



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity and the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We are in to fall now! Sunrise brought broken clouds and 48°F, which rose to about 60°F by the end of church under those same cloudy skies. Apparently weather was not an issue as we had the usual 3 people to worship.

Deacon Jack was sick today, so sick he did not want to play guitar for the service. Then, faced with the reality of no music, he got miraculously better so we had music! The accompaniment was rather quieter today, which made the singing so much the nicer!

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.

Pitiful as Jack looks, we don't think he felt as well!



Forty-Ninth Anniversary – 16 November 2012

It was forty-nine years ago that Bishop James Parker Dees founded our Anglican Orthodox Church. Like the Reformers of old, Bishop Dees came to the unavoidable and uncomfortable but very clear conclusion the modern church had become corrupt, more than that, heretical. While the basics were there, there was a clear need for reforming the church into conformation with Scripture. As in the 1500s, the church was in serious need of reformation. At the time, few in positions of authority grasped the need. Most of them were more interested in their trappings of power. James Parker Dees was the Reformer of our times. He managed to begin the successful reformation process which goes on



to this day. He established a church in "perfect conformation with Scripture" as they say.

While we acknowledge it is not truly perfect, the leadership of the AOC has been dedicated to its continual improvement and perfection. Like James Parker Dees, the current leadership is all about Him and not them.

As Bishop Jerry said, "Today and for ever, we are thankful to God for all the Reformers, in particular James Parker Dees. Were it not for his great courage and sacrifice of Bishop Dees, I would have no church to attend which I could feel free to serve in good conscience. He gave us a church that continues to honor and serve our Lord Jesus Christ!"

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.

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity
The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read the Epistle for today which was written in the First Chapter of the Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians, beginning at the Third Verse. Writing to the people of Colossus, Paul tells them that he is constantly praying for them and exhorts them to do their very best to actually fulfill the promises they have made to God, to Walk the Walk, not just Talk the Talk; to study hard the Word and use the strength they will get from God to act on the things they have learned and professed.



We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: as ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.



Hap Arnold read the Holy Gospel which came from the Ninth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the Eighteenth Verse. While Jesus was talking to some of the disciples of John the Baptist, one of the local politicians whose daughter had just died came to Him with faith that He could return her to life. As he was leaving His meeting with the disciples to follow the politician, a woman who had been ill for many years, reached out in faith to "touch His garment." She knew He was the key to her life, though she likely

had no real understanding of just how. She had faith in Jesus. As she touched his garment, He turned saying, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole." She was instantly healed. Like the Faithful Centurion¹: Truth set her free, faith made her whole. Jesus continued on to the politician's house and returned his daughter to the living. Consider that in none of these cases did Jesus' saving grace hinge on actions by the saved, but rather their faith that Jesus would save them, then acting in accordance with that faith. It was not what they did, but what He did that saved them. But, His actions were in accord with their faith.

While Jesus spake these things unto John's disciples, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

¹ The centurion at Capernaum whose servant is ill: Matthew Chapter 8 verses 5 to 13:

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

See how this story matches that of the woman:

- His servant was sick;
- He knew Christ could help;
- He was prepared to ask Christ for help;
- He knew that Christ was in a position of power;
- He didn't even have to be near the servant to help

The centurion wasn't someone who went to get a doctor, or an itinerant herbalist. He went seeking a miracle, and that is what his faith got him. This centurion had faith, greater faith than Christ had ever found. Yet who was he? He wasn't a scribe or Hebrew scholar. He wasn't a member of the local synagogue. He was a member of the hated, oppressing, occupying army.

Sermon – Rev Deacon Jack Arnold – Time and Action

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Collect asks God to pardon our offences, through His great mercy we will be delivered from all multitudes of sins, by which our frail nature of ungodliness, we have committed these sins. As Abraham Lincoln said in the famous Gettysburg address “That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.” Only under God, can be reborn a new, and as he said, our freedom will be reborn again. However, we first have to ask for our sins to be pardoned and be delivered from our sins by Jesus Christ Our Lord and Our Heavenly Father.



Through a sense of godliness, we obtain that “new birth” of freedom. If everybody in this country followed that simple advice, just think of how great our country would be. Look at Abraham Lincoln for an example of a Godly man, one of the greatest Presidents ever elected, who by following God and His Word, helped preserve the Union of this wonderful nation.

In the Epistle, St. Paul tells the Colossians if we are to be reborn through Christ into a “new birth of freedom”, as Lincoln said, we must place our hope not on Earth, but in Our Heavenly Father and his abode above. If we do this, the truth shall shine forth through in our work, at home, in our daily lives and people shall see Christ working through us for His purposes. If we follow what God asks, which is a very common theme in the Bible, as it is in my sermons, we prosper and do well.

Which brings us to the point of the Gospel, in which Christ heals a woman, who has such supreme faith in Christ healing her, that if she but touches his cloak, she knows she will be healed. She did not have a single doubt about Christ’s power to heal her, her faith was solid. Christ was impressed by the woman’s faith. If we had the faith of this woman in Christ, imagine how we could impact the world around us. And, I might add, what is stopping us? The ruler whose daughter had died also shared this amazing faith in Christ. He had zero doubt whatsoever Christ would do these things. The most important thing of all which was to raise his daughter from the dead. Christ also recognizes this man’s faith and rewards with the girl’s resurrection. Quite a surprise for those who had just laughed and scorned him, basically telling him “That is impossible, you can’t raiser the girl from the dead.”

He proved them wrong. He gave a very practical demonstration that much is denied men, but though God all things are possible. But, we need the faith of the woman, the faith of the ruler and the faith of the centurion. We must follow Him and the plan that he lays out for us. We have to be willing to listen and be ready to follow Him. In time,

we shall too have an amazing reward, through our faith and we shall be in a “new birth of freedom” from otherwise certain death.

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel tie together, laying out, detailing and reinforcing the same message, ultimately. We have to have faith in Christ and God, and be willing to accept the Holy Ghost into us, that through Him, we may do good works on Earth and that we will receive our just reward for doing what is right in the end.

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
Second before Advent
18 November 2012, Anno Domini

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity The Collect.

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*18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. 20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, **Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.** And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land. (Matt 9:18-26)*

The world may be divided into two distinct groups – those immense numbers who do not believe, and those very few who do believe, and believe unto salvation. The unbelievers provide no venue for God's miracles. They separate themselves from the grace of God by their unbelief. Those who believe invite the Hand of God to work according to His will, even if that will supersedes the Natural Law (which the Maker of Natural Law is able to do).

Jairus is the ruler of a synagogue. His political and religious world does not naturally include Jesus. Though Jairus has heard much of Christ, and seems to have surely

believed that He was able to do the works of God, he was reluctant to break the bonds of political and peer pressure to come to Christ in fair weather. But now the beloved little daughter of Jairus has taken ill to the point of death. Extraordinary ordeal may lead to extraordinary faith – and this is the case with Jairus. When the die of death is cast before him of one most beloved, Jairus is forced to reach into the depth of his heart for the courage to do that which is expedient and right. He runs to the LORD.

What did Jairus do that resulted in his most amazing blessing? Well, first Jairus came to the very Fountain of Life that he believed would sustain his little daughter's life. That is the first step of every sinner – COME TO CHRIST! That Fountain of Living Waters will grant life, not only in this world, but eternal life in the world to come. So, Jairus musters the courage and fortitude to come to Jesus.

Secondly, Jairus worshipped Christ. Mark 5:22 says that Jairus fell at the feet of Jesus. Though it is very true that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to Christ, timing is everything when it comes to salvation. Our great need is at the day and hour that worship of Christ will result in salvation – not after the curtain has fallen and it will be too late to acknowledge Him as Lord. Jairus acknowledged the Divine power of Christ to heal. His mind was upon the body of a precious little girl at the point of death, but that power Jairus acknowledged also extended to the healing of her precious soul.

Thirdly, Jairus not only came to the Fount of Life, but he also expressed his faith through prayer! How all-important is prayer in the life of a saint. Prayer is the steam upon which the engine is driven. His prayer was not a doubting, but a believing, prayer. *"My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live."* Yes, little did Jairus realize that his prayer was so full of truth! Even if the child was dead, she shall live if only Christ lays His hand on her! Word came to Jairus as he was with Jesus that his little daughter had died. But just a little faith goes a long way with Christ. He would go a step farther than healing the girl – He would awaken her from the sleep of death! But, even so, Christ did not merely lay His Hand on her – He, instead, took her lovingly by the hand and, with a voice that penetrates centuries and the ears of death, said, *"Talitha cumi!"* This is a term of Chaldee origin meaning, "Young girl, arise!" What does one, even if dead, do at such a command from the portals of Heaven itself? Immediately, despite the ridicule and jest of the unbelievers without, she arose and walked, and was given food to eat at the command of Christ, for she was hungry! (Mark 5:42, 43) Death knows no hunger, but the truly living thirst for the Bread of Life!

Miracles of heart always accompany miracles of body. As Jesus journeyed to the dying room of Jairus's daughter, another miracle of faith had taken shape in the heart of a poor and desperate woman taken with a long-lasting (twelve years) issue of blood. The woman had spent all of her living on physicians who had not helped her in the least, but rather she had grown steadily worse. She had spent the lonely hours, days, months, and years in pain and a sure knowledge that her affliction led to a manmade grave of death. Then, her blessed and fortunate ears heard of Jesus! Hearing is not always enough. We must act on the hearing of Him, and this woman heard, believed, and sought Him out as an answer to the affliction in her body and the pain in her heart.

Hearing a commotion in the street, she came out and discovered that this man, Jesus, was approach in a great throng of men. How could she approach Him? I know her dread, for I was there – and so were you, if you believe! We all were that woman, and we were Jairus as well! There was a moment in time that we arose, like the woman,

from our sick beds of the leprosy of sin, and sought solace in the healing Balm of Gilead. Like Jairus, facing the misery and despair of dying love, we sought the very Fountainhead of Life and Love.....and He answered!

There were so many people pressing around the Lord that the woman despaired of reaching Him. Quite often it is the very ones nearest the Lord that hoard His Presence and prevent others from coming to Him. But the faith of this woman would not be turned away. It was a fervent and persistent faith that would not admit of defeat! She dared not disturb His dignity out of a high reverence for His Person, so she contrived to innocently touch the hem of His garment without disturbing His Peace. ...and she did! Not the slightest expression of faith goes unnoticed by our blessed Savior! He felt the touch of the woman from eternity past until the moment of its expression in time. "**Who touched my clothes?**" (Mark 5:30) This is a question framed by our Lord long before that encounter on the dusty streets of Capernaum – "Who touched me?" Have you dared touch Christ with the prayers of your heart?

Have you, friend, wept the bitter tears of Jairus for your living young ones who linger in the walk of death to which all sinners belong? Have you arisen from your sick beds of sin and went seeking Christ, the Healer and Preserver of Life? If not, why not? Why, He is passing on your street even now! He will journey to your house today to restore life to a precious child of your greatest love. But, your faith must invite the miracle of life! The greater miracle of Christ is not a restoration to temporary life, but to Life Eternal in Him!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

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 Our Freedom

Psalm 66, Colossians 1:3-12, Matthew 9:18-22

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

18 November 2012

The Collect for today is a prayer for deliverance from the bands of sin. What are these bands of sin? They are the bonds the chains that hold us in slavery to sin. For today let us divide them into two parts.

First is the sinfulness that lingers in us still. It is that unrighteousness that lurks within us and continues to attempt to rule and control us. The abiding sinfulness of our nature continues to attempt to shape our thoughts and values and actions and habits of responding to life and our understanding of life. It attempts to hold us in sin. It does not want to free us. It is a band that attempts to hold us in sin.

Second is what I will call the consequences of sin. Usually we think about hell when we think about the consequences of sin, and we should, for that is part of them. But there are also consequences in this life, a "hell on earth." I am referring here to a sickness in the soul that traps us in a deep sense of grief. I have trouble putting this into words because all the words I can think of have been over-used and trivialised. Depression,

despair, absolute lack of hope, grief; these are all words that come to mind, but cannot seem to convey what I am trying to express. I am talking about something so powerful it grips your soul and binds you in chains, and has the ability to throw you into the deepest most horrible living hell, from which you can not free yourself. This hell is a part of life in this fallen world. It is life among fallen people, who can and do hurt you. It is life in your fallen soul, watching yourself make mistakes that harm you, and living with their consequences. I think, if we are honest, we will see that many of our troubles in life are self-inflicted. But there is a kind of hell that comes from watching people you love make mistakes they will pay for the rest of their lives, and watching people you love suffer and die. It includes watching your country makes mistakes it will pay for for generations, and watching denomination after denomination forsake the faith and become nothing more than synagogues of satan. All of these things contribute to a hopelessness in us which beats us down into deep and dark despair, and that is a large part of the consequences of sin.

The Gospel lesson today shows the healing of two people, each under the burden and despair I have just described. The woman was excluded from full participation in the religious life of her people. That doesn't seem like much to people today. We have to beg people to come to church and constantly urge them to do the simplest things of faith. Some groups have become experts at making church more attractive to non-Christians. I don't think that is possible. Church is by definition repulsive to non-Christians, for they are at enmity with God, and worshiping Him seems foolish to them. You may give them emotional experiences and friendships and small groups and entertainment, and you may structure your church to offer such things, but such "churches" do not usually reach the unchurched, they just siphon people out of the local, traditional congregations. If you find the old hymns and traditional worship and sermons boring, and need a band and excitement and novelty to feel like you are in the presence of God, maybe the problem is not in the traditional church, maybe the problem is in you.

The woman in our reading for today wanted to be in Church. She was forbidden to participate in the Temple and synagogue. She couldn't eat the Passover or participate in the daily liturgical prayers of the Temple. She wasn't even supposed to be in public during her issue of blood, and this woman's issue had lasted more than a decade. She must have been hopeless until she heard about Jesus. Then she touched the hem of His garment, and was made whole, made clean, restored to the religious life of Israel, restored to fellowship with God. Now she had hope. She was delivered from that despair I mentioned earlier.

How can we be delivered from the bands of sin? How can we touch the hem of His garment?

First, worship. There is grace here, in this church. There is grace in the hymns, grace in the liturgy, grace in the prayers, and grace in the Word. God ministers to us in these things. He shapes our minds and attitudes, which, in turn, shape our actions and outlook on life. He removes the despair. He gives hope and confidence that things can be better for us because we can be better people and better equipped to deal with life, through His grace. In fact, equipping us to deal with life is a major part of the way He ministers to us as we worship Him.

Second, pray. I am not talking about asking God for things, or even about having " little talk with Jesus." I am talking about seeking God. Most of the Biblical references to

prayer are references to worship; corporate, public worship in God's house on God's day, and private and family worship daily. The reason most people have trouble praying is because they view prayer as asking God for things rather than being shaped and empowered by God. They get tired of asking for things, and don't know what to ask for, so they have prayer lists. Yes, prayer lists can be good things. They become a hindrance when we begin to think praying for the needs and people on the list is all there is to prayer, and that when you have finished your list you have prayed.

Prayer is about receiving grace from God for there is grace in prayer. You meet God in prayer. He shapes you in prayer. He heals your soul and heals your mind as you meet Him in prayer. That's why the people of God have always prayed liturgically, at least until a few splinter groups made spontaneous prayer the norm. Spontaneous prayer is good sometimes, but it tends to be too self-oriented and things oriented. The liturgical prayers tend to be more about God and being renewed in the image of Christ. There is grace in our liturgical prayers. In them we touch the hem of His garment.

Third, read the Bible. God has called us together today to hear His Word. He has called us together to address us with His truth. But the Bible is not just for Sundays. Reading it should be a daily liturgy for us, and there is no better thing you can do for yourself, your wife, husband parents, children and friends than to gather them with you around the Bible.

Fourth, receive the Sacraments. There is grace in baptism and there is grace in the Lord's Supper. He ministers to us in these things. He makes us members of His Church. He strengthens our faith. He draws us into Himself. Why, then, would we let anything prevent us from receiving them? In these things He heals our souls. In them we touch the hem of His garment.

Finally, something I fear we overlook as a way to be freed of the bands of sin; obey God. Not just in the big things, the great things, but in the small things of life. Obey God in the home, on the job, and by doing the small things of life heartily unto the Lord. I don't like taking out the trash. Taking out the trash fills garbage cans, then I have to take them to the dump, and the dumpsters are always full and I always come home smelling like a garbage truck. So I tend to procrastinate about the trash. But when I make myself do it because it is my duty to my family and my God, or, more usually, when Sue finally makes me do it, it is amazing how good I feel about it. It is amazing how such a little thing can lift some of that darkness and despair, if it is done properly for the glory of God. You are a steward of God's resources, and taking out the trash is taking care of God's resources, and it makes you feel better, like you have accomplished something and done a small part of your duty to God. Maybe you didn't want to do it, but you made yourself do it for God, and you found that, while you were serving Him He was ministering to you. There is grace in these small things, in doing dishes and mowing lawns and loving one another. In them we touch the hem of His garment.

Touching the hem of His garment is basically acting on faith, It is doing what He commands in the belief that His commandments are the way of life and peace in this world and the next. We do as He bids, believing He will bless us.

Faith is trusting His word and acting on that faith. It is not a feeling, and it is not done because we feel like doing it. It is done because we believe Christ. May the Father of all mercies grant us grace and free us from the bands of sin.

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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.



From Bishop Jerry:

My compliments, Bryan+, on a stirring and courageous reminder of the labors of Bishop James Parker Dees in perpetuating a Godly Church in the Anglican tradition. You expressed well the manly fortitude and sacrifice such biblical testimony requires. Especially in these latter days, we must stand with courage and conviction in Christ. You have broadcast the seeds of truth liberally without regard for the toes upon which they fall - an increasingly rare and admirable quality which follows in the path of Bishop Dees. We are called, especially as ministers, to preach with forthrightness, courage, and bold resolve the whole counsel of God without fear of the consequences. We must quit ourselves as men of backbone and not as withering wimps of worry. *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.* (1 Cor 16:13)

Sermon for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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The Forty-Ninth Anniversary of the founding of the Anglican Orthodox Church

Today we remember the life of our communion's founder, the Most Reverend James Parker Dees. Forty-nine years ago, he departed from the Episcopal Church because it was falling into apostasy and that there was no way to stop it. Scripture tells us that we must contend for the faith (St. Jude 3). Therefore, if any church or denomination abandons the truth of God's word written, then all who wish to remain true and faithful to the Godhead must leave said body.

The words of St. Paul in his second epistle to the Corinthian church (6:17) are unmistakably clear: Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you. It was on account of his faithfulness to God's word and his courage in the face of so much vitriol that Bishop Dees left the dying body of the Episcopal Church he loved and established the Anglican Orthodox Church. The AOC is an independent Anglican body that holds only those doctrines of faith and worship which are firmly grounded upon the inerrant word of God.

The AOC continues to be one of the few episcopal bodies which has consistently stood against:

1) Ecumenism- the acceptance of all faiths and denominations as valid regardless of their teachings. The old line denominations of Christendom have fallen into Lucifer's snare of Political Correctness. The PC movement's goal has been more about silencing

criticism, rather than preventing injustice. It is a placebo, not a solution. Likewise, Ecumenism has opened the way for the creation of a PC version of Christianity with its unbiblical tenets of "everybody is good," "everybody is saved," "everybody can learn the basic skills," (oops, that last one is a piece of Proto-PC educational jargon which is as false as the basic premises of Ecumenism, but you get the point).

PC churches call for "tolerance" for everyone but for the true believers in Jesus Christ. They call for "inclusion" for everyone so that the exclusivity of the gospel message is watered down by every form of compromise for the sake of unity. And, they call for "peace," but it is a peace which will cost the true Christian dearly by living in acceptance of their denomination's twisted understanding of the Bible.

2) Then there is theological liberalism—a belief system that goes hand in hand with ecumenism and encompasses such notions as the denial of Scripture as inerrant truth, the acceptance of women into the office of the clergy, the denial of the virgin birth of our Lord, the denial of individual and hierarchal evil in the personage of Lucifer and his hosts of fallen spirits, and the acceptance of sinful behaviors within the church which are plainly prohibited by Scripture. The majority of church denominations today have embraced to a greater or lesser degree the aforementioned practices and beliefs.

These things did not come about overnight but were introduced gradually so as not to shake the unsuspecting congregants from the comfort of their pews. It was not until some of the more controversial elements were introduced that there arose a hue and cry among the faithful. But by that time, the process of change had so metastasized that there was little realistic hope of recovering that which was lost. It was gone, having mutated into another belief system that follows after another gospel and worships another Christ (see Galatians 1:6-9).

3) And on account of the preceding point, acceptance of said heretical beliefs and practices by the various episcopal denominations has gone hand in hand with their relegation of the Articles of Religion to mere footnote status. The Thirty-nine Articles had kept the Anglican Church and its various subdivisions in doctrinal purity. However, once these were abandoned, said churches were then loosed from their ecclesiastical moorings and have ever since been tossed to and fro by every wind of false doctrine and every evil way.

4) And last but certainly not least, the rejection of the Authorized Version of Scripture as the Bible of choice for use within the churches. One can go online today and find Christian web sites where the King James Only churches are roundly condemned as cultist in nature. Also, anyone who dares to take issue with those who use the other questionable versions (those which came after 1881 beginning with the Revised Version right on up to the new NIV) are regularly subjected to what my grandfather used call, "a venting spleen" by those who cannot abide the KJV for one reason or another.

Why all this hatred toward the King James? Because for many generations, countless Christians who happen to speak English have relied on it for comfort and for edification in their Christian walk. It is the word of God written in a very elegant and reverent form of the English language. If you use the other versions and compare them with the KJV, you will find that they will have missing words, missing phrases and missing passages. It is well documented that the NIV (which has become the most popular of the new versions) has some 64,000 plus words less than the Authorized Version.

The other versions vary between the two. And why? Because only the King James is based on the Textus Receptus: a Greek text of New Testament which was developed in the 16th century from a host of Byzantine manuscripts and fragments while the new versions are largely based on two Alexandrian texts that were the likely products of Origen, a noted Christian heretic from the 3rd century A.D. or several of his associates. These were later collated by two apostate Anglican scholars named Hort and Westcott who developed their own Greek text which they later used to create the Revised Version of the Bible in 1881. Their corrupted Greek text has become the base for all of the new versions thanks to the work of modern scholarship. Now, why on earth would you have a bible that has a base text developed by one heretic and formulated into others by two more? Such is a good example of spreading bad seed and the master of deception is behind it all.

Bishop Dees set out to found an episcopal body that would remain faithful to God's word written. He sought to educate young men in the fundamentals of sound doctrine and worship so that they too would be faithful ministers. He might be compared to the noble Epaphras of Colosse (Colossians 1:7, 8) in that he was a learned and faithful minister of Christ being well-studied in the Scriptures. When he witnessed the error of the Episcopal Church, he raised his voice in favor of the truth of God's word written, even when it was not popular to do so. And he was an able leader of our communion as he set up a worldwide ministry which continues to this day.

Still, it has not been an easy road for our communion. Shortly after Bishop Dees passed away, the church lost many of its congregations and its seminary to a new denomination whose theology and ministry departed from the sound Protestant understanding of faith and practice. It took several years of legal wrangling with little good news before the church was able to re-establish itself as a viable ministry. Nevertheless, God does not abandon his own. He provided financial support via faithful members whose legacy we benefit from today. He has blessed us with a worldwide ministry which has added congregations and dioceses across Africa, South America, the Caribbean, parts of central Asia, as well as in the Solomon Islands and the Philippines. He has aided our communion here in North America with the development of several new congregations in both Canada and the United States.

So when the naysayers criticize us for being too small, or for meeting in private homes, or because our ministers do not wear superfluous ornaments and vestments, or because we hold to the foundational doctrines of Anglican Christianity via our use of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible; we respond that we are remaining faithful to the very words of the Scriptures. We believe that we ought to keep our Lord's commands, not compromise them for whatever plum the devil and his earthly puppets will dangle before us. Bishop Dees resisted such in 1963, and we are obliged to do the same today. As we remember his sacrifices and his trials, let us vow to keep our church firmly grounded on the Rock of Christ and his word written. May it please our God to assist us in this quest as we continue to hold fast to the sound doctrines which we have been given till he comes again.

Let us pray:

HOLY and gracious God, who art the author of all sound doctrine; guide this our Anglican Orthodox Church into all truth; fill our ministers and members with thy most holy Spirit; that through our witness, we will bear fruit in thy name. And this we

ask in the name of him who gave us the Great Commission, even 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 had breakfast at home. Best seen to date! Please someone, between now and next Sunday invent some no-carb dog nuts.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
22 November 2012	Thanksgiving Day
25 November 2012	Opportunity Available – Sunday next before Advent
2 December 2012	Opportunity Available – First Sunday in Advent
9 December 2012	Opportunity Available – Second Sunday in Advent
16 December 2012	Opportunity Available – Third Sunday in Advent
23 December 2012	Opportunity Available – Fourth Sunday in Advent
25 December 2012	Opportunity Available – Christmas Day

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 last 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!

Hurricane Sandy

Please pray for all those affected by Hurricane Sandy; for the more than 50 people who lost their lives, for hundreds injured, for the tens of thousands whose homes and businesses were destroyed. Pray that they might return their lives and world to a sense of normalcy and peace. Give them strength to rebuild their places in the world and the understanding that they and their friends and associates need to do the heavy lifting and not look to government.

Travel

No reported travel this week. However, given Thanksgiving is the biggest travel time of the year – You all be careful out there, hear?

Hap Arnold is 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* were married on 17 November 2012. They ask that you pray for God's guidance in their lives as they move from being two individuals to a single unit and help them to form their new family.

Departed

Suz passed away last week. Please pray for family members who remain behind.

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

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.

Christine has cancer of the colon which spread to her liver; she is receiving chemotherapy and is having difficulty eating. Please pray for the medical team treating her to pay attention and do their very best; pray also for confidence in our Lord for *Christine* and her family.

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

George had foot surgery. Please give thanks for the surgery and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

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)

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.

Commentary on the times

This was sent to me earlier today. My comments are after.

The most productive people, the small business owners, the entrepreneurs and the honest wage earners of America are so demoralized right now I am not sure we will recover as a country. We have lost the most important election of our lifetime and did so after giving our best effort, spent the most money ever and working the hardest we have ever worked. The very people that America needs the most to generate a real recovery now have the least motivation to do so and worse, lack the confidence necessary to even justify the effort.

We opposed a foe so obviously incompetent, corrupt and inept in leadership we really expected a landslide victory and a redeeming mandate to return the nation to conservative values. Instead what we got was a harsh slap in the face by an American public telling us it is not like us and it does not any longer believe in what we believe in. As a country we are hopelessly divided by a malignant polarization approaching that similar to the time around the civil war. Our side will not march in the streets, never the less the rebellion, protests and resistance will be just as determined but more subtle. The American can do spirit, our optimism, our traditional dependence on our own ingenuity is now mere kindling on the advancing flame of an insidious yet steadily advancing socialism.

Those of us who create real jobs, invest our capital, our fortunes and take the risks to build America, feel betrayed. The fundamentals of honest effort and hard work rendering the rewards associated with capitalism seem now like a cruel joke. We are now a targeted enemy not to be governed but coerced into submission by a lazy, corrupt, vindictive, arrogant government that is out for revenge, redistribution and to add a final insult, one we find too morally bankrupt to lead. The usual safe guards for a democracy found in a vibrant independent press have lost any semblance of objectivity

and instead have joined a side. What used to be principled Independent reporters have morphed into dishonest pundits spewing a disgusting relentless partisan bile that neither informs nor educates. They are shallowly manipulated by the political marketers to the point their words lack meaning. The "fourth branch" of government has become nothing more than an empty cathode ray irradiating a mind numbed audience like a repetitive Beavis n' Buddy rerun.

We have elected a President who not only feels we did not work for what we have but feels we do not deserve either. Had it gone the other way, Obama supporters would have torched America. Instead they will now legitimately consume it by gnawing at the soft underbelly of what was once her prosperity, our Judeo-Christian culture now having as much meaning as a 3 minute Youtube video. It is however as the Bible had forewarned, ours is a world turning over where good is bad, and bad is good. God help us all. He is our only refuge.

Comment - This is well written, true and very sad. At the same time, understand we lost by a very few percent with many voting for the enemy of our country because he was "for the little guy" who he was, is and will be shafting. We need to communicate and lead those around us. Our only hope is in God. Our only hope is that He, not we, will raise up a leader. A leader who can explain why the little sustenance "given" by the government (taken from others by force) cannot compare to the riches that come from freedom and hard work. A leader who can explain why godly hard work and courage may not be fun, but result in happiness in the end.

We talk about personal repentance. We need the courage to undertake a national repentance as well, but we must or lose our country. Certainly, our Founders did not shirk from the responsibility.

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.

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
25 November 2012	Dru Arnold – Sunday Next before Advent
2 December 2012	Dru Arnold – First Sunday in Advent
9 December 2012	Dru Arnold – Second Sunday in Advent

The near future, as well as Next Sunday

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

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**