



# Anglican Orthodox Church

## Worldwide Communion

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Report



Today was the Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday as the Endless Green Season marches on!

#### *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, but overall mostly from Bryan. He always has some great ones to share. On to the On Point quotes –

#### *Self Assessment*

“Aslan,” said Bree in a shaken voice, “I’m afraid I must be rather a fool.”

“Happy is the Horse who knows that while he is still young. Or the Human either.”

*Jack Lewis*  
The Horse and His Boy

#### *Confidence*

Then Peter, leading Caspian, forced his way through the crowd of animals.

“This is Caspian, Sir,” he said. And Caspian knelt and kissed the Lion’s paw.

“Welcome, Prince,” said Aslan. “Do you feel yourself sufficient to take up the Kingship of Narnia?”

“I—I don’t think I do, Sir,” said Caspian. “I’m only a kid.”

“Good,” said Aslan. “If you had felt yourself sufficient, it would have been a proof that you were not. Therefore, under us and under the High King, you shall be King of Narnia, Lord of Cair Paravel, and Emperor of the Lone Islands. You and your heirs while your race lasts.”

*Jack Lewis*  
Prince Caspian

#### *Dread of the Future*

You have a disagreeable duty to do at twelve o’ clock? Do not blacken nine and ten and all between with the color of twelve. Do the work of each, and reap your reward in peace. So when the dreaded moment in the future becomes the present you shall meet it walking in the light, and that light shall overcome its darkness.

*George MacDonald*

I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

*Psalms 4:8*

Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and right eye shall be utterly darkened.  
*Zechariah 11:17*

For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

*Matthew 12:8*

And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**

*Luke 4:4*

Christ agreed to die on the cross in order to save men from the horrors of an eternity in Hell.

*Grant Jeffrey*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Canadian Christian author  
Journey Into Eternity, p. 190

The Scriptures give us the only authentic portrait of Jesus Christ. If you want to know what Christ was like, study the Scriptures; that is where you find the real Jesus, and we are not at liberty to tamper with what we find there or to change it.

*David Samuel*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Anglican theologian and author  
The Church In Crisis, pp. 4-5

Most people don't realize that the invasion that followed the Battle of Adrianople brought the Roman Empire to its knees within 30 years... They think that Rome fell in 476 AD, but that's actually a meaningless date. It collapsed 60 or 70 years earlier when the migrants totally washed everything away. Rome was just a shadow of its old self by the late Third Century. The army was mostly foreigners. Being a citizen no longer meant much. The government was bankrupt. The old values were being replaced by a new religion... That exact same thing could happen in the States.

*Douglas Casey*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century author and investor

The FBI is supposed to be the elite federal law enforcement agency of the United States and is supposed to investigate and refer any clear violation of federal laws for prosecution. When the director stands on national television, describes such a violation in detail, putting forward every element of said crime as printed in the Statute, and then dismisses same on national television he has destroyed said agency and its integrity.

*Karl Denninger*  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American entrepreneur and author

### **Propers**

Each Sunday there are Propers: special prayers and readings from the Bible. There is a Collect for the Day; that is a single thought prayer, most written either before the re-founding of the Church of England in the 1540s or written by Bishop Thomas Cranmer, the first Archbishop of Canterbury after the re-founding.

The Collect for the Day is to be read on Sunday and during Morning and Evening Prayer until the next Sunday. The Epistle is normally a reading from one of the various Epistles, or letters, in the New Testament. The Gospel is a reading from one of the Holy Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Collect is said by the minister as a prayer, the Epistle

can be read by either a designated reader (as we do in our church) or by one of the ministers and the Holy Gospel, which during the 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 Feasts, so called because in the Altar Prayerbooks the titles are in red, are special days. Most of the Red Letter Feasts are dedicated to early saints instrumental in the development of the church, others to special events. Some days are particularly special and the Collect for that day is to be used for an octave (eight days) or an entire season, like Advent or Lent.

The Propers for today are found on Page 195-196, with the Collect first:

### **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity.**

#### *The Collect.*

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

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

**B**E ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

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

Do not misunderstand, every day Jesus speaks to you telling you what to do. It is your choice, you can listen like Simon Peter, or you can ignore Jesus. He has the pony for the

lottery. He wants to give it to you, all you have to do is accept. While He is a bit more subtle than a Drill Instructor, the question is the same, "Can you hear me?"

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### *Bishop Ogles' Sermon*

We are off fortunate to get copies of Bishop Jerry's sermon notes. Today is one of those Sundays.

#### **Sermon Notes**

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Anglican Orthodox Church

1 July 2018, Anno Domini (In the Year of our Lord)

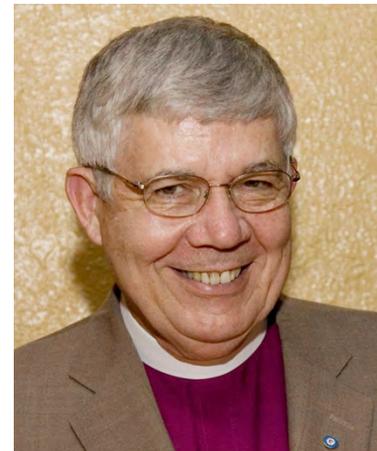
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A short commentary on today's Collect:

This universal prayer, this continual cry from the multitude of faithful worshippers throughout the land, is continually heard and answered. It is answered in the course of the world, in the affairs of nations, in the preservation of thousands, who are rebelling against God and neglecting the means of grace. It is answered by prolonging time, in order to give fresh opportunities of serving the Lord whilst he may be found and calling upon Him whilst He is near. It is answered, by God's wonderful grace and mercy overruling the ignorance of foolish men, who, being destitute of a right judgment, contend about matters of little consequence, and overlook the weightier concerns of salvation. Contentions and doubtful disputations, however, have little weight with established Christians, and are mercifully overruled for the universal purifying of the Church of Christ.



*Thomas Henry Lane Fox*  
Reflections on the Collects  
Church of England 1864

**A**ND it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. <sup>4</sup> Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.** <sup>5</sup> And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. <sup>6</sup> And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. <sup>7</sup> And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. <sup>9</sup> For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: <sup>10</sup> And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.** <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him. (Luke 5:1-11)

The preaching of Jesus was never done with flamboyance or affectation. He preached calmly and without dramatization. He had no fancy pulpit even when speaking at the synagogue at Nazareth. He chose the backdrop of the Sea of Galilee (Genneserat) perhaps to remind the multitude of the Water of Life and to dispel any distractions. He alone was on the ship, and He was the Word of God which the multitude had sought to hear. "to hear the word of God." The people had only the Word of God upon which to fix their focus.

The modern church is into fancy and ornate furnishings, but Jesus always preached from the wilderness of nature which was His tabernacle. He never took up an offering. This comment will get me in trouble with other ministers, I know. He presumed to use Simon Peter's ship without even asking Peter. The Son of God need not ask for the use of any property since He owns it all. But He owned Peter's heart and, therefore owned all of Peter's possessions to use to the glory of God.

Peter, James, John, and all of their helpers were tired and weary. They had fished all night without profit. They were now cleaning their nets for the next venture at sea perhaps the next night. But Jesus gave an extraordinary command, "**Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.**" If you were Peter, how would you feel about this? Peter doubted the good sense of the command, but he also knew that Jesus was always right. So he launched out and caught so many fish that he sought help in landing them from other ships. When God blesses, He brings in a multitude, while our efforts profit nothing.

This entire event taught the Apostles preaching the Word is very much like fishing. The night hours will not suffice. We are children of the day. Our churches must be as one, just as the other fishing boats were one, in bringing souls to shore.

Now, a deeper look:

Jesus is once again by the shores of Galilee (Gennesaret). As usual, people of all stripes are pressing around Him, either for the sake of healing and hearing, or for a glimpse at a popular figure. Many today are no different from this latter crowd. They enjoy the 'popularity' of Christ and being 'called' Christian. Have you ever asked yourself what it is about Christ that most appeals to your own heart? Is it itching ears you have to hear a new word, or is it the Word of Truth that you truly seek?

We observe in today's Gospel text the third call of Peter, James, Andrew and John – this time to Apostleship. There were two previous calls of increasing import – John 1:35-42 & Matt 4:18-22. This third is the chief call. It is much like our level of ministry in Holy Orders.

<sup>2</sup> *And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.* The ships of fishermen usually dock in the morning after a long and weary night of fishing. Night is the best time to fish for fish, **and it is the best time to fish for men.** Those who walk in darkness have great need of Light, and this Light we present to them so that *“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light”* and that Light is Christ! Fish are easily caught at night due to the dangers of limited vision. Those who walk in darkness as well fall prey to the snares of the devil.

The two ships are notable. The one into which Jesus steps are much like the Jewish nation to which He came first. The second is like unto the Gentile nations. In the end, both who follow Him are filled to capacity with great blessing.

<sup>3</sup> *And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*

The multitudes are great and press closely on Christ. He can hardly move an elbow for the press. He enters Simon's ship and asked him to cast out some short distance from the shore. This vantage point will separate Him from the crowd and its worldly concerns of His popular appeal. They represent the world, and He sits apart from the world and preaches to those who stand in it. It is often necessary for a minister to separate himself from the petty politics of the parish and get a deep-seated stand on the Word of God that he may preach with power and conviction, unmoved by public opinion.

Jesus, unlike many modern “Jumping Jacks of the Pulpit”, often sat down to preach and teach. He spoke in even and calm accents. He sat as one having authority and not needing to scream to awaken heaven and hell to His Person.

Jesus now gives a command that would seem ridiculous to a seasoned fisherman of little or no faith: <sup>4</sup> *Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, **Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*** It might seem at first strange that so common a teacher as Jesus could command the immediate obedience of rough men of the sea, but Jesus was no common teacher, and His disciples would be, no more, rough men of the sea. Christ, through the disciples' knowledge of Him gleaned from past observation, commanded respect, obedience, and action. He has full authority over the lives of those who consider themselves His disciples – that includes you and me.

The bright morning sun would preclude a reasonable possibility of catching fish; yet, these fishermen knew that whatever Christ commanded was reasonable even if a miracle were required to bring about the result.

Of course, obedience to Christ will always result in munificent reward.

Do not simply “launch out”, but also “let down you nets,” and not simply “let down your nets”, but let them down for a draught of fish! Even if God's commands may seem unreasonable to us, we obey to the letter and wait for the miracle.

We might prefer to fish for bait fish along the near shore, but Christ commands us to launch out far into the deep – that is where the large catches are made – Africa, India, Asia, America, the darkly lit streets of New York!

So, what response do we expect from a faithful disciple?

<sup>5</sup> *And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.* The labors of the hands of men profit nothing apart from the hand of the Lord working in, and through, him. Working all the long night will avail no riches in heaven unless it is in obedience to God's Word.

Even though the disciple has labored all night, at the opportune time for fishing, and achieved nothing at all, yet, the Lord's commands are not empty of meaning. Peter acknowledges that he has failed in his own strength to catch any fish, but, "*at Thy Word*" Peter will let down the net. We can fish for men all we like under our own power, but we will change no hearts, nor save any souls. It is the Holy Ghost working in the hearts to draw them to the NET that counts.

<sup>6</sup> *And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.* Even when we begin with faith, we are overcome in amazement at the surprising power of God to bring victory from hopelessness. It is unlikely that these men had ever caught so many fish that their nets began to break, but at the most inopportune time of day for fishing, this is the very thing that happened. Obedience to God ALWAYS pays dividends.

The laborer may look at his pitiful seven loaves of bread and wonder how can this ever provide sufficiency to feed a family, or a household with guests, but he then remembers the One who fed on one occasion four thousand, and on another, seven thousand, with such little provision of bread. That increase, which God gives, though seemingly small, will always be sufficient to meet the needs.

<sup>7</sup> *And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.* Instead of constantly struggling for the greatest mansion of a building, or for pride and prestige, the churches should be working for the greater need – the salvation of souls and propagation of the Gospel. Instead of playing petty politics with sex and sin, they should be manning the rescue boats for the saving of souls. And they must labor together and not at odds with each other or the Word of God in doing so. The number of boats will never be sufficient to land the haul of souls caught in the net of the Gospel if we are obedient to God.

<sup>8</sup> *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.* <sup>9</sup> *For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken*

Are you astonished at the work of Christ in your own life and that of others? If not, perhaps you need to be more diligent in prayer and study. Do you believe that Simon Peter really desired Christ to depart from him? Not at all! He could not suppress his humility and gratitude that such a Majestic Lord would bend ear to him. Though Peter had come to expect the unexpected, he was nevertheless surprised at the Grace and Power of God evidenced by Jesus.

We note, first, the awakening of conscience in Peter. When he observed the righteousness and glory of Christ in comparison to his own poverty stricken soul, he was ashamed of his own sins. Have you been?

Following the awareness of our sins comes the cry of fear and contrition! How can Christ receive poor Peter in view of his past sins? How can Christ receive you and me in view of our past sins? But He does!

<sup>10</sup> *And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.*** If Christ abides with you, FEAR NOT! Yes, you have been heavy laden with sins, but He will remove that unbecoming yoke from your shoulders and place His own yoke upon you that does not bear down, but rather lifts up. Your earthly nets may break with sin, but Christ will make you fishers of men and that NET will never give out for abundance. In the two previous Gospel accounts of fishing, Christ had told them that He would make them fishers of men. Now, they are told that they SHALL catch men.

<sup>11</sup> *And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.* The disciples had abandoned all to follow Christ on previous occasions: *And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.* (Matt 4:20) And following the Crucifixion, they did so again: *Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.* (John 21:3) Following this event when Christ again commanded them to drop their nets, Peter and the others never returned to their secular professions. They left the life of fishers of sea creatures, and took up the full mantle of fishers of men according to Christ's command to them – and to us!

Are you?

*Sermon – Reverend Jack Arnold - Time and Action  
Church of the Faithful Centurion - Descanso, California*

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



Consider these words from the Collect:

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

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

same choices:

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

As long as we are imperfect creatures with free will, humanity will not change. The key

word in this phrase is *will*. The will of humanity is set towards embracing sin and running away from God. But there is the possibility that through the Holy Ghost, we as individuals can change and with enough individuals changing, the whole of humanity of change. Humanity would be better off if we fully embraced the principles found in the Gospel. However, there is a big obstacle to this: human nature. By our own nature, we are naturally resistant to embracing any kinds of change and most especially change from doing what we want to doing what God wants. We have to understand doing what God wants will be better for us in the long run than doing what we want.

How do we start changing our corner of the world? What is the best way for us to do so? Peter gives us some helpful hints on this very subject. He advises that we should be of one mind, have compassion and pity for each other, to be courteous, to give good to all our brethren, to return good for evil, to seek peace, to do good, not just talk good. Peter tells us we not only need to talk good, we need to act good as well. These qualities all will improve us, but first we need to let the Holy Ghost into our hearts and let Him help us in adding these qualities. Having compassion and pity for each other is a critical part of being a Christian. These are not qualities we normally have without the Holy Ghost. Being courteous and being good to everyone are also qualities that we lack without the Holy Ghost. These are key principles that will strengthen our spiritual character.

How can we get these qualities? We have to start first with ourselves and allow the Holy Ghost into our hearts to transform us. After we are transformed by the Holy Ghost, only then can we truly be able to help others. Then we can truly act with the one mind that Peter speaks about. It will not happen right away, but it is a steady and continuous process, in fact taking most, probably all, of our lifetime here on earth. But while we are being transformed, we can do our best to help others. To help others, we have to first put ourselves in others' places, understand when they fall short and make good things happen.

The key word in off of this is to act! We need to act upon the teachings of Christ, and not just utter them and not do them. All of us, including myself struggle with this, but as long as we are **DOING** our best, and not just saying it, that is all He asks of us. We cannot do more than our best. We must be doing our best and not just faking doing our best. There is a significant difference between the two. If you are sincere, people will know it. If you are not sincere, people will also know it too. As they say, actions speak louder than words. And to paraphrase Scripture, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. To understand where a person's heart is, look at their actions and not their words. Words are meaningless unless they are backed up by actions. We need to perform good actions, with the help of the Holy Ghost, to show that we truly believe.

So, just how do we make good things happen? Fairly simple, if we follow the Summary of the Law and all shall be well in our lives. Every one of the moral laws hangs off of the Summary of the Law "Love your God with all your heart soul and your mind, and Love thy Neighbor as thyself.". These two simple, but important, laws are the ultimate benchmark for us, which we should try and do our best to meet. We need to check our actions and compare them against these two to measure our spiritual progress.

If you think about it, all of our problems can be solved by doing what God asks! Don't try to get out of doing what God wants to do what you want, and don't look for loopholes. Don't be a Pharisee! Consider when Jesus told Simon Peter to go out and set his nets. Simon was tired, he was hungry, he had fished all night with no result. After making

excuses, he decided to do what he was told! There is a lesson there, instead of making excuses why things are the way they are, why not be quiet and do God's will instead? It will have a lot better result, that is for sure!

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

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

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

It is by our actions we are known.

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

*Roy Morales-Kuhn, Bishop and Pastor*

*St. Paul's Anglican Church - Anglican Orthodox Church*

Bishop Roy is pastor of the biggest AOC parish West of the Mississippi and is in charge of the Diocese of the Epiphany, as well as Central and South America.

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*In the End, we will win*

1 July 2018

1 Peter 3:8-15a • Luke 5:1-11

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suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; <sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts...

In these most turbulent times we must look to the Word of God to find comfort and peace. It is so hard at times for us to see anything good coming out of all the chaos that we see on a daily basis. And yet, we must understand that the Victory is His. Because Jesus died on the Cross he made all things right for eternity. The flaws of the Garden would be reversed. A new heaven and a new earth will be created, all because when Jesus Christ uttered those words *...it is finished*. He was telling us and Satan all was completed. The disease, death, sorrow, uncertainties, ravages of time on our earthly bodies, all that would now be overcome.

### **First**

We need to stop shooting our wounded. Christians have the propensity to attack the wounded brethren instead of helping them. We are so interested in majoring in the minors, {there are many examples of this in church history}, we forget the overarching theme of God's love towards us. *...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for our sins...* The Gospel that should be preached to the unsaved, the lost, to those who are on the broad path, that is tantamount to what we as followers of Christ need to be doing. As we carefully read the passage from 1 Peter 3:8-15, consider the words of Peter as he wrote of reconciliation not retribution in the life of believers in his day. It really isn't any different today. We need to stand with believers in other faith groups when we face the evil that is attacking the Church that seems to have no bounds. Now before you ask let me clarify the definition of "faith groups". We are looking at others who understand and believe the "faith once delivered". In other words, that which we find in the Word of God. When we recite the Creed, we are confirming our belief in what has been passed down through the generations. Understanding that Christ is God, understanding that God is the Holy Spirit as well as the Father. In other words, the creed of the Trinity. If we hold that in common with other believers, the minor aspects of our faith are not so troubling. Mode of baptism, frequency of Holy Communion, keeping to the Church calendar, and other 'minor' practices. We must all have a belief in the inerrancy of the scriptures, i.e.. the Bible; otherwise we have no guide. Remember, we are the People of the Book. Let us show that daily, weekly, always, by our walk with God.

Please understand this isn't a surrender of the orthodox tenets of Scripture as presented in the received texts, no this is where agreement in Christ-like matters are apparent. We do not lay aside our beliefs in the name of unity, no we just agree on those aspects of other believers that are based on true reading of the Word of God.

The following passage from the book of Romans is an excellent point in what is important as to the life we should be living for Christ. The careful reading of the Word will keep you from error.

*Romans 16:17-20*

**N**OW I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. <sup>19</sup> For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. <sup>20</sup> And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

## Second

In these days before our national celebration of independence, is that we have a great legacy to look up to and to remember.

Most especially we should remember all those who served our country in her time of need. Those who '...all gave some, some gave all...' — they should never be forgotten.

We must pray to our Father in heaven to forgive us as a nation for turning our backs upon Him. We must pray for reformation, a turning from our wickedness, repenting of the same and seeking the Lord...while He may be found. We must stop this mindless plunge into the abyss; for if we don't, God will declare us Ichabod.

## Third

Finally, if we understand in the end God's peace and the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ is the only concept that will live in eternity, ALL evil will be vanquished. Satan will be overthrown, he will be in power no more, {in power over the evil on earth}. We will win because we are with Christ. He is our King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen and amen.

Listener, are you with the King of kings and Lord of lords? Now is the time of your salvation.

Let us pray:

**A**LMIGHTY God, who in the former time didst lead our fathers forth into a wealthy place, and set their feet in a large room; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties; preserve our unity; save us from lawlessness and violence, from discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Fashion into one godly people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in Thy Name with the authority of governance, to the end that there may be good government at home and peace with all the world. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens; who on this day didst inspire and direct the hearts of our delegates in Congress to lay the foundations of our national peace, liberty, and safety; We bless and adore Thy glorious Majesty for all Thy loving kindness manifested towards this land and people; and we humbly beseech Thee to continue Thy goodness to us, that the heritage received from our fathers may be preserved in our time, and be transmitted unimpaired to the generations to come; that all nations of the earth may know that Thou, O Lord, art our Savior and mighty Deliverer, and our King for ever. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, whose kingdom ruleth over all; Bestow Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon those who hold the civil authority in this state and nation, that by their right administration of the laws and our careful obedience to the same, we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## *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:



### **Lay Me Down in Peace**

Psalm 4

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

July 1, 2018

A Psalm doesn't usually follow an outline form with headings and subheadings like a theological treatise. A Psalm flows, like a song, like a poem, because that's exactly what it is. The theology is there, it is expressed in worship/prayer rather than treatise form. With that in mind, let's talk about some of the ideas in the flow of Psalm 4. We cannot cover everything. That would take years, for it is very deep. The words, "God of my righteousness" in verse 1 encompass the entire scope of our salvation, from the plan laid before the foundation of the world, to the cross of Christ, our election, and our lives in paradise for all eternity. So, it would take eternity to cover everything in them. But, I think we can look at the flow, and see some of the main ideas of the Psalm.

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

**H**EAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: \* thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, \* and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; \* when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; \* commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, \* and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say, \*Who will show us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up\* the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart; \* yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; \* for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

It begins by asking God to hear prayer. There is an important recognition here, that we have no inherent right to call upon God. We are sinners who have left undone things we ought to have done, and done things we ought not to have done. Every sin dethrones God and enthrones you. That means every sin is a rejection of God and a rebellion against His authority and right to rule. Therefore, God is under no obligation to us other than the fact that He has promised to hear us. In other words God's promise is the only thing that obligates Him to hear our prayers. He will not break His promise.

The Psalm moves to thankful remembrance of what God has done for us. King David, author of the Psalm, calls God "God of my righteousness." Righteousness is not something we can accomplish for ourselves, for we can never atone for our sins. But God

can, and does by transferring Christ's righteousness to our account, and transferring our sin to Christ's account. Christ died for our sins on the cross, thus paying the debt of our sin and bearing the penalty of our rebellion. His perfect righteousness is accounted to us. Therefore, we have become righteous through the God of our righteousness.

"Thou hast set me at liberty," says the Psalm, still in the first verse. We were prisoners of sin. We were in bondage to our own passions and lusts. We were condemned to hell forever, all because of our sin. But Christ freed us from all of that by His cross and resurrection. His suffering has set us at liberty.

I would like to spend much more time in this verse, but think it is more important to give the big picture, rather than the details, at least for today.

In verses 2 through 5 the Psalm flows into tender and merciful concern for unbelievers. Many Psalms ask God to crush unbelievers. They are called imprecatory Psalms, and to find one all we have to do is turn to the next Psalm, for Psalm 5:11 says, "Destroy thou them. O God; let them perish through their own imaginations; cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness."

But Psalm 4 is a compassionate warning to unbelievers. To call them "sons of men" is to say they are not sons of God. Sons of men follow their own imaginations rather than the will of God. They are blasphemers. They take pleasure in vanity, meaning the things they value most are worthless and will vanish like the early morning mist. Seeking after falsehood means they believe lies and actually pursue lies and allow themselves to be deceived. Therefore, they live lies. We see this so often today. It seems the more lies a politician, entertainer, teacher, or preacher feeds to his audience, the more he is honoured and loved. People seem to seek such people to admire and believe. That is part of the point made in Romans 1:18 which tells us such people "hold" or hold down and suppress "the truth in unrighteousness." This same point is expounded again in Romans 1:25 which says people change, or exchange, the truth of God for a lie. The point is made again in John 3:19, using more poetic language, "the light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light." But lies will be their undoing. It is the truth that makes people free.

Verses 4 and 5 are an invitation to unbelievers to turn to God and live. To stand in awe of God is to give Him the reverence that is His due. It is to recognise Him as The God, and your God. It is to say to God what is expressed in Psalm 63:1, "O God, thou art my God." If we look at that verse, which is on page 414 in your Book of Common Prayer, we notice that, after saying "O God, thou art my God," it flows on to say, "early will I seek thee." Having God as your God is inseparably bound to seeking God. If He is your God, you do seek Him. If you do not seek Him, He is not your God. To seek God means much more than to believe a few doctrines, say a prayer and read a Bible verse. It is a whole-hearted devotion to God, which says, because The God is my God, I will constantly seek to know and to do His will, as my life vocation.

Returning to Psalm 4 we find the exhortation, "sin not," in verse 4. I am reminded here of the words of John the Baptist, recorded by the Apostle Matthew in chapter three and verse two of his Gospel; "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Our Lord Jesus Christ used the same words when He began to preach and teach. "Repent," He said. Turn away from your sin. turn to God, crown Him your God, and make His will your vocation in life. Why should people repent? Because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand

(Mt. 4:17). The judgement is near. Eternity waits for your soul. Heaven and hell hang in the balance. Repent. Sin not. That is the message God proclaims to unbelievers in this Psalm.

To commune with your own heart means to commune with God heart to heart. It is to seek to put your very essence in communion with the very essence of God. This kind of Communion goes beyond the Church walls and services into every day life. It includes times of private prayer and worship, when you commune with God in your chamber or private place away from the crowds and the voices of temptation and doubt. The Psalm encourages all people to spend some time away from the activities and amusements of life to seek God. Let Him speak to you by His Bible. Listen. Be "still," as verse 4 says.

Verse 5 urges unbelievers to do two more things. First, "Offer the sacrifice of righteousness." It is important to note that the ritual animal sacrifices of the Old Testament are not what the Psalm means here. It means to give your heart and life to God to live in His righteousness. It is to offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice. It is to do as Romans 12:1 beseeches us, present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Second, verse 5 urges unbelievers to "put your trust in the Lord." The things they trust are vanity and falsehood, "The Emperor's New Clothes." Throw them away like filthy garments. Trust in God. He is the rock of salvation. He alone is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no way to the Father, but by Him.

The Psalm assumes believers are doing this. It assumes that, if you claim to be a believer in Christ, you are doing these things continually, habitually, and vocationally.

Verse 7 beseeches God to lift up "the light of thy countenance upon us." The Psalm returns to believers in this verse, but it does so in recognition that we are completely dependent on God's grace. Apart from the fact that God has shone His light upon us, we would be no different from the unbelievers. We would be just as unGodly, just as blasphemous, and just as gullible of the lies of Satan as the sons of men. We see the light only because God has opened our eyes. And, now that they are open, may God let His light shine upon us, and enable us to see it more and more.

Verses 8 and 9 speak of God's blessings enjoyed by believers. We have gladness above that given by worldly things. The sons of men may increase their corn and wine and oil (8), but those things are morning dew compared to the eternal blessings of knowing God and enjoying Him in all eternity. Peace, in verse 9 1, is peace in the soul that comes from knowing we are safe for eternity in God. It does not mean we never face trials in this life. It means we can look beyond the trials to our eternal home, and that our trials will seem trivial in comparison to our promised joy. This peace is based on the knowledge that we are safe in the arms of Jesus. Nothing is able to pluck us out of His hand. Nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ; not death, not angels, not evil people, not demons, not things now or in the future forever, not anything too high for us to see, or too low for us to see. Nothing anywhere or any time "shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:38, 39). That is real peace. That is real safety. And they are ours as the gift of God through Jesus Christ.

Thus, the Psalm draws to its close with a wonder affirmation of faith. "I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest." I will rest in God. I will trust in Him. I will believe in His

grace. My soul will rest in Him, now and forever. Let us also rest in the Lord.

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

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



### **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

In today's epistle, the apostle reminded his hearers Christians ought to *be of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil* (vv.8-9). Such is in agreement with Paul's epistle to the Romans (12:16-21) wherein he instructed his readers to, Recompense to no man evil for evil. Hard words which are more often than not— as the expression goes— “easier said than done.”

And why? Well we have in our natures a safety mechanism known as self- defense. It is a perfectly natural and legitimate activity, even biblical. But there is another, darker side to our desire for self-protection and that is the concept of revenge or the striking back at another well after the fact. That sort of behavior is forbidden to us both as citizens under our system of justice, as well as members of the Christian faith. Consider what our LORD and God has stated in his word written: To me belongeth vengeance , and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of calamity is a hand... The Lord shall judge his people (Deuteronomy 32:35; Hebrews 10:30). We Christians know that our heavenly Father will be there for us, and that he will not give those who have harmed us “a pass” should they fail to repent. And because they might repent is reason enough for us to avoid going out of our way to harm our enemies simply because they harmed us in some one way or another. We have been called upon to commit our enemies and persecutors to God. While we ought to avoid such persons as we can; still we ought to pray for their reformation. And if we see them in trouble, we should do for them as set forth in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Again, such is easier said than done especially when we know that they bear no love for us in their hearts.

Some may ask, “Why would God have us help our adversaries who are in extremis?” Because God would not have us embittered by them. A bitter person is not a loving person. If one has to constantly remind himself of the ills others have done unto them, it will discount the joy which God would otherwise have that person experience. It will also cultivate within that person fertile ground for demonic influence. There should be little doubt that contemplating evil for another opens the door of your soul to infiltration by the adversary. The Devil thrives on our bad feelings so it is of paramount importance that we do not give him such space because we are supposed to be vessels for the Holy Spirit of God.

Listen to the words Paul wrote the people of Corinth (II Corinthians 2:10-11), *To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I in the person of Christ; lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.* Rev EM Bounds once observed, "An unforgiving spirit invites satanic possession... To corrupt our spirits, to provoke us to retaliation, revenge, or unmercifulness— that is his chosen work and his most common and successful device... When Satan generates an unforgiving spirit in us, then he has us, and we are on his ground. Then wicked men and good men, all kinds of people, are likely to do us harm, sometimes at vital and very sensitive points. Sometimes they unconsciously wrong us and sometimes they do it knowingly and willfully. As soon as a spirit of unkindness possesses us for the wrong done to us, Satan has the upper hand."

That is why we are to let those offenses go and commit them to the Lord— placing them in his capable hands. And God may call these into his service much as he called Saul of Tarsus— an enemy of the body of Christ— to become St. Paul: the great teacher of Christ. Your enemy today could by the grace of God become a brother or a sister in Christ tomorrow. Would you then seek vengeance on one who has now become a member of the Christ's body? Would you not be striking at Christ as well?

Paul reminded us in his epistle to the Ephesians, *we wrestle not with flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places* (6:12). Those who have wronged us are but the physical instruments of the devil and his minions. They are more or less to be pitied rather than hated. We cannot avenge ourselves of the forces of darkness through our anger and any acts of retribution against their pawns. God would have us armour ourselves with his prescription for spiritual victory and such does not include bearing or carrying about feelings of revenge or hatred. He wants us to hand over the particulars of our vengeance to him and he will repay them should they not repent.

We should also keep in mind what our Lord said from the Cross (Luke 23:34) *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.* If he who was crucified for our sakes could in the midst of his suffering ask God to pardon his persecutors, then we should do likewise for those who have done unto us far less? A forgiving spirit opens the way to blessing. A forgiving spirit keeps the devil out of our lives. A forgiving spirit seeks after the peace of God. A forgiving spirit remembers that we were once enemies of God, and that he forgave us our sins and trespasses which we so enjoyed committing before we came to know him as our God.

Think on the words of the Lord's Prayer, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. If we expect God to forgive us of our sins and trespasses, then we should forgive those who have sinned against us. God has a plan and purpose for his elect which includes being filled with his Holy Spirit. And in being so filled, we should daily confess our sins to him in the name of Christ. For it is through our daily confession that we are made fit to experience that perfect fellowship with him and the Father via the Holy Ghost.

Therefore, rid your hearts of all hatred and malice toward others. Make that a daily activity. Take care to spiritually clean out all that is amiss in your life for that is what our Lord expects us to do as members of his body. We have been commanded to let our *light so shine before men, that they may see [our] good works and glorify [our] Father which is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16). But we will not be able to do that if we are busy quenching the fire of the Holy Ghost with our bad feelings and our malice. Purpose in your hearts today to be

cleansed of all unrighteousness and mean-spiritedness so that you can truly enjoy fellowship with the Godhead.

Let us pray,

**F**ATHER, drive from us every evil way, that in all things we might be more than conquerors, for this we ask in the name of our Saviour and Lord, thy Son even Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Have a blessed week, Bryan+

*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 Anglican Orthodox Church 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 Anglican Orthodox Church to be prayed for?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Travel**

No known travel this week.

### **Birthdays**

*Bishop Jerry* celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on 3 June 2018.

*Bob Reisor* celebrated his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 3 June 2018.

### **Immediate Prayer Please**

*Shamu* is set to begin experimental drug treatment to allow her absorb nutrients after her twentieth or so abdominal surgery most of which were done by Walter Reed Medical Center until she found John Hopkins who have saved her. Pray also for her to continue her trust in our Lord as she goes through this difficult time.

*LTC Jay Houston* a very confident Christian, particular friend and one of Hap's favorite WSOs had a biopsy the morning of 9 May 2018 for an apparently major lung issue that has been going on for some time. The biopsy was successful and Jay is awaiting the results. Please give thanks for the surgical team paying attention. Pray also for peace of mind for Jay and his family, as well as a favorable result.

*Ken Harris* lost his wife Carol in December after many many years of happy marriage and is really lost and unable to regain his place here on earth. Please pray that he will be able to adjust to her passing and concentrate on those things which he needs to do in order to be an effective and useful member of society here and now. He has much left to do here and right now, he just cannot see his way clear to doing those things. Please pray he will look to God for solace and help at this time of need.

*Evelyn*, an 88 year young woman recently experienced a TIA affecting her sight, speech and walking. Please pray for God to guide those treating her and for her to let God carry her worry.

*Tricia* broke her left arm and it seems to be recovering slowly. Please pray God will enter in to her, help her to regain range of motion in her arm so that she will not require surgery. She would appreciate your prayers for healing and patience.

*Chelsea Brown* has need of God's strength and guidance for her, her daughter Lauren and those around her. Her life has been in turmoil for the past two years. Chelsea was in an accident which left her without the use of her right arm for almost two years, though after two surgeries it is back, her daughter has had three sets of lung blood clots, dropped out of college and lost her job and car due to another accident. Things are very bad for them, they need housing as they are about to be evicted from their current apartment. Please pray that God will give them the direction and strength they need and that the government officials in Raleigh will see clear to provide housing.

*Ron Cole Klages* is a patriotic former Marine who has debilitating blood clots pursuant to cancerous growths on his liver and unknown other places. Please pray for the medical team treating Ron that they might pay attention, do their very best and be open to God's guidance.

*Jill* was on life support; her family members traveled a great distance to see her and returned home safely. Jill's condition improved to critical, but needs your prayers to continue her recovery.

*Samson Hendrik* has prostate cancer and his kidneys are not working. Pray our Lord Jesus Christ will be close to him and his family of friends during this illness.

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

*Amos Dweh* the Bishop of Liberia is critically ill. He is a long standing minister of the Anglican Orthodox Church and preparing to meet the Lord. Please pray for comfort for his family and especially his son Benjamin. This picture was taken when he was in Statesville at St. Peter's Anglican Church the church of the AOC National office after he was consecrated as a Bishop.



### ***In need of a miracle or understanding of God's Plan***

*Doug Lambert* has been battling sepsis of unknown origin. For twelve weeks they have not been able to find the source of the problem. He is very weak and concerned that no one can find the reason for the infection. He asks that you pray for the medical team treating him to do their best, to be open to God's guidance and for him to keep his trust in the Lord and not worry.

*Neal* has heart problems and is very weak, he also has COPD, kidney problems, his potassium is too high, he came back from the point of death. He is now home and permanently on oxygen. He is doing well, for that he and his family are grateful and ask your thanksgiving prayers. More importantly, please pray Neal will accept salvation through our Lord and Savior.

*Paul* is in hospice and ready to meet His Lord. Please pray for Paul as he prepares to go home to be with his family who have gone before him. Pray for the faith of his family to build and the transition to be good.

*Dot* is an elderly woman with liver cancer. Please pray for Dot 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.

*Mrs. Tiffany (90)* has chosen to refuse extraordinary care as it will not gain much earthly time. The Tiffanys have been together for a long, long, long time. Pray for Mrs. Tiffany and her husband as together they begin this Journey to be with their Lord.

*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.

*Ron* had a Heart Attack, at the hospital he found out he also has Kidney Cancer. He is a man of faith and is in need of prayer for his health and that the Lord will provide strength for his family.

*Kathy Cox Merritt* has been receiving Chemo and 12 November 2016, had bowel resection surgery and was given a very bad prognosis. Kathy just retired as an RN in

Orthopedics at a local hospital; sometimes a little medical knowledge can be dangerous to the patient but she remains positive. Please pray for Kathy's healing and peace and comfort for her and her family, both spiritually and physical

*Krysti* is off life support and able to talk, please give thanks for the good news. She is still unable to feel her legs. When that comes back she will go to a rehabilitation facility. Krysti has used drugs, has high blood pressure, is diabetic and has organ failure. Her families are with her and will appreciate your prayers.

*Pat* has metastatic osteosarcoma; there is little that can be done. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that Pat's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Pat and family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their sadness, fear, worry and terror.

*Amy* has been diagnosed with metastatic melanoma and has cancer all over her body, and in one of her kidneys which are no longer functioning. Amy and her family have asked for prayer to stop the growth and to aid the family financially with the medical bills. At present she has to have surgery every two months to place stents. Pray Jesus will be close to all.

*Gemma Dillinger* has been treating for breast cancer for over a year now, after surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy, she is reaching the limit of her tolerance with no end in sight. Please pray for her to gain strength and ground on the cancer. Help her to continue with her faith in our Lord, she is not afraid to go home, but wants to make sure it is time. Pray she will be encouraged to not give up until it is her time to go and that her time here on earth with her family will be good.

*Janet* has had a blood borne cancer for several years. Her faith in the Lord is great and she is ready to be with Him. Pray she will be encouraged to not give up until it is her time to go.

*Holly* has had Colon Cancer, Breast Cancer and now it is in her spine. Please pray for guidance for the medical personnel treating Holly, for a miraculous remission; that Holly's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Holly and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their sadness, fear, worry and terror. Pray for strength and courage for Holly.

*Tim* was on a kidney transplant list and started dialysis and was taken off the transplant list for a heart problem that required stents, while putting in stents a leaking valve was found. A port was put in and something happened and it has to be redone. In several days he will have a valve replaced, after heart surgery and recover he will go back on the transplant list. Please remember him in prayer in the days and weeks ahead. Pray he will put his worry on God's shoulders so he might be at peace and rest. Pray for those treating him that they might pay attention and do their best.

*Marilyn* has been diagnosed with non-operable pancreatic cancer. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that Marilyn's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Marilyn and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their sadness, fear, worry and terror.

*June* found she has a recurrence of colon cancer, which is now Stage Four, that is it has spread. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that June's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help June and her family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their sadness, fear, worry and terror.

*Leon McKay* suffered a stroke a few weeks back that has left him unable to speak and while undergoing evaluation the doctors also found he has a very aggressive cancer. Please pray for a miraculous remission; that Leon's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Leon and his family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Rev. Thomas Brooks* is not improving and being kept alive by artificial machines. Please pray for a miraculous recovery and if that not be God's Will, a rapid passing to home. Help Thomas' family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Ronnie* has kidney cancer that has spread and the surgeons are very concerned. Please pray the medical team to formulate a successful treatment plan and for a miraculous remission; that Ronnie's remaining time here on earth might be good. Help Ronnie and family put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Levi* was cancer free for 4 years and just discovered he has kidney cancer. Levi has a great deal of faith and said whether he is healed or God takes him home he will be fine. Please pray for the medical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that Levi and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders. In particular, please pray for pain relief; Levi is 22 years old.

*Ray Daley* is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and served his country during the Korean War era. Ray is taking chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Meanwhile his son Trevor is in the hospital in a coma and seems to have lost the will to live.

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

*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.

*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.

*Jane* has fourth stage cancer and is not doing well. Please pray for Jane and her family as they are together during this difficult time in their lives.

*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.

### ***Homebound or Infirm***

*Loretta Walker* is aging and losing some of her mental acuity, and thus independence, she is also plagued by diabetes and loves sweets. She is understandably vexed with this. She and her family ask you to pray God will help keep her mind and body together and that she not be mean or bait those who care most for her.

*Sarah* had to move to an Assisted Living Home and has found the adjustment very difficult. Please pray she will come to terms with the situation and that her Lord Jesus will be close to her. She recently lost 30 pounds and her eyesight is deteriorating. Pray her appetite will improve and her eyesight will return to normal. Most of all, please pray our Lord Jesus Christ will be close to her at this difficult time.

*Larry H* has general weakness as the result of extreme fatigue. Larry is now up and about, walking without assistance. The depression is still a part of his life. Due to several chronic illnesses, he will never be able to live on his own. On the other hand, he has been transferred to a facility near his former home so he will be nearer his friends. Larry has difficulty with the lack of what he considers fairness in the Word. Please pray for help for Larry to put his trust in the Lord, relax and build strength and give Pastor Roy guidance on helping him.

*Laurel Bessessen* (95) has begun to lose her mental abilities to recall people, places and things around her. Her family is no longer able to care for her at home and she is in a skilled care facility. She is the last of that family's generation. Please pray for the mental degradation to stop or for her to leave for home. Pray for her family who do their best to care for her, visiting every day; for her children Cookie, John and Bill, as well as the other members of the family.

*Judith Clingwall* is afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She is currently in Laurel Place, an extended care facility in Surrey, British Columbia. Please pray for 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.

*John* has Alzheimer's pray he will call on God to help him as he deals with this.

*Steve*, brother in law of Paul Martin, appears to have early onset dementia. Steve had teenage children and is very concerned for them. Please pray for the disease to stall or abate and for peace of mind for Steve and his family.

*James* is on oxygen all the time, this is bothersome to him and terrifying as well. Please pray for James to put his worry, his bother and his terror on the Lord. Pray for strength and guidance for James and his family. They suggest this verse, I am thine, save me, for I have sought thy precepts.

*Joan* has had serious medical problems that have kept her confined. Please pray her health will remain stable.

*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.

### ***Surgery***

*Maria Carla* is going to the hospital for corrective surgery. Pray our Lord Jesus Christ will be close to her as she has this operation. Pray for her father who will be taking her a long distance for the operation.

*Marcia* has had a biopsy of a mass in her breast which indicated a tumor that must be removed. Pray the surgical team will be open to guidance, pay close attention and do their very best. Pray for peace of mind and trust in God for Marcia and her family.

*Edward* is having his fourth back surgery (in the last four years) Please pray for the

medical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that Edware and his family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Jeff* has been undergoing surgery, chemo and radiation since October for pancreatitis and Pancreatic cancer. Please pray for the medical team to pay attention and to their best and for a good outcome. Pray also that Jeff, his wife and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*Albert* had a pacemaker installed recently. He will require surgery soon for a leaking heart valve and has just been told he has esophageal cancer. Pray he will turn to God and come to know Him on a more personal basis as the days go by.

*Mario* has early-diagnosed prostate cancer and had surgery. Pray for complete remission and that Mario and his family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders.

*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***

*Bryan Alford* (~40) has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma and seeking treatment.

*April and her husband* ask you prayers for the Lord to guide them and lead them both to the correct medical care; and that the family may receive comfort in the process.

*Michael Moriarty* has been diagnosed with upper duodenal cancer which is the upper section of the small intestine. It is fairly rare and they have not decided how to treat him. Pray with Michael, his family and friends that the medical insurance people will fulfill their obligations and the physicians treating him will be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for continued trust in the Lord for Michael, his family and friends in this worrisome time.

*Chloe Mayo*, granddaughter of Justice Roy and Kayla Moore, good friends of Bishop Jerry, suffered a serious kidney attack possibly resulting from strep. Pray her family and friends the physicians treating her will be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for continued trust in the Lord for Chloe, her family and friends in this worrisome time.

*Josh* has two little children and just discovered he has a rare form of Cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers in the days ahead.

*Ross* an elderly gentleman has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Ross has had good health until now, your prayers at this time will be appreciated by his family and friends.

*Carman* was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for her family as they continue to help her get the proper care. Pray with Carman, her family and friends that the physicians treating her will be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for continued trust in the Lord for Carman, her family and friends in this worrisome time.

*Kathie Lynn Holter* sister of Rev Phil Ternahan, was just diagnosed with Stage Four lung cancer (never smoked) which spread to the brain. She was operated on 26 June 2016. Please pray with Kathie, her family and friends that the physicians treating her will be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for continued trust in the Lord for Kathie, her family and friends in this worrisome time.

*Tina* just found out she has cancer on her left kidney. Please pray for guidance for the people treating her and for trust in our Lord for Tina and her family.

*Martha* is now home after testing and she does not have cancer, but she does have bad kidneys and is adjusting and getting ideas to work with that. Please pray for guidance for the people treating her and for trust in our Lord for her.

*Spencer* has been diagnosed with Autism. Please pray for guidance for the people treating him and for trust in our Lord for him and his mother Lorna.

*Michael* has cancer of the blood and is starting chemotherapy. Please pray for the physicians treating him to be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for trust in the Lord for Michael.

*Clay* has a large gallstone; he is in poor health and not currently a surgical candidate. Please pray for the physicians treating him to be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for trust in the Lord for Clay.

*Jim Sevier* has been in the hospital for heart related troubles. Please pray with Jim and his family the physicians treating him will be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for trust in the Lord for Jim and his family in this worrisome time.

*Claude* has been falling and he does not know why. Pray doctors will discover what the problem is and he can continue without any more difficulties.

*Gretchen* has been diagnosed with severe osteoporosis and is now being treated with exercise, nutrition and vitamins. Please pray with Gretchen and her family the physicians treating her will be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for trust in the Lord for Gretchen and her family in this worrisome time.

*Pete* has not been well and is back in the hospital with another stroke. Please pray for the physicians treating him to be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for trust in the Lord for Pete and his family in this worrisome time.

*Mary Lee* has bleeding into her stomach and they cannot find the sources. Mary Lee is in CCU and her husband *Maurice* is not eating until she returns home for is so upset. Please pray for the physicians treating her to be guided in their assessment and treatment plan, for a full and speedy recovery to good health and for trust in the Lord for her, Maurice, as well as the rest of the family in this worrisome time.

*Glenn Porter, MAJ USMC Retired*, has Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis, which causes him to be unable to get enough oxygen into his system without supplemental oxygen all the time. The only real treatment is a lung transplant, without a transplant he has between two to five years here on earth. Please pray for him to continue in his faith and for a set of lungs to become available.

*Pat* has an aneurism of the brain, pray she will make the right decision on how to treat this problem and it will be healed.

*Dan* is very sick with cancer and is starting an experimental treatment. This treatment will take Dan away from their family business and put even more stress on him and his family. Please pray for Dan's wife who is meeting with Steve who plans

to keep the family business going while Dan is ill. Pray for Steve as he has many new responsibilities.

*Timothy* has brain cancer. He had surgery and is waiting for the pathology report to find out what kind of chemo he will need. Please pray for continued guidance for the medical team treating Timothy and patience and trust in God for Timothy and his family. Pray also for a full recovery for Timothy.

*Helen* was admitted from her doctor's office 15 July 2015, as the result of a blood test, to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital with an extremely high white blood count. She and her husband are very active in the ministry of their church and are asking for believers to pray for them and their family, as they are facing very serious problems in the days to come. Please pray for guidance for the medical team and patience and trust in God for Helen and her family. Pray also for a full recovery for her.

*Elma* has been suffering with headaches for a long time. Doctors have not been able to discover the reason for them. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Elma and her family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people caring for her that they might find the best treatment method to banish the headaches completely.

*Barbara Apple* is bedridden after a fall which left her with two paralyzed limbs. She continues to experience pain in the effected limbs and will be totally bed bound for the remainder of her life. Your continuing prayers for her are appreciated and are great comfort to her. Please pray for Barbara to put her trust in the Lord, look to Him for strength and for her to gain energy so she does not lose the mobility she has; pray for a miraculous full and rapid recovery. Also, please continue to pray for her husband Bob who is her sole caregiver that he will be comforted and strengthened in his time of need.

*Deborah* has had a stroke, she is doing much better and out of the hospital. She has a problem with anemia and is taking supplements for that. Pray our Lord will be close to her and her family. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Deborah and her family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people caring for her that they might find the best treatment method to allow her to heal completely.

*Rev. Steve Boardman* has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. Pray that Jesus will be close and comfort his family and members of his congregation.

*Hang So Ryu* has cancer. Please pray for medical team contemplating and evaluating the treatment that they might be guided to the correct choice and do their very best. Pray also for peace of mind and trust in God for him and his family, as well as physical strength.

*Olivia*, age 7, has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Lymphoma. The prognosis is good at this time, please pray for medical team contemplating and evaluating the treatment that they might be guided to the correct choice and do their very best. Pray also for peace of mind and trust in God for Olivia and her family, as well as physical strength.

*Paul* has been hospitalized recently several times because of persistent high fevers. He is being tested and checked by physicians and seems to have a slight scoliosis, a node and Schuermann's disease. Please pray it will be discovered how to treat these problems and healing will begin so he will be inspired to continue his education.

*Rick* has heart problems. Please pray for guidance for the medical people treating him that they might pay attention, do their very best and make the right recommendations regarding treatment. Pray for help for Rick and his wife Wanda to keep their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their worry.

*Stacy* has Multiple Sclerosis and was hospitalized for what turned out to be food poisoning. Pray for trust in God for Stacy and Chris as they deal with Stacy's illness.

*Faye* is in the hospital because she is weak has been receiving blood transfusions. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Faye and her family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Faye to heal completely.

*Tom* has heart and kidney problems. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Tom and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment and allow Tom to heal completely.

*Harold* is having surgery on 30 September 2016 to repair a hole in his aorta bleeding into the abdomen which caused stroke like symptoms.

*Joe* has had a preliminary ALS diagnosis. Pray the final diagnosis will something that will allow him to continue taking care of his devoted young family. Pray for strength, courage and understanding for Joe and his family; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Preston* is reacting poorly to recent neck surgery and now has problems with his liver count; Physicians feel that dialysis will help. There may be a blockage in the bowel and an operation might be necessary. Please pray for the medical team to pay attention and to their best to determine how to help Preston and for a good outcome. Pray also that Preston and family will be able to put their worry on God's shoulders while Preston does his best to facilitate a return to good health.

*Brenda* is in the hospital because of bleeding on her brain. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Brenda, as well as for her family, and for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Mackenzie* is a young girl with leukemia. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Mackenzie, as well as for her family, and for God's guidance for the medical people treating her that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Mack* has had diabetes most of his adult life. Circulation in his legs is very bad and doctors are considering amputation. Please pray his medication will help and he will not face amputation. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Mack and for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*Michael* has been diagnosed with lung cancer recently after making it through gastro intestinal cancer last year. Please pray for peace of mind and trust in the Lord for Michael and his wife Gayle; as well as for God's guidance for the medical people treating him that they might find the best course of treatment.

*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.

*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 appreciates 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.

### **Healing**

*Jim Simmons'* Hodgkin's disease has returned after 24 years. He hopes to get through this as he did before. Jim would appreciate your prayers for the medical team treating him; please pray for the doctors, nurses and technicians treating him to pay attention, to be open to God's guidance and do their very best. Pray for trust in our Lord and peace of mind for Jim and his family.

*Kurt Thomas* asks for your continued prayer that his body not reject his transplanted heart parts. Pray also for Kurt to accept what he cannot do at present and concentrate on what he can do. This is a very foreign situation for this Christian warrior. He needs God's help to adapt and prosper.

*Vladia* had a right knee replacement which went well, but since the operation she is experiencing very painful side effects from medicine, very low hemoglobin and also back problems. She has been transferred back to the hospital to help correct these problems. Please pray the doctors will seek God's Wisdom and come up with a plan to help her get back on her feet and have some normalcy in her life.

*Madisun Hanks* (14) has Tourette's Syndrome and suffers from horrible migraine headaches. There are various very high risk treatments which provide some relief. None of them are close and none are easy. Madisun is truly one of the most inspiring young ladies we have ever come across, her attitude and actions are almost unbelievable. No one should have to go through what she does, but she makes it through and performs incredibly when others just get by. Please pray for Madisun, her mom Hilda who guides her through all this and those treating her.

*Linda* has a melanoma just forming and she needs to have it removed. She has had severe medical problems the last 15 years and needs help coping. Pray for all of her family at this time as new problems have come to light.

*Chris Hill* (close friend of Jon Weston) suffered a brain aneurysm and needs your prayers. He came out of a coma he had been in since the week before Christmas 2016. He is now in a stepdown facility. Every day is a new day to him; his memory seems to have been damaged to a point where it is not recovering so far. Pray for the doctors, nurses and technicians treating him to pay attention, to be open to God's guidance and do their very best. Pray for trust in our Lord and peace of mind for Chris and his family.

*Rev Bill* had a stroke. Pray he will stay comfortable and Jesus will be close by, please pray for a full and rapid recovery.

*Dennis* will begin chemotherapy for an active cancer spot on his spine on 17 September 2015. Please pray for a good result and tolerance of the treatment for him.

*Vickie* has been bothered with Migraines and all that go with the headaches. Please pray for relief from the pain for Vickie.

*Jon* has Stage 4 mantle cell lymphoma. There is good news in that he is in remission; however the chemotherapy is producing neuropathy in his legs so it is a challenge for him to get around. Please pray that he will be as comfortable as possible; he has been a Marathoner runner so this is especially difficult.

*Amy* has melanoma in her lungs, liver and kidneys; they have found a treatment for her that has a high success rate however the side effects are debilitating. Please pray she will be able to tolerate the side effects and the treatment is successful. Amy has full trust in the Lord, but would still appreciate your prayers.

*Liz* had a massive stroke at age thirty-seven. The prognosis is good but she has a long road ahead. Please pray for guidance for those treating her, for trust in our Lord for Liz and her family, for healing.

*Ebick* is suffering from a severe ulcer but the Doctors cannot give her the proper dosage of the medicine due to her six month pregnancy. Please pray doctors will find an alternative avenue for treatment or that God will provide.

*Stan* is going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer. He is elderly and the treatments are tiring him. Please pray for his wife *Marvelene* as they do this together.

*Donald* is in the hospital and had his leg amputated on 14 April 2014. Pray he will adjust and healing will begin.

*David* has many concussions and unable to go to school, read books, watch TV and has headaches and migraines. He has trouble sleeping and his family will appreciate your prayers for this 10 year old young man.

*Gladys* has breast cancer and has had a lumpectomy. She needs to take a year off of her work to have chemo treatments.

*Alwin Jack* has had a stroke and recently has had a relapse. Please pray for those who treat Alwin that they might choose the best possible treatment and pray for peace of mind for Alwin during the recovery phase.

*Carolyn* has Multiple Sclerosis with complications. Pray Carolyn and her children will be close to our Lord Jesus Christ as they and family members help to ease the problems.

*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.

*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!

*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.

*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.

*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, she is doing much better and she and her family thank you for your prayers. Her pain level is high and some medications have bad side effects. Please continue her in Prayer in the weeks ahead as she heals.

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

*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.

*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.

*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.

*Kay Denton* (Mrs. Kay) was able to get a hip replacement in spite of her heart and kidney problems and is recovering remarkably! Please give thanks for this great event and result! 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.

### ***Healing and Patience***

*Kym* (43) has various hip problems which seems to be related to osteoarthritis. And, her mother *Ruth* is in the early stages of dementia. Pray for guidance for those treating both of them, as well as patience and trust in the Lord for both of them.

*Christopher* has had problems with his leg for some time. Now he has to have it casted and it will stay that way for what to him seems an interminable time. Pray for patience and peace of mind for this young man who has much he wants to do.

*James* for the Lord's healing of health issues and give a remedy for many personal challenges at the moment.

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

*Bruce Arnold* was hospitalized with Atrial Fibrillation and an enlarged heart. He has had his heart stopped and re-started twice, as well as a temporary boost pump installed and removed. He made it through all that and is now home and doing amazingly well. Please give thanksgiving for that. There is still more to go. Please pray for guidance for the medical team treating him that they might find a complete solution to his heart problems. Pray for peace of mind for Bruce, his wife Milly and his children Megan, Kikki and Bruce, Jr.

*Shamu* starts an experimental drug treatment to help her absorb nutrients after somewhere around twenty abdominal surgeries culminating in surgery at John Hopkins hospital 19 March 2018, where they found a stricture in her lower intestine and relieved it. Please pray this will be effectual in relieving her suffering. She is also having trouble retaining nourishment and hydration, pray a solution will be developed for this problem also. Please pray particularly she will retain her trust in God and her family will follow suit.

*Bill* had surgery November 2016 for a kidney tumor; he is one kidney short, but recovering very well for the present. It appears the cancer has spread to another spot. Please pray for Bill as he undergoes chemotherapy and perhaps other treatment. Pray Bill and his family will stay strong in their faith and draw the strength they need from our Lord.

*Anita* had surgery on 4 November 2016 to remove what they thought were five tumors in her right lung, but turned out to be eight. They removed all eight. In addition, her lung was folded from her previous coil embolization. They removed the coils, unfolding her lower right lobe and oversewed the area. In reality she may come away with increased lung capacity. Anita, her husband Michael and family express for the power of your continued prayers and expressions of love. Please join them in giving thanks for God's Grace and pray for her continued healing.

*Bob Reisor* had surgery on 19 September 2016 for a kidney tumor; he is one kidney short, but recovering very well for the present. The cancer has spread to his lung and another spot. Five years ago there was no treatment, but now it appears there is an oral medication that has shown great effectiveness on this particular cancer. As of 12 January 2017, the main spot shrank from 3.3 cm (1 1/3 inch) to 2.2 cm (7/8 inch) and the spots on his lungs have receded even more. And as of 22 June 2017, they have shrunk further. Please give thanks to the Lord for such wonderful progress. Please pray for Bob as he undergoes chemotherapy and perhaps other treatment. Pray he and his family will be drawn closer to our Lord.

*Atina* has skin cancer, which is now in remission. Please give thanks for the remission, pray for continued remission of the cancer; pray also for continued faith for Atina and her family.

*Cindy (81)* had an operation to remove a cancerous growth in her stomach which was successful. She is now home, but in a bit of pain. Please give thanks for the good result, pray for full and complete healing and remission of the cancer, as well as

cessation of the pain; pray also for continued faith for Cindy and her husband Les (91).

*Linda* had successful dental surgery on 15 December 2015, she is also on a course of chemotherapy and this type of surgery was not recommended for people while they are taking chemotherapy. But, it was an emergency and had to be done. Please give thanks all went well and pray for continued healing and for peace of mind and trust in God for Linda and her family.

*Ruby* broke her hip on 10 December 2015, surgery was successful. Please give thanks for the successful surgery and pray for her full and rapid recovery.

*Terry* was undergoing radiation treatment for cancer, which he had to stop to amputate his leg below the knee due to diabetes. The surgery was successful, he has been fitted with a prosthetic leg and foot. He is in good spirits and positive about the remainder of his treatment. Please join Terry and his family in giving thanks for the successful surgery and continue to pray for his return to radiation treatment and then to chemotherapy, ask God to give Terry, his wife and seven year old son trust in him for peace of mind and heart, as well.

*Janet Jessup* had a stroke and heart problems were causing huge issues for her. They seem to have gotten her stabilized and she is home. Please pray for those treating her to find the appropriate treatment and for trust in God and peace of mind for Janet and her family, in particular her husband of 45 years, Rev Roger Jessup, retired minister of Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Orthodox Church.

*Sam* had surgery on his entire large intestine that had become infected. At the time of the operation he was just hours away from a complete organ shutdown. He had had turmoil in his life over the years. Sam is now in the ICU and his Minister visited him and explained to him God had given him another chance for him to make things right with his Lord. Pray for his good health and his spiritual life with Jesus.

*Ian* had surgery to remove excess skin rendered a nuisance by controlled lost of 200 pounds. Please give thanks for the successful result and for those treating him to have paid attention and done their very best on the lengthy surgery, taking the best possible care of him. Please pray for his continued recovery and strength for his Mother who will be in charge of his after care.

*Jennifer* had surgery for breast cancer on 15 October 2014, which seemingly went well; please give thanks for that. She has had other complications which preclude her from making a full recovery in particular, the reconstructive surgery seems to have gravely affected her back muscles and nerves, resulting in both very limited mobility and extreme pain, the drugs are making her terribly sick; please pray those will be overcome. Pray for help for Jennifer to keep her trust in the Lord and let Him carry her worry and concern as she recovers. Please pray also for strength and courage for her family as they try their best to help her.

*Mary Thornell* has been battling colon cancer for three years now, she is currently treating at the City of Hope. Things seem to be going well, the numbers seem headed in the right direction. Please pray for guidance for those treating her, as well as strength, guidance and peace of mind for Mary and her husband Jim, as well as daughter Janice and son Jimmy, as she undergoes treatment.

*Elma* is suffering from cancer. She was taken home from the hospital on the advice of her Doctor. We were asked to pray Elma's remaining time here on earth might be good and Elma and family might put their trust in the Lord and let Him carry their

worry. Since then, Elma's Bishop told us a great Miracle of the Lord is working over Elma. Doctors sent her home to die, but now she seems to be doing all right. On behalf of her, thank you for all of your prayers. Please continue praying for her complete 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! 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.

*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.

### **Business**

*James* and *Sarah* who have recently moved to a new area and have new positions in employment. They are finding much stress in the new surroundings and will appreciate your prayers as they adjust.

### **Financial Guidance and Employment**

*Kona* is applying for a job in the hospital. Pray our Lord will find the right position for her and she will glorify Him in the work.

*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 aspects of her potential work.

### **Financial Guidance and Healing**

*Clark* is in need of salvation; for God's Will to be done in his life. Pray his family will be blessed with the financial miracles that come from doing His Will.

### **God's Strength and Peace of Soul**

*Roger* is the caretaker for his ailing father who has been in the hospital for a week and his wife who had been declining emotionally, cognitively and in bodily health. He asks you pray for strength and peace for him and help for those he cares for.

*Charlie McCormack* asks your prayer the Holy Ghost might fill his heart with light and drive the darkness far away.

### **Guidance**

*Zachary* is having huge problems growing up. He has let the wrong people guide his life and thinks he is the smartest person in the world. He cannot or will not see the destructive power of drugs and lies in his life. Pray his parents Lee and Shamu will come to see what course of action that they can take to help Zachary and safeguard his brother and sister. Please pray for God's guidance for all of them and in particular for Zachary to open his heart to God and his parents help.

*Judy* seemingly does not want to allow the Holy Ghost into her heart so she might come to know our Lord and Savior, despite the efforts of her family. Please pray for her to open her heart and for her family to be at peace with their efforts.

*Barbara* has been recovering from cancer for the last three years. Pray for her husband Bill who has come down with a mental illness that may have been caused by much stress the last few years. Barbara and Bill will appreciate your prayers.

*Larry* is very weak and has periods of confusion and depression. Larry has been in the hospital and recently moved to a rehab. Please keep him in prayer as he begins to gain strength in the days ahead.

*Thomas* recently learned as the result of a parole violation he will not be allowed to return to society for the remainder of his life. He is despairing and fearful of his inability to cope with this new news and God's plan for his life. Please pray he will be able to work with God to live with the choices he has made and go forward.

*Cam* has gotten into some of the issues being with the wrong crowds, too much dinking and making the wrong decisions. Pray he will ask God to send the Holy Ghost in to straighten things out and he will listen when He speaks to him.

*Paul* recently had his large toe amputated due to diabetes and is having a difficult recovery filled with fear about dying. He recently accepted Jesus as his savior and his family Rosie and Brenda are very grateful. Pray for strength for both Rosie and Brenda who are staying by his side through it all encouraging him on.

*Steve* is addicted to alcohol, pain pills and gambling. Pray for wisdom, courage and strength to stick with treatment and follow God's plan for his life.

*Eli* has some mental issues and has lost his way. He has yet to come to grips with the demons chasing him. Pray he will return to the Lord and his family. Pray they will ask God to send the Holy Ghost in to straighten things out and they will listen when He speaks to them. The family has been open to the Prince of Darkness and needs help.

*Michael and his Family* ask your prayers for wisdom as they are under trial and affliction to follow the law of the land and yet honor God in so doing.

*Flora* is in remission with cancer, but has high blood pressure and fatigue. Flora's Mother recently died and this has caused added stress. Please pray she will be able to let God carry her worry and sorrow so she can do the things she must do.

*Elizabeth* needs your prayers for her general well being. Pray she might see the Light of the Lord and let Him guide her life.

*Gunner* need your prayers for his general well being. Pray he might see the Light of the Lord and let Him guide his life.

*Mitten* has a Christian talking to him about Christ. Mitten does not believe and does not seem to care. Please pray Mitten will see the light.

*Kristen, Rickey and their two children* ask you to pray for grace, wisdom and understanding as they attempt to cope with infidelity, separation and possibly divorce as a result of backsliding from the Lord into the World.

*Helene and her family* ask your prayers for them as they deal with the loss of Alan, husband and father.

*Stephanie* seems to be very deeply into post partum depression after her baby was born prematurely. Please pray for her Mother in Law who is going a great distance to help Stephanie and her new Grandson. Pray that Stephanie will be able to direct her attention outward, rather than inward.

*Caitlin* is in the grip of the Prince of Darkness; she thinks there is escape from reality in drugs. The saddest part is that reality is not as she sees it. Her family is despairing as they can do nothing to help her and ask that you pray for the Holy Ghost to enter into heart and show her the need for change before it is too late.

*Nathaniel* is in spiritual turmoil. His family 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.

*Sam* and her *two children* have been living in a shelter and are to lose their place there. Please pray a place will be found they can stay in and recover.

*Norrie* is facing daily exams in the weeks ahead. Pray for calmness and concentration and to do the best possible.

*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.

*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.

*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 for her business so that she might remain gainfully employed 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.

### **School Challenges**

Destiny, Blake and Janet

### **Anglican Orthodox Church**

#### **Madagascar**

Please pray for the people in Madagascar, in particular for the members of the Anglican Orthodox Church there, who are being subjected to terrible flooding and unceasing rain.

#### **Indonesia**

Please pray for the Lord's will regarding the establishment of an AOC church in Indonesia.

#### **Pakistan**

*General and Ongoing* - The forces of evil are strong in Pakistan. The force of God stronger. Pray for our Christian family there.

*Ernest Jacob*  
Presiding Bishop Pakistan

### **Congo**

Jimmy is a missionary in the Congo. There has been violent unrest in this country and also a water shortage. Please pray people will find water to drink and Jimmy will be a means of helping others to find the Lord.

### **Philippines**

Please pray a *Minister* will be found who would like to serve in Tabuk, in the Philippine Islands. The Anglican Orthodox Church has an established Church there and in the surrounding areas and need a Shepherd to lead the flock.

### **Diocese of the Epiphany**

*Saint Paul's Moberly, Missouri* would like your prayers that the Holy Ghost might enter more fully into their hearts so that they might be more effective in spreading the Word of God.

### **Diocese of Virginia**

*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, had to retire as he was so pressed by the duties of a primary care giver, in addition to all the worries of this world. Pray for trust in God for each member of the parish and for them to find economic relief.

### **Armed Forces & Contractors**

Dustin (USAF - Stateside), Kristyna and Luis Aviles (Army – Schofield Barracks, HI), Airman Donny Patton (USAF - Hulbert Field, Florida), Jordan Brown (USMC – Recruiter - Iowa City, Iowa), Trevor Jennings (USAF - KC-10 Boom Operator – McGuire AFB, NJ), Trevor Di Marco (USN - Whidbey Island, EF-18 Pilot), Kurt Thomas (USN – Virginia), Ethan (US Army Airborne – Southwest Asia)

### **For Our Country**

Our country has lost its way. Over half the people that vote, voted for a government that promises them things it cannot deliver in return for their souls which it can, will and does take. Our foreign policy backs the rise of Islam, we turn our backs on those who would follow God and arm those who murder them. Pray God will raise up a leader from among the people who can turn the country's course 180° and attempt to come back to God. Pray the people will recognize that they are headed down a smooth wide road into the pit, a road that will get smoother and smoother, steeper and steeper until the only possible way is down. Down, into the depths of the pit. Pray people will recognize there is:

- One True and Triune God who is goodness in and of Himself;
- All religions are not equal;
- All ways of life are not equal;
- The Bible holds the Key to Life;
- All rights come from God, not the State;
- Good;
- Bad;
- Evil;
- Right;
- Wrong;
- Allah is the Devil;
- Abortion is no more than sacrifice of children to Baal.

Pray this recognition will not come too late. Pray we will, each of us, do our duty to God, Country and Family, putting His Honor above all.

### *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.

### *Education*

*Aaron* is in need of God's guidance to see what he needs to do to fulfill his potential and live his life in a manner which will bring true happiness to him.

*Thomas Dabney* is attending Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, to finish his Bachelor's Degree. Please pray for Thomas to focus on education and do his very best at school.

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

4 July 2018 – Independence Day in the United States of America – 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**

8 July 2018 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Morning Prayer - Service start time 1000 (10:00 am); welcome or gathering songs before the service at 0945 (9:45 am); **Time 1000 (10:00 am); Location – 10603 Burrell Way, Descanso, CA**