



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here with vengeance! Sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus was 69°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 98°F, all under high thin overcast and worst of all 24 percent humidity. On the other hand, by just after lunch the temperature dropped to 88°F! We ended up with 3 people present for the service.

Gathering Song

Jack Arnold played *Amazing Grace* for the gathering song.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

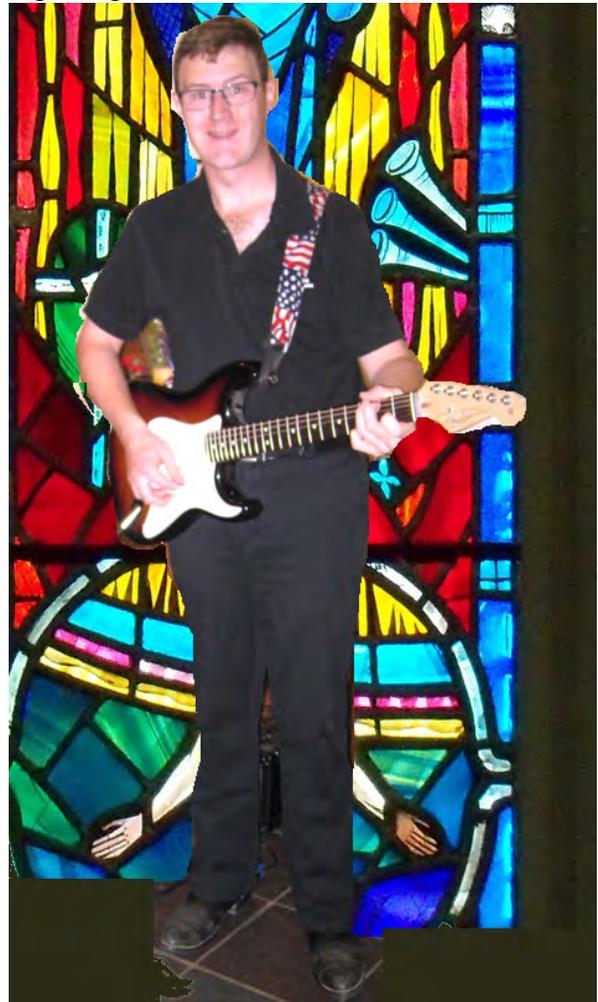
Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

As everyone knows, we love *Amazing Grace!*
It is a favorite among sinners.

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. Most are from Rev Bryan Dabney, a few from other places, but overall mostly from Bryan. He always has a few great ones to share. So, on to the On Point quotes –



Vice in a nation puts disgrace upon it.

Rev. Matthew Henry
17th and 18th century English pastor and author.

We have been in many a trial, but we have never yet been cast where we could not find in our God all that we needed. Let us then be encouraged to trust in the Lord for ever, assured that his ever lasting strength will be, as it has been, our succour and stay.

Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon
19th century English pastor and author
(Morning and Evening, p. 375).

The technetronic era involves the gradual appearance of a more controlled society. Such a society would be dominated by an elite, unrestrained by traditional values. Soon it will be possible to assert almost continuous surveillance over every citizen and maintain up-to-date complete files containing even the most personal information about the citizen. These files will be subject to instantaneous retrieval by the authorities.

Zbigniew Brzezinski
20th and 21st century American globalist

Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not.

Thomas Jefferson
American patriot and third president.

Liberty... is a political situation denoting the lawful capability of the citizen to defend himself and his near and dear without interference from the state.

Colonel Jeff Cooper
20th and 21st century American patriot and firearms expert

Battle planes don't trouble us, but the observation planes we hate like the plague; they put the artillery on to us. A couple of minutes after they appear, shrapnel and high-explosives begin to drop on us. We lose eleven men in one day that way, and five of them stretcher-bearers...

Erich Maria Remarque
20th century German author
(All Quiet on the Western Front, pp. 128-129)

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 195-196, with the Collect first:

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The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

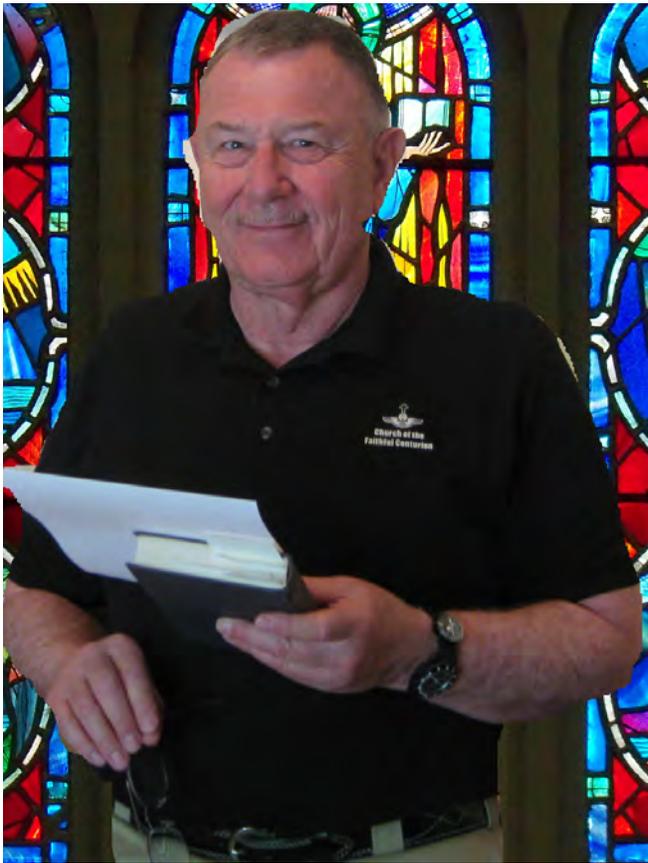
Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from the Third Chapter of the First Epistle of Saint Peter beginning at the Eighth Verse. Peter tells to be of one mind, have compassion and pity for each other, to be courteous, to give good to all our brethren, to return good for evil, to seek peace, to do good, not just talk good. Peter tells us to not only talk the talk, but walk the walk. To put ourselves in others' places, understand when they fall short and make good things happen.

BE ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.



Today's Holy Gospel started in the Fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke



beginning at the First Verse. This is one of the classic stories of Jesus in the Bible. Jesus had gone down to Lake Gennesaret to pray and then speak to the people. As they pressed in on him, he asked Simon Peter to use his boat as a speaking platform. Speaking from a small boat near the beach is almost like speaking in an amphitheatre. When he finished talking to the people, he told Simon Peter to go out and set his nets. Simon pointed out they had fished all night with no result, but at His word, he would set his net. The net gathered an incredible catch that Simon Peter and his friends could not board. At that point, it was clear to Simon Peter he was in the presence of one far greater than himself. He fell to his knees, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Then Jesus said, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." From then on Simon Peter followed Jesus.

Do not misunderstand, every day Jesus speaks to you telling you what to do. It is your choice, you can listen like Simon Peter, or you can ignore Jesus. He has the pony for the lottery. He wants to give it to you, all you have to do is accept. While He is a bit more subtle than a Drill Instructor, the question is the same, "Can you hear me?"

There are none so deaf as those who will not hear.

IT came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Sermon – Reverend Deacon Jack Arnold - Time and Action

Today's sermon discussed the Collect, Epistle and Gospel. It is partially contained in the forewords above.

Consider these words from the Collect:

... the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness ...

In the Collect, we ask that the events of this world might follow God's governance or will. Why? Because in those places where it does, we find happiness and joy. It is that simple, it means more, reflect on that. After all, Amazing, is it not? Since the Garden, it has always been one of the two same choices:

1. We follow God's Will for us, we do what is good for us, individually and as a people or a country. It is hard work, but easier than we imagined; we prosper when all goes well. It was all our doing, we are happy because we were so smart.
2. We ignore God's instructions, doing what we want to do, not what we are supposed to do. It turns out to be way harder than we thought possible, in the end everything turns to weasel spit. It was not our fault, it was God's fault, He is punishing us.



As long as we are human, imperfect creatures with free will, it will never change for humanity. But, we can. We can learn from the past and live for the future in Him who gave His Life that we might be free eternally. This is a very similar theme to last Sunday's sermon, with very good reason. Doing what God Asks = Happiness, Not doing what God Asks = unhappiness, to put it into mathematical terms!

So, how do we make our little part of this world follow God's will? Peter tells to be of one mind, have compassion and pity for each other, to be courteous, to give good to all our brethren, to return good for evil, to seek peace, to do good, not just talk good. Peter tells us to not only talk the talk, but walk the walk. To put ourselves in others' places, understand when they fall short and make good things happen. The key word is "walk", to act upon the teachings of Christ, and not just utter them and not do them. All of us, including myself struggle with this, but as long as we are DOING our best, and not just saying it, then that is all He asks of us.

So, just how do we make good things happen? Fairly simple, do what God asks! This is an extremely common theme again! Doing what God asks is the answer to all of our problems if you think about it! Don't figure out ways to seem to do what He asks, while doing what you want. Consider when Jesus told Simon Peter to go out and set his nets. Simon was tired, he was hungry, he had fished all night with no result. After making

excuses, he decided to do what he was told! The net gathered an incredible catch that Simon Peter and his friends could not board.

That is what happened to Simon Peter; that is what will happen to you, if you will but listen. Listening and then acting are the key principles of this Gospel, we must listen to what He says, and then ACT upon it.

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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

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Saint Andrew's Anglican Orthodox Church
30 June 2013, Anno Domini

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The Collect.

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*And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.** He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** The young man saith unto him, **All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?** Jesus said unto him, **If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to***

the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. St. Matthew 19:16

Saint Matthew tells us of a young man who came to Jesus seeking to know what he might DO to inherit eternal life. In the account Mark gives us of this same ruler, we are told that he “came running” to Christ. Though there is much to be said about how we approach Christ, there is far more meaning in how we are changed by the encounter.

We are told in John 3 that Nicodemus came under cover of darkness, and left with the light of heaven burning warmly in his heart. Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, came bearing the grief of a dying young daughter, and found his daughter restored to life. Many came to Christ for healing, and received that healing of the body, but left with the same dark hearts with which they came.

Some men come to Christ in the midst of the hell of battle, standing in the mire of a foxhole, and pleading among mournful mutter of the battlefield for salvation. Others may have come to Christ in the midst of affluence attended by an empty misery that revealed a vacant hole in their soul that only Christ can fill. Moreover, this rich ruler was young, according to the text. Jesus has just completed laying his hands of love on the little children to bless them, and then comes this young man who is, beyond doubt, quite morally good and respectable. However, though a young man has had less exposure to temptation than an old one, no one is without guilt – no one has perfectly kept the Law of God.

Some come to Christ out of poverty, and others out of opulence; but it is not the manner in which we come that is decisive, but the manner in which we leave. This young man probably desires the best of heaven now that he has acquired the best of the world. It has always seemed logical to his material mind that anything that is valuable must be acquired through some great labor or price. Of course, he is right – but who would be qualified to pay the price for the free grace made available in Christ. Did Jesus not pay with his last measure of blood for us?

The divine mind of Jesus sees beyond the outward appearance into the heart. He will test this young man's faith and desire. Let us examine the text as written:

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? This young man came to the right Person and for the

right reason. Once we have come face to face with Christ, how should we present our petitions? Should we call Jesus a good teacher (Good Master), or should we recognize Him as our Lord? This improper address to Jesus was the first error of the young ruler. What was the second?

“ . . . *what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?* I can understand the young man’s naiveté in believing that he might DO something to earn his own salvation. This had always been the approach to gain wealth in his family. When I was a child, I, too, wondered what I must give for Christ to save me. Our society is a performance driven society. There will always be a fair price for a loaf of bread produced by the Baker Hanson. But the cost of the Bread of Heaven cannot be reckoned in earthly measure. It cost the Father His only Begotten Son, and the Son His own life’s Blood. How could we ever begin to place a value on THAT? The question itself presumes that good works can gain Heaven. This also is true, but the good work must be done by the Son of God and not by you or me. There is nothing that you or I can do to earn salvation for that price has already been paid. The young man did not recognize Jesus as the Son of God which is apparent by the manner of addressing Him; however, Jesus will reveal that error promptly. Now see the Lord’s response:

Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God? This verse has been misinterpreted time and again by men who have missed the point just as the young ruler had done. Is Jesus saying that He is not good? Heaven forbid, NO! If there is only One who is good, and that is God, then certainly Jesus is good because Jesus IS GOD! So Jesus is fathoming the depths of the young man’s understanding just as He has fathomed the depths of your understanding prior to your own salvation.

Jesus then tests the young man’s understanding, not of Himself, but of the means of salvation: “ . . . *but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*” Jesus is presenting salvation in its most simplistic form. Simply keep ALL of the Commandments perfectly, and you need not worry of doing more. Of course, Jesus knows that no man can be worthy of perfect obedience to the Commandments of God. We too often try to bargain with God for His blessing: “Lord, if you will only grant this one request, I promise to faithfully attend church” or some other act of works. Jesus asks this young man this question not only for his own good, but that of those listening by. The young man believes that he has been good and moral. And by the standards of the world, he probably has been so; but the standards of heaven are not the same as those of the world. The righteousness required to gain the gates of Heaven must be PERFECT righteousness! No man can be so.

The man’s response exposes his sheer ignorance of the obedience required by God. *He saith unto him, Which?* Can we pick and choose which Commandments of God are worthy of obedience? The response of Jesus is intended to include ALL of the Commandments, but Jesus only makes direct reference to those that involve our duties and obligations to others. Jesus, for a purpose, has withheld stating the Commandments that express our duties and obligations to God. *Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* You may recall that once, when challenged by a scribe regarding the most important commandment, Jesus responded: *The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first*

commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. (Mark 12:29-31) Jesus, at that time gave both parts of our obligation under the law 0 first to God, and then to our fellow man. He summarized the law according to Deuteronomy 6:4,5 and Leviticus 19:18. So why did Christ, here, only quote half the lawful duty of man? As I mentioned earlier, Jesus is leading the young man to recognize his lostness for, if we fail to recognize that we are lost and condemned by our own lack or righteousness, we can never come to terms with our need for repentance. Let us see how the matter will come to light.

The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Though it is unlikely that this man has perfectly kept these quoted commandments, it is true that, even if he had, there is a greater one that he has omitted in obedience. Jesus felt compassion on the tortured mind of the man. He gave him one more opportunity to open his mind and heart to Christ: ***If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.*** Remember: only perfection is acceptable in God's Heaven. Jesus, knowing the heart of the man, suggested the very Commandment which the man had so egregiously broken from his youth – the very FIRST COMMANDMENT! *I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.* (Deut 5:6-7) Jesus is attempting to show the man that he has not even kept the FIRST Commandment, much less the others. He has allowed something to come between him and his God – that something (idol) is RICHES.

Did the man understand now, or, like many sinners, did he choose not to understand? *But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.* The young man could not argue with the truth that Jesus exposed, but he was inclined to his idol over the salvation that Jesus offered. The Christian is like the earth bathed in the radiance of the Sun (God). It has life and light everywhere the warm rays of the Sun appear. But, if any object (Lunar eclipse) is allowed to come between the earth and the Sun, the earth will be in darkness. That is the same darkness of any man who allows wealth, sex, or mind altering drugs to come between him and our Lord. He will remain in darkness if he holds to the idol and rejects his Maker. In the end, the young man was no different from Judas Iscariot who went out on the night of his betrayal into eternal darkness. ***He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.*** (John 13:30) So do all who forsake Christ: ***O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.*** (Jer 17:13) Perhaps the same names that Christ may have written upon the earth before the accusers of the Woman taken in Adultery.

Are you amazed that the young man was not accounted righteous before God? If so, you are in good company for the disciples, too, were amazed: ***When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?*** We judge books by the cover and people by the outward appearance, but God looks INSIDE the book, and INSIDE the heart to judge.

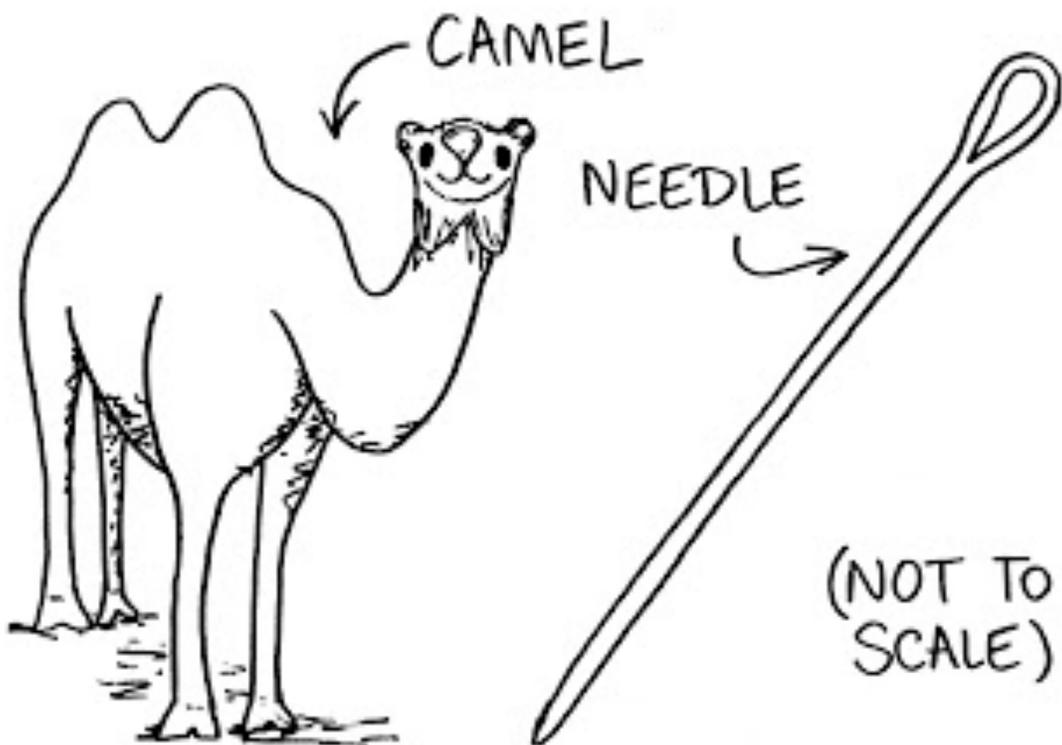
But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. I have known some really rough and untamed men in the profession of arms over my long career with the military. They were men who used

vulgar and unseemly language and who were accustomed to the vicissitudes and dangers of many battles, but, contrary to my own judgment of these men, some were changed in a heartbeat from a ruffian to a humble saint of God. That which may appear impossible with man is certainly possible with God for He is a God of impossible results!

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

As was usual, Peter spoke more out of emotion and ignorance than true understanding. When had Peter forsaken all? Did Peter not yet cherish his life? Did he not deny Christ three times the night of His betrayal? Peter, too, is thinking that he was deserving some special consideration for that which he felt he had done above and beyond the call of duty. In short, he believed in the false works of supererogation. It is not enough to follow Christ a certain distance and no more. The rich young ruler had done as much. But Christ expects His disciples to follow Him ALL the way. *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.*

In the wise counsel of God, there are many who appear first in the eyes of man but are last in the eyes of God. The overriding point is this: We shall lose NOTHING in following God. We shall receive a hundred fold of that which we surrender for Him. But do not jockey for first place in the Kingdom of Heaven, else you will have the mirage disappear at the last moment.



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:



Christians Trust

Psalm 62, 63, Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, 18-23, Matthew 19:16

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June 30, 2013

Our Scripture Lessons for this morning appear at first glance to cover a variety of subjects, and, indeed they do, but a common thread runs through them. It is a thread that actually runs through all Holy Scripture, Old Testament and New, and that thread is, trust in God. And so, the topic for this morning's sermon is, "Christians Trust."

Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 2 are about the untrustworthiness of the pleasures and trinkets of the world. They are untrustworthy because they promise to give happiness, but cannot give it. Real happiness is a condition of the soul, therefore, physical things and worldly pleasures cannot give it. That is Solomon's point in his book, which we call Ecclesiastes. Solomon, the third king of ancient Israel, started his reign well, but gradually his heart was enticed away from God by the power and wealth at his command. Solomon had the money to buy whatever he wanted and the power to command people to do his bidding. Money and power are good things, if used well. A person can do much good with money and power. A person can also do much harm. The harm comes when a person begins to value money and power and the things they can procure, more than he values people, morality, and God. That was Solomon's mistake. Solomon began to think of himself as the owner of Israel and its people, rather than the servant of them. He used the land for his own profit, and forced the people to work as his servants to build his wealth and power. This is the constant tendency and temptation of power. Solomon fell under that temptation, as many public servants, both civil and ecclesiastical have also fallen, and continue to fall even today.

We do not have to be as rich as Solomon to be as selfish as Solomon. In fact, I see people at every level of the economic scale living as self-indulgently and selfishly as their means and opportunities allow. Look at the way people have transformed the word "freedom" to mean "licentiousness." Claiming to stand for freedom, people have become wildly selfish, devoting themselves to the gratification of even their basest desires and lusts.

Nor is this limited to those we would consider evil people. The young man in our reading in Matthew was a very moral man. When Jesus told him what he would have to do to merit or earn eternal life, Heaven, he said, "All these things have I kept from my youth up" (Mt. 19:20). I believe the man had a few blind spots in his view of his own goodness. He was able to conveniently overlook some things in his past conduct that did not measure up to the letter of God's law, let alone the spirit of God's law. But it is true that he conducted himself well and had a great measure of moral success. By all human standards he was an exceptionally good man. But not by God's standards. And Jesus points this out in a way that grieved the young man's heart. Give your goods away, He demanded. "[G]o and sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor...

and come and follow me" (Mt 19:21). The man would not do it. He loved his wealth and possessions more than he loved God. Let me say this in more pointed language, because this is terribly important; he did not trust God to be better and more valuable than wealth and possessions. Let me say that again; he did not trust God to be better and more valuable than his possessions. Therefore he kept his possessions and give up God.

I want to look at Psalm 62 for a few minutes, because it elucidates this point in three short and solid points. Its first point is; God's people trust God. This is the main point of the Psalm and it occupies seven of the Psalm's twelve verses. It is stated most clearly in verse 7, which is the culmination of the Psalm; "God is my health and my glory; the rock of my might; and in God is my trust." Let this be our motto as we travel this world; whether we live in riches or poverty, in worldly peace, or in persecution, "God is my health and my glory; the rock of my might; and in God is my trust."

The second point is, Trust God. It is made primarily in verses 8-12, and is made in such statements as; "O put your trust in Him always, ye people; pour out your hearts before Him, for God is our hope." I think this point is made for both believers and unbelievers. It is possible for believers to become discouraged and even angry at God. I even think it is possible for believers, true believers, to doubt, and to experience times when we don't really trust God. I actually think most believers have very little faith in God. Most of our faith is in our feelings and opinions. We trust God as long as we feel like He is close to us and helping us. In reality God is there for us at all times, maybe even especially in those times when we don't "feel" like He is. Maybe He wants us to trust Him, not our feelings. But know this; God will never leave or forsake you. The Author and finisher of your faith will complete the work He has begun in you. So to you who trust God, trust God.

To the unbeliever, this point is an exhortation to give up unbelief. God has good things for you. In Him there is pardon for your sins, mercy for your weaknesses, and help and strength for your soul. I turn back to Matthew 19, and Christ's promises to the disciples, who have forsaken all to follow Him (Mt. 19:27). They have put their whole trust in Jesus, for this life and eternity. And what does Jesus say to them? You will sit on thrones in Heaven, and you will have eternal life, life in the presence of God, enjoying His love and richest blessings forever (Mt. 19:28-30). Why give up these riches for a few trinkets and pleasures that will fade very soon? Trust in Christ and be saved.

The third point, in verses 3 and 4, is a warning to the wicked. It calls them a tottering wall and a broken hedge. "Ye shall be slain all the sort of you," it says. The Bible makes it very plain that the ungodly will not have any part with Him in Heaven. Instead of eternal life, they will inherit eternal death, a living death, forever. Why suffer that fate? Believe in Christ and be saved. Trust God.

Now it just so happens that the Collect for today is about trusting God. "Order," guide the world and its people so that we may live and serve God in peace. That is the first part of the prayer. The second part is more important, for it asks God to help us find our peace in Him; to "joyfully serve" Him. In other words, it asks God to help us trust Him.

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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What follows was prompted by a very heartwarming message I received from a good



friend. The message and pictures showed dogs protecting and partnering with American soldiers in combat.

Truly a great bond and the unconditional love and devotion of a dog is in a class all by its self. I sometimes sit with my dog (a Golden Retriever) Brinkley; and wonder how God could pack so much love in a fur coat.

On another subject: In my heart I knew that the Defense of Marriage Act was just another maneuver by the 'Elites' to buy time to allow the corruption of our society. There is probably only one real Christian and Constitutionalist on the Supreme Court - Clarence Thomas. From reading his many dissents from the majority a great moral character shines

through. The others, even those with claims of morality, manage to slip and slide so that there is always a majority willing to put junk science and pop culture above the Constitution and Christian Values.

A comforting thing to note is, that although the judgment of God is certain on both the nation that allows and the wicked that empower abominations, the truth still stands at the heavenly altar and is distilled in the teachings of God through the prophets and His person Jesus the Christ.

If you are in despair please read the Minor Prophets especially Ezra and Nehemiah. After this nation has suffered divine judgments, if the faithful remnant remains both

faithful and prayerful there will be a new nation either in this world or in that New World where all who mourn shall be comforted. Jesus himself will wipe all tears from our eyes.

This is a preview of my heart's burden for America and our now dead Republic. Pray that God will grant strength for the struggle and give us all courage to stand for the truth revealed in the Holy Scripture. When the present heaven and this earth shall pass away--still that Word will stand.

Rev Roger

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.



Fifth Sunday after Trinity

In the General Epistle of Saint James, Third Chapter, verses 8-10, we read, but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be

There is a line out of a recent western movie that seems appropriate to mention. In a particular scene, one of the characters has just finished a cursed-filled diatribe to which the other character responded, "You kiss your momma with that mouth?" How often do we hear those around us "venting their spleens" with vile and bitter language? Some do such without much thought; while for others it is a conscious act of verbal violence meant to demean and degrade. In Psalm 32:9, we are instructed to be, ...not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle... which means that we ought to exercise self-control in all that we do. The fact that one can be urged to revile others with language that is not the least bit conducive to edifying reveals that person's level of self-restraint, or as the limbo dancers are asked, "How low can you go?"

Probably the most used epithets are those which contain the name of God. The Third Commandment reads, Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain... (Exodus 20:7). This sin is now so much a part of our vocabulary that many will utter his holy name without even thinking about. God gave us that commandment to remind all humanity that he is the Almighty God, the LORD of hosts, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and all that in them is (Acts 4:24). We have been made in his image and after his likeness, but we are finite and he is infinite. God is pure. God is holy. God is perfect. We are not to call upon him if we are not ready to truly address ourselves to him. Ergo, to flippantly throw his name out to others as an exclamation is demeaning to his glory, and to use his holy name in an epithet, is blasphemy. Still, have you ever noticed how people are so quick to treat our heavenly Father with disrespect? Why can't they use the name of some pagan deity? I remember in an old tv series from the 1950's, one of the principal characters used the exclamatory phrase of "by Jupiter" or the like to express his level of either approval or disapproval of a particular action. But in today's world— across every field of endeavor— you will hear not only vile and

vulgar language being used in ordinary conversation, but you will also hear the LORD's name being used in such profane speaking.

How does God's name vainly uttered aid the user? In point of fact, it doesn't. The wicked are notoriously shortsighted and forgetful, but God is not. On that terrible day of judgment before the Great White Throne, they will be judged for every idle word that came forth from their mouths. What agony there will be on that day. There will be no escape, no appeal, and no advocate to stand beside them in their defense. God will hold them accountable for every vile jest, every filthy word, and every blasphemous remark. I have heard it said that the unregenerate excuse the use of their verbal barbs and wicked language with the offhand comment of, "Oh they're just words." Really? Such persons are being disingenuous at best and lying at worst. I would vote for them being liars because only the grossly unintelligent would not know that taking the LORD's name in vain, especially when it has been hurled at another in a barrage of insults, is forbidden. These offenders know what they intend in their use of such language, and throwing God's name into the mix adds weight and garners attention. It adds to the shock factor and is suppose to diminish the subject of the insult. How tragic that the name of God has become a tool to reduce another human being both mentally and emotionally. That is, after all, what cursing another was meant to do otherwise the speaker would not do it.

The apostle Paul reminded us that we should, ...put off all... anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth (Colossians 3:8). Yes, the unregenerate of the world will, under the influence of evil, seek to have us lose control over ourselves releasing, as it were, those things in our minds that were once part of our old nature under the regime of the world, the flesh and the devil. But we must not permit it. The apostle urged us to be in control—to have self-control—so that we do not open the door to sin. When we vilify others in ways meant to harm them, then we are acting beyond the pale of biblical authority. God did not tell us to use bad language in our Christian witness. To rebuke, to chastize, or to admonish does not give us the right to use the devil's tools in God's service.

Now, you might say, Reverend, what can I do as a newly born-again Christian to overcome my past use of such words? Well, the answer is: You have to keep watch over your own self much as a soldier keeps his watch over his encampment. You have to be watchful. You have to be vigilant. You cannot expect Satan's minions to take a break, to go on vacation or the like in their campaign against you. You have to stand your watch over all your faculties for that is your godly duty. You cannot be an effective Christian without exercising self-restraint. If you once were person given to harsh language, strive to rid yourself of it by learning new ways to express your feelings without resorting to vulgar comments. You should also seek God's pardon for these and other errors. Our great and loving God has promised to forgive and to forget any sin which you bring before his throne of grace through the blood of his only begotten Son. But it is not enough to ask for forgiveness, one must then live in obedience to his will and commandment ever after. For only through a life devoted to God, will you truly reflect that state of liberty from the bondage of sin, more particularly, the sin of the loose and cursing tongue. Our heavenly Father loves us and he wants us to live eternally with him in his kingdom. The reviler, the blasphemer, the mean-spirited curser, or the like, cannot enter therein. So let your words be seasoned with salt and keep your tongue under control for that is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray,

GOOD and gracious God, who has not cursed us, but has blessed us with the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ; grant that by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost we thy servants will reject the language and customs of this world in order that we might embrace thy wholesome language which is from above. For this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *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
7 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Sixth Sunday after Trinity
14 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Seventh Sunday after Trinity
21 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Eighth Sunday after Trinity
28 July 2012	Opportunity Available – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
4 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
14 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
18 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
25 August 2012	Opportunity Available – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Why? Prayer is an extremely important activity.

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

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

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

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

What is the commitment from the prayer team?

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

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

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

What should I ask for?

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

Updating the Team

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

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

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

Travel

The entire Langstaff family from Perth is on an *Around the World in 90 Days* tour. Right now they are in Orlando, Florida visiting Mickey! Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>

Birthday

Laurel Bessesen celebrated her 90th birthday on 26 April 2013.

Zachary Gray celebrated his 12th birthday today, 23 June 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

Jason Naylor and his lovely wife Marla are currently stationed in Southwest Asia, probably through the end of 2013. Pray for their continued safety and a reasonably tolerable stay in that part of the world.

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

John Bylo passed away the evening of 27 June 2013 after a brief fight with pneumonia after radiation treatment then surgery for esophageal cancer. Please give thanks for his time here on earth and pray in particular for his wife Debe and their family.

John was a Rev Canon in the Anglican Episcopal Church on the staff of St. George's Anglican Church, Ventura, CA. He also has worked diligently in theological education and church planting in the Southwest, and so was appointed Missionary Canon with Special Responsibility for the States of California, Nevada, and Alaska in December 2010.

Bishop George Connor, AEC

Thelma Sperber passed away the afternoon of 23 June 2103 after a long downhill existence. Please give thanks for her time here on earth and pray for Hal her husband of many years and son Roger who has been taking care of her, as well as the rest of the family.

Cleve passed way the week of 16 June 2013. Please pray for comfort for his family and friends who miss their wonderful husband, father, uncle, combat veteran and faithful servant of the Lord.

Dennis Crosby flew West in his sleep 29 May 2013. Long time friend of Hap and the Air National Guard, pilot star of *Hot Shots* and other bad movies, Dennis will be missed by all those who knew him. Please pray for comfort for his family and friends.

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

Saundra is in ICU with congestive heart failure after a heart operation. She is aged and frail. Saundra is near the end of her tom hear on earth. Please pray for comfort, understanding, strength and guidance for Saundra and her family who will of necessity remain behind. Pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

Hal Sperber has been getting closer to leaving for his true home for some time, his loving wife passed away the afternoon of 23 June 2103 after a long downhill existence. Please help Hal to adjust to the temporary separation and give him strength to deal with her passing. Pray in particular for strength and guidance for Hal's son Roger who is the primary person taking care of Hal, as well as the rest of his family who will of necessity remain behind. Pray for the love of God to stay foremost in their hearts.

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

Mike is very ill in the hospital. He is a veteran who has served his country when she called. Please pray he will open his heart to God so He can make Mike's crooked road straight and pull him towards the summit rather than to the pit.

Beth recently underwent another craniotomy for brain cancer and follow up of progress of the past treatment and surgery; 81 new metastasizes were found. The family and treatment staff is gathered around Beth and family. She is strong in spirit. Let us all pray for God's mercy, grace and God's will to be done for all. 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 Beth and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry. Beth is grateful for all who pray for her and asks you continue to pray for her remaining time here on earth.

Pat has been under treatment for colon cancer for sometime. He has had major complications the last few days and your prayers will be appreciated by family and friends.

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. But, there is good news; Bud has gained some weight, up to 120 now from 110 just a few weeks ago. He is stronger, able to walk around the house using his cane, and has even attended some court hearings. He is in remarkably good spirits, his voice is stronger, and he remains the most inspirational warrior I have ever known. We talked continuously for several hours each visit, and I had the pleasure of listening to a number of great stories about his remarkable life. My dear old Marine friend, Jim Harrison, joined me for the visits. Our friendship goes back to 1961, and Jim arranged to escort me home from Hanoi, meeting me at Gia Lam on March 4, 1973. He has known Bud for many years.

Bud is receiving first class attention from the medical team at Eglin, and they marvel (still after all these years) at how tough and courageous this man is. Bud & Doris' beautiful granddaughter, Bethany, had just arrived for an extended summer visit during her summer college break, and you can see the delight in that in the eyes of Bud.

Always present when you visit Bud is his wonderful sense of humor. As usual,

when I come away from visiting Bud, I am again inspired.

He enjoys hearing from friends and sends his regards. He has frequent visitors. Time Ayers had just visited. I took some pictures Angie made during our recent POW reunion at the Nixon Library, and he thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing about old friends.

We are blessed to have Bud Day as our leader, our friend and our fellow warrior -- what an amazing warrior and patriot. I know he would like to hear from you. He gets on the computer occasionally, but answering all will be difficult --- and, that is ok. He needs to hear from us regularly.

God Bless Bud and Doris Day, how rich they have made our lives with their friendship. 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.

- Orson Swindle

Surgery

Bill had mole removed and has been advised that it was malignant and surgery is required.

John will have a Vitrectomy; to address what seems a macular pucker, suck out some "gel" and thereby to marginally improve his vision in his left eye. This will be done on Friday 21 June 2013. He and his family will appreciate your prayers.

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. He still has only very blurred in his eye. Please pray for healing for his retina and 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.

She is now in her third segment of chemotherapy the pain relief medication seems to be working pretty well. Please pray the chemotherapy will work, the pain medication will also work and Sarah can tolerate the treatment. They trust all will work out in the end and ask God's help for the interim. They ask 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

Bud and his wife for their continued welfare and enthusiasm. Bud has been advised of an aneurism in his heart of a size not mandating immediate surgery. This comes at a time when he has sole care of his wife who recently broke two vertebrae and thereafter sustained pneumonia.

Virginia has Sinus and Allergy problems giving her severe problems. Pray that the Doctor will discover why it continues and find a cure.

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! 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! 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. 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

Pastor Roy underwent full knee replacement surgery Monday 10 June 2013. Please give thanks for a successful surgery and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

Jo an elderly woman has had a spinal disk infection and been on antibiotics for a long time. Jo was getting better but had a downward spiral. She has now recovered to the point she has been able to get out of the hospital. Please give thanks for this wonderful development.

Mike Wysocki returned home from once in a life time fly-cruise-fly Around the World in 41 Days trip that almost turned into a end of life time trip. Mike caught pneumonia and his left eye has been identified with a highly contagious infection. He is out of the hospital, home and working on recovery. After a hard hitting drug course, Mike has vision back in his eye and the pneumonia is almost gone. Please give thanks for the great progress and pray for a full and rapid recovery.

Eden (2) is doing much better now and seeing a specialist for her stomach problem. Please give thanks for the progress and pray for peace of mind and trust in God for her and her family as well as guidance for the medical team treating her.

Jim's infected blister on the bottom of his foot has apparently healed without the infection getting into his blood stream or compromising his lungs or heart. Please give thanks for the great result and pray he will be able to come home soon.

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 final 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. His throat started closing up, but was stretched on Friday and seems to be reacting well. Brian is gaining strength, please give thanks for this. 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.

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

Doug recently became unemployed from his job of 18 years. He has been applying for jobs, but unable to get one at this time. His wife is working; this is not enough for the family. Please pray he will find employment with a firm that will be able to use his considerable skill and hard work to benefit both the firm and the family.

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

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

Rodriguez Family are looking for work. It seems many obstacles have been put in their way of finding employment. Please pray they will find employment with a firm

that will be able to use their considerable skill and hard work to benefit both the firm and the family.

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

Financial Guidance and Healing

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

Guidance

Dennis has some decisions to make and will appreciate our Lord's 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

Please give thanks for *Robert* who seemed moribund returning back to his family and pray for his complete recovery

The people in and near Calgary, Alberta, Canada give thanks for your prayers. The city and a dozen towns west and south of there, were hit with torrential rains for almost a week causing the banks of the Bow River to overflow; over 75,000 people were evacuated from their homes. Things are getting back to normal, though it will be a long time for all to be rebuilt.

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.

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

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.

Praise God for our Church Effort in India under Bishop John Nakka

Greetings to you in the most precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

We are indeed happy to announce and inform that we have declared the erection of a new Diocese-Missionary Diocese of West Bengal for the India Christian Mission Church and a new Bishop is going to be Consecrated on 11 July 2013 in Calcutta. He is Rev. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar who worked for 13 years in different capacities in the Church in West Bengal. He is a good Priest in good standing.

Kindly pray for the Consecration Service on 11 July 2013.

In Christ,

+John
The Clergy, The Officers and the Faith
India Christian Mission Church-at-large, ELURU, India

Question that only you can ask

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

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

If you have a different point of view, I would be happy to give you room to get your point across. While this publication is my perspective on events, I recognize not

everyone may agree and that some people would like to express their own opinion. If you want to write something, please forward your item to Hap (with a note as to whether or not you would like editing help) to: hap@faithfulcenturion.org.

Epistleers

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

Date	Reader
7 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Sixth Sunday after Trinity
14 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Seventh Sunday after Trinity
21 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Eighth Sunday after Trinity
28 July 2012	Dru Arnold – Ninth Sunday after Trinity
4 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Tenth Sunday after Trinity
14 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
18 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
25 August 2012	Dru Arnold – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The near future, as well as Next Sunday

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**

7 July 2013 – Sixth 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**

14 July 2012 – Seventh 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**

21 July 2012 – Eighth 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**

28 July 2012 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**