



Faithful Centurion Anglican Orthodox Church

## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



Sunday Report

Today was the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The weather was picture perfect; clear blue skies, calm winds and 60°F at sunrise, rising to 76°F by the end of church under skies. Pretty darn nice for the hottest days of the year! Once again, the gathering song gathered not one and we ended up with 3 people present for the service.

### *Gathering Song*

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

### **Amazing Grace**

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

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

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

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

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

### *On Point*

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



"[T]he propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained."

*George Washington*  
First Inaugural Address, 1789

Putting our hand to this plough and looking back will prove that we were unworthy of the kingdom. If there be a hundred reasons for giving up your work of faith, there are fifty thousand for going on with it. Though there are many arguments for fainting, there are far more arguments for persevering. Though we might be weary, and do sometimes feel so, let us wait upon the Lord and renew our strength, and we shall mount up with wings as eagles, forget our weariness, and be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might...

As the rain climbs not up to the skies, and the snow flakes never take to themselves wings to rise to heaven, so neither shall the word of God return unto him void, but it shall accomplish that which he pleases. We have not spent our strength in vain. Not a verse taught to a little girl, nor a text dropped into the ear of a careless boy, nor an earnest warning given to an obdurate young sinner, nor a loving farewell to one of the senior girls, shall be without some result or other to the glory of God. And, taking it all together as a mass, though this handful of seed may be eaten of the birds, and that other seed may die on the hard rock, yet, as a whole, the seed shall spring up in sufficient abundance to plentifully reward the sower and the giver of the seed. We know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*  
"The Cause and Cure of Weariness in Sabbath-School Teachers"  
8 November 1877

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty: and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence.

*I Corinthians 1:27-29*

When bank-tellers are trained to identify counterfeit currency, they are asked to count hundreds of genuine bills. They are never asked to study a counterfeit bill. When asked why, the supervisor explained that when the teller knows the genuine article intimately, any counterfeit will immediately feel abnormal. So it is with biblical approaches to Indian beliefs and traditions. We start by training ourselves to know what the Bible teaches, and allow scripture and the Holy Spirit to transform our minds. Then we will be able to discern what traditions and practices can be allowed, those that must be discarded and those where the answer lies in the conscience of the believer.

*Rev. Dr. Joshua Raj*  
Bishop in the Anglican Orthodox Church  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Canadian medical doctor  
A Biblical Approach to Indian Traditions and Beliefs, p. 196

You can't conquer a free man; the most you can do is kill him.

*Robert Heinlein*  
20<sup>th</sup> century American author.

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

*Italian proverb*

## 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. If you have a hard time remembering, "Do I read the Collect from last Sunday or next Sunday during the week?" Remember Sunday is the first day of the week. There are also two Bible readings, the Epistle and the Gospel. While they are "lessons", they are not the First Lesson and the Second Lesson, they are the Epistle and the Gospel. 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 priest as a prayer, the Epistle can be read by either a designated reader (as we normally do in our church) or by one of the ministers and the Holy Gospel, which during the service in our church is read by an ordained minister.

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 Feast, 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 212-213, with the Collect first:

### The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

#### *The Collect.*

**O** LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

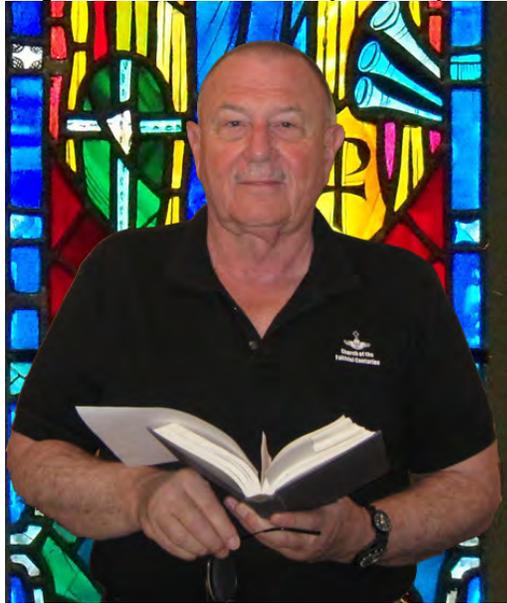
Dru Arnold read today's Epistle, which came from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, the Third Chapter beginning at the Thirteenth Verse. Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, prays that the people might "be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." More simply put, Paul asks that we open our hearts to God and to Christ, that they might work in our hearts the miracle of love.



**I** DESIRE that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;

that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Hap Arnold read today's Holy Gospel which started in the Seventh Chapter of the



Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the Eleventh Verse. Jesus was going into the city of Nain with his disciples and many followers. "When he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her." In those days, a widow with only one son had little, a widow with no son was in deep trouble. Taking compassion on her and also the opportunity to make His power evident, He came to the bier, and touch it said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." The young man arose and began to speak; whereupon Jesus brought him to his mother. Not surprisingly, news of this event was spread "forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about." Like the

young man, we are dead to eternity until we hear the command "... Arise." If we hear and act on that command, we have eternal life, just like the young man, it starts right then!

**A**ND it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about.

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

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



Consider the words of the Collect, "...let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness ..."

When the Collect talks about the church, just like last week, it is not talking about buildings; it is talking about us. Each of us; all of us and together. We need God's help (pity) to keep the group of us together following His Will, for without His Help (Holy Ghost) we are doomed to utter failure. We can see this in the church today with many churches leaving the Bible that has been used for over 2,000 years with new fangled translations that mangle His Word, they leave the theology that Christ has set for us with New Age pagan theology. This proves the truth of this collect, that without His help, we are doomed. With His Help, we are set for success for evermore. He

offers, do we accept?

That leads us to Saint Paul's point: If we will open our hearts to God, He will send the Holy Ghost to fill our hearts with Love, Courage, Inspiration, Tenacity and Confidence, to mention just a few helpful additions to our portfolio. In short, all of the things that will help our character development. It will, as Calvin's dad says in Calvin and Hobbes "build our character." If we will open our hearts to Him, our ears will hear the command "... Arise." When we rise, we rise with the confidence of immortals and can conquer any obstacle. But, without an open heart, our ears will never hear the command directed to our soul, "... Arise." We will be dead to eternity.

Open your heart to our Lord and arise. Arise; go forth with Love, Courage, Inspiration, Tenacity and Confidence to fight the battle our Lord leads us into.

All Jesus asks is that we follow Him. That is all follow Him. But, words mean something. The word follow is very important.

I have heard my dad say many times in the military fighter world the strongest acceptance and recognition of excellence that can be given is, "You lead; I'll follow." For to do so is to put your life in the other's hands. Literally, completely and without question. It is a matter of putting the light on the star and hanging in there. It is said by few to an even smaller number. When you break out of the cloud after an hour of GE-28 Volt burning in your retina and see the runway or pop over the ridge after a half hour of dodging trees and triple A and the target is right there in the reticule, it is all okay. Sometimes in between, it does not seem like it will turn out that way. What makes you keep the light on the star is trust. Just like the Marines in World War II, they had to put their trust in their squad/platoon/company leader that they would be able

to outfight the Japanese for example. Even through the hell of battle, they surely must have felt relief when they were able to finally push the Japanese out of the islands. Like them, we have to trust God to get us through whatever hell the enemy can throw at us. I see this as another aspect of that truth. The numbers are different in the case of God. We all (unlikely to happen) need to put our lives in the hands of a small number (that would be ONE).

We need recognize who has the ability, the power, the perfection in leadership and have that trust to say, "You lead; I'll follow." I believe that is what Jesus expects from us in regard to our entire life. We may get out of position or even go lost wingman on the odd occasion, but he expects us to Our very best to follow His lead and stay in position. Hard to do if your eye is not padlocked on Him.

I might add, as ministers of our Lord, we have a similar responsibility to those who would follow us here on earth. And we have to work even harder, for created by a perfect God, we are imperfect creatures with free will. A problematic combination. We must strive for a correct attitude, heading, stability and predictability in our path so that we can be followed towards that final destination that marks a successful mission.

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**

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Saint Andrew's  
Anglican Orthodox Church  
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#### **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.**

*The Collect.*

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And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about.

Who are the dead? & Who are the living?

11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. 12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

**The dead:** Those who reject Christ as Lord and Savior. Those who have no forgiveness for their sins...those for whom there has been no redemption for sins. That includes all the world which dwells in utter darkness.

ALL were dead in trespasses and sins before being made alive in Christ by the Holy Spirit: *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience* (Eph 2:1-2)

The dead hear not. Who stopped their ears? Not God. Not even Satan. They themselves have chosen to be dumb to the reality of God.

This son of the widow is dead, but death cannot exist in the presence of the Fountain of Life.

Jesus knows the importance of a son or daughter to a widow. The boy is all his mother has.

The widow made no audible request of Christ, but Christ knew her abject sorrow and took compassion on her as He always does with those who face calamity.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, **Weep not.**

Jesus never desires our sorrow, but our joy in life. He neither wants us to 'fear' or to 'weep'. *Fear not, I am with thee always, even unto the end of the world.* Or "Hagar, why weepest thou?"

The desire of Christ is always for our extreme joy in Him. And Christ knows there is no real joy, or life, apart from that which He offers.

He sends no one to Hell. The lost, due to their rejection of Him, send themselves to Hell.

*14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. When God is at work, we had best stand still and see the marvelous works that His hands perform. Stillness is a vanishing quality in a world bent on technology and pragmatism. As God said to Job in Job 37:14 "Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God"*

Or Psalms 46:10 – *"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."*

So those who bore the body remained motionless while God worked.

And he said, *Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.*

Though the ears of the Rabbi's maiden were closed in the lock of death, the young girl heard the voice of Christ. Though Lazarus lay long dead in a stone cold tomb, the voice of Christ, his friend, penetrated the bars of death and were heard in newness of life. So with this young man.

And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

Was dead! No longer dead because he had heard and responded to the voice of Christ. He sat up and began to speak. Once you have heard the voice of Christ whisper in your ear a personal message, you cannot fail to speak out. You do not keep it a secret.

Have you heard that voice? Has your dead ears responded in life?

When were you dead, and have you been called to life? Have you listened? Did you respond by unashamedly speaking out?

We were ALL dead prior to responding in faith to the grace of Christ. All lost. All dead.

Howe many are righteous?

*Roms 23: 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

*Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

ALL? Does that include you and me?

Yes, ALL!

What is the condemnation to those who sin such as you and I have done?

*Rom 6: 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

What remedy is there for all of us who are born under the condemnation of sin?

*Rom10: 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

Christ is the great Creator and Giver of Life. Death will not exist in His presence. So we must insure our salvation that we may be present with him.

How?

Know that the wages of sin is death

Admit that we are dreadful sinners and cannot save ourselves through any good works.

Repent of our sins and turn away from the desires of the flesh.

Receive Christ as you Lord and Savior – not simply Savior, but Lord of your life as well.

How many of us present today have taken a ‘dry’ shower, or a ‘dry’ swim, or walked in a ‘dry’ rain?

Is it possible to get into the water, or to come into contact with a fountain of water, and remain dry?

There is a River of Life, which makes all alive who bathe therein and drink from its fountain:

*John 4: 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life***

When we are IN Christ, all our sins are covered by His blood. When we are IN the River of Life, we are wet with that water of life all over. We are baptized in newness of life.

Your eternal destiny depends upon which choice you make at the crossroads of life – will you be fearful and unbelieving? Or will you partake of the Tree of Life and Fountain of Living Waters?

*Rev 21: 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

Simple decision – John 3:15 *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

Have you, too, believed unto salvation? 2 Cor 6:2 *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

### ***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 Continue**

Psalm 145, Ephesians 3:13-21, Luke 7:11-17

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All doctrines have a practical application to everyday Christian life. The doctrine of salvation, for example, is not just about being saved and going to Heaven, but about how we live and what we value here and now and every day. In fact the doctrine of salvation includes every other doctrine, for it is almost a summary of the entire Bible. One part of the doctrine of salvation is so important that a proper understanding of it leads to great peace and faith in the believer's life. But an improper understanding of it

leads to fear, worry and theological error in almost every other aspect of understanding the Bible. I am talking about the old question, can I lose my salvation? Is it possible for a real, true believer, a person who has been born again into a new life with Christ, a person who has been cleansed of all sin and restored to fellowship with God and God's people, a person who has been adopted into the family of God, to lose all of those benefits, in short to be lost again?

So today we are talking about something very important today. The doctrine we are talking about is often called, the perseverance of the saints. Simply stated, it says real Christians stay Christians. They never leave the faith, and, once saved, never become lost again. The Bible does not say we will not have doubts, or fall into sin, or have times of fear. It does not say we will never consider leaving the faith. It simply says God holds us in His hand and nothing can pluck us out of it. And, by His power and grace, He will keep us in the faith and get us to Heaven. Article XVII of the Articles of Religion, states this doctrine in clear and Biblical terms. After telling us of our justification, adoption into the family of God, being remade into the likeness of Christ, and empowered to live as God wants us to live, it says we "at length by God's mercy... attain to everlasting felicity." God takes us to Heaven, the place of eternal joy.

Most of our meditations on perseverance tend to focus on the fact of perseverance, but today I want to talk about the how of perseverance. We persevere in the faith because God preserves us. It is He who sought us when we were going our own ways like lost sheep. It is He who called us to come to Him and be saved. It is He who carried us back to the fold. And it is He who keeps us in the fold. Before I start on how God preserves us in the faith, I want to talk about why He preserves us. For that we turn to Luke's Gospel, chapter 7.

Nain was a small village about 18 miles south west of Capernaum, where Jesus had recently been teaching and ministering. We have been reading His ministry in Capernaum about in last week's readings in Matthew. Going to Nain was part of a planned preaching tour of Galilee. Christ intended to leave Capernaum for such a purpose, as we see in His words to Peter in Mark 1:38, "Let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth." Christ made several preaching missions through Galilee, and this may have been part of His first trip.

As He entered Nain a funeral passed Him. The only son of a widow had died. In those days a widow often lived with her son or daughter. It was the Jewish social security system of the time, and it worked very well. This woman was probably poor and had depended on her son for her home and food. Her situation looked bleak. She would be reduced to begging for food, often going without the necessities of life.

But Jesus had compassion on her. We need to say here that Jesus has compassion on all of us, according to His purpose and our needs. Seldom does He raise people from the dead, no matter how deep our grief may be at their passing, no matter how great the cost to our financial security and comforts. He raised the dead only a few times, each time to make a point; He is the Lord of Life. He has the power to raise the dead. Since only God has that power..., Jesus is God. Making this point is part of His intention in this passage too, but He also has another: He intends to show His compassion. This is not the first time the Bible speaks of His compassion. Matthew 9:36 says "when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." In Mark 1:41 a leper had come to Jesus,

“And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand and touched him, and saith unto him, I will, be thou clean.” Jesus is touched by our sufferings and trials. He Himself was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He suffered hunger and weariness. He suffered temptation, though He never sinned. He wept at the grave of Lazarus. He fed the hungry and healed the sick. Finally, He laid down His life to save us from the worst disaster that could ever befall us, the disaster of eternal hell. He has compassion on us and His compassion is **usually** expressed in standing with and comforting us with His promises of Heaven and eternal joy. It is usually **not** expressed in miraculous healings, raising the dead, or delivering us from the troubles we have caused for ourselves and others. He does deliver, but it is usually by the slow process of sanctification rather than a sudden and miraculous transformation of circumstances. So here is the point; Jesus is able and willing to preserve us in the faith. Truly, nothing is able to pluck us out of His powerful and loving hand.

This leads us to an important point in Ephesians 3. Here God is delivering and preserving the Church, which, by the way, consisted of many congregations, each with their own pastors, under the direction of a bishop. So we are talking about a lot of Christians and a lot of churches in Ephesus and the surrounding area. And here is how Paul prays for them. He asks God to strengthen each Christian with might by His Spirit in the inner man. He asks not that they be delivered from their illnesses, persecutions, or the normal trials of life. He asks God to strengthen them so they will be enabled to persevere through the trials. He asks that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith. In other words, may they, by faith, trust the word of God that Christ does dwell in them. He is never away from them. He is never just in Heaven. He is in them. May they know this by faith. He asks that they may be rooted and grounded in love, that is, love for God and love for others. I wonder how many of our troubles would just disappear if we loved one another as we love ourselves. I wonder how much better we would get along at home and work, and especially at Church if we were willing to just love and let love guide our thoughts and actions. I am talking, of course about love for one another, not love for ourselves. Self love is the cause of most of our problems. Self love is the source of sin, pride, greed, laziness. Love of God and love of neighbor is the cure, and that only comes to us as the gift of God’s grace as He makes new creatures out of those who believe in Christ.

It is through these things, the might of the Spirit in the inner man, Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith, and knowing the love of Christ which passeth knowledge that we are filled with all the fullness of God. And that fullness of God is how He gives us strength to persevere. It is how He preserves us, both individually and collectively as His Church.

## *Rev Rick Reid of Saint Peter's Sunday Sermon*

We are happy to have a sermon from Reverend Rick Reid, minister of Saint Peter's, whose congregation is right at the Worldwide Headquarters of the Anglican Orthodox Church. Rev Rick has all the resources and challenges right at hand. I think you will enjoy his sermon.



### **Paul's Prayer for the Saints** *Ephesians 3:14-15*

In this morning's Epistle to the Ephesians, we hear Paul say: For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word "*cause*" means, "*reason, For this cause or reason, I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

When we stop to consider everything our Lord has done for us, and how He has changed our lives, it should motivate us to go to Him in prayer.

God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins, and then welcomed us into His family. Our love for the Lord ought to manifest itself in a passionate desire to come into His presence, and to spend time with Him in prayer.

*The Bible tells us many things about Prayer.*

**Did you know that prayer is a command?** Jesus told us in St. Luke's Gospel: Luke 18:1, "*And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.*" ...or....cease ....Paul also told the Thessalonians 1 Thes. 5:17, to "*Pray without ceasing.*"

**Prayer Is Also A Duty:** Paul told Timothy: 1 Tim. 2:1-4, "*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*"

**Prayer Is A Gift:** Heb. 4:15-16, "*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*"

**Prayer Is A Privilege:** St. Paul told the Philippians: Phil. 4:6-7, "*Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*"

**Prayer Is A Promise:** As we hear God say in Jeremiah 33:3 "*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*"

And again in Isaiah 65:24, "*And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*"

Jesus told us in John's Gospel (16:23), "*And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.*"

We must make prayer a priority in our lives. We have much to pray about, and we have a God Who invites us to come to Him in prayer. We should humble ourselves before the Lord and ask Him to help us make prayer a passion in our lives.

Paul was Passionate in His Prayer. When Paul considered these things, the power of them literally brought him to his knees. He says, *“for this cause, I bow my knees.”* Bowing the knees to pray is common for us, but for a man of Paul’s heritage, it would have been quite uncommon. Typically, the Jews would stand when they prayed. Their arms raised, with the palms turned toward Heaven. If you have ever seen photos or footage of the Jews praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, you know what that looks like.

To bow in prayer in that day was very uncommon. The Bible records several postures for prayer in the Word of God.

Abraham stood - Gen. 18:22b-23, *“...but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?”*

David sat - 1 Chron. 17:16, *“And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?”*

Jesus stretched out - Matt. 26:39, *“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”*

Bowing during prayer was usually done in periods of extreme humility, or extreme distress. For instance:

- Ezra knelt when he confessed the sins of the people - Ezra 9:5-6.
- Daniel knelt when he learned that King Darius had signed into law the prohibition of prayer - Dan. 6:10.
- Paul knelt with the elders from Ephesus before he departed - Acts 20:36.
- Solomon knelt before the Lord at the dedication of the Temple - 2 Chron. 6:13-14.

### **Kneeling in prayer indicates two very important truths.**

1. It is a sign of submission to One Who is being far greater than we are. When we bow before the Lord we are acknowledging His glory, His power and His authority over our lives. We bow in prayer before Him because we understand that we are in the presence of One who is far higher in rank, glory, and authority than we are. Bowing before the Lord in prayer is a sign of humility and submission before the Lord.
2. It is a sign of intense passion and emotion. In the scripture we just heard, we can see the emotion and the passion that drove the individuals to pray.

Sometimes we are so overwhelmed by the circumstances and needs of life that kneeling becomes the natural posture that we adopt before the Lord. When Paul thought about the great truths that had been revealed to Him, he was brought to his knees in prayer and worship before the Lord. What a blessing it is when the Word of God stirs our hearts to worship

But in reality, God is not concerned about the posture of your body. I do not think the Lord cares whether you pray kneeling, sitting, standing, lying down, walking, or driving. God is more concerned about the posture of your heart.

Whether we kneel physically or not, we should always be kneeling before Him in our hearts as we acknowledge His glory, His greatness, and His wonder.

**To the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power; both now and ever. Amen**

*Rev Bryan Dabney of Saint John's Sunday Sermon*

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



**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Our sermon hymn for today, Crown him with many crowns (Hymn #352,

1940 Hymnal) supplies us with several reasons that we should crown our Lord with many crowns, and principal among them because he is King of all. But did you know that all who are born-again believers will also receive one or more crowns from our Lord and Saviour when he sits in judgment of our lives here in the flesh? The scriptures speak of five different crowns which will be given to those whom the Lord shall deem worthy to receive them. They are: 1) the Incorruptible Crown, 2) the Crown of Life, 3) the Crown of Glory, 4) the Crown of Righteousness, and 5) the Crown of Rejoicing.

The Incorruptible Crown is found in St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians where he explained, Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?... Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible (9:24-27). The corruptible crown which the secular runner received as an award was a wreath of made of laurel leaves. The apostle referred to it as corruptible because it was made from materials which were not meant to last. It was literally a crown for that moment, for following the next race another one would be given, and another in the race after that, and so on. The apostle reminded Christians that upon the completion our race in this mortal life, we will receive a crown from our Lord which will never fade or fail if we run and faint not. It will be ours for eternity and will be our badge of honor, which like all the others, we will gladly cast them at the feet of our Lord and Saviour in honor of his great gift to us via his saving grace.

The Crown of Life will be given to those believers who have been faithful to our Lord unto death (Revelation 2:10). As Matthew Henry noted, "The life so worn out in his service, or laid down in his cause, shall be rewarded with another and a much better life that shall be eternal." When one reads the accounts of the early church fathers who served God unto death, we find listed men such as St. Paul, St. Peter, St. James, St. Andrew and St. Thomas. In fact most of the disciples as well as a host of early Christians were martyred for the faith. Add to them the Reformation saints who perished rather than reject the truth of God's word written. Inclusive within that number are our Anglican fathers, such as Cranmer, Ridley, Hooper and Latimer, who chose the stake over their acceptance of the doctrine of the "real presence" in the Holy Communion. We could also include all those men and women whose lives were used

up in service to our Lord in the mission fields over the centuries: spreading the good news to those in remote regions of the world where the light of Christ had yet to pierce and who labored even in the face of death to preach the word of God to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. What graciousness they shall receive at the hand of our Lord we can only imagine and that poorly.

The Crown of Glory will be given to those church elders, bishops, priests, pastors and deacons who properly tended their flocks. As St. Peter noted in our epistle lesson for today, Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away ( I St. Peter 5:2-4). The Lord has promised good to them who love him and who feed his flocks which are scattered across the earth. Pastors and bishops are supposed to love God and preach rightly the truth of God's word written. Those who do will be blessed with the gift of this crown.

The Crown of Righteousness will be given to those who love the Lord's appearing. As St. Paul wrote in second epistle to St. Timothy, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (4:8). The Bible tells us to fix our hearts on the coming of the Lord. The wise virgins of St. Matthew's gospel (25:1-13) have been supplied as an apt example for us. The regenerated Christian will make provision for his watch, and should he nod off to sleep, he will eagerly awaken to go and greet our Lord at his coming. Ergo, as the apostle has written, all who will do likewise will receive this crown.

The Crown of Rejoicing will be given to those who have happily brought souls to Christ. In his first epistle to the Thessalonian church, the apostle Paul penned these words: For what is our hope, or joy or crown of rejoicing: Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming: For ye are our glory and joy (2:19-20). Because the regenerate Christian bears fruit— bringing others to the Lord as he has been called to do— the same shall receive of the Lord a crown of rejoicing on account of that joy in their hearts upon seeing others entering the fold of Christ. Do we tell others about our Lord? Do we desire that others be saved? Do we pray for those who are lost that perhaps God will influence them to come to him either by our witness or that of another regenerated believer? If we love the Lord, then we will also seek to bring others to him, and we will rejoice with them in their victory over sin and death.

While salvation is a gift of God to all who are born again of the Holy Ghost, the awarding of crowns is merit-based as we will be judged on how well we performed our duties in our Lord's service. Consider the parable of the Talents as found in St. Matthew's gospel (25:14-30). The Lord will extend to those who are faithful a hearty Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter into the joy of thy lord (v.21). God has plans for all who are of his elect beyond the precincts of this life. Therefore be faithful and not fearful. Be considerate of God's word written and follow it. Stand fast and contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might. Do all these things for a crown awaits you in heaven with our Lord's greeting. Such is my hope and my prayer for each of you in Christ's name.

Let us pray,

**G**RACIOUS and loving God, assist us by means of the Holy Ghost that we might live each day praying for and looking for the coming of thy dear Son; that we would not miss the joy of the marriage feast which thy wilt prepare for all who love his appearing; for this we ask in the name of him who wears many crowns, and who is our Lord, our King and our Saviour, even Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

### *After Church Hospitality*

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

After church goodies providers as currently signed up:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
22 September 2013	<b>Opportunity Available – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
29 September 2013	<b>Opportunity Available – St. Michael &amp; all Angels - Superseding Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **What should I ask for?**

Depends on what you want. Some people merely want God to be asked to heal their ills and be mentioned by their first name, others want a specific outcome and / or have more of their personal information known to the team. Ask for what you want. It is

your desire and need for prayer the team is attempting to meet. For typical examples, see the list below.

### **Updating the Team**

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

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

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

### **Marriage**

*Brian and Mel Smith* were married on 25 August 2013. Please pray that they might be brought together as one in God that their marriage might prosper.

### **Travel**

*Johnnie, Paulette and Barbara* are on travel this week.

### **Birthday**

*Shamim Gray* celebrated her 46<sup>th</sup> birthday 4 September 2013.

*Hope DeLong* celebrated her birthday 30 August 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* has just moved to Okinawa for a second short tour. Please pray for this new assignment 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**

*Bernie Garcia, 56*, passed away on 31 July 2013, as a result of complications of Hepatitis C. He was hoping for a liver transplant but because of circumstances was unable

to receive one in time. Please give thanks for his time here on earth and pray for his family who remain behind, in particular his mom and dad, Mary and Gil Garcia.

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

*Colonel Drue McMillan* is nearing the end of his time here on earth. Please pray for a peaceful transition from this world to home, for trust in the Lord, a vision of things to come, as well as peace of mind for Drue and his family, in particular his son David.

*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.

*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 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*

*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. They are going to attempt a bilateral mastectomy. 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.

### *Surgery*

*Pricilla* is about to undergo surgery for an infection in her uterus. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also Pricilla and her family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Dustin* who was injured in a work accident when stainless steel sheet metal fell on his right hand. His thumb was severely injured as some of the bones were crushed. Dustin will have surgery on Thursday 22 August 2013, to reconstruct and reset his thumb. They do not expect him to lose his thumb. Please pray for the surgical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that Dustin and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Jamil* was injured in a car accident. His nose was fractured and he will be operated on Thursday 22 August 2013.

*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 and has headaches. 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***

*Ken Strauch* has been tired and is anemic, he had a colonoscopy which found a pair of polyps which were removed and are being tested. Just for good measure they found he has a hiatal hernia with ulcers, basically part of his stomach is pushed up into his esophagus and is bleeding from there. Sounds there may be surgery involved. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Ken and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Jo Ann* has been hospitalized for overstress, she was in the hospital with severe pancreatic pain. They found a blockage and medication has helped. Jo Ann has had some recent medical issues; appendicitis, a blood disease and more. It really seems like she has had about all she can deal with on her own now. Please pray that she might find a way to let God carry her worry and open her heart to Him and to her family; give her family the strength to help her in a manner which will be effective. Pray also for a complete and rapid recovery from her pancreas problem.

*Adriano* is in the hospital due to high sugar and high blood pressure. He is very weak and will appreciate your prayers.

*Heather* recently found out she has cancer. Please pray for peace of mind for her and for the medical team treating her will be guided to the right solution.

*Jim* has had an aneurism and blood clots. Pray that healing will come.

*Bob* has experienced several Transient Ischemic Attacks<sup>1</sup> (TIA) recently. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Bob and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find out the source of the problem and best course of treatment.

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<sup>1</sup> A transient ischemic attack (TIA) is a transient episode of neurologic dysfunction caused by ischemia (loss of blood flow) – either focal brain, spinal cord or retinal – without acute infarction (tissue death).

TIA's have the same underlying cause as strokes: a disruption of cerebral blood flow (CBF), and are frequently referred to as mini-strokes. TIA's and strokes cause the same symptoms, such as contralateral paralysis (opposite side of body from affected brain hemisphere) or sudden weakness or numbness. A TIA may cause sudden dimming or loss of vision (amaurosis fugax), aphasia, slurred speech (dysarthria) and mental confusion. But unlike a stroke, the symptoms of a TIA can resolve within a few minutes or 24 hours. Brain injury may still occur in a TIA lasting only a few minutes. Having a TIA is a risk factor for eventually having a stroke or a silent stroke.

*Laurie* has been ill for two years and was admitted to the Emergency Room the night of 23 July 2013, for dehydration. She received a CAT scan, which turned up a spot on her lung. Laurie is an oncology nurse and fears the worst. Please pray for peace of mind for Laurie and 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

*Mark Wilson* was hospitalized with stomach problems. They turned out to be a set of very bad ulcers, for which he is grateful as they are eminently treatable. He is out of the hospital and recovering. Please give thanks for the good result and pray he will be able to follow the medical advice.

*Georgia* has liver and pancreatic cancer. The doctors are evaluating whether to do surgery and how to tackle the disease. Georgia is a faithful Christian and she will appreciate your prayers. 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 Georgia and her family.

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

*Sarah* wife of Rev Geordie (AOC – UK) has been treating for ovarian cancer. The chemotherapy drugs she has been taking do not seem to be reducing the cancer cells the way it was hoped. She is going to stop taking them until January 2014; when they will start with new drugs. It is hoped that will shock the cancer into remission. In the meantime, she will be taking Avocet should keep the cells from increasing or multiplying. She will continue building fluid in her abdominal area which will have to be drained. This is turning into a lifetime of treatment kind of thing, rather than a one shot deal. This has been a difficult surprise for Sarah, but she is adjusting very well with God's help. There are a number of drug combinations to try, but she has hard road ahead. Please pray this new plan for chemotherapy will work and Sarah can tolerate the treatment. Sarah and Geordie both 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**

*Brian* finished the chemotherapy and final radiation treatment for his upper lung and bronchial area cancer. A biopsy and CAT Scan the week of 9 September 2013, turned out to be a re-occurrence of the cancer in a slightly different location. He cannot have any more radiation, but will be starting a course of a different chemotherapy, one week on, three weeks off and repeat. Brian asks we pray for strength to undergo the new treatment. He is weak and tired; his spirit remains high. 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 new wife 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 NOW.

*Sylvia Lee*, Sandra Lee's mother, had been suffering from undiagnosed kidney failure; doctors finally figured out what the problem was and offered her "hospice care",

a second opinion suggested dialysis. She is now starting dialysis. Please pray for strength and vitality to return to her and for peace of mind for Sylvia and her family, as well as their continued faith and in God as the Great Physician. They pray for help to listen to God's voice and guidance through this journey together.

*Rick and Virginia Reid* both managed to get some kind of cold-flu thing that has set them back. Please pray they will be able to rest and regain their strength quickly.

*Jeong* was in an auto accident and sustained a serious back injury. Please pray for a full and rapid recovery.

*Dale* was hospitalized Sunday 25 August 2013, after a heart attack. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating him and for peace of mind for Dale and his family.

*Gil Garcia* developed a bed sore which precludes sitting and is now confined to his bed. Gil has very smooth and delicate skin, please pray for a rapid healing of the sore so he can get out of bed and move around in his chair. Gil spent almost a year in the hospital the last time this happened. His faith and his attitude are almost beyond belief, he is an example to us all. But, we pray this time he will heal quickly. Pray also for his lovely wife Mary who takes care of him. Pray for both of them also for strength to deal with the loss of their son Bernie.

*Bill* had malignant growth removed from a lip last month and seems to be experiencing a re-growth of the cancer. He asks your prayer for the medical team treating him and for peace of mind for himself.

*Sarah* has been released after several days in the hospital because of her low sodium. Pray she will continue to heal.

*Hank* has osteoporosis, which has caused him a great deal of pain and inconvenience in the past few years. Pray for his healing and that his medical bills will be met.

*Evelyn* is an elderly woman who has had problems with her eyes and is now blind. It appears some sight will return shortly, pray for that to happen!

*Emma Langstaff* has now taken over the Chicken Pox her son Jack, who got them from his sister Eve who acquired them at Disneyworld. She asks that you pray for a mild case and a full and rapid recovery.

*Joanne* has begun kidney dialysis as a result of kidney failure due to extensive chemotherapy. Additionally she cares for an adopted drug addicted baby who is now nine years old. Please pray for her to keep her faith, to let the Lord carry her worry and concern and to give her strength. Pray also for those treating her that they might pay attention and do their best.

*Mr. N. Anand* is in the hospital and is seriously ill. He is being encouraged to pray for repentance of his sins and to depend upon our dependable God for a cure and recovery of his health. Pray that he will be a strong witness for Christ.

*Jacob* has been going through some dental procedures and has some pain and aggravation with the numbness. Please pray for comfort and strength for him, as well as for guidance for the medical team treating him that they might pay attention and do their best.

*Jean* fell and broke her ankle in three places. She will be in the hospital for rehabilitation for the next 6 weeks. Please pray for comfort and strength for her, as well as for guidance for the medical team treating her that they might pay attention and do their best.

*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. 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.

### ***Thanksgiving and Continued Healing***

*Jane*, US Army Korea, had a tumor. She returned to the CONUS, underwent five hours of surgery which went exceedingly well. The tumor came out completely, on the surface it appears non-malignant, testing will be done to confirm. Please give thanks for the surgical team doing a great job and the great result. Pray for a complete recovery for Jane.

*Kathy Cardin* had successful surgery on 2 August 2013, to remove a cyst on her liver. The surgery went very well and she seems to be recovering ahead of schedule, on the other hand she also feels like she got hit by a truck. Please give thanks for the great result and pray for continued healing.

*Dennis* has heart problems; now the medical people treating him discovered a large mass on his liver which turned out to be a cyst, just like Kathy above! Please give thanks for this great development and pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Dennis and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that the contemplated surgery might go well.

*Dwight* had major oral surgery, for which he gives thanks. He is recovering slowly and asks your prayers to speed the process.

*Joyce* broke her left leg and sprained her right foot in a fall and had surgery the morning of 24 July 2013. She asks you to give thanks for the surgery having gone well and asks you also pray for her continued healing, she will be spending several weeks her right leg in a walking boot and several months with her left leg in a cast.

*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.

*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.

*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, recovered far better than expected from a severe brain bleed, but fell recently and broke her hip.

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**

*Chris* and several others at his firm were let go after many years of faithful service. Please pray that they might find a company that can use their considerable skills and dedication to their mutual benefit. Pray also for those who remain behind that they might find peace in the confusion caused by the departures.

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

### **Guidance**

Please pray *Darlene* will surrender her life to Christ.

*Jonathan* is addicted to drugs. He is now in jail awaiting trial. His parents and friends will appreciate it if you will keep him in your prayers for him to find the root of his trouble and accept God's help to heal addiction.

*Beth* is suffering from ungodly treatment in her marriage. Please pray God will guide her in her behavior, actions and thoughts that she might be able to lead her husband to God so her marriage might prosper to the benefit of them.

*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 sorrow, 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**

*Brian and Mel Smith* give thanks for safe travel this past week.

### **AOC Congregations**

*Nathan* in Wake Forest, North Carolina needs God's Help to find others who are interested in having a Bible believing Church in the Anglican tradition. He would like to develop a congregation to associate with the Anglican Orthodox Church.

*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.

### **Armed Forces & Contractors**

Airman Donny Patton (Kadena AB, Okinawa), Jordan (USMC – Fleet Marine Force - Pacific), Trevor (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator – New Jersey), Trevor (USN – Whidbey Island, EF-18 Pilot), Kurt Thomas (USN – Camp Foster, Okinawa)

### **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**

*Lisa* discovered her 9 year old daughter *Mariah* had been raped. This is in the court system now and we know that prayers are needed for this family. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" James 5:16 Lisa says she feels the power of your prayer in God's hand on her heart.

Please pray for *all the people of Egypt*; Bishop Mouneer Anis of Egypt is asking your prayer as the supporters of the deposed Mursi government, with the support of the United States government, have been attacking Christian churches--Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox. They destroyed the car of Anglican priest Rev. Ehab Ayoub. The people of Egypt, the people of the United States need our prayers,

even more so the people of the Muslim Brotherhood that they might repent of their evil and know God so the rest of the people may live in peace.

*Anglican Orthodox Church in Pakistan* has many members who have had to leave their homes because of the torrential rains that have triggered flash floods and much damage to homes. Please pray for Pakistan and all those endangered by the storms.

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.

### *A Short Story with a Long Message*

Sometimes, it is useful to stop and just remember how much has changed in America (and, indeed, the world). Remember when stories, such as the one below, was common fare in elementary school textbooks? Today, most students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade would not be literate enough to read it and the balance would have no interest whatsoever in what happened hundreds of years ago. That is an indictment on our culture and our values - values which have been neglected by parents and educators to the detriment of our children. Before I was able to read, my mother used to recite this story and others like it to my eager ears. Wouldn't it be nice if such stories again became a part of our culture?

*Bishop Jerry Ogles*

## **CORNELIA'S JEWELS**

*By James Baldwin*

One bright summer morning, in the city of Rome many hundred years ago, two boys stood watching their mother as she strolled with another lady through the garden of their home.

"Did you ever see a lady as pretty as our mother's friend?" asked the younger boy, holding his tall brother's hand. "She looks like a queen."

"But she is not as beautiful as our mother," said the elder boy. "She has a fine dress, to be sure; but her face is not noble and kind. It is our mother who is the queenly one."

"You are quite right," said the other boy. "No woman in all of Rome is so queenly as our own dear mother."

Soon Cornelia, their mother, came down the walk to speak with them. She was simply dressed in a plain white robe. Her feet were bare, as was the custom in those days; there were no rings on her hands and no chains glittering about her neck. Long braids of soft

brown hair, coiled about her head, were her only crown, and a tender smile lit up her noble face as she looked into her sons' proud eyes.

"My sons," she said, "I have something to tell you."

They bowed before her, as Roman lads were taught to do. "What is it, mother?" they asked.

"You are to dine with us today, here in the garden; and then our guest is going to show us those wonderful jewels you have heard so much about."

The brothers looked shyly at their mother's friend. Was it possible that she had other rings besides those on her fingers? Could she have still more gems than those which sparkled in the chains about her neck?

When the simple outdoor meal was over, a servant brought the jewel box from the house. The lady opened it. How dazzling to the eyes of the boys were the jewels they saw there! There were ropes of pearls, white as milk and smooth as satin; heaps of shining rubies red as glowing coals; sapphires as blue as the summer sky; and diamonds that flashed and sparkled like the sunlight.

The brothers looked long at the gems.

"Ah!" whispered the younger, "if our mother could only have such beautiful things!"

At last the jewel-box was closed and carried carefully away.

"Is it true, Cornelia, that you have no jewels?" asked her friend. "Is it true, as I have heard it whispered, that you are poor?"

"No, I am not poor," answered Cornelia, and as she spoke she drew her two boys to her side. "Here are my jewels," she said proudly. "My boys are worth far more to me than all the gems in the world."

The boys never forgot their mother's pride in them, or her great love. Years later, indeed, when they had become famous men in Rome, they often thought of this scene in the garden. And even today the world still likes to hear the story of Cornelia's jewels.

### *Apocryphal Story - A Laconic Answer*

Many miles beyond Rome there was a famous country we call Greece. The people of Greece were not united like the Romans; but instead there were several states, each of which had its own rulers.

Some of the people in the southern part of the country were called Spartans, and they were noted for their simple habits and their bravery. The name of their land was Laconia, and so they were sometimes called Lacons.

One of the strange rules which the Spartans had, was that they should speak briefly, and never use more words than were needed. And so a short answer is often spoken of as being laconic; that is, as being such an answer as a Lacon would be likely to give.

There was in the northern part of Greece a land called Macedonia; and this land was at one time ruled over by a war-like king named Philip.[103]

Philip of Macedonia wanted to become the master of all Greece. So he raised a great army, and made war upon the other states, until nearly all of them were forced to call him their king. Then he sent a letter to the Spartans in Laconia, and said, "If I go

down into your country, I will level your great city to the ground."

In a few days, an answer was brought back to him. When he opened the letter, he found only one word written there.

That word was "IF."

It was as much as to say, "We are not afraid of you so long as the little word 'if' stands in your way."

From James Baldwin's Fifty Famous Stories Retold – 1896 – *Sent by Bishop Jerry*

### *Public Schools, the Constitution and the Future by Dave Jolly*

Shared by Bishop Connor (AEC):

America's Schools: God? NO! Pledge of Allegiance? NO! Muslim Poem? YES! I've been accused of hating the public school system in America because I am constantly writing negative articles about it. Hate is not the word I would choose. I don't hate public schools, I hate what they have become and what they are doing to America's children.

One hundred years ago, the progressive liberals saw the public schools as a tool to indoctrinate America's children into their way of the thinking. They realized they had the kids for 6-8 hours a day, 5 days a week for 9 months of the year for 8-12 years. This is more time than parents or anyone else would spend with them, giving the schools the greatest influence on generations to come. When families got busier and both parents started working, the progressive liberals grew bolder in what they could push in the public schools because parents were too busy to check what their kids were being taught.

What I see in the public schools today is anti-America, anti-Christian and anti-parent. Schools are pushing materials that teach homosexuality is normal and to say anything against it is hate language and not tolerated. Kids are being taught sexual relations are okay as long as they take precautions and if they accidentally get pregnant, Planned Parenthood can help them murder their baby without the parents knowing. Think about it, a student is not allowed to bring aspirin to school, but they hand out condoms without parental knowledge or approval and send kids to Planned Parenthood to get abortion pills.

Further examples of the agendas being taught in the public schools can be found in the following recent articles: Peter Badalament, Principal of Concord-Carlisle High School in the Boston suburbs chose to read a Muslim poem to the student body on September 11 instead of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Supposedly, a student had been scheduled to recite the Pledge of Allegiance over the PA system, but the student could not make it due to an internship. Badalament was unable to recite the Pledge himself (shows his lack of patriotism, doesn't it), so he chose to read the Muslim poem later in the day. In a second example, a class at Lucy Elementary School in Memphis was given an assignment to write about an idol of their choice. One ten year old girl in the class chose to write about God and how he created the earth and how she is trying to do the best she can to be a good Christian. The girl's teacher quickly told her that this was not acceptable because it had to do with God and He wasn't allowed at a public school. Only after the parents complained to the school district was the matter resolved, but I've heard of many teachers telling students the same thing.

In fact, the law allows any student to freely discuss their religion and beliefs in public schools, but many schools trample on those legal rights and deny students their freedoms. In another example from the college ranks, a lecturer in Arabic Studies at San Diego State University handed out a map of the Middle East that omitted Israel. In the place of where Israel exists, the professor's map listed it as Palestinian Territories. I've written in the past about schools in Texas that taught the Boston Tea Party was a terrorist act and Allah was God Almighty. Students have been given assignments to design a new flag for socialist America. Kids are being taught globalism instead of American history, pride and patriotism. Then there were a number of instances last year where teachers and school administrators came down on students and bullied them in class because they wore Romney T-shirts. Oh, what about the textbook that showed up in Florida public schools that had a whole chapter devoted to Islam while completely ignoring Christianity or Judaism?

The list of public school atrocities against Christians, conservatives and American patriotism keeps getting longer day by day. No, I don't hate public schools. I hate the liberal progressive agenda it is forcing on our children in an overt effort to subvert America as it has stood for over 200 years. The public schools are putting more effort and money into brainwashing our kids instead of teaching them what they should be learning. That's what I hate and that's why I strongly advocate private or home schooling as a much wiser and safer alternative to public education.

Read more at <http://godfatherpolitics.com/12535/americas-schools-god-pledge-allegiance-muslim-poem-yes/#SfM04037yBV65QTf.99>

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

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

### *Epistleers*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>
22 September 2013	Dru Arnold – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
29 September 2013	Dru Arnold – St. Michael & all Angels - Superseding Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday Sunday after Trinity

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

22 September 2013 – Seventeenth 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**

29 September 2013 – St. Michael & all Angels - Superseding Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

4 October 2013 – Ordination of Jackson Eugene Arnold to the office of Priest – Holy Communion - Service start time 1700 (5:00 pm); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 1645 (4:45 pm); **Time 1700 (5:00 pm); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

6 October 2013 – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1030 (10:30 am); **Time 1030 (10:30 am); Location – St. George's Anglican Episcopal Church, 6300 Telephone Rd, Ventura, CA Tel (805) 642-9697**

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

20 October 2013 – Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945; **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**

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