out what these spots mean, it turned out they are new and old injuries with no bad meaning. In effect they are CLEAN SCANS. Matt and his family ask you to give thanks for the super results. Please also give thanks 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.

*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.

### ***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)

### ***Thanksgiving***

All members of the AOC who traveled to the Biennial Convention in Statesville, North Carolina, give thanks for safe travel to and from the most wonderful experience in years.

Hap Arnold gives thanks for safe travel to and from San Francisco this past week.

### ***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.

Date	Reader
28 October 2012	Dru Arnold – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, superseding the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity
4 November 2012	Dru Arnold – Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity
11 November 2012	Dru Arnold – Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity
18 November 2012	Dru Arnold – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity
25 November 2012	Dru Arnold – Sunday Next before Advent
2 December 2012	Dru Arnold – First Sunday in Advent

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

28 October 2012 – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, superseding the Twenty-First 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**

4 November 2012 – Twenty-Second 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**

11 November 2012 – Twenty-Third 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**

18 November 2012 – Twenty-Fourth 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 November 2012 – Sunday Next before Advent – 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 December 2012 – First Sunday in Advent – 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 December 2012 – Second Sunday in Advent – 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 December 2012 – Third Sunday in Advent – 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**



23 December 2012 – Fourth Sunday in Advent – 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**

25 December 2011 – Christmas Day – 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**