



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church



# Ascension Day and The Sunday after Ascension Day Mother's Day

Sunday Report



There is a lot this week, Thursday was Ascension Day, Sunday was not only the Sunday after Ascension Day, but Mother's Day. There are parts following for each!

## Ascension Day

On Ascension Day, we had three members present for the service. Ascension Day commemorates the return to heaven, the ascending of our Lord. This is a day filled with joy, one where we get to recall fulfillment of promises.

The Ascension Day service always brings a lot of happiness and fun, being one of those days.<sup>1</sup>



If you did not make it, resolve to come next year. The parish will buy your dinner afterwards if it is your first time to the service<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> One can imagine the apostles on the line, "5, 4, 3, 2, 1 IGNITION, Houston, we have liftoff here at Cape Bethany."

<sup>2</sup> Maybe it will, maybe it won't. On the other hand, what do you have to lose? You have to eat and the parish might buy. It certainly will, if you remind Hap!

## *The Ascension Day Propers<sup>3</sup>*

### *The Collect*

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.

### *For the Epistle. Acts i. 1.*

**T**HE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

### *The Gospel. St. Luke xxiv. 49.*

**J**ESUS said, Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

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<sup>3</sup> The *propers* are the Collect (prayer) for the day and the Bible readings appointed for the day. They are selections based on the Christian Year and make a particular point. Their selection is important. The propers have been more or less the same since the beginning of the Church of England and a large portion precede the founding of the Church of England.

### *Ascensiontide Message from the Presiding Bishop*

We live in an age of sensationalism and fantasy which often passes, among the naïve and spiritually gullible, for reality. On today's charts there are books and DVDs



claiming their authors to have made visits to either Heaven or Hell, and then returned to tell us of the fabulous experience they enjoyed there. Unlike the writings of CS Lewis such as *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, which derive from higher Gospel truth, these fables have no authority in biblical truth and openly violate that truth.

The modern apostate churches have ventured into like error and open defiance of Gospel truth. Is there nothing sacred to the spiritual scoundrels of our day – not even Heaven itself? Reflecting on that great Creed of the Church, whose every claim is profoundly biblical, we aver Sunday after Sunday that Christ is the Son of the Father who came down to us by assuming a carnal body through the agency of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, lived a sinless life marked by miracles and holiness, died a substitutionary death on the cross for our sins, was buried, and rose the third day according to the scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father. Do we believe this? Do we believe that Christ is uniquely the Son of the Father. Do we believe that his descent and ascension distinguish Him from all us mortals? Or was Christ wrong in His description of Himself as the Bread that came down from Heaven? If we believe Christ (and our mortal souls depend on that belief), He is the only Man who descended from Heaven and ascended again. If we believe, then all the popular claims of the sensationalists are egregious lies from the pits of Hell.

Christ is distinct and different in His Office as Son of God and, even Himself, very God. He descended for us mortals, and ascended on High where He intercedes for us with the Father. And He will come again in like manner of his ascent to receive His Bride, the Church. Where will we own our estate if we have not believed in the immutable Word of God for He it is who bought and paid for us.

At this Ascensiontide, let us reaffirm that biblical faith once delivered to the saints and reject the fables and myths of ungodly men.

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

The Most Rev. Jerry L. Ogles  
Presiding Bishop  
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## The Sunday after Ascension Day

Today was the Sunday after Ascension Day. We were slightly warmer than usual for this time of year. Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 54°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 83°F, all under bright blue and clear skies and a light breeze from the East. We ended up with 3 people present for the service.

### *Gathering Song*

Jack Arnold played *Just a closer walk with Thee* for the gathering song.

#### **Just a closer walk with Thee**

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Take my hand, Lord Jesus, take my hand;  
Take my hand, Lord Jesus, take my hand;  
There's a race to be run, There's a victory to be won;  
Every hour, give me power to go through.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

### *Sign over the Door*

Whosoever thou art that entereth this church, remember it is the House of God; be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful & prayerful; and leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for him who ministers, and for those who worship here.



### *Before we go on, a little on mothers*

On this Mother's Day, it is very easy for us to look back at our mother's life and think of



all the things we like about our mother. We like, it is all about our mother and what she did for us. The pivotal thought seems to be us. It is not about us, our / us is merely an adjective to describe a particular mother. For motherhood is about self-sacrifice. Putting the child's welfare above that of the mother.

The love of the mother for her children comes with a price. The price paid is not without return. The last words of almost all soldiers who die in battle are either "Mom" or "Jesus." There is a lesson all in of itself.

What did your mom chose? An extra child or an extra home or trailer? Your schooling, or her vacation without you? Dental work for you or a new car for her? Shoes for you or a fancy dress for her?

Jesus commanded us to follow Him, He who put our lives before His. Who on this earth does this more consistently than mothers?

Saint James tells us in his Epistle, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Who on this earth does this more consistently than mothers?

As Christians we need to uphold and recognize the example of sacrifice in motherhood so that we might understand the sacrifice made by God on our behalf in Jesus' death for our sin.

### *On Point*

Someone asked, where do the quotes come from? The answer is from the people who uttered them. But, how did you find them? Oh, that. Some from Bishop Jerry, others from Rev Bryan Dabney, a few from other places, but mostly from Bryan. He always has a few great ones to share. So, on to the On Point quotes –

"A new race of men is springing up to govern the nation; they are the hunters after popularity, even ambitious not of the honor so much as of the profits of office - the demagogues, whose principles hang laxly upon them, and who follow not so much what is right as what leads to a temporary vulgar applause."

*Joseph Story*  
Law Professor, Harvard, 1829-1845  
and you thought this was news – Bp Jerry

Take heed that, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

*St. Mark 13:33*

Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

*St. Luke 18:17*

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

*Acts 15:18*

Church leadership must decide who is going to grow their church. You either grow it with man or with God. God's way produces disciples changed for life; man's way produces attendees that come as they are and leave as they were.

*Ray Baumann*  
21<sup>st</sup> century Christian commentator.

A cyclical view of time precludes any singular beginning of the world. So Buddha says, 'no origin can be perceived.' Corresponding to this, the new [Bible] versions have no 'beginning of the world' but present instead a series of 'ages'. In place of In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1), one new version begins with 'By periods God created', showing the author's belief in progressive ages. 'New' Greek editor B. F. Westcott writes, 'No one now... holds that the first three chapters of Genesis give a literal history... I could never understand how anyone reading them with open eyes could think they did.'... In the new bibles, the world doesn't end... If the world ends, the sinner has nothing to stand on; if the age ends, he merely changes his calendar.

*Gail Riplinger*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American Bible scholar and author  
(New Age Bible Versions, pp. 284-285)

The reason that Mary, the saints or angels cannot act as our priest or mediator is because they have no sacrifice, nothing to offer in behalf of our sins. Only a priest with a true sacrifice can serve as mediator between God and men. Christ alone has a true sacrifice, and he alone can act as our priest.

*Dr. Loraine Boettner*  
20<sup>th</sup> century American Reformed scholar and author  
(Roman Catholicism, p. 149)

### *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 church service is read by an ordained minister.

The propers are the same each year, except if a Red Letter Feast, that is one with propers in the prayerbook, falls on a Sunday, then those propers are to be read instead,

except in a White Season, where it is put off. Red Letter Feasts, so called because in the Altar Prayerbooks the titles are in red, are special days. Most of the Red Letter Feasts are dedicated to early saints instrumental in the development of the church, others to special events. Some days are particularly special and the Collect for that day is to be used for an octave (eight days) or an entire season, like Advent or Lent.

The Propers for today are found on Page 179-180, with the Collect first:

**The Sunday after Ascension Day.**

*The Collect.*

**O** GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us un-to the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect for Ascension Day, found on Page 177, is also read due to the rubric:

**The Collect for The Ascension Day.**

*The Collect.*

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

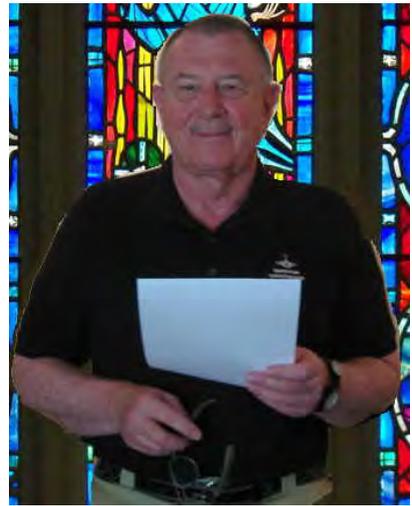
¶ **This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.**

Dru Arnold read this morning's Epistle, which is written in the Fourth Chapter of the First Epistle of Saint Peter beginning at the Seventh Verse. Peter reminds us of the shortness of our lives, the eternity of the next world and implores us to live as if we were eternal now, not wait until we die. For the, eternity will be a bit late.

**T**HE end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel came from the Fifteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the Twenty-Sixth Verse. The Gospel talks about the origin of the Holy Ghost and the reason for which He is being sent. It also foretells the enmity that Christians will find from those of this world who do not share their understanding of God and His Will:



**W**HEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

### *Sermon – Reverend Deacon Jack Arnold - Time and Action*

Today's sermon brought the Collect, Epistle and Gospel together and is partly contained in the forewords above.



Once again the propers for this week come together very well, their focus is narrow, thus powerful.

Consider these words from the Collect:

... We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us un-to the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before ...

The Ascension having just happened, Jesus having ascended in to heaven, we are alone and separated from God who gives us strength. Like Peter, the further we are from God, the weaker we are. Thus, we are looking towards Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Ghost. We ask for God's help that we might have the true belief, courage, knowledge and strength to follow Jesus to heaven for all eternity.

While the end of the earth and this world may come at any time, for 285,000 people each day, their time here is up. Thus, in a very real sense as Saint Peter put it, "The end of all things is at hand..." So, how should we act? We are to do what we can with a smile on our face. To work hard, take care of those who cannot and be good stewards of the considerable grace God has given us. This does not just refer to spending MONEY, but rather to giving of our time and effort to bring the Gifts of God to others. We must give ourselves entirely to help others, so that we may share the benefits of the Gift of God truly. Then we will know the grace of God's love truly. We are to share the LOVE in our hearts with those we encounter, for Love is of God.

But, without the Holy Ghost, the needed action on our part is impossible. We need

God's help and He sent it in the form of the Holy Ghost. He sent it as the "Comforter", that is to Comfort us and to Guide us on the journey on the narrow uphill path towards heaven. The Holy Ghost is that portion of God who can enter our hearts bringing understanding, hope and most of all the courage and determination to do what needs be done. Those who will not have Him in their hearts can never understand God and His Will. That is why they cannot understand or fathom the plan He has for us. The end of time is nearer each day than the day before, of that we can be certain. The current climate in the world and even in this country is less hospitable than in centuries to Christians. There is a reason for this which only God understands and not us. But what it is doing is solidifying the faith of true believers around the globe, and forming the Army of Light together, ready to battle against the malicious forces of Satan. We cannot make this journey alone. We must have the close and continuous presence of God. That presence is the Holy Ghost. That is why He is here.

Pray for His continual presence in your heart.

Heaven is at the end of an uphill trail. The easy downhill trail does not lead to the summit.

The time is now, not tomorrow. The time has come, indeed. How will you ACT?

It is by our actions we are known.

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

#### *Bishop Ogles' Sermon*

We are oft fortunate to get copies of Bishop Jerry's sermon notes. Today is not one of those Sundays. He will not be sending sermon notes today as he preached at a Korean Church and the sermon is 50% Korean language and script. Next Sunday for sure! <sup>4</sup>

성신은 곧 제공 될 예정입니다, 도움이오고있다. 해피 선데이 승천 후.

#### *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:



#### **Why We still Believe<sup>5</sup>**

1 Peter 4:7- 11, John 15:26-16:4

Sunday after Ascension

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The Christian faith is either revealed truth from God, or it is just one of many made up stories that we can identify with or not as we choose. Christian morality is

<sup>4</sup> The Holy Ghost is coming soon, help is on the way. Happy Sunday after the Ascension.

<sup>5</sup> The short answer is because nothing has changed. God made the world and all that therein is. He made us. He is our God. We are His people. He sent His Son to die for our sins. That is why we 'still' believe! More than believe, this all we know to be fact, courtesy of the Holy Ghost.

either God's law binding upon all people at all times, or it is just another competing human view which we are free to accept or reject as we please. Yet billions of people down through history, many of them the brightest lights of humanity, have earnestly believed the Christian faith is truth from God. Even today billions of people still believe. The World Council of Churches claims to have 590 million members. There are over 330,000 protestant denominations. 300 million people are part of the Eastern Orthodox Church. 1.2 billion people are Roman Catholics. I personally have problems calling some of these people Christians, but the fact is, they believe they are, and that raises a question; why, in this, "enlightened" age, do so many still believe? Why do we still cling to Christianity?

We still cling to Christianity because we believe it is the faith given by God. We say this because we believe Jesus Christ brought the Christian faith to us, and we believe Jesus Christ was is and forever will be, God. We believe He is the word who was with God and who was God in John 1:1. We believe He is the word who became flesh in John 1:14. We believe Him when He said in John 10:30, "I and my Father are one, " and in John 8:18, "the Father that sent me beareth witness of me," and, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" in John 14:9. Thus we agree fully with Hebrews 1:1 and 2, "God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son."

How did God speak to us in His Son Jesus Christ? He spoke to us in the teaching of Jesus. Jesus came to teach us about God. He said, "I do nothing of myself; but as the Father hath taught me, I speak these things" (Jn. 8:18). Looking through the Bible we see Jesus spending most of His time teaching about God. We see the Sermon on the Mount. We see Him teaching in the synagogues and in the Temple. We especially see Him teaching the men who would become His Apostles. We see Him taking them aside for special times of private instruction. He even spent time teaching them after His resurrection. Thus, on the Emmaus road, "beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Lk. 24:27).

It was these same men that He commissioned to be His witnesses, preaching the same faith He gave to them. They were "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20), and "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor 4:1). They were to proclaim only what they had received from Christ, the very same faith He taught, the very word of Christ.. They were to "preach the word," as the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tim 4:1). And they were to pass that same word on to others, who were to pass it on to others, and so it will continue down through the generations (2 Tim. 2:2).

So we believe the Christian faith is given to the world by God, and taught in the Church from the time of Christ to this very moment. It was preserved by God through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles to understand and preserve the faith. They preserved it by teaching it, and commissioning others to teach it. They also preserved it by recording it in the books and letters we now call the New Testament.

We believe God established a people, a kingdom, an organization called the Church, and a major part of its purpose is to preserve and proclaim the faith. given to it. We believe the Church was established by God, for Christ Himself said, "on this rock I will build my church." We believe all Christians are to be active and faithful members of the Church. For Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to absent ourselves from its meetings. Christ gave the faith to the Church and the Bible calls Christianity the faith once delivered to

the saints. This is why St. Paul calls the Church the pillar and ground of truth, because it preserves the faith given to it by Christ.

For two thousand years the Church has struggled to preserve the faith. It has been persecuted by enemies, and untold numbers of her people have died in Coliseums and dungeons and on crosses, rather than give up the faith. It has been torn by heresy. I said earlier that I have a hard time calling some people Christians. That is because so many of them have adopted other gospels and given up on the faith given by Christ. This is not surprising to us, for the Bible itself says the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine, and will turn away from the truth to fables. I submit to you that many who call themselves Christians today are actually following fables rather than truth. Yet God has His remnant, His people who have not bowed the knee to other gods or departed from the faith. It is this Invisible Church within the Church that is the true Church. And, though not perfect in either faith or practice, not even close to perfection, this Church continues in the faith, and always will.

That brings me to this present moment and this very place. It brings me to we who call ourselves Christians here and now. The faith has been given. It has come to us at great cost and much suffering. It is ours to believe, to treasure, and to preserve, and to hand down to future generations. Having it makes us stewards of the manifold grace of God, as the Apostle Peter wrote in the passage we read earlier this morning. But I note that Peter didn't just call us stewards of the grace of God. He told us to do certain things, "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." He is saying that having the grace of God makes us its stewards. Now we must decide to be bad stewards, or good stewards. God help us to be good stewards.

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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, expouse the truth and live the truth. This is really a good piece and I commend it to your careful reading.



#### **Sunday after Ascension Day**

In his Gospel writing, Chapter Three, verses 16-18, John, the beloved disciple of our Lord, drew a clear distinction between those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and those who do not. His words bear out the exclusivity of the Christian religion when he said, He that believeth on him (the Christ) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (v.18).

Now, you may not be aware of it, but there has been an on-again-off-again controversy concerning that phrase, only begotten Son of God. The noted bible scholar, Gail Riplinger, put it this way: "Christians have held tenaciously to the doctrine that Christ

is God and co-eternal with the Father. The term 'begotten'... is used in reference to the body of 'flesh' [seen] by mankind... the Greek word preceding 'Son' or 'God' is always monogenes, a two part word in which mono means 'only' or 'one' and genes means 'begotten', 'born', 'to come forth'... All interlinear Greek-English New Testaments translate it as such [that is, only- begotten]. However, most new [bible] versions do not translate genes, the second part of the word... Hence we see 'only Son', 'one and only Son', and 'unique Son'...The word [monogenes or ] 'only begotten' emphasizes too strongly the distinction between Jesus Christ, the begotten Son, and believers who are adopted sons. 'Only begotten' also flattens any New Age assertion that Jesus is one in a long line of avatars [or physical representations of a deity]."

And herein lies the problem. If Christians can be persuaded to adopt the new language and regard as unfamiliar the true wording of the Scriptures, then their faith will not be grounded upon the true Christ— the rock of our salvation— but upon a false notion of Christ.

Through the devil's hirelings in both the pulpit and academia, Christianity is fast becoming an inclusive faith which has reduced itself to a mere choice among other choices. The forces of inclusion have accomplished this travesty in several ways, most notably through their abandonment of the Nicene Creed as it clearly expresses the particulars of the Christian faith. They have also advanced their cause per their use of the numerous unsound bible versions that have been crafted by men and women who hold the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18).

It is indeed unfortunate that so many Christians have been fed the pabulum of the New Age and are totally unaware of this great deception. Ever since the Bible came to be, Satan has continually challenged its veracity as God's true and inspired word. And in light of that, we should not be surprised to find his minions peddling his lies as God's word written. St. Paul advised the Ephesian elders to, Take heed, therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears (Acts 20:28-31). And agreeable to that warning, born-again churchmen have— over the centuries— noted the efforts of Satan's minions to sow confusion and uncertainty within the body of Christ. The agents of the evil one have sown the tares of higher criticism amongst the wheat of sound bible doctrine. These so-called "learned" souls regard the Bible as merely a set of words whose meanings can be shaped to fit any mold they choose much like potter's clay. Through their new bible versions, as well as through their positions of influence within the church, these false teachers have feigned an appearance of faith in Christ, all the while denying him as the very Lord who bought them.

Bible-believing Christians over the millennia have acknowledged God spoke to the patriarchs, prophets and apostles of old. His words contain specific messages on a variety of issues, and were given for the edification of all who would hear them. We ought not to treat God's words as mere human constructs, or— as the Modernists teach— to regard them as subjective in their meaning. As a matter of linguistics, words are the means by which we communicate our ideas, thoughts and intentions to others. With them we conduct business, express our feelings to one another, as well as to give praise and worship to God. Through them we receive the messages of God as found within the pages of Scripture.

And so it follows that if the words we receive are given to mean something different than what we have learned in the past, then we will question the veracity of any thing presented to the contrary. God was well aware of this when he gave us his word written. For it is through the Scriptures that we are informed of the wonderful and condescending love of God for us. That is why we ought to regularly read and study the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible. If we wish to receive the truth concerning God's word, then we ought to read the most authoritative source available in the English language. And we would also do well to seek out godly teachers and ministers who hold to those doctrines and tenets of the Christian faith as communicated in Scripture. How else can we truly know Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God? How would we know him as the way, the truth and the life? How could we ever come know of the exclusive nature of the Christian faith without learning from our Lord that, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (St. John 14:6)? How would we know what he meant when he said, I am the door (St. John 10:9)? How could we truly accept him as our Good Shepherd (St. John 10:11) if he is but a deity among many others? How could we distinguish between the bad seed of Satan and the good seed of the children of kingdom (St. Matthew 13:37-43)? The new bible versions omit the names of Jesus and Christ on numerous occasions as opposed to where those names appear in the Authorized Version and to what end? They removed the words to repentance from St. Mark 2:17 which is all about our Lord's calling out to those who would be saved. They are called to repentance.

I do not mean to sound callous, but I care not that the Modernists have their own bibles. They are welcome to them. They revel in their apostate natures. They want religion their way much as Cain wanted God to accept whatever he offered him in sacrifice (Genesis 4:5). They want God on their terms, and will not come to him on his. This is not about the specifics of worship, or what hymns you care to sing. No, this is about living according to what God has set forth in his word. You are free to join whatever denomination you choose, but you cannot compel God to accept you into the body of Christ if you— and the church that you belong to— will not be obedient to his word and commandment. To paraphrase a modern Bible scholar, "God did not give us his bible to be edited by us. He gave us his word that we might be edited by it."

Unfortunately, this is not a "live and let live" situation. Satan desires complete control over all that God has made, and that is what makes those new bible versions problematic for the faith of many new Christians. Satan's amended translations have been peddled as "easy to read"; "simple to understand"; and last but not least, they contain the lie that they have been crafted using the "earliest manuscripts." Through the use of the aforementioned advertizing jingles, these ersatz bibles have been accepted within evangelical churches at an alarming rate.

If we are true and faithful Christians, we will acknowledge that Jesus Christ is our Saviour for such is the work of the Holy Ghost who leads us into all truth (St. John 16:13). We will love God and in that love, we live according to his word and commandment. We will accept him as the only Lord— the only begotten Son of God. We will avoid demonic deception by steering clear of any false views of Christ and of God (Galatians 1:6-9). We will avoid the unequal yoke with those who do not follow the truth of God's word written as that is a telling sign that their understanding has been darkened by the evil one (II Corinthians 4:2-4; 6:14-18).

Let us close with the following verses from St. Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians: Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet

savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ (2:14-17).

The false professors and clerics will not heed the warning which the apostle presented in II Corinthians 2:14-17. They will not because they do not believe in the Christ of Scripture— the only Saviour— who is the way, the truth and the life. Therefore, as our Lord spoke in our gospel lesson today, He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (St. John 3:18).

So let us then have faith and believe upon that name which is above every name. And let us also accept his word written as found within the pages of the Authorized Version as the truth by which we might learn of him, and teach others as God gives us leave to do.

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, keep us from all false doctrine, heresy and schism, as well as from all deception by our adversary; for this we ask in the name of him who is thine only begotten Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

### *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 were out of luck! Please someone, between now and next Sunday invent some no-carb dog nuts.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
19 May 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Whitsunday or Pentecost</b>
26 May 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Trinity Sunday – Memorial Day Weekend</b>
2 June 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – First Sunday after Trinity</b>
9 June 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Second Sunday after Trinity</b>
16 June 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Third Sunday after Trinity</b>
23 June 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>
30 June 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**What should I ask for?**

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

**Updating the Team**

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

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

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

**Travel**

The entire Langstaff family from Perth is on an *Around the World in 90 Days* tour. Right now they are in Greece, not Greece as it was first typed. Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>

**Anniversary**

Rick and Virginia Reid celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary two weeks ago.

**Loss of Home**

Sarah who lost her home and all the contents when her house caught fire and burned to the ground near the end of January 2013. Her beloved dog was taken in the fire. Please pray for Sarah as she has many decisions at this time and help her to know Jesus will be with her to help to make the "crooked road straight."

**Move**

Ryan Hopkins has moved to Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, to study Dressage Riding through June 2014. Please pray for God's guidance in his life as he works and studies.

Help him to see where God would like him to go from here and how he should get there.

*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 schoolmates 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.

### **Departed**

*Kathy* is in great need of your prayers, this week both her mother and sister died. Please pray that she can let God carry her sorrow and help her to adjust to their temporary separation.

*Capt. Victoria A. Pinckney, 27, of Palmdale, Calif.; Capt. Mark T. Voss, 27, of Boerne, Tex.; and TSgt. Herman Mackey III, 30, of Bakersfield, Calif., the crew of USAF Tanker 63-8877 (Fairchild crew of three in a McConnell tanker) were killed in a mishap in Kyrgyzstan on 3 May 2013. A potent reminder of the cost of the freedom that some value so little. May the families be able to let God carry their sorrow. May we each share it and value it.*



*Julia* passed away on 19 April 2013, after a hard fought battle with cancer. She is now home with her family who have gone before her. Give thanks for her life here and pray for those she leaves behind.

*Lynn Hatler*, Bishop Jerry's sister, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away the night of 23 March 2013, after complications during knee surgery. Please give thanks for Lynn's time here on earth and pray for comfort and strength for those she leaves behind. Please pray her family might keep all their trust in the Lord and let him carry their worry and concern on the temporary separation.

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

*Reba* is nearing the end of her time here on earth. Please pray her transition from here to home will be peaceful and with little distress. Pray also for strength and guidance for her family who are here with her now and will of necessity remain behind; in particular for her daughter Lynn with whom she lives and her son in law Bill. Pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

*Polly* is in hospice care with dementia and spinal stenosis. Please pray for her as she prepares to go home to be with her family who have gone before her. Pray for the faith of her family to build and the transition to be good.

### **Homebound or Infirm**

*Lou* has aspiration pneumonia. Please pray for the infection to be knocked down and for her continued recovery.

*Frank* has been coping with various ailments from older age. He is in his 90s and it has been a difficult year. Pray he will find comfort in God, that those who provide care to him will pay attention to him, do their best and give him the love we all desire. Pray that the coming year will provide relief to him.

*Norma*, Sara's mother is in a state of deteriorating health, both physically and mentally, with both onset dementia and Alzheimer's. She is slowly drifting away, though she still recognizes Sara and prayer gives her a sense of peace. Please pray 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*

*Scott*, one of our Lord's ministers who collapsed a week ago and is in the ICU of a Medical Center since he had a pulmonary embolism, with a concurrent infection of several bacterial agents. He has stopped breathing on several occasions, and may have undergone brain damage. He currently is on DNR. Please pray for recovery so that he will continue to do his Lord's calling.

*Becky* has fourth stage metastasized lung cancer and is not doing well with chemotherapy treatments. Please pray for Becky and her husband as they are together during this difficult time in their lives.

*Larry Howes* suffered a fairly severe stroke. 4 December 2012, doctors replaced a valve in a shunt that had been put in about two weeks before, and Larry responded very well. He was able to go home. His treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital was successful as far as averting the immediate life-threatening condition. He continues to have numerous severe health issues. His eyesight in one eye is almost gone, and it is fading in the other. He has heart problems, as well; these on top of his long-time depression problems. He faces medical bills far beyond insurance and other resources. He is no longer able to work and has had to close the title examination business he took over from his father about twenty years ago. He will be going on Social Security Disability Income, Medicare and Medicaid.

Please pray for the medical team treating him to pay attention and do their very best; that the many medical/surgical procedures he will need may succeed, that Larry be given strength and peace in these trials and he may succeed in providing himself with the resources to afford the care he will need.

Pray also for confidence in our Lord for Larry and his family. Larry needs a miracle, pray for one. Please.

*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.

### *Testing and Treatment*

*Lana's* doctor found something on her lymph nodes and ovaries. Pray for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find out the source of the problem and best course of treatment. Pray also for peace of mind and trust in God for Lana and her family.

*Sarah* wife of Rev Geordie (AOC – UK) has an appointment for a cat scan and biopsy around 10 May 2013, to see what is causing the symptoms which may be cancer; the NHS has taken its time. Sarah is giving up lecturing at college, this will cause a bit of a financial hardship, but is best for her and all concerned. Sarah and Geordie have full trust in the Lord, but welcome your prayer. She is very, very tired and in pain, but given everything is bearing up well. Sarah and Geordie give thanks for each of your prayers.

### *Healing*

*Arlen* is receiving treatment for lung cancer and recently experienced a ruptured colon during treatment. She is alone in Oregon but does have a friend who has traveled a great distance to be at her side. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Arlen.

*Betsy* sprained her ankle last week. She asks that you pray for the ankle to heal quickly so she can make it to church next week.

*Oscar* discovered some time ago he had blood clots in his leg and lung. He has been treated for them and has not been cured. He now will be facing surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

*Angela* had an ischemic stroke (clot). Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Angela. Please pray also that she and her family might put their worries on our Lord's back so she can work hard towards recovery.

*Nora* had a stroke mid February 2013. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Nora. Please pray also that she and her family might put their worries on our Lord's back so she can work hard towards recovery.

*Linda* has been hospitalized for several days with a gastrointestinal problem. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating her and for strength and trust for Linda.

*Dester* is suffering from unknown skin and diseases. Please guide the medical team treating him to find out what the problem is and cure it. Pray also for Dester to trust in the Lord.

*Lee* has Arterial Fibrillation; the medical people are not sure how to help her. Please pray for guidance for the team treating her and for Lee and her family to make the right decisions regarding treatment.

*Nell* recently adopted two children and has just been diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

*Sarah* is recovering from a stroke, but fell and broke bones. Please pray for her peace of mind and rapid and full recovery. Pray for trust in God for her and her family.

*Mary Lou* has been suffering with seizures. She was in the hospital with a 24 hour monitor and is being sent home from the hospital with two medications and orders to return in 2 months for another MRI to review whatever is going on in

her brain. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating her, as well as peace of mind and trust in God for her and her family.

*Inez* sustained a right brain ischemic stroke 18 March 2013, was hospitalized in time for the counter-stroke inoculation. She is coming out of her many problems however she has manifested a cardiac problem but seems to be stabilized and hopes soon to be going to a rehab center. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating her, as well as peace of mind and trust in God for her and her family.

*Kathleen* has spent the last two weeks in the hospital. She has been diagnosed with colitis, shingles and possibly colon cancer. Pray she will be comfortable and begin to heal.

*Rachel* has Mitochondrial Myopathy. This is a hereditary disease of the muscles and they do not have a cure for it. Part of her pain is her family does not believe she is indeed ill, as she appears to be just fine. Please pray her family will learn the truth and be supportive of her; pray also the medical people treating her will find the right measures to minimize the disease. Most particularly pray for Rachel's trust in God.

*Nicolas* is in the hospital with serious symptoms of a heart disorder. Please pray for peace of mind for him and guidance for the medical team looking for the cause and cure.

*Mrs. Baek* an elderly women fell and injured her spine. Doctors cannot repair the spinal injury due to her age. She fell again the morning of 12 December 2012, breaking her collar bone which is also untreatable. Mrs. Baek is in severe pain and will appreciate your prayers.

*Juanita* is a young girl who was in a coma because of a blood disease. She has not come out and is gaining strength. They are awaiting results from blood samples. Her family thanks you for your prayers and asks that you continue.

*Barbara* had a accident while cooking and the pressure cooker blew up in her face, causing second and third degree burns over her face and upper body. Because of this she has incurred kidney problems and may need a transplant.

*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.

*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.

*Bill, Sara's husband*, had a third abdominal surgery on 22 November 2011, to remove a tumor. Bill is doing better keeping the doctor's instructions, for which we are all grateful, including taking chemotherapy once a day for two more years. He has radically decreased the consumption of alcohol and eating at least mostly properly. Please pray for help for him to continue 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) has had a chest infection, perhaps viral, but seems to be getting better. She actually sent an iMessage last week, but did not hang around for a response a minute later! Her son and family are on their way to see her soon! 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.

*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.

### *Thanksgiving and Continued Healing*

*Casey Anna Reid*, (granddaughter of Rev Rick Reid, Rector of St Peter's), had successful surgery on Friday morning 26 April 2013, at Catawba Valley Medical Center to have her skin tag removed. The surgery was a success and she is resting at home. Please give thanks for the surgical team paying attention and doing their very best. Give thanks for the great result and for rapid healing with no ill effects from the anesthesia.

*James* had surgery the morning of 4 April 2013 at Cancer Treatment Centers of America which appears to have gone well. The pathology report found the high grade carcinoma cancer was confined to the bladder. There was no sign of cancer in surrounding areas, tissues, organs, etc. The Sovereign King of heaven and earth has blessed Jim immensely; he will not have to endure chemo or radiation, he will continue with various tests and see the physicians. Please give thanks for the good result and the work of the surgical team paying attention and doing their very best. Pray for James' continued recovery and for him and his wife Dawn to be able to put their worry and concern on His Back.

*Brian* has now finished the chemotherapy and radiation treatment for his upper lung and bronchial area cancer, which seems to have gone well; the burning is almost gone which is very good. The best news is a CT Scan on Monday of Holy Week found no indication of the cancer. Please give thanks for this great news and pray for continued good things to go on. There is more radiation currently scheduled, but Brian is gaining strength, please give thanks for this. Brian seems to be getting better now, for the first time this past Friday he is beginning to feel okay, a major improvement from horrible. Please join him in giving thanks for this! He is still having problems getting his sodium level up. Please pray for an increase in sodium uptake and retention. Please also pray Brian will rest and not over extend himself. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in God for Brian and his fiancé Mel, so he can rest and gain strength; pray for the medical team treating him to continue to pay close attention and do their very best; pray also he can quit smoking.

*Jeff* had successful surgery on Monday 4 March 2013, at Vanderbilt Medical Center to remove his esophagus as the doctors felt this is the only remedy for pre-cancerous and cancerous cells in his esophagus and stomach. Please give thanks for the successful surgery and pray that his pain level will go down and he will recover quickly. Pray for Jeff and his family to keep their faith in God and let him carry their worries.

*Rick* is recovering from hip replacement surgery in the middle of February 2013.

*Buzz Baron* had C5-6 surgery the morning of 3 March 2013, which went well. Please give thanks for the surgical team paying attention and doing their best and for a good result; pray also for a full and rapid recovery.

*Karen* had surgery the afternoon of 1 March 2013 to remove a spot on her lung; the surgery went well and the spot was benign. Please give thanks for the great result. Pray also for continued trust in God and peace of mind for Karen, as well as a rapid recovery.

*Dick's* left arm was amputated after treating for Merkel Cell carcinoma over a year. He is now believed to be cancer free and is waiting to be fitted with an artificial arm.

Please join Dick and his family in giving thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for his recovery as well as for their trust in God.

*Sasha* a young lady with a husband and two children had diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer whose cells were thought to have spread to her spine. After radiation and chemotherapy, which is continuing through the end of January 2013, she is regaining her stamina and does not have any detectable cancer activity. The tumors in her skin are gone and the large tumors in her breasts are gone. She and her family ask that you give thanks to our Father in heaven. She also gives thanks to all who have prayed for her.

*Traci* had surgery colon cancer on 27 December 2012. The surgery went very well and she appears to be cancer free. But, she had a pulmonary embolism and another clot in the artery to the spleen which will keep her in the hospital for at least several days. Traci is beginning to be weary of her medical situation. Please pray that she will not become despondent. Pray that she will open her heart to God's Grace that He might enter in to her heart and strengthen her.

*Bob Smouse* had shoulder surgery on 28 November 2012. He would appreciate your thanksgiving prayers. While the surgery apparently went well, he is still in pain and would also appreciate prayers for continued healing and the pain to subside. He promises to work very hard on recovery therapy.

*Carol Stone*, the sweet wife of Mike Stone, seems to have recovered far better than expected from a severe brain bleed. She thinks she can walk, etc., even though she cannot. She has improved and is nearly able to stand up by herself; this makes it almost certain that she will have another fall. Presently she can stand and walk a little with a great deal of assistance. Hopefully this means she will ultimately be able to walk, at least with the aid of a walker or cane. What's holding her back at the moment is her cognitive deficits and they are trying to find a place to get her more therapy

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.

*Muriel Pappin* broke her hip in a fall and had surgery on 21 November 2012. Muriel was home, but has had complications and went back in the hospital. She is now back home. Please give thanks for her return home and pray for her continued recovery.

### **Business**

*Mark's* business is in difficulty. He works in a shrinking field, of which he is one of the country's true masters, but there is little work available. He asks that you pray that he can find a way to survive in his industry, which he loves and needs his talents. Pray he can find new sources of business and new ways of doing things, perhaps someone to partner with to better use his talents. Pray also for those who work for and with him that they might do their best to help.

### **Employment**

*Catherine and Lewis* are at a low ebb due to a struggle for employment. Your fervent prayers will be appreciated.

*Lori* is considering a potential change in her employment. Please pray for God's guidance in considering all aspect of her potential work.

*Rodriguez Family* are looking for work. It seems many obstacles have been put in their way of finding employment. Please pray they will find employment with a firm that will be able to use their considerable skill and hard work to benefit both the firm and the family.

*Sarah* is concerned about the future with her company. She would appreciate prayers for her continued employment and that her firm might find more and better ways to use her considerable skills.

### ***Financial Guidance and Healing***

*David and Lorna* are having financial problems. They are trying to find a smaller home which may be more affordable. *Lorna* has had an ongoing battle with brain cancer, her trips back and forth to the hospital have drained their finances to the point they sometimes struggle to have enough food in the house. Please pray for *Lorna's* healing and guidance on how they might handle the financial difficulties in which they have found themselves.

### ***Guidance***

*Steve Sundberg* had a heart attack after Easter 2011, then a five-way heart by-pass. In addition to the bypass surgery, he has been through a horrible divorce and lost his job after some 30 years service. Steve is very thrifty and a good investor so he is reasonably ok financially. The best thing is that he has trust in the Lord.

*Jeanette* has had many members of her family die from diabetes and several are near death now. Jeanette does not know the Lord and is despondent and perplexed about her family and herself. Please pray she can open her heart to allow the Holy Ghost in to bring her knowledge and understanding.

*Christy* just lost her sister in an automobile accident; this follows closely the loss of two family. Please pray she can let our Lord Jesus Christ carry all her sorry, worry and care at this extremely difficult and stressful time.

*Dr. Elizabeth Raj* is teaching a biblical approach to the psychological problems facing many in our society today. She is battling against the growing influence of worldly psychology adopted by the churches themselves. Elizabeth constantly stresses answers are found between the covers of that precious Book, the Holy Bible. Please pray for encouragement, strength, fortitude and courage for her.

*Daniel and Danielle* are experiencing family strife as a result of custodial issues with a daughter. Please pray they and those they strive with might look to the child's best interests in their time of difficulty and disagreement; to work for her best interests and not use her as a weapon amongst themselves.

*Abigail* is a teenager who has behavior problems. She feels she is in an area of mental darkness. Please pray that she might look to God for help and not within herself.

*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. She asks for God's help to grow her business while keeping up with the needs of her mother and husband and healing her own problems.

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

*Hap* asks you to pray he might be able to trust God will help him make the right decisions at the right time and not to worry uselessly, to change those things he can change, accept those things he cannot change, sleep well to be able to do the correct things with a clear head and that he will open his heart to the Holy Ghost.

### **Thanksgiving**

*David* has been able to return to the ministry after a heart attack mid February 2013, and stent insertion, he is now home. Please join David in giving thanks for his survival and recovery.

### **New Congregations**

*Rev Rick Reid* is starting a new AOC congregation in Newton, North Carolina. The parish will be named Saint Andrews Anglican Church. The first Sunday will be 5 May 2013. Please pray that Rick will be able to bring God's Word to the people in and near Newton.

*Deacon Wilson Menoia* has one of the new congregations in the Solomon Islands. The Rev. Mr. Menoia and his members in the Temotu Province were recently hit by the tsunami and you all prayed for and helped the members then. Now they are facing a tsunami of human beings (works of the Devil) and ask that you pray for them. They are in the Eastern end of the Islands and a ways away from the established congregations in these islands. Please pray for them as they bring souls to Christ as they establish His Church.

### **Guidance for Ministers**

*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 (Bagram AB, Afghanistan), Jordan (USMC – Fleet Marine Force - Pacific), Trevor (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator – Now in the Desert), Trevor (USN – Whidbey Island, EF-18 Pilot), Kurt Thomas (USN – Guam)

### **Persecuted**

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

### **Various Special Requests**

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

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

so that He might enter in to their hearts and lives.

### *Question that only you can ask*

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

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

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

### *Epistleers*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>
19 May 2012	Dru Arnold – Whitsunday – Pentecost
26 May 2012	Dru Arnold – Trinity Sunday
2 June 2012	Dru Arnold – First Sunday after Trinity

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

19 May 2013 – Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday – Holy Communion - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

26 May 2013 – Trinity Sunday – 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**

26 May 2013 – Trinity Sunday – 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**

27 May 2013 – Memorial 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**

2 June 2013 – 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**

9 June 2013 – 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**

16 June 2013 – Third 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**

23 June 2013 – Fourth 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**

30 June 2013 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity– Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

4 July 2013 – Independence Day– Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

