



# First Sunday after Trinity

## Sunday Report

Today was the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the beginning of the Endless Green Season, the liturgical color is not surprisingly green and will be for a long time! We were a bit warm for this time of year. Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 58°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 82°F, all under bright blue and clear skies. 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.

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Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



We try to pick our gathering songs to have a wonderful message, be easy to sing and suitable for guitar accompaniment. *Just a closer walk with Thee* is a parish favorite.

## *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 –

Friends must be constant to each other. That is not true friendship which is not constant. Friends, like swallows, that fly to us in summer, but are gone in winter are no loss.

*Rev. Matthew Henry*  
17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century English pastor and author.

Consider the various documents that were framed for the founding of the different colonies...Those who wish to separate the Bible from the state will have to take it out of [those documents]... I believe the Christian faith is the only force impeding and preventing the total disappearance of freedom in the world today... The gospel of Christ is the salt of the earth that prevents utter corruption.

*Rev. Dr. D. James Kennedy*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American theologian, teacher and author  
(Why I Believe, p. 126)

During the fourth century one of the great theological debates took place between... Pelagius, and Augustine... Pelagius taught that man, although sinful, retained enough of the divine to essentially correct any wrongs or imperfections within himself, including working out his own salvation... Although Pelagius was repudiated, his philosophy of man's ability to "save himself" has remained the cornerstone of humanistic ideology. All socialists, communists, and humanists firmly hold to the view that man can create nirvana, utopia, a workers' paradise, or some form of heaven on earth. Many early-American socialists were organized around religious philosophies. At first glance this sounds strange, but there is a difference between religion and theology. Many theologians maintain that the subject matter of religion is man, whereas, the subject matter of theology is God. This is clearly displayed in the many communistic "religious" communities founded in early nineteenth-century America. In varying degrees all of these communities were attempting to plant a heaven on earth by their own intelligence and power. Here, once again, we see the specter of Pelagius attempting to challenge orthodox Christianity. The total failure of each of these communistic societies attests to the wisdom of St. Augustine.

*Al Benson, Jr. and Walter Donald Kennedy*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American political commentators and authors  
(Lincoln's Marxists, pp. 28-29)

Our true place— the only place of blessing, our one abiding position before God— must

Persuasion is better than force.

*Aesop*  
6<sup>th</sup> century BC Greek philosopher and author

Railroad– n. The chief of many mechanical devices enabling us to get away from where we are to where we are no better off.

*Ambrose Bierce*  
19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century American author and misanthrope

## 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 188-190, with the Collect first:

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*The Collect.*

**O** GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dru Arnold read today's Epistle, which came from the Fourth Chapter of St. John's First Epistle, beginning at the Seventh Verse. John pointed out that if we do not love our brethren here on earth we have seen and touched, how then can we claim to have love for God, whom no man hath seen? "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." God loved us so much He sent His only Son to die for our sins. That is true love. Not that we love Him, but that first He loved us! So, if God first loved us, ought we also not love each other? No one has seen God at any time. Yet, He loves us and we say we love Him. If we do love one another, then God is in us, the Holy Ghost, and we are in Him. Be bold, the world will end some time, for each of us it ends when we leave here. Fear not, trust in God and dread naught. God

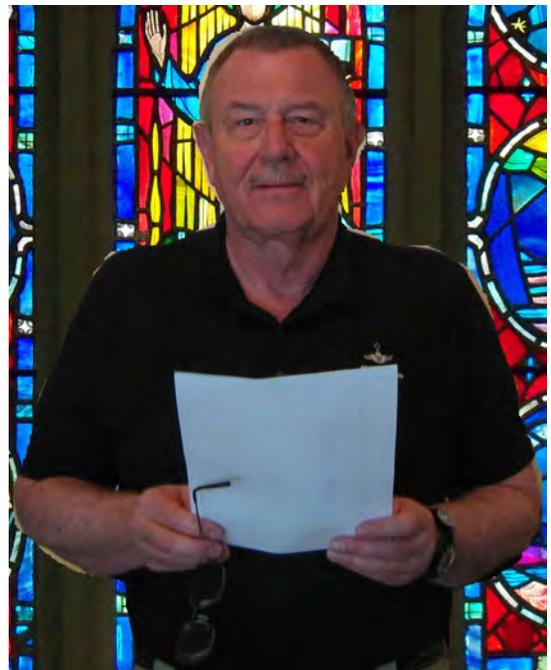


and His love will keep fear and the damage it does at bay. Love each other and act on that love.

This reading covers the same ground as Jesus' Summary of the Law, the second portion, "That he who loveth God love his brother also." God is love, not hate.

**B**ELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Hap Arnold read today's Gospel which started in the Sixteenth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Nineteenth Verse. It is a story Jesus told of Lazarus, not the Lazarus whom he raised from the dead, but a fictional character. This Lazarus was poor and very ill, he was laid at the gate of an extremely well fed rich man hoping he might be fed with the castoffs from the rich man's table. He was so ill, he could not move when dogs came to lick his sores. He died and went to heaven where he was well cared for and was whole. The rich man died, and for his self centered behavior here on earth, went to hell where he was tormented horribly. He looked up and saw Lazarus. He begged for just a touch of water, that he might be comforted. Abraham told the rich man that he would receive no comfort as he had partaken of all the comfort he would get while on earth when he thought only of himself. He also told him there was a gulf between heaven and hell through which no one could pass. Hearing that, the rich man asked that Lazarus be sent to his father's house that his brothers might avoid his fate. Abraham pointed out they had the words of Moses and the prophets, if they would not hear them, they would not listen to one who rose from the dead.



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### *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. How little we need other guidance, if we but listen to what God tells us.



Consider these words from the Collect:

... the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; ... through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed...

This is a little longer Collect than usual, but in it we acknowledge that God is the source of our strength, as we are weak and cannot do any true good without His Help; thus we ask His help or grace to do His Will in both in our thoughts and actions.

And, what is the first action we are to take? To love one another. Saint John pointed out if we do not love our fellow creatures here on earth whom we have seen and touched, how then can we claim to have love for God, whom not one of us have seen? We then cannot love God if we cannot love our fellow humans, no matter how far they have strayed from His path, we are still to love them and offer them help and help others. Jesus came to serve, as the ultimate Servant, so must we be also.

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

God loved us so much He sent His only Son to die for our sins. That is true love. Not that we love Him, but that first He loved us! So, if God first loved us, ought we also not love each other? No one has seen God at any time. Yet, He loves us and we say we love Him. If we do love one another, then God is in us, the Holy Ghost, and we are in Him. Be bold, the world will end some time, for each of us it ends when we leave here. Fear not, trust in God and dread naught. God and His love will keep fear and the damage it does at bay. Love each other and act on that love.

To love one another and ACT on that love. To consider the ways we might help others and then ACTually help them. It is not a question of giving, but helping. The rich man could have helped Lazarus, but it never entered his head. The rich man, like many of us sadly, only thought of himself. Jesus illustrates perfectly in this parable what happens when we only think of ourselves and do not help others or think of others even. The rich man could have thought of poor Lazarus and given him a place to stay and food to eat and paid for it, like the Good Samaritan. Instead, he just let him die, figuring that that was the end of him. It turns out that he was wrong and soon the tables would be reversed. Lazarus was a rather disgusting feature of his world and when he died, the rich man was pleased not to have to pass by him. Yet, it never entered into his head to help.

How is that possible?

Simple, his eye was not on the donut, but on the hole. The rich man cared about all the things that don't count and never considered those that do. Which is as said earlier, is a problem at that all of us face at one time or another due to our very nature of being sinful beings.

Indeed, between heaven and hell there is a great gulf fixed. But, you must understand, the gulf is not of God's making but ours. It is us who keeps us from the heaven He offers freely, yet at a great price.

Put your trust in God and dread naught. Love those around you and ACT on that love. It does not matter if they are the same religion as you, but you still must love and act towards them all the same. The only exception I might add is the radical terrorist Muslims, but even then I pity them, for as Christ said “They know not what they do.”. Think how you can help, not how you can “enjoy” life. Helping does not mean simply giving money to those who don't have it, no strings attached, although it might at times. It never means supporting those who do not feel like supporting themselves. For dependency breeds slothfulness and contempt. Dependency destroys the soul. What is doe mean is facilitating a way for those who do not have to earn what they need; to bring them the means of acquiring those things which they need. Those things are spiritual as well as physical. A hand up, not a hand out. You will find out the more you help, the more you enjoy real life. I find personally whether it is helping somebody at the office, around the neighborhood or a friend, that I take immense pleasure in the result of helping that person, more than if I had just concentrated on myself.

This is hard to do. We want to concentrate on what makes us feel good about ourselves right here and right now. We have to be coerced into staying on the narrow path

upward and inward. But that is where our home is.

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 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**

First Sunday after Trinity  
Saint Andrew's Anglican Orthodox Church  
Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus  
2 June 2013, Anno Domini

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Before we look more closely at this great parable of Jesus, we must understand that Christ never uses a parable of things physical or spiritual whose principle is not consistent with the truth. This story of the rich man and Lazarus may be just as actual as it is figurative. God's principles never change and neither does His truth.

The parable addresses the issues of the hereafter in stark illustration of Paradise and Hell. There are those whose wealth dim their eyes to mercy and compassion, and encrypt their hearts in greed and malice. There are, on the other hand, those who would prefer to give whatever material possession they have if it will render a greater good in improving the life of that one standing nearby. Because their hearts are not centered on the material, their souls are fixed on goodness and mercy. Christ does not mean to teach that there is evil in riches, but in the way that we may covet such wealth. There is no honor in being desperately poor, either, but the circumstances of life may render any of us unable to provide for ourselves and impoverished by misfortune. When poor men, such as Lazarus, are made to beg by the gates of the wealthy, this condition is an illustration of the sin in the sin that lies covered in the purple garments of the wealthy who refuse to share their excess with those who are so deprived even of food to eat.

It should be noted that God does not always provide material reward to His righteous in this world. The tables are often turned so that the wealthy are the wicked, and the poor, the righteous. It does not necessarily need to be so, but often is. Even a very righteous man may be corrupted when he comes into great wealth. He may forget the estate from which he has come, and dwell only on the improvement of his finances.

We must not misapply Scriptural counsel regarding money: it is not money itself that is evil, but the love thereof. *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows* (1 Tim 6:10) If God rewards you with a million dollars in your account, the mere possession of so much money does not make you a bad person. The manner in which you use the money for good is a measure of your virtue.

The deference which Christ shows to the poor man in giving him a Godly name, Lazarus, or Eleazar, is notable. The name means, God is MY Help. We have churches in the AOC in parts of the world in which every member depends upon God alone for the next morsel of food they consume. This Holy name imputes a righteous character to the poor man.

But what of the rich man? He is given no name at all. Why do you suppose this is so? Because if our names are not written in the Book of Life, then they are not written at all. In fact, there are no names in Hell. Why would you need a name there?

***19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day*** This man was filled with himself and cared not a whit for those around him. He had much more than he needed, yet was unwilling to share a morsel from his well-stocked pantry to a poor man diseased and dying. The love of wealth petrifies the heart and closes its gates of mercy. Christ only refers to this man as a "rich man." He has no redeeming qualities that recommend him to God.

<sup>20</sup> ***And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores*** You may wonder why Lazarus is a beggar? Could it be a result of his complete helplessness due to disease. He could not help himself – he had to be helped. Someone must help those around us who are unable, due to tragic circumstances, to help

themselves. Before the advent of utopian and socialistic philosophy, the Church and Community were the source of help – and still should be.

<sup>21</sup> *And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.* He desired no great thing – only to be fed the crumbs from the rich man's table. These the rich man did not need, but it is doubtful that the rich man cared enough to give them to Lazarus. Even though men of means showered no mercy on their own kind, at least the dogs lived up to their reputation of loyalty. The dogs comforted Lazarus – not with food which they had not – but with compassion and love. Are we better than dogs?

<sup>22</sup> *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried* How casually does the LORD make reference to that grave which awaits every beloved reader of this devotion. It shall come to pass that each of us shall die. Then what?

You will observe a great difference in the disposition of Lazarus after death, and that of the rich man after death. Christ says of the beggar (he) *was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom* Truly the destination of all righteous souls. Abraham is father, not only to the Hebrews, but all who believe in the Promised Seed – Jesus Christ! What a royal sendoff did Lazarus receive. Though a poor, sick beggar, he was honored with the dignity of being carried by the angels to Abraham's Bosom. Angels are important heavenly dignitaries, but not so dignified as to ignore any soul that dies in Christ.

How does the honor paid Lazarus differ from the disposition of the Rich Man's body? *The rich man also died, and was buried.* He was placed, not in the Bosom of Abraham, but in the depth of the earth – his eternal home, or ultimately, Hell. Instead of the angels carrying him to Abraham's Bosom, the rich man lies in the cursed soil of the world. Quite well do the final words of a poem by Sir Walter Scott summarize the matter:

*For him no minstrel raptures swell;  
High though his titles, proud his name,  
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim  
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,  
The wretch, concentred all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And, doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.*

But Scott's words do not fully reveal the extent of the tragedy of such a lifestyle – the fires of Hell await such a one the very moment his eyes are blinded by death.

<sup>23</sup> *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.* Christ does not leave the reality of hell open for question, but states the fact outright. There are fires in Hell, and torments as well. There are no medical stations there to relieve the pain for, in Hell, the character of its citizens rule – NO MERCY! The rich man can see Lazarus "afar off" in the bosom of Abraham. Heaven is a far off place from Hell. But the wicked can see the delight of those in Heaven.

<sup>24</sup> *And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that*

*he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame* The pride of wealth no longer dominates the rich man's thinking. He takes no longer pride in his fine raiment for that was burned away the moment he was cast into Hell. The rich man begs for that which he had none of in life – MERCY! Lazarus is now rich, and the rich man a beggar. He begs for mercy to be delivered by the very finger of him to whom he granted no mercy. Hell is a hot dry place. The drought never ends there. It is interesting to note that there is no evidence that Lazarus is aware of the rich man's condition in Hell. Such knowledge might dampen his joy in Heaven for he obviously was a man of compassion as opposed to the rich man. Hell is a place of torment. God sends no one to Hell – we send ourselves.

<sup>25</sup> *But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.* We sometimes find men in conditions and circumstances from which we cannot extricate them, but we still should have what kindness we can have and show respectful regard. Observe with what sympathy Abraham addresses the rich man in Hell: He calls him "son!" It is possible that this man could have been a true son of Abraham as was Lazarus had he followed in that faith of Abraham in Christ. But he was more likely a son by hereditary descent and not spiritual. The temporary luxuries of riches born out of greed will avail nothing in Heaven. The pleasure is so temporary, and eternity so very long – endless in fact.

<sup>26</sup> *And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.* We must recognize that the distance is so great between Heaven and Hell that none can pass to and from. No one has descended to Hell and returned to tell of it, and the same is true of Heaven regardless the cheap little books of commercial fodder marketed today. If you believe that you can visit Hell, you probably will do so for longer than you wish.

<sup>27</sup> *Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:* <sup>28</sup> *For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.* Even the wicked in Hell are aware of the lost condition of their loved ones. Does this give cause for pause? Those in Hell would do anything to save their loved ones (for the damned also love their own) from coming to such a place of hot torment.

<sup>29</sup> *Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.* Have we, too, heard the voice of Moses from the beginning in Genesis? Have we heard and heeded the writings of the prophets and the Gospel and Epistles that tell of Christ? If so, it is enough! We need no astounding signs to prove our faith else it is not faith. *An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.* (Matt 12:39-40) Is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior enough for you, or do you seek cleverly designed signs of men?

<sup>30</sup> *And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.* Really? Christ rose from the dead and the obstinate, faithless Jewish rulers still hated Him. Faith is based in hope and love, not sure evidence.

<sup>31</sup> *And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.* If our faith is not founded on God's

Word, no other considerations are important. We believe because God's Love is reflected to our hearts in the hope and reality revealed by Scripture. If our hearts are made of lead, the iron Magnet will not attract it. There must be a kinship (even if distant) in the heart that responds to the Call of God. Do you have that kinship?

### *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:



#### **Thy Life**

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Psalm 119:33-48

Deuteronomy 30:11-20, John 13:1-17, 34-35

June 2, 2013

Today we move into the second half of our Church year, which is our annual cycle of prayer and Scripture reading. The first half has emphasized what the Bible teaches about God and what He has done for us in Christ. The second half emphasizes our response to God. We could say that the first half of the year is about what Christians believe, and the second half is about what Christians do.

What do Christians believe? We believe the Bible. We believe the Bible was given to us by God and that it is His self revelation of His nature and will. In it we see a loving Father who welcomes prodigals back to His house, who even runs to meet us on the way, and who desires only what is good for us, only that which gives meaning and joy and goodness to life. In the Bible we see God loving us so much He made the ultimate sacrifice, going to the cross to bear in Himself all of the anguish and grief and, yes, even anger, our sins have caused Him. Yes, there are legitimate questions about the Bible, and, yes, there are many disagreements about its meaning even among Christians, and, yes, even those who profess to believe it are miserable failures at living out its principles and teachings. But, in spite of all of this, there is, and always has been, a general agreement among all people who read the Bible, whether they are skeptics or true believers, in what the Bible teaches. Knowing what we know about human beings, such agreement is remarkable in itself. And what the Bible teaches is summarised for us in the great and enduring creeds of the Church. We say one of them every Sunday; the Apostles' Creed at Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Nicene Creed at Holy Communion. They express the essential teachings of the Bible, therefore we do not simply recite them as an academic acknowledgement, we say them as expressions of our faith. To us they are not just facts, they are the beliefs by which we live our lives.

We say this because we believe what God said through Moses in Deuteronomy 30:20, "He is thy life." He is our life because it is He who created us. He did not merely create the heavens and earth, He created us. He formed us in the womb. He formed our bodies and put life into them He formed our personhood, so that we are not just *something*, we are *someone*. He is our life because He has preserved our lives to this very moment. I am not just talking about giving us the necessities that have kept us alive, I'm talking about His supernatural intervention and guiding of our lives in those things that, when we look back over our lives we say, if God had not delivered me from this or that danger, I would not be here today. If God had not delivered me from this situation or those circumstances, my life today would be vastly different and miserable,

if I were even alive at all.

But Moses was writing about something deeper and more fundamental than God giving and preserving our physical lives, Moses was writing about the life of the soul, for it is especially in the life of the soul that God "is thy life." Naturally we think about the cross when we think about the life of the soul. In giving His life for us, Christ purchased life for our souls. But I hope we think about more than simply being forgiven of sin and going to Heaven, because Christ died to help us in this life too. Christ died to give us what He called abundant life, life that is as good as it can get in this world. It is no secret that a life lived in the "thou shalt nots" is no life at all. That is because the things God forbids are the things that destroy lives. Therefore, God's commandments are not prison walls to keep us from having fun, they are a fence around a home that keep us from harm. Anyone who has seen young children running and playing beside a busy highway can immediately grasp the value of a good fence, and that is what the commandments of God are. And look at the hurt and misery that fills the history of the human race because of our willful indulgence in God's "thou shalt nots." Wars, abuse, violence, hatred, injustice, corruption. How many children have died? How many have cried themselves to sleep alone, afraid, and hungry, because of the human infatuation with God's "thou shalt nots?"

But imagine what the world would be like if the entire human race replaced murder replaced with peace, fornication and adultery with fidelity and love, deceit with honesty, falsehood with truth, and greed with contentment. Suppose everyone lived in such a way that, as our Catechism says, we hurt no one by word or deed, keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity, be true and just in all our dealings, keep our tongues from evil speaking, and labour truly for our own livings rather than covet the possessions of others? Can we not see that such a world would be fundamentally different from the one in which we live? Can we not see that life in such a world would be exciting and free and happy? And isn't that the kind of world God's commandments would create, if we just obeyed them?

I am not suggesting we can build such a world in our present condition. I don't believe any amount of social engineering, education, or political experimentation can create such a world. It certainly cannot be created by law or by force. I think it will be created, one day, by the grace of God, but God will build it, not man. But you and I have the opportunity to taste that world now, because we have the opportunity to live by God's law, not perfectly, but better than we are currently doing. And we, by faith, have to opportunity to "see" how wonderful life would be if everyone lived by it God's law. But, even more than this, we have the promise that we will actually live in such a world one day. We will live in a place where evil is a thing of the past, where all live in peace and harmony with one another and with God.

But let's get back to the here and now, for we are talking in part about how Christians live. We live by the law of God. We do not think we keep it perfectly, nor do we believe keeping it earns any favour from God. We keep it because it is a gift from God. It shows us how to live happy and peaceful lives. We keep it because it is good. By His grace, and by the power of the Holy Spirit let us walk in the ways of His commandments.

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*Roy Morales-Kuhn, Pastor - Covenant of Grace Anglican Chapel - Anglican Orthodox Church, USA Sermon for Passion Sunday*

We are at the very beginning of the seemingly never ending Trinity Sunday Series or Green Season. What a great time for a sermon on today's Epistle from Pastor Roy!

**B**ELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.



*Wow, what a powerful way to continue this epistle. St. John very clearly outlines the scope of God's love towards us, that being the sacrifice of his only begotten Son sent into this world {Immanuel}. And more importantly, that He not us initiated that love. "Propitiation" a once and for all sacrifice, given by the Creator/God, the Father to cover our sins, to allow us access to the Father through the Son, because God cannot tolerate sin. What a wonderful promise. The manifestation of God's love, because of his Son, we can live through him. We have life eternal. We have life abundant, we have life worth living while on earth. John finishes this set of verses with the statement "...if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another..." That is not a question, that is a statement of truth.*

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

*In the best legal terms, John, not a lawyer, will reiterate the concept of God's love. He will express it again in another way, to make clear to us that there is no other way by which we are saved but by the love of God through his Son Jesus Christ. Our manifestation of God dwelling in us is our love for one another, His love is perfected in us. We are not perfect, but we can show a perfect love, as simply as showing love to one another, a love that the World does not understand. On the mission field, many non-believers watch closely how believers treat each other. They watch and see, when true believers love one another, that this is not typical of other faiths, because there is a love given with no expectation of return, love that transcends what is*

*normal for the pagan world. A love that is out of this world, alien to what is known here on earth. Why, because it is a love that is given by a loving Creator/God, by way of his Spirit. This Spirit, the Holy Spirit, will give us knowledge that God sent his Son, to be the Savior of the World. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. Now that works back to the idea of this knowledge of God's love and believing in his love that will make our love perfect. The great promise, 'herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is so are we in this world. We are perfected by God's love. As verse 18 expresses...*

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

*Perfect love casts out fear. Fear is torment, he who fears is not made perfect in love. Do you see that perfect peace coming into play? "the peace that passes all understanding?" Wow, what powerful words!*

We love him, because he first loved us.

*Folks, we can't do it on our own, because then we would boast to our own salvation. That is what verse 19 is speaking to. We didn't love God first, no he first loved us...then we loved him. Takes a whole different approach to our independent way, we would like to say that it is because of our own actions that we are saved. But to the contrary, it is because of what God did when he offered up his Son as stated in verses 9 & 10. So we need to step back and realize how much we really owe to God our Father, it is He who first loved us.*

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

*These last two verses admonish us to keep our priorities straight. We cannot claim that we love God if we hate our brother. Define brother: our fellow believers. Not necessarily blood brother {relative}. Our brother {sister} is a fellow believer, one with whom we share a common belief, therefore if we do not love them and yet claim to love God, we are lying. Notice again how St. John restates the concept in these last two verses. This love for a brother is what is defined in this passage we have reflected on this morning. There it is in a nutshell. This is God's love towards us, while we were yet sinners he sent his Son to die for our sins. What is love? This message from St. John's epistle tells us loud and clear. Not a wishy-washy God love, not a warm and fuzzy God love, NO; a specific love that transcends the ages, a love that would send His only begotten Son to die for our sins, to die in our stead, to die and once and for all cover ALL our sins with his most precious blood. He died and rose again so that we may have life and it more abundantly.*

Let us pray:

**O** GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly, union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Fair Weather.

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, tempest, tornadoes, or hurricane force winds, wherewith thou hast afflicted us; O GOD, who art ever ready to hear the prayers of those who put their trust in thee; Graciously hearken to us who call upon thee, and grant us thy help in this our need. And we pray thee most mercifully to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase for our use and benefit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Armed Services,

**O**LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coastguardsmen and contractors of our country; Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach. Preserve all who serve therein from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve thee our God, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**T**HE Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

### *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.



#### **First Sunday after Trinity**

In today's Gospel, we heard the parable of the rich man and Lazarus which our Lord used to chide the covetous of the Pharisees who had come to criticize him. There are three important points that we will take up today concerning this parable. The first involves being considerate of those around us who are in need. The second examines the spiritual states of the two men mentioned in the parable. And the last deals with the end result of those spiritual states.

As to the first, we Christians are to love the LORD our God with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. That comes to us from the Mosaic Law (Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:5). Our Lord received these very words from a teacher of the law who had questioned him about what he must do to inherit eternal life (St. Luke 10:25-28). Clearly, we are expected to love God.

But there is more to loving God than simply saying we love him and worshiping him. We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Hard words indeed. Ambrose Bierce once defined the word neighbor in his profane dictionary as being "that whom we are commanded to love as ourselves and who does everything within his power to make us break that commandment."

The beloved apostle once observed that, In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we

should love one another... But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth (I St. John 3:10-11, 17-18).

Returning to our gospel lesson we find that the rich man was devoid of any concern for the poor man who came to eat the crumbs which fell from his table. While he might have thought it generous to permit the poor man to enter his home and eat in this manner, when we compare what he was permitting against the Law of God which says categorically that we should love our neighbor as ourselves, then we see what God would have us do. Ergo, if the rich man fared well, he should have shared with the poor man in a manner which he himself would have liked to have fared in that same state of nature. Not necessarily the same as the rich man, only as the rich man would have liked to be treated if the roles had been reversed. The crime of the rich man was that he did not consider the poor man's plight. He was not ignorant of his condition, he ignored it. The cold hearted in this life are going to have an eternity of heat treatments in the next.

Now some will turn this parable into an iconic tale in support of a social gospel. But that would be the wrong approach. Love for one's neighbor cannot be legislated by government. "Robbing Peter to pay Paul" is merely theft under the rubric of government policy. Our Lord does not sanction such behavior. He means for Christians to take care of their own affairs and those who are less fortunate within the church (Ephesians 4:28; I St. Timothy 6:17-18; St. James 2:14-17; I St. John 3:17-18). He also does not contenance slothful and indolent behaviour for as the apostle Paul explained, ...for yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat (II Thessalonians 3:7-10).

The second point being made in this parable has to do with the implied spiritual states of these men. While there was nothing in the parable about the specific worship practices of either man; nevertheless, it is clear from the lesson that Lazarus was a godly individual as he was received into Abraham's bosom while the rich man wound up in the fires of perdition.

Some would take from this parable that there is dignity in being poor, or, to put it another way, that because Lazarus was poor he was righteous in his poverty. Such conclusions are erroneous because it is not the natural state of a person which determines his or her spiritual condition. There is no dignity in poverty especially if a person isn't even trying to do for himself or herself. It was self-evident from this parable that Lazarus was a godly believer because no person could be taken by God's holy angels into Abraham's bosom who had not been so vested in the true faith. The rich man did not possess such a gift else he would have acted differently toward Lazarus and if he had done so, the mere fact of his wealth would not have precluded him from being saved. But the social gospel peddlers who dominate the pulpits of the mainline churches today have utilized this parable to increase their incomes rather than assist the poor and needy within their churches or in their communities. The same is true for many of the tv preachers who promise material blessings from God in exchange for a tithe or offering to their ministries. God does indeed reward his own materially

but we are not to give expecting some sort of immediate or temporal return. We give because God loves a cheerful giver. St. Paul noted in his second epistle to the Corinthian church that, Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work (9:6-8).

That brings us to our final concept: the end result of each spiritual condition. The rich man knew what the law and the prophets had said on this subject. When he was reminded of such by Father Abraham he did not offer a rebuttal or an apology. He knew in his heart that he had ignored God's truths for life which were contained within the Scriptures. Unfortunately for him, his unregenerate nature—influenced by Satan—caused him to turn a blind eye to the things he should have been doing. That is why he wound up in hell, and why all who are not born again will join him there. Lazarus, on the other hand, found himself in paradise being forever in the favor of God for his faithfulness. While he was poor in this life, he had received a gift of supreme worth, one of inestimable value. Again, we are not told in this parable what Lazarus did in service to God. We are only told that he was chosen of God to inherit eternal life.

As Christians, we are obliged to obey God's word written which includes seeing the needs of others and addressing them. We ought to be warm-hearted and open-handed. We ought to possess a compassionate spirit remembering always that our God first loved us and gave of himself that we unworthy sinners might live with him forever. That is the real message of this parable: God's love for us should inspire us to love others, and in that love to assist others as we can. And so in the words of our Lord I advise each of you, this do, and thou shalt live (St. Luke 10:28b).

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, grant to us that sure and certain peace that when we close our eyes to this world, we will open them in the next and be received with joy as members of thy saints in glory; for this we ask in the name of 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:

Date	Name
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>
7 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>
14 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>
21 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>
28 July 2012	<b>Opportunity Available – Sixth 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 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](mailto:jack@faithfulcenturion.org) or Dru - [dru@faithfulcenturion.org](mailto: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 the UK visiting Paul's mum, Mrs. Kay on the list further down!  
Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>

### ***Birthday***

*Laurel Bessesen* celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26 April 2013.

### ***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***

*Becky Madden* passed away in May after being paralyzed from the neck down as the result of a tragic shooting accident. Her husband is not doing well with all this. Please pray for strength and guidance for her husband.

*Inez* passed away on 15 May 2013, after a hard fought battle with the results of a right brain ischemic stroke 18 March 2013. Please give thanks for her time here and pray for those who she has left behind that they might put their sadness with our Lord and be happy for Inez.

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

*Jo* an elderly women has had a spinal disk infection and been on antibiotics for a long time. Jo was getting better but has had a downward spiral. Please pray that she will be kept comfortable. She needs a miracle to stay here or God's Grace to go home.

*Sasha* a young lady with a husband and two children had diagnosed with breast cancer whose cells have spread. . It would appear there is no viable treatment at this time. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that her remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Sasha and her family, particularly her husband, put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry. Right now she is "comfortable on borrowed time." Sasha is grateful for all who pray for her and asks you continue to pray for her remaining time here on earth.

*Dorothy* had pneumonia, on checking her lungs they found tumors which permeated the lung area. Further investigation found a primary site in the colon, with the lung being secondary. It would appear there is no viable treatment at this time. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that her remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Dorothy and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*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.

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.

### **Surgery**

*John* will undergo surgery on Friday 31 May 2013. It is anticipated he will spend an additional 10-12 days at the hospital and then 6 weeks in recovery at home. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that John and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Dave Pressey*, a bishop with the Anglican Episcopal Church, one of our close fellow jurisdictions, had cataract surgery; his retina tore and he had emergency surgery on Memorial Day. Please give thanks for the surgery having gone well and pray for a full and rapid healing. Pray also for peace of mind for Dave and his family.

*Eddie* has upcoming bladder surgery. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that Eddie and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

### **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) had a cat scan and biopsy which found Stage 3 cancer in her ovaries which appears to have spread to her stomach. She will undergo several weeks of chemotherapy, which prayerfully will allow major surgery to take place. Sarah and Geordie are both in a bit of shock at this development. They trust all will work out in the end and ask God's help for the interim. They ask that He guide them and the medical team treating Sarah and that the team pay attention and do their very best. They both ask you pray they will be able to let God carry all their worry.

### **Healing**

*Steve Thornell* had a brain aneurysm which was found before it burst. He is home from the hospital and working hard on recovery. He lacks energy from seven days in the hospital. His doctor told him he has to make serious life changes. One of the two main arteries in the back of the head is now completely closed. He must take blood thinners, he has thick blood and recent chemotherapy made it worse. Steve has always operated at 110 percent, he needs help to slow down. Please pray for trust in the Lord and a full and rapid recovery. Pray for peace of mind for Steve and his family.

*Ester Whidett (Wilson)*, Mark Wilson's mother, has congestive heart failure and has not been doing well. She was in the hospital due to excessive fluid buildup, which seems to have been controlled and is now home. It seems that regular medicine

intake under Mark's watchful eye has been very helpful and she is doing much better. Please give thanks for this. Pray she will be able to keep her medications under control and continue to do well at home. Please pray for her to place all her trust in God and let Him carry her concerns. Pray also for her daughters who are now taking over her care.

*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.

*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.

*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.

*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 followed by what seems to be good CT and PET Scans on 15 May 2013. 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 is finally getting his sodium and seemingly hydration levels up. Please give thanks 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.

*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. Pleaser pray for *Lorna's* healing and guidance on how they might handle the financial difficulties in which they have found themselves.

### **Guidance**

*Earl* to read and understand Scriptures he has been given.

*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*

*Betsy* has fully recovered from her sprained ankle and give thanks for the rapid recovery, she asks you do likewise.

*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 Ordination*

*Reverend Deacon Wilson Menoia* was ordained this Pentecost 19 May 2103, by Bishop Zephaniah Legumana. As a deacon, Wilson has established with others a congregation of many in Bambir Village, Santa Cruz, Solomon Islands. Please pray that many will come to know our Lord Jesus Christ through this congregation in the middle of the South Pacific. The Lord has worked much through Wilson, may He continue to do so.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, be pleased to remember with thy mercy and love all those who minister before thee in holy things. Prosper the great work in which he is engaged. Enable him faithfully to preach thy Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments. May he always uphold Christ, both by his words and in his life, and in all things set forward thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### *Thanksgiving*

*Mark Wilson* gives thanks for safe travel last week to visit his mother in Pennsylvania.

*Trevor Jennings* gives thanks for a safe deployment to the desert.

### ***AOC Congregations***

*Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Orthodox Church* is under a lot of stress. We all are, but they need even more prayer. Rev Roger Jessup, their wonderful minister, is pressed by the duties of a primary care giver, in addition to all the worries of this world. They have one of their family's primary breadwinners who will be soon unemployed, absent His intervention. Roger's niece will lose her job at the end of the year when her tech center shuts down. As Rev Roger said so eloquently, "We must pray for those who mean us harm and deprive us of our property are our enemies: Our LORD has so commanded us." We must pray they will see light and cleave to it while turning their backs on the Prince of this World. Equally important, we must pray that the Lord will raise up a political leader from among us as He has done in the past. Pray also for trust in God for each member of the parish and for them to find economic relief.

*Rev Rick Reid* is the minister of the new AOC congregation in Newton, North Carolina, Saint Andrews Anglican Church. Their first Sunday was 5 May 2013. Please pray Rick will be able to bring God's Word to the people in and near Newton.

*Reverend Wilson Menoia* has one of the new congregations in the Solomon Islands. The Rev. 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 – New Jersey), 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***

The people of India give thanks for relief from the heat with a depression in the Bay of Bengal. With intermittent and un-declared power outages they have been subject to terrible conditions. More than 545 people have died in the region from sunstroke.

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.

### *News from the Solomon Islands!*

Re-Successful Ordination of Rev Wilson Menoia to the Order of Priesthood in AOC 19 May 2013 Bimbir Village, Santa Cruz

Our mission to ordain Rev Wilson Menoia to the Order of Priests in our church (AOC) at Bimbir Village Santa Cruz, was very successful despite some disturbances by some leaders and members of COM of the same village.

We have to build a tent Church House outside Bimbir for the Ordination. They are planning to build their church house on the same spot and on the same land.

They will then move to build their houses around their church as a new village which is to be wholly an AOC village. This is to be free from continuous disturbances in the future life and activities of the church.

On Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2013 we have ordained Rev Wilson Menoia to the Priesthood as well as 3 children received confirmation

Then my wife and her secretary Lilian Vahia also had meetings with the women and selected her office bearers as well as admitted 8 women as new members of the AOC Women Fellowship group of the Church.

Attendance during the Ordination of Rev Wilson was quite alarge congregation in comparison to some of our AOC villages in Isabel. Communicants (those receiving communion) was more than one hundred; not counting the children.

My assessment of this AOC Community at Santa Cruz will spread quite quickly in the years to come. I hope for a bigger church or aDiocese for that matter from Santa Cruz in the future. Rev Wilson Menoia and his wife are very capable to make this happen.

Finally and above all, on behalf of myself, my wife Serah, Lilian Vahia and Rev Richard Sopamana as a group who went to this mission wishes to thank all the members that supported this mission financially and have indeed made this very successful.

Indeed Santa Cruz can be more tough and challenging than just going down to Isabel by sea.

We returned safely from Santa Cruz on Tuesday (21/05/13) afternoon and at this point in time iam working on the photos and other reports for your further informations.

May the Lord bless us all in our common endeavors for His Church.To Him be the Glory for ever and ever.

*Bishop Z*

Dear Bishop +Jerry, and the Whole AOC Church,

Our newly ordained Rev. Wilson Menoia called via mobile phone this morning if I can send his message to all.

He and the AOC Bimbir Church members are very happy and wanted to convey their great thanks and appreciation especially to the Church for Financial support given to them. His vestry committee all agree to use the finance for the Ordination related costs. He also thanks all of us for the prayers that made the occasion successful.

Special thanks to Bishop Zephaniah and the Party who conducted the ordination.

Confirm they are now going on well with their normal life after the Tsunami.

Blessed day,

Mostyn Prana, Assistant Bishop  
The Anglican Orthodox Church Solomon Islands

### *Question that only you can ask*

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

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

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

### *Epistleers*

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

Date	Reader
9 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Second Sunday after Trinity
16 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Third Sunday after Trinity
23 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Fourth Sunday after Trinity
30 June 2012	Dru Arnold – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

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**