



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Independence Day

Sunday Report



Thursday we celebrated Independence Day, 4 July 2013, Anno Domini which marked 237 years since the establishment of this country on the solid foundation of Divine Providence. That would be God.



There is a marked tendency to think of the Fourth of July as just another holiday, perhaps special because of the fireworks. It is not. This day marks the establishment of the only successful Republic the world has ever seen. It is a special country with special relationship with God. It is not that God

is on our side, but rather we are on God's side. If we lose that relationship, we lose the special nature of our country.

We trust you and your families had the very best Independence Day. While you were enjoying the day, we hope you took the time remember the terrible cost of our freedom and those who paid it for us.

I commend to you the Independence Day message from our Presiding Bishop Jerry L. Ogles:

INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4, 2013 ANNO DOMINI (the 237th year of American Independence)

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people. (Exodus 13:21-22)

Enshrined in the Foundation Stones of our American Republic are the biblical imperatives that gave our Founding Fathers the spiritual Light to found a nation peculiar to all the nations of the earth for Liberty, Godliness, and Union. The Light was not an 'uncertain Light' but a sure and faithful Light of Truth and Freedom under which nations might find the blessings and beneficence of Divine Love. Our nation has been subject to many challenges and dangerous wars, yet, we have always endured every challenge to come smiling through unscathed and stronger than ever. It has been so because we have not forgotten the God of Providence and Love that has given breath



to our national being. There has always been that luminous and glowing Light that has forever preceded us in the day of battle, and trailed at our back during the nights of our hardships. That Light is Christ!

On the obverse side of the US One Dollar Bill, may be found the Great Seal and escutcheon of our Nation. The symbolic nature of all depicted there has a special significance to our reliance upon that Providential Hand that directed our steps from the early days of our founding. There is depicted on our National Seal a Great Eagle grasping, in his left talons, the thirteen arrows (symbolizing the original thirteen colonies and the essential power that sustains us). In the right talons we see the olive branch consisting of thirteen leaves and thirteen fruits demonstrating that a Godly peace and prosperity is forever preferred to the resort to war which the arrows represent. Hovering over the depiction of the Eagle is affixed what we call the "Glory Cloud." The "Glory" is a luminous cloud containing thirteen stars that also represent the full number of colonies at our founding. This Glory Cloud

is the same as that cloud which followed the Children of Israel at night in the Wilderness and gave the Light essential to make their way known. That same Cloud preceded them by day to lead them into the good path, and to defend against all aggressors. What would have happened to our nation if we had not had the benefit of that Light from 1776 to present? Suppose that Light were extinguished and the Cloud dissipated? What light would we then follow? Has it not already become dim to our eyes as we turn to the Malthusian philosophy over and above our primitive faith in Christ?

On the left side of that same Dollar bill is the Great Pyramid with the Capstone floating above with the all-seeing Eye. This chief cornerstone represents the "*Stone that the Builders Rejected.*" It has become the Chief Cornerstone of our Nation – Under God. (St. Matthew 21:42)

We celebrate today what we **WERE** as a nation blessed of God. But we must also observe this day what we have BECOME and as a time of prayerful repentance to that Great and Divine Power that made us a nation most blessed among all the nations of the earth. We have ceased to follow that Glory Cloud that has attended our National Being from its inception. We have turned to gods of flesh and of precious metal instead of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We have forbidden our children to enjoy that same freedom of public prayer that most of us have enjoyed when in elementary and high school. We have opened the flood gates of immorality and enshrined the most egregious sins in our public laws. How will God respond to our national arrogance and depravity? Does He not always send forth warnings and lightnings from His Throne preceding hard judgment? Has He not sent among our coastal and interior cities the destroying wind and the whirlwind? Have enormous fires not destroyed much wealth and caused many to flee their homes?



Have ravages of sexual diseases not brought many of our youth to the grave? Has He not spurred the hand of the sorcerer to supply soul-destroying drugs to our youth? Have wars raged which have depleted our national coffers and the lives of our best and brightest? Has He not given us leadership that represents our own demented values? Have we not ceased to be a Light and City on a Hill that is the envy of the world?

This Independence Day, America, awaken from your spiritual stupor and look again to the Lord that has been our Light. Remember the grandeur and righteousness of our past years, and do not forget the depths of ruin to which we have sunk, and are accelerating, in our present age. We might remember that hymn written so long ago of the Kindly Light (John Newman):

*Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!*

*So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
O'er moor and **fen**, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I
Have loved long since, and lost awhile!*

*Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, Thyself hast trod,
Lead, Savior, lead me home in childlike **faith**, home to my God.
To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.*

Please, America, remember today the God that delivered you from the hand of the oppressor. Turn to Him in prayer that our moral sense and duty be restored in the hearts of our people. Pray and fast. Repent and turn. The Light is fixed. Only our own wanderings have made it appear more dimly lit.





The Anglican Church, being founded on the principal of one nation, one church, holds patriotism and true love of country in great regard. It is quite interesting that the majority of the Founding Fathers were members of the Church of England and transferred their national church identity to what became the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. Like Henry VIII and Thomas Cranmer, they saw the need for a national church. Not a captive arm of the government, but a link to God for the people of the nation.

We hold our Independence Day dear to our hearts and it is one of our religious feasts or holidays. A proper Red Letter Day!

The Independence Day Propers are found on Page 263-264.

Independence Day.
[July 4.]
The Collect.

O ETERNAL God, through whose mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old; Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dru Arnold read the Epistle, which came from the Tenth Chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy beginning at the Seventeenth Verse:

THE LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: he doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen..

Today's Gospel started in the Fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the Forty-Third Verse:

JESUS said, Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report

Today we celebrated the Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Summer is here, but more pleasant than last week with a sunrise temperature on Mount Olympus of 64°F, by the time church ended the mercury had climbed to 87°F, all under clear skies. A big surprise to the readers, but not to us, we ended up with 7 people present for the service as the world traveling Langstaffs were here with us! They normally attend Whitfords Anglican Community Church in Perth, Western Australia, but the drive was a bit much for them, so they attended our service.

Gathering Song

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

Just a closer walk with Thee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. 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 –

For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

Jeremiah 10:21

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

St. Mark 10:15

I believe there never was a time when warnings against worldliness were so much needed by the church of Christ as they are at the present day. Every age is said to have its own peculiar epidemic disease: the epidemic disease to which souls of Christians are liable just now is the love of the world. It is a pestilence that walks in darkness, and a sickness that destroys at noonday . . . I would fain raise a warning voice, and try to arouse the slumbering consciences of all who make a profession of religion. I would fain cry aloud, Remember Lot's wife.

Rev. JC Ryle
19th century Anglican bishop and author
(Holiness, p. 214)

Beware of antichrist; for unhappily a love of walls has seized you; unhappily the church of God which you venerate exists in houses and buildings; unhappily under these you find the name peace. Is it doubtful that in these antichrist will have his seat? Safer to me are the mountains and the woods.

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers
4th century French theologian

This present window of opportunity, during which a truly peaceful and interdependent world order might be built, will not be open for too long - We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.

David Rockefeller
20th and 21st century American globalist

The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other . . .

Alexis de Tocqueville
19th century French author and observer

The argument that this sweeping search [by the NSA] must be kept secret from the terrorists is laughable. Terrorists already assume this sort of thing is being done. Only law-abiding American citizens were blissfully ignorant of what their government was doing.

Richard Clarke
20th and 21st century American counter-terrorism expert
(Why You Should Worry about the NSA, 6-27-13).

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 197-198, with the Collect first:

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Emma Langstaff read the Epistle, which came from the Paul's letter to the Romans, beginning at the First Verse of the Sixth Chapter. Paul tells us that as we were baptized unto Jesus in life, so we are baptized unto his death. We share His death on the Cross for our sins and by His death, our sin is dead; then as He was raised up, so are we. It is intended the death we die unto sin is to be permanent and that we go forth and sin no more. Yet, as long as we live here on earth, we sin. Yet, as long as we live in Christ, we live. Thus, we reckon ourselves "to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

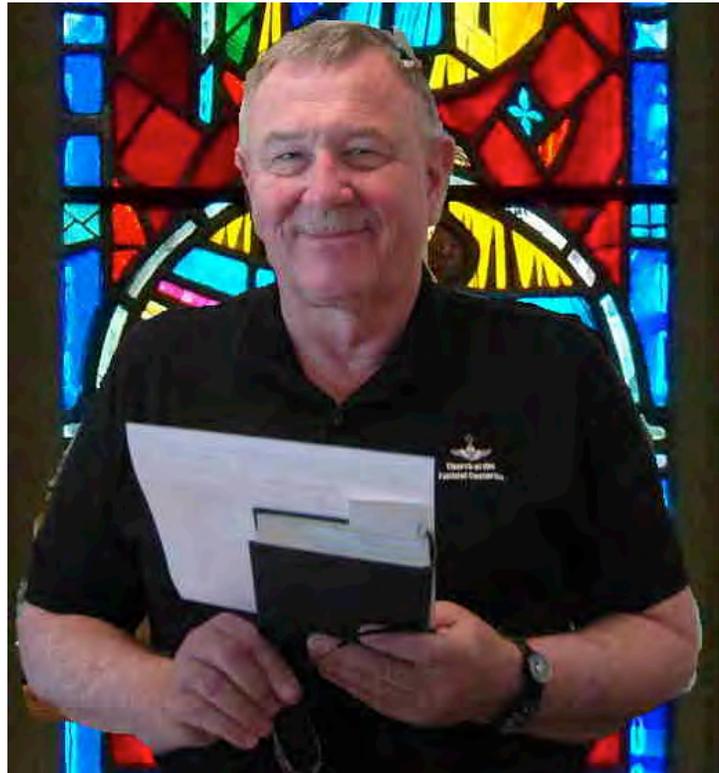
KNOW ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been



planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel which started in the Fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the Twentieth Verse.

Jesus tells his disciples, "Except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Very worrisome indeed! Scribes and Pharisees spent their entire lives acting the epitome of righteousness. There is no way mere mortals could exceed their righteousness, or so it would seem. Jesus goes on to tell us that not only would we not go to heaven if we commit murder, but we are in danger of the same judgment if we are angry without just cause. If that were not worrisome enough, we are in danger of hell-fire if we call one another a fool! Let not the night fall on discord with your family and friends, your neighbors in the Christian sense of The Word.



The text following asks us to do our best to follow Jesus and in return, his sacrifice will serve to set aside the just judgment and we shall be accounted as righteous before God.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt do no murder; and whosoever murdereth shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

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 the words from the Collect, ... who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire ...

We acknowledge that God will give those who love Him more good than they can imagine, let alone ask for. But, first you have to love Him. So what should we ask for? The Holy Ghost to enter in to our hearts that we might truly love Him. If we do, more good will come to use than we can even imagine or hope for. The Holy Ghost is a key element of love, without Him we cannot even love Him. If we cannot love others, how can we love Him who we have not seen?

We are imperfect creatures, created with free will by a Perfect Being. To get into heaven's gate, we need be accounted as perfect before the

Judge. That requires a bit of an accounting irregularity, to get imperfection accounted as perfection.

So what does the Collect counsel, ask for the Holy Ghost to enter into our hearts that we might get more than we can desire! Jesus! Jesus is that accounting irregularity. By His Sacrifice, made one time, for all mankind, for all time, we are accounted as perfect by His Faith and action. Thus, through His Faith and His Action, we attain life everlasting. Starting today, you don't have to wait until you die to benefit from your immortality. In fact, God would prefer you to start acting like you will live forever right now. Thus, decisions you make, actions you take will be with the long term view of eternity!

As imperfect creatures, immortal or not, we make mistakes. One to avoid is being "mad" at ones fellow creatures, particularly family and friends. We pick the most illogical reasons to be mad, the word chosen rather than angry. Looked at logically, as God does, we need to solve the issue, kiss and make up, and do it before the sun sets on our anger. Never part in anger. One of you may not come back. We must not let the anger and other irrational emotions such as fear get the best of us, but rather think calmly and figure out the best way to handle whatever situation we are in without losing control of our emotions. It can be a rather hard thing at times, but it must be done

nevertheless.

When Jesus gave His Life for us, He did it knowing we would fail to follow in perfection, but fully aware some would follow to the best of their ability. That is all He asks, do your best. That is not the same as saying you are doing your best.

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

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

Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Saint Andrew's Anglican Orthodox Church
7 July 2013, Anno Domini

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: 15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the

deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (Romans 4:13-25)

I hope to enlighten our hearts today on that great faith that has been the seal and signature of true Christian believers from Abraham to the present day. God has not changed His 'modus operandi' from the beginning until our time, and that plan and work of God will remain inviolate even until the last trump is sounded. The modern church professes a faith that reflects modern social values, giving the modern-day mores of society greater weight than the clear Word of God especially as it relates to sins that suddenly become "acceptable."

The Prayer of Collect for this day stresses a very distinct and singular element of our faith – LOVE! Love of God has a fundamental dependence upon FAITH. If we do not know or believe that someone, or something, exists, love for that person or thing cannot exist. Of course we could further narrow the field to a 'person' since we cannot truly love a 'thing' though we may be very fond of it. Our degree of love for God is directly proportional to our degree of faith. The greater the faith, the more intense the love!

Since the fall of our Primal Parents in the Garden at Eden, God's provision for our salvation has ALWAYS been by the way of faith qualified by Love. Even before the fall, God's provision was the same. He gave our first parents a choice – faith or law. They chose law and, being imperfect, could not satisfy righteousness thereby. So the first death occurred when God found it necessary to slay an innocent animal (probably a lamb) to cover their nakedness in the Garden. That covering was a precursor of the covering exemplified in the Lamb of God sacrificed from before the foundation of the world for our sins. *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* (Rev 13:8)

In the process of time, God chose Abraham to be the father of many nations who would believe by faith – not the Jewish nation alone, but true Israel that would bear the fruits of faith instead of reliance upon their own righteousness under the law. The old nation-state of Israel was not that spiritual Israel embodied by the faith of Abraham and his spiritual progeny. From the passing of Abraham to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, there had been two streams of Israel: the one that vainly sought to achieve righteousness through the dictates of the law and good works, and those who looked forward to Christ to satisfy their salvation through the law of Grace and not works. *13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

Abraham and Sarah were well up in years when Sarah conceived by way of the miraculous intercession of God. God had PROMISED a son and when all things are impossible for man to satisfy a promise of God, God will intervene to bring about the fulfillment. Abraham was near 100 years old and Sarah was 90 when Isaac was born. Isaac, therefore, was the son of promise through which the blessings of God, in mercy

and grace, would be extended to all who believed the greater Promise of the coming Savior. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

It was not the blood that flowed through the veins of Abraham that promised his salvation, but the faith he possessed in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem him and all who believed in that promise of God fulfilled in Christ. *19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to Go.* It has forever been the case. God does not choose a people for His own contingent upon their bloodlines, but their faith-lines. Therefore, out of every nation, tongue and tribe we see the true seal of faith – the true descendants of Abraham by faith. This is the true Israel decided by faith and not bloodlines. The Christian faith of Abraham was a tremendous faith because it presumed the coming event to which we look back upon by faith and empirical evidence. Any person, or persons, who renounce the Son will have no part with God. Abraham, my friends, was a Christian whose faith exceeds that of the common mold today. Many churches today flatly refute this truth in their teaching. *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.* (John 8:56) The true doctrine of salvation was held by Abraham and all true seed of promise from then until now. Moses too was a member of our Christian faith: *This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt.* (Acts 7:38-39)

Remember that Isaac was the son of Promise of immediate grant of God, but that same Isaac was a fore-shadow of the true Seed of Promise realized in the only Begotten Son of God. When Abraham was asked to sacrifice his only son whom he loved, God withheld the dagger on the altar and promised to provide "...Himself a Lamb for the sacrifice." Isaac was a type and figure of the greater sacrifice to come. *My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.* (Gen 22:8 - KJV) It is interesting to note how the corrupt NIV blurs the distinction of the Lamb as God Himself: "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." (Gen 22:8) Will God provide Himself to be a lamb for the offering, or just some old ordinary lamb? The hostility toward Christ as the Son of God is everywhere evidenced in these newer versions based on inferior manuscript evidence.

So who is Israel? Is the Israel of God determined by blood and DNA? Or is it by the DNA of faith? The True Seed is Christ. Abraham himself was a foreshadow of the same. All who are born again are born into the promises of Christ: *Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.* (Gal 3:16) Let us allow Paul, in the Book of Romans to clarify the full promise of God: *Not as though the word of God hath taken*

none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. (Romans 9:6-8) This flies in the face of worldly religion, and men – even clergy – are constantly laboring to make the Word of God conform to their worldview instead of amending their own worldview to conform to the Word of God.

If you have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are indeed the children of Abraham and the children of true Israel today. *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:* (Eph 2:8)

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. (Heb 13:8) Jesus was not only the same one day ago, but all yesterdays and an eternity of yesterdays. He was the same in whom Father Abraham placed his faith, and the same Lord in whom we trust today and forever after. Just as our Lord suffered and died for our sins, and arose the third day, so shall all who believe in His promise of salvation be raised likewise from the grave and ascend with Him. Do you have that faith in the Seed of Abraham – the Lord Jesus Christ?

Bishop Dennis Campbell's Sermon

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



Christians Communicate
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
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The sermons in Trinity have been about what Christians do, and today's is entitled, "Christians Communicate." When I say, "communicate" I don't mean talking or social media. I am referring to coming to the Lord's Table in that worship which we call, "The Lord's Supper," or, "Holy Communion." One of greatest privileges in this world is that of being a communicant in the Lord's Church, and of kneeling together at the communion rail. Let us, therefore, take a few moments this morning to consider just what it means to say, "Christians Communicate."

When Christian communicate, that is, when we kneel together to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion, the first and most obvious thing we are doing is remembering Jesus Christ. He Himself told us to do this in remembrance of Him. More specifically, we do this in remembrance of His death. The bread commemorates His body broken for us in His crucifixion. The wine commemorates His blood, poured out from His body on the cross. "This is my body, which is broken for you," He said. "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." When the minister breaks the bread, it symbolizes the breaking of Christ's body. It symbolises the scourge and the nails and the spear and the cross. When the minister pours the wine it symbolises the blood of Christ pouring out of His wounds. Christ died. This is what we remember at the communion rail.

The second thing we do at the communion rail is proclaim the Gospel. We tell the story of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We proclaim the message that the Son of God came to earth to give Himself as the ransom for our sins. We proclaim that the cross was His victory, not His defeat. We testify that His body was broken for our sins. We proclaim that His blood was shed for sinners. The Bible says when we eat the bread and drink the cup we proclaim the Lord's death. We set forth, in a most dramatic way, a portrait, and, in a sense, a re-enactment of His crucifixion. We portray in our actions what the Bible proclaims in well beloved words; "He was wounded for our transgressions." "With His stripes we are healed." "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The third thing we do at the communion rail is fellowship with one another. I once heard a man say that at the communion rail he tried to put everyone and everything out of his mind, except Christ. I have heard many sermons saying that is what we are supposed to do at the Lord's Table. "It's just Jesus and me," they say. They are wrong. Nothing could be more obvious than that we come to the rail together. We come together and we partake together because Christ has brought us together. We were scattered sheep, lost, and going our own ways. But Christ has brought us back to His fold, and now we are one flock. We are one body. We are one spiritual family. We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit; the Temple, not the Temples. We are partakers of the same Christ, the same forgiveness, the same grace, the same Father. These things make us one. That is why we come to the Table as one.

I'm going to tell you something most people don't know. The Biblical passages that record and deal with the Lord's Supper all use the plural number when addressing those who come to Communion. Luke 22:19 says Jesus gave the bread to "them." When He said, "do this in remembrance of me," "do" is plural, for, like Latin, Greek has singular and plural forms for verbs as well as nouns. The words "take" and "eat" in Matthew 26:26 are plural, as is "drink" in Matthew 26:27. There is a very important point to be understood here; just as God never intended a person to be a Christian in solitude, He also never intended a person to come to the Holy Communion in solitude. We come together, as part of Christ's Church. There is no other way. And so, we come together, we kneel together, and we partake together. We fellowship in Christ at His Table.

The fourth thing we do here is proclaim our own faith in Christ. When the minister passes the bread he says to you all, "Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith." There is great symbolism here. As we take the bread and wine into our bodies, we also take Christ into our souls by faith. We are saying, by our actions of eating and drinking that we believe in Christ. We believe the Bible. We believe the Gospel. We believe that He died for our sins. And we trust in the sacrifice He made on the cross to make us right with God on earth now, and in Heaven forever. We are saying we believe that the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of His death and passion are ours.

The fifth thing we do at the communion rail is feed our souls on Christ. Actually it is not so much that we feed on Him as that we are fed by Him. Being fed is much more a ministry done for us by Him than an act accomplished by us. Let me make it clear that the bread and wine are not transformed into the real body and blood of Christ in any way. They are and remain only bread and wine. So we are not being fed Christ's literal

body in any way. We are being fed in our souls, by the remembrance of His death, and the promise that those who believe in Him are forgiven and restored to fellowship with God. We are fed spiritual food, which is the assurance of God's "favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of [His] Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through the hope of [His] everlasting kingdom, by the merits of [Christ's] most precious death and passion." That is meat for the soul; feed on it.

Today we have come to the Table. We have come to receive Holy Communion. In a few moments we will kneel at the rail and receive the bread and wine. We will "take and eat." We will "drink ye all" of the cup. As we come, let us remember His death and sacrifice for our sins. Let us proclaim in the breaking of bread and pouring of wine that Christ's body was broken, and His blood was shed, and He suffered, and bled, and died for us. Let our eating and drinking proclaim our faith that through His death we are made right with God forever. And let the grace of God assure our hearts that we are forgiven and accepted by Him through Christ.

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Rev Bryan Dabney of Saint John's Sunday Sermon

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



Sixth Sunday after Trinity

In our epistle lesson, St. Paul penned the following: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4). The apostle described the nature of Christian baptism as a form of death and a rising again to life. We die to this world as water comes upon us, and afterwards we rise to a new life in Christ Jesus as it falls away. As apostle noted, Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him (v.8).

We refer to baptism as a sacrament because— as it has been taught for generations— it is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." If we were baptized as infants, then at our confirmation— where we were made full members of the church— we agreed to keep the promises which had been made for us by our parents and godparents at our baptism (BCP, p. 296). If we were baptized as adults, we made an affirmation of faith prior to receiving the sacrament by renouncing the world, the flesh and the devil (BCP, p. 277). In either state if we truly believed and accepted our Lord as the only way, truth and life, we then received the mark and seal of Christ upon us and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

That said, it would behoove every person who has been baptized to live as new creatures in Christ. We should walk in newness of life precisely because we have been redeemed (v.4). If we have been born again of the Holy Ghost, we will have him as our Comforter and our guide. The Greek word used to describe this work of God's Spirit is Parakletos which means "one called alongside to help," and help he does. Throughout the course of our lives, the Holy Ghost indwells us and leads us. He is ever present to advise and to admonish us. He convicts us of our sins and he intercedes for us with the Father as Christ intercedes for us in the Father's presence. That should be a constant source of relief—comfort—as we daily struggle with the powers and principalities and spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:10).

Returning to our epistle lesson, St. Paul tells us that, our old man is crucified with Christ (v.6). I was once "counseled" by a misguided soul to let my old self out once and awhile so that he can breathe. But that is not what the Bible says. Our old natures are not supposed to be in state of suspended animation. They are supposed to be dead! If we are born again of the Spirit of God then we are dead to the things of this world. We have renounced the world, the flesh and the devil. We will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather to reprove them (Ephesians 5:11).

Dead is dead, and that which has died is not coming back. We must mortify our members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience (Colossians 3:5-6). St. Paul's use of the word mortify was meant to emphasize our complete subjection of the body to godly discipline. Every one who has been born again of the Holy Ghost will endeavor to keep his or her body, mind and spirit in line with the expressed precepts of God. Such persons will desire the things which God desires. They will yearn to be where our Lord is now in the presence of the Father. Through their practice of daily prayer and praise to God, they will not only lift up his name, they will desire to know what plan the Father has for their lives. Only through a baptism of the Holy Ghost does the believer receive the assurance of salvation. He makes plain to us that we have received that saving grace in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For it is that saving grace which opens the way for those who have been born-again to be received into the body of Christ.

St. Paul observed in his epistle to the Romans, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God (3:10-11). And he also noted in his epistle to the Ephesians, For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: not of works, lest any many should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (2:8-10).

We cannot obtain God's saving grace by our own methods and behaviors. We cannot demand of God that he give us salvation through our own deservings. We cannot compel the God of heaven and earth to give us anything. We can only receive what he will offer us, but on his terms. God desires that all would turn unto Christ in repentance. Sadly, only a few will do so because they are so tied to the rudiments of this world system. They remain prideful and do not see their pressing need to be cleansed of those sins of which they are so fond. But no one will be permitted to stand before our Lord vested in their own unrighteous, unredeemed flesh and demand that he grant

them his saving grace. That sort of reasoning was just what the self-righteous of the Jews were doing as described in our Lord's parable of the Pharisee and the publican (St. Luke 18:9-14). In order to be accepted of God, we must be made clean, and for that to happen we must first recognize that we are filthy and in need of the cleansing blood of our Saviour. By our Lord's commandment, we were baptized signifying to all our acceptance of his sacrifice as the thing by which we are made clean through his shed blood.

Now there are two principal points regarding the sacrament of baptism that we need to examine. Some believe that this sacrament is absolutely essential for salvation, while other Christians believe that although baptism is important it not a vehicle for salvation. That last point is the proper Bible understanding of Holy Baptism. For while it is something which every Christian ought to undergo in obedience to our Lord and Master, it is not in and of itself the method for obtaining salvation. Those seeking to be baptized using the trinitarian formula are affirming before men that they have been saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus (Ephesians 2:8). And while it is true that not every person who has undergone water baptism is, or ever becomes, a born-again Christian; nevertheless, those who are of the regenerate will seek to be baptized if such has not already been done for them.

Still, the need for us who are not in extremis to receive this sacrament is important. During St. Paul's missionary trip to Athens, he was briefly imprisoned with Silas at Philippi. There he was asked by the jailer, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway (Acts 16:30-33). Notice that the jailer was baptized after making his confession of faith. His household was baptized as well, women and young children. We cannot discount the need for baptism but we ought not accept it as a means of salvation—a work whereby the one soliciting it receives solely by its action upon him.

When we are baptized with the one baptism for remission of sins— which is a baptism of the Holy Ghost— we are then dead to our previous life of sin and we are made alive unto God. We are then fit for the Master's service. So let us go forth today in the power of the Holy Ghost and rejoicing in the truth of our salvation in that name which is above every other even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray,

HOLY and gracious God, cleanse us of all unrighteousness and sin, that we, being washed by the blood our thy dear Son, might be made fit to enter thy coming kingdom; and this we ask in the name of our Saviour, even Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

After Church Hospitality

Sadly, no after church snacks. The same story every week, is it not? The fact is that we are supposed to be on a low carb diet and there really aren't any low carb snacks that appeal to us. So, with no fatted dog nut in sight, we were out of luck! Please someone, between now and next Sunday invent some no-carb dog nuts.

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

Date	Name
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 least once per day.

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

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

What should I ask for?

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

Updating the Team

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

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

their names and purpose be kept confidential, then only Hap will know to pray for them.

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

Travel

The entire Langstaff family from Perth is on an *Around the World in 90 Days* tour. Right now they are RIGHT HERE! Details here:

<http://langytravel.blogspot.com>



Birthday

Sara Simmons celebrated her 61st birthday 2 July 2013.

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 time here 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

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

Expecting

Gabby is expecting a baby. Gabby is now on bed rest, pray all will go well with her and the baby.

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

Mike was very ill in hospital. He is doing much better now and his family asks you to give thanks for the miraculous recovery. Mike 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.

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. Brian's throat seems to be healing better and he can eat some again. 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

Brandon a young man from a Christian family who married a year ago and almost immediately became estranged from his family. As a result he has had a serious problem with keeping the civil law. Please pray for *Brandon* that he will return to the Lord and the many problems will be eventually settled. Pray the hurt he has caused so many will be helped with our Lord's care and love.

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.

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
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

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**