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Learning from Balaam's Donkey

From the Rector — The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

There's a colorful story from the Book of Numbers that has recently come up in the Daily Office lectionary. It is the story of an ancient sorcerer named Balaam who is hired by the King of Moab to put a curse on the children of Israel. When Balaam is first offered the job, he prays about it and hears God speak to him, ordering him not to go and curse the chosen people. So Balaam turns down the first offer (22:12-13). The king then responds with a second offer, which persuades Balaam to pray again, but this time he hears God say, "Go for it!" (22:20). So Balaam saddles up his donkey and heads towards Moab, but on the way, his donkey starts acting strange by veering off the road, first into a field and then into a wall. In anger and frustration, Balaam strikes the donkey, who then reclines on the ground. Now feeling especially upset and impatient, Balaam strikes the donkey again with his staff, but this time the donkey talks back! According to scripture, "The LORD opened the mouth of the donkey and it spoke to Balaam" (22:28). The donkey essentially asks Balaam, "Why are you hitting me? I've been faithful to you my whole life; and have I ever steered you wrong?" And then, Balaam looks up and sees a great Angel blocking the road. Realizing his donkey was merely trying to bypass the Angel (with little success), Balaam

asks God for forgiveness and promises that he will return home. But then God tells him, "No. Go to Moab, but just make sure you do as I say" (22:35). Throughout the story, it seems like God is playing a game of "Red Light / Green Light" with Balaam, telling him first not to go, then to go, then to stop, then to go again! (In the spirit of Hebrew puns, it would not be



The Ass of the Prophet Balaam, Rembrandt, 1626
Oil on wood, Musée Cognacq-Jay, Paris

inappropriate, in this case, to say that Balaam probably felt a little bit like an ass.)

I find myself resonating with this story not because I've had any recent conversations with donkeys (nor because I feel like I am one), but because I have been experiencing that same kind of push-and-pull dynamic when it comes to regathering as a church. More than a month ago, I was looking forward to regathering fairly soon, but then the COVID cases started to rise in Humboldt county. Then, when cases seemed to plateau for a bit, I started making plans for outdoor Compline services and Sacred Saunters, but now the COVID cases are spiking again, throughout the county, the state, and the country!

To be clear, the Regathering Task Force and I have been working hard to make a solid plan for safe regathering and many of us will indeed regather in the not-too-distant future. However, I think we are all feeling overwhelmed and exhausted by this quarantine, which has lasted much longer than we initially anticipated. I

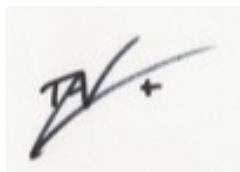
imagine we have all been experiencing this push-and-pull dynamic and are likely feeling impatient and frustrated, like Balaam.

The biblical story invites me to open my eyes and imagine a great Angel gently holding us back and preventing us from regathering too soon, not to test our pa-



tience but rather to protect us. Just as the Angel in the biblical story was protecting God's people from a curse, so too is God protecting us and all of Eureka from the spread of a lethal virus, that has already claimed over 500,000 lives. When I remember that our mission is to "serve *all* people through the power of the Holy Spirit," I feel convicted by the strong possibility that, by regathering too soon, we could be contributing to the spread of the virus not only within the Christ Church Eureka community but also within the wider community of Humboldt County. And as a church, we want to seek the good, not the ill, of the wider community.

This does not change the fact that, like Balaam, I'm feeling impatient and perhaps you are too. However, instead of striking a donkey, I have found that praying the Psalms is a much more healthy and effective outlet for my frustration. When I pray the Psalms and bring my impatience to God in prayer, I often hear a divine voice not too unlike Balaam's donkey, saying to me, "I've been faithful to you your whole life; and have I ever steered you wrong?"



Artist rendition of Balaam's donkey seeing the angel.

Alyse Radenovic is an American fine artist living in Alexandria, Virginia, with her husband and daughter. The subject matter of her paintings is varied.

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Balaam's Donkey

Yoram Raanan takes inspiration from living in Israel, where he can fully explore and express his Jewish consciousness. The light, the air, the spirit of the people and the land energize and inspire him. His paintings include modern Jewish expressionism with a wide range of subjects ranging from abstract to landscape, biblical and Judaic.

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I love a good mystery story ...

Mother Lesley shares some of her favorite church related novels and mysteries.



As I write this, the July 4th holiday is a few days away, which means that we are well and truly into the summer season. Since the beginning of the ‘stay at home’ order I have found that time seems to be somewhat frozen, and that, while I am aware of the passing of days and liturgical seasons, without the normal routines of life, it doesn’t seem possible that we are more than three months into our confinement. I expect that, like many of you, I have spent my time in various activities. Top of the list was cleaning my oven, then organizing some closets and drawers I confess still a work in progress, sorting out my cleaning product cupboard, writing overdue letters, catching up with far away friends, doing some sewing and various other household tasks. Aside from these things with Zoom meetings and daily walks I have spent a good amount of time reading, mostly fiction

Without the presence of Covid 19, summer is when many of us find time for extra reading, either at home, when we travel, and there are always those books for the beach, with Kindle or other downloads to read on the plane and audio books for road trips. I have copied my older son Ian, who in less restrictive times, would keep up with his latest book on his smart phone while waiting at the doctor’s office or standing in line at the store. Sometimes I would be reading three different books, on my phone, Kindle and either on my iPad or as a hard copy. This I would not recommend as it can lead to much character confusion. As many of you know I love a good mystery story and if it involves the church, especially the Anglican Church, well so much the better. I thought I might share some of my favorite church related novels and mysteries with you.

Perhaps one of the better-known series of contemporary church novels is Susan Howatch’s *Starbridge* series. Set in and around a cathedral city, with a resemblance to Salisbury, these six stories follow clergy and lay folk through a succession of crises centered on faith and love. The first, *Glittering Images* was published in

1987, and is set in 1930’s England. As the series unfolds, our characters lead us through their own journeys as we read of the events taking place in the world around them. Howatch followed up with a trilogy centering on a parish in the City of London that has a healing ministry. The first in this group is titled *The Wonder Worker*. Having originally read the *Starbridge* series in the 1980’s, as each volume was published, I happily recommended it to friends and acquaintances, and it was only when I reread the books many years later that I remembered somewhat to my chagrin, that for books based on church life, they can be rather risqué in places. Be warned.

Gail Godwin’s *Father Melancholy’s Daughter* and its sequel *Evensong* focus on the life of Margaret, a Virginia priest’s daughter. Her mother leaves the family and subsequently dies when Margaret is seven. As Margaret grows and eventually becomes a priest and rector herself, she struggles with many of life’s questions. One of these is most likely familiar to us all, “How do I know God’s will for my life?” Set against the familiar background of Episcopal parishes and the ensuing life of the church, these stories are both wonderful and heart wrenching at the same time.

On a lighter note, it was a given that I would love a mystery-thriller series about a female priest set in upstate New York. Julia Spencer Fleming writes of Clare Fergusson, a former Army helicopter pilot, now the first female rector of a small town parish in Millers Kill, NY. For those who do not know, ‘Kill’ is another word for creek or river, from the Old Dutch. Clare’s exploits with the town’s police chief Russ Alstyne make for exciting reading, and having been in charge of congregations, make me wonder how she ever managed to get any parish work done! The first



book in the series is, *In the Bleak Mid Winter*, there are now nine books in all, and are a really good read.

Another series is focused on Merrily Watkins, an English priest-in-charge of a rural English parish where she encounters all kinds of buried secrets and paranormal phenomena. I have read several of these books by Phil Rickman and, once I got into the characters, I have enjoyed them. The series is set in Herefordshire, on the border with Wales, and the first of fifteen books is titled *The Wine of Angels*.

I am re-reading books by Kate Charles, another author of church centered mysteries. Written in the early 1990's her *Book of Psalms* series is now available on Kindle. These books deal with issues of sexuality and the ordination of women in the Church of England along with other things, and there is usually a good murder thrown in. Times and opinions have changed and so these books can seem dated. Titles: *A Drink of Deadly Wine*, *Appointed to Die*, *The Snares of Death* and others, give an insight into the excesses and downfall of personalities and of the inner church struggles often between Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics. These are easy reading, but hard copies may be difficult to find.

Many of you are probably familiar with Marilynne Robinson's books *Gilead* and *Home*. Set in a church in small town Iowa, the Congregational pastor reflects

on fathers and sons, forgiveness and the joys and grace of old age. I have friends, both clergy and lay, who love these books and found them spiritually uplifting. I, alas, do not, and after several attempts have given up on them. Put that down to my English roots possibly, but I simply could not connect with the character or his story telling. I wish that I could.

Dorothy L. Sayers, *The Nine Tailors* is a Lord Peter Wimsey mystery story centered around a church in Norfolk. *A Taste for Death* by P. D. James is an Adam Dalgleish mystery, beginning with a murder in the Vestry (read Sacristy) of St. Matthew's Church. Finally, there is always Trollope's classic, *Barchester Towers*, published in 1857, the second novel in his series known as *The Chronicles of Barsetshire*. Among other things this novel satirizes the antipathy in the Church of England between High Church and Evangelical adherents. Within its pages we can find all the wonderful things we love about Downton Abbey, class, conflict, ambition and romance set in a nineteenth century English cathedral city. I suppose we don't get to see the costumes and there is no Maggie Smith, but still a great and wonderful read. It has been years; decades, since I dipped into this novel, perhaps as our stay at home order continues I should give it another look.

Blessings and happy reading,

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Priorities & Pandemic

The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate Priest

“⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.... ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” (1Corinthians 13:8, 13, NRSV.)

Masks! Aren't you tired of wearing them? I know, I am. I would prefer to not have this restraint to my freedom on my face. Nevertheless, I follow the guidelines of our health care professionals. Why do I do this? I submit to you that to do so is imperative from the guidance in the New Testament.

Paul very eloquently explains in the above passage from his letter to the church in Corinth how we are to set our priorities. He makes very clear that, regardless of how dramatic other gifts may be, they will come to an end. Only Love never ends! It is good to prophecy, but there will be a time when it is no longer of any use. The same is true of speaking in tongues and of having knowledge. What will always remain is faith, hope, and love; “and the greatest of these is Love.”

So, there we have it, simple & clear. Love is always and will always be the number one priority. Nothing will ever be more important than love is. Let us consider an example that is quite present with us right now, that is, the conflict between freedom & love.

Now, it seems to some, especially as we are near “Independence Day,” that freedom is a very high priority. Indeed, it IS an important value for us to cherish. Without freedom, we would not be able to make the choices to worship God & to love our neighbors. Sometimes, however, we must make a choice between high values. Perhaps I would like to take off my mask and approach very close to whomever I so desire. That seems as if it should be my choice to do. The problem is, that is putting the most important human quality, Love, secondary to liberty. How can I in good faith do this when St. Paul points out that “the greatest of these is Love.”?

Now, it may be that many of us do not really understand why masks are important. What our health care



professionals tell us is that one wears a mask, not to protect oneself, but to protect others. If I am carrying the virus that has killed over 100,000 Americans, I may not know it. One can carry it for a long time with no symptoms. Therefore, I wear my mask to protect you, not to protect me. I see people driving around in cars, by themselves, with masks on. This is probably not necessary, because they are in no danger of infecting someone else when they are by themselves. However, walking into a store or a school or a church without your mask IS necessary, unless you have no concern for the lives of others.

Now, I am a hugger! I have to restrain myself from grabbing all of you and hugging you. I have learned that not everyone wants a hug. I miss all of you, but especially those of you who like to be hugged. Furthermore, hugging is a sign of love, is it not? But now, in this terrible time of pandemic, it is not a sign of Love; rather, it is a sign of my contempt for your safety, indeed, for your life.

So, I must cover my face and keep distance from you whom I love greatly. So, how can I, who as a human, need signs of my love, like hugging, still continue to love? Again, turning to St. Paul & his letter to the church in Thessalonica, who no doubt had a much more difficult time staying in Love that we do. “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, *give thanks in all circumstances*; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-19, NRSV, Italics mine.)

Now, what is there for which we can give thanks during this pandemic? How about Morning Prayer? Is it not comforting to read and to hear the words of this precious document. Does not the Venite, for example, lift up our hearts, when we save together, “Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

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From the Senior Warden Royal McCarthy



June was a busy month in spite of the ongoing shelter in place. On Monday, 1 June, I met with J.W. Philips, of Willet Hauser Architectural Glass, for an evaluation of our stained-glass windows. We did a thorough walk through inspection of the stained-glass windows on the campus. He was most impressed with our windows and sent an appraisal and an estimate for recommended which will be shared with all. In general, our windows are in good shape. Mr. Phillips was most concerned with the window in the Chapel. The covering over the outside is not vented and as a result the leading is deteriorating. We will have to address this condition in the near future.



“Lights, Camera, Action”

Virtual Verger view—Sunday’s Worship Zoom to YouTube

The regathering team has been busy putting together a questionnaire and developing a “regathering plan”, thank you Thomas for putting these together. We are cautiously initiating stage one of the regathering plan with Fr. Daniel and the Virtual Verger in the Sanctuary on Sunday for the live stream service. As we continue to develop the plan, we have to keep in mind that it is a “living document” and will be evolving as we go and conditions change.

Thank you all for your continued support and if there is anything you need for me, please let me know.

Peace & God Bless!

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Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.” Here is love, for sure! We are loving our God & our hearts are warmed by hearing our beloved worship-leaders chant for us & our own voices as we chant with him. Can we not also give thanks for the technology that allows us to worship together safely in our homes?

Truly, there is an abundance of traditions & scriptures that we can choose to follow during these strange times. St. Paul says further on in his letter this assurance for getting through times such as these, “May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.*” (1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24, NRSV, Italics mine.)

Most assuredly, our Lord has called from whatever darkness we are within, to be lights, shining forth our faith, hope & love. Our faith is in an always present, eternally loving Creator, redeemer, & Sustainer of each & all of us. Our hope is for a better time when we can express this love openly and physically. And, not in the least, our love is responsible for the wellbeing of each other.

Therefore, I join with St. Paul in saying to you what he wrote to the church in Thessalonica, “We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and *the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.* Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.” (2 Thessalonians, 1:3-4.\, NRSV.)

Thanks be to God!
Fr. David

July 2, 2020



Habits of Grace: An invitation for you, from Presiding Bishop Curry

As we learn how to adjust our lives given the reality of the coronavirus and the request to do our part to slow its spread by practicing social distancing, I invite you to join me each week to take a moment to cultivate a 'habit of grace.' A new meditation will be posted each week. These meditations can

June 16, 2020: In this month of June

During this month of June, we find ourselves in the midst of great titanic struggles, hardships, and difficulties. When important things are at stake, when the lives of God's children, and the life of the world in many respects is at stake. Even as I speak, protestors march through our streets, protesting the way we have been. Protesting for the way we could be. Black Lives Matter, protesting in our city streets that we might learn to live the ways of justice, and mercy that reflects the heart of God's love. And even as I speak, this month of June is Pride Month when our LGBTQ siblings remember and recall, and continue their struggle for equality and mutual respect, and human dignity in our society, in our church and throughout the world.

And even as I speak, the COVID-19 pandemic continues in strange and unanticipated ways, but it continues. This is the month of June. These are some hard times. Hard times for all, but really hard times for so many. Sometimes it's helpful to go back and look how others navigated hard times. I went and picked up a small book. There's a book of sermons by Harry Emerson Fosdick. It was published in the mid 1940s, in 1944 I believe. It was a [collection of sermons that he preached](#) as the pastor of Riverside Church in New York City, during the Second World War when the entire world was in an apocalyptic struggle between good and evil. One of the sermons he titled, "In such a time as this, no dry-as-dust religion will do."

He pleaded with people of God to draw closer to God for strength and energy. To live lives of love, of faith, of hope. In that same period of time, he composed the hymn that's found in many of our hymnals, and I would offer it for us this week in this month of June.

*God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thy ancient churches' story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour . . .*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.*

(Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930)

God love you. God bless you. May God hold us all in those Almighty hands of love.

Reference: "No Dry as Dust Religion Will Do," [A Great Time to Be Alive: Sermons on Christianity in War Time](#), Harpers & Brothers, 1944



A message from Bishop Megan *Celebrating One Year Anniversary*



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am remembering how we were gathered together a year ago today. It seems almost unimaginable now – almost 1500 of us in the beautiful performing arts center at UC Davis. Together with the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and my family, I recall with wonder and gratitude the humming presence of God overshadowing all of us that day. The feeling of blessings were palpable then and for months afterwards.

I am so grateful for the wonderful praying, serving, “get it done” churches I have visited throughout our diocese. It is empowering to feel that fruitful rising energy of a people who are always ready to take the next steps of ministry together.

And what a year together we have had! We saw several fires, we are in a worldwide pandemic, we have seen brutality to our black community members, and the clear and rising call for justice, with protesters demonstrating across our nation.

Let me tell you what else I have been seeing this spring: communities figured out how lead online worship within ten days; churches who mobilized their members into safe evacuations; I learned how to preach to a camera; we showed a willingness to Learn, Pray and Act to undo systemic racism. My fellow disciples, you are both faithful and nimble!

An unexpected gifts of this pandemic has been the pleasure of our weekly Covid calls by Zoom for clergy and wardens. I love seeing your faces each week. I love reading your comments in the chat box. I am impressed with your cheerful resilience, even in the face of sorrow.

My friends, we will indeed meet again in worship, song, and glad reunions. The God who blessed us all a year ago today, has not withdrawn his hand from us, but continues to walk in our midst. He is leading us to fulfill the promises we made together last year.

I invite you to "wear something red" this week to recall our joyous day together. The fields are white with harvest and we are called into them, together, walking the Way of Love.

With gratitude in Christ,

Bishop Megan Traquair

Given this day, on the First Anniversary of my Ordination
VIII Bishop of Northern California



Posted on Tuesday, June 29, 2020, The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

“The Great Cloud of Witnesses”



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

(Colossians 3:16 NRSV)

Merry Phillips, Music Coordinator

I have been learning more about the Psalms the past couple of weeks and thought I would share a bit of what I've learned with you. The book of Psalms (or the Psalter) is a such a rich resource for our daily and weekly worship. I've found it helpful to learn more about the history of the Psalms and it has enhanced my appreciation of the poetry and meaning of the texts of the Psalms.

In his book *Inwardly Digest*, Derek Olsen states that the psalms are “the heart of the historic discipline of the Office” (p. 201). I find he provides one of the best overall view of the psalms, their history, and their role in modern day worship. He contextualizes the history to provide a better understanding of why this book of ancient poetry speaks so well to us today. One of his first points is that “[w]hat makes the psalms unusual, given our typical perspective on the Bible, is their direction” (p. 201):

... we ordinarily consider the Bible to be God's self-revelation to humanity—God's Word, revealing himself to us. The psalms, though, are prayers from humanity to God, noteworthy for their emotional vulnerability and self-disclosure—feeling often more like humanity's self-revelation to God! (p. 201).

According to John Collins, Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School, “The name ‘Psalms’ is derived from the Greek *Salmo* (Latin *Psalmi*), from the verb *psallein*, to sing to the accompaniment of a harp or lyre” (p. 483). Traditionally, the book of Psalms has been attributed to King David, because he was a known musician and also because there are psalms associated with particular events in David's life. Modern scholarship and archaeological findings have shed new light on the authorship of the psalms and the book of Psalms is now seen as “a collection of material spanning several centuries from a diverse set of sources” (p. 202, Olsen). Why is it important to consider the authorship of the Psalms? If we consider the psalms to be “humanity's self-revelation to God,” then it is important to understand who wrote them and in what context. As Derek Olsen eloquently writes, the “breadth of the collection, the diversity of the voices and the anonymity of the writers gives me the sense of being in contact with a whole people of God at prayer. This anonymous collective is part of the great cloud of witnesses ...” (p. 203, Olsen).

According to Olsen, there are three special characteristics of the psalms that help shape and form our Christian character (p. 208-210):

1. They are a microcosm of the rest of scripture, containing subjects mentioned in other books of the Bible,
2. Their focus is interior, that is “they speak to the inner life of the individual and the community more consistently than any other set of texts”
3. “they form us in the habit of empathy because they place in our mouths the words of the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed, and they invite us to see the world through those eyes, to recognize the injustices seen through those eyes.”

The concept of “Rule of Law” is predominant in the psalms. A simple concept: “it is the notion that there is a system of standards that apply equally to everybody. The rules are the same for everybody, no matter your

power or your prestige. 'That's equity'" (p. 216, Collins). Equity – I believe in that term. Unfortunately, I feel that is where we fail too often as Christians. Too often, we use our faith to justify actions which promote our own privilege or blind us to that privilege. Equity is not a popular concept in American culture, which tends to promote the individual. "The justice of God and the equity of God demand that we open our eyes to ensure that the rule of law is being carried out even in remarkably well-run systems" (p. 216, Collins). Collins further iterates that "vested systems of power, whether in governments or corporations or the Church itself, need to be held accountable to the rule of law and the demands of both justice and equity" (p. 217). These are words to live by at any time, but as I read them now, they seem especially relevant to the turbulent times we find ourselves in today.

There are several different kinds of psalms: psalms of lament, of praise, of thanksgiving, wisdom psalms. The voice of a psalm may be of an individual, of a community, or multiple voices may be present in one psalm. All of them provide us with an opportunity to create that "habit of empathy," to see the world through the eyes of those who are marginalized and oppressed. What questions can we ask ourselves to develop our own empathy as we pray the psalms? Olsen suggests the following:

- How do I transcend myself?
- How do I raise myself out of my cultural ghetto for a broader and more informed view of the realities of the world?

Forty six of the psalms fall into the category of "Lament," with another thirteen that are communal laments. And several of the psalms of thanksgiving begin as laments. These psalms "engage our empathy and require us to exercise and stretch it, to understand the world in a different way" (p. 218, Olsen). Why is this important? As Fr. Daniel mentioned in last week's sermon, there are individuals and communities who "pray" the entire book of Psalms weekly. This regular discipline allows the psalms to "speak their wisdom" to us and help to form that "habit of empathy."

I've barely touched upon the richness of the book of Psalms here and I hope that I have perhaps stimulated your curiosity a bit so you too will want to explore more on your own. In our weekly worship, we often pray the psalms together by chanting them. Next month I'll offer an exploration of chant and why it is the traditional way of praying the psalms during worship, sharing more from Derek Olsen's book as well as a work by Paul F. Ford, *By Flowing Waters: Chant for the Liturgy*. The image of "flowing waters" is what I hold in my mind when I think of chant; chant provides the 'buoyancy' needed to support the texts of the psalms, whether the text is like a gentle ripple or like a raging rapid. Chant provides breath to the text and how we chant attends to that breath. *To be continued ...*

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The White Bridge by John Henry Twachtman

Monthly Lectionary Reflection

July 2020 — Matthew Taylor

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14



¹ A good name is better than precious ointment,
And the day of death than the day of one's birth;

² Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting,
For that is the end of all men;
And the living will take it to heart.

³ Sorrow is better than laughter,
For by a sad countenance the heart is made better.

⁴ The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
But the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

⁵ It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise
Than for a man to hear the song of fools.

⁶ For like the crackling of thorns under a pot,
So is the laughter of the fool.
This also is vanity.

⁷ Surely oppression destroys a wise man's reason,
And a bribe debases the heart.

⁸ The end of a thing is better than its beginning;
The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

⁹ Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

¹⁰ Do not say,
"Why were the former days better than these?"
For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.

¹¹ Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
And profitable to those who see the sun.

¹² For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense,
But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to
those who have it.

¹³ Consider the work of God;
For who can make straight what He has made crooked?

¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful,
But in the day of adversity consider:
Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other,
So that man can find out nothing that will come after him.

For the past couple months now I have been reading the daily lectionary readings highlighted within "Forward Day by Day". So often I have seen the themes found within these scriptural readings reflecting the difficult problems and situations we are currently experiencing not only locally, but nationally and even internationally. In many ways I believe this connects to the universality of our human existence and our constant struggle to do the good of God against what sin may tempt us to do. Love against fear, liberation against oppression, unity against division. Thus for the many of us seeking comfort and guidance during these times I wanted to share with you my favorite reading of the month; one that I hope will relate to us all in our current times. The passage chosen each month will be picked out of all the daily assigned readings of the previous month.

The one I've chosen this month comes from the assigned reading of Monday, June 7th from Ecclesiastes 7:1-14. For background, Ecclesiastes comes for the many translations and transliterations of the Hebrew word *Kohelet* meaning Assembler. It is traditionally ascribed to King Solomon and is a book that reflects on the struggles of reconciling the realities of life versus the religious truths we are taught and believe. It is a text of grief and frustration in some of its purest forms meant not only for the reader to ponder but as a cry to God. A cry asking and questioning God's purpose for humanity. An internal and external fight we also surely are battling in this current time just as King Solomon was doing so over 3,000 years ago.

Within the beginning of chapter 7 of Ecclesiastes, King Solomon, hits us with this wisdom saying "A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of

death than the day of one's birth; better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; and the living will take it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by a sad countenance the heart is made better." King Solomon is stating that sorrow, pain, and death are better for a person's being, heart, and soul over any amount of precious items, feasts, or even births. This is a profoundly strong sentiment to make, but not one we are unfamiliar with. We know that fire begets lively forestation, death begets life, pain begets change. Many of our most life changing moments, that have given us immense wisdom, have come from pain and death and sorrow. These things are necessary to begin the healing and strengthening of the heart; they are necessary to the healing and strengthening of a community. No matter how big or small that community may be. However this should not dissuade us or dishearten us, it should liberate us to know that the pain we go through right now can and will be used to make us better, wiser, and stronger in spirit if we allow it to do so with God's help.

"The end of a thing is better than its beginning", this is an ideology we have baked so deeply in our theology that we can forget to see it. While many of us celebrate Christmas more heartily than Easter, it is Easter that gave us our freedom in Christ, our liberation. We harken his death as the most divine act of love. In the great story of humanity we await the day of judgment; the ending for it is better than the beginning. Not because our creation wasn't a holy, beautiful, and good act of God but because it is with the ending that we are finally brought back into the presence of our Creator and one another. For the end of a thing brings freedom and

new possibility. In the times we live in now many too are calling for an end; an end to injustice and an end to abusive systems. Not because everything before us wasn't an important stepping stone or didn't have its place but because we have grown since then; we are ready for the next great commission to our fellow brethren and to continue with greater divine acts of love and greater liberation for all.

As King Solomon said "Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not inquire wisely concerning this." Everyday we work closer to that end, a process that can be tiresome, painful, and even dangerous. As our Savior Christ suffered for the liberation of us all thus is our cross to bear for each other. The former days can be fond and we are all human to look back upon them with care and affection but we find ourselves here because the former days were not better for all. In continuing onward we must wisely look back at what must change so that all may look fondly to the future.

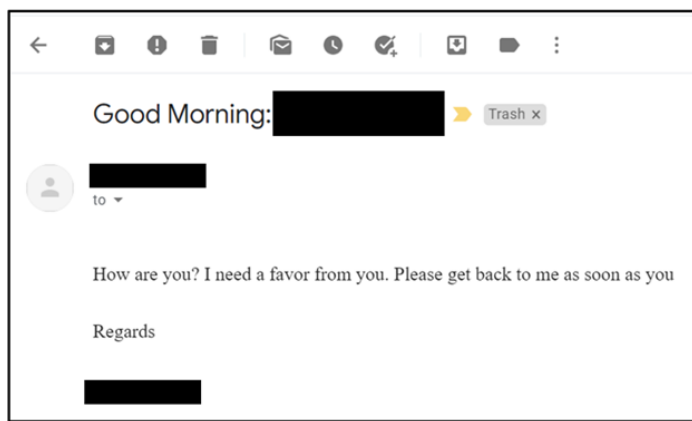
The passage in all it's difficult truths and wisdom leaves us with one last final truth and reminder "In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other,". Let us be joyful in our times of prosperity but within our days of adversity let us be reminded that God has also given us these too. Not to destroy, but to recreate. Our times now are those of adversity, but we should not look to the former days or those beginnings for liberation and divine love but to the end, the future. Where we can work together as one, one in each other as we are all one in Christ.



Beware of Spoofers, oh my!

A few tips from the Virtual Verger

Recently some in the congregation received an email message which claimed that the sender needed a favor and instructed the email recipients to reply. This is email spoofing--the creation of email messages with a forged sender address for the purpose of fooling the recipient into providing money or sensitive information.



Email scammers are working overtime during the pandemic to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals. Spoofers prey on the good nature of individuals to provide money in the form of iTunes Cards.

There are four major red flags that can help you recognize a fake email:

- Wrong email address.
- Spelling and grammar mistakes.
- Asking for personal information.
- Asking for favors or Threatening subject lines.

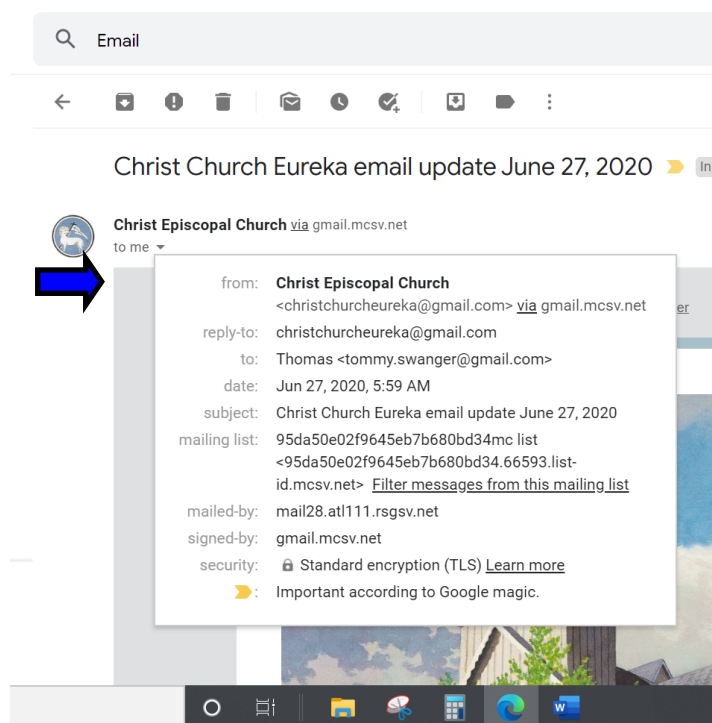
I received the email above, but was suspicious, because the subject line was “Good Morning” with the sender’s name. I have never received an email from this trusted source without a subject line which was complete, introduced the emails intent, and gave me a sense of what the sender wanted to convey. While the subject line of spoof email was short and sweet it set-off an alarm.

The next thing I noticed—the email address of the sender was wrong. In most cases, hackers will use an email address that looks like it’s coming from a trusted



source. Double-check the email address to ensure it is indeed coming from the right address. Depending on your email client (Gmail, Yahoo, SBCGlobal) there are different ways for each email provider.

If you are using Gmail as I do, you can verify the source very quickly by simply clicking on the **Show Details** arrow directly below the name of the sender.



The important sections to look at are **from** and **reply-to**. In the example above, the from and reply-to email addresses are the same and from a trusted source. In the case of the recent email spoof, the from showed the correct email of the **sender at sbcglobal.net**, but the reply-to was a fake email address, with the sender’s name created at **yahoo.com**. The from and reply-to should always be the same email address.

The example above is from my Gmail account using a trusted source. You need to investigate on your email client how to find this information before opening the next suspicious email. And remember if you are using

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Liturgical Calendar — July 2020



Independence Day—July 4

Proper Psalms, Lessons, and Prayers were first appointed for this national observance in the Proposed Prayer Book of 1786. They were deleted, however, by the General Convention of 1789, primarily as a result of the intervention of Bishop William White. Though himself a supporter of the American Revolution, he felt that the required observance was inappropriate, since the majority of the Church's clergy had, in fact, been loyal to the British crown. Writing about the Convention which had called for the observance of the day throughout "this Church, on the fourth of July, for ever," White

said, "The members of the convention seem to have thought themselves so established in their station of ecclesiastical legislators, that they might expect of the many clergy who had been averse to the American revolution the adoption of this service; although, by the use of it, they must make an implied acknowledgment of their error, in an address to Almighty God. . . . The greater stress is laid on this matter because of the notorious fact, that the majority of the clergy could not have used the service, without subjecting themselves to ridicule and censure. For the author's part, having no hindrance of this sort, he contented himself with having opposed the measure, and kept the day from respect to the requisition of the convention; but could never hear of its being kept, in above two or three places beside Philadelphia." It was not until the revision of 1928 that provision was again made for the liturgical observance of the day.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

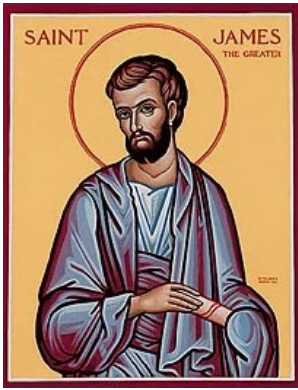
July 22—Saint Mary Magdalene

Mary of Magdala near Capernaum was one of several women who followed Jesus and ministered to him in Galilee. The Gospels tell us that Mary was healed by Jesus, followed him, and was one of those who stood near his cross at Calvary.

It is clear that Mary Magdalene's life was radically changed by Jesus' healing. Her ministry of service and steadfast companionship, even as a witness to the crucifixion, has, through the centuries, been an example of the faithful ministry of women to Christ. All four Gospels name Mary as one of the women who went to the tomb to mourn and to care for Jesus' body. Her weeping for the loss of her Lord strikes a common chord with the grief of all others over the death of loved ones. Jesus' tender response to her grief—meeting her in the garden, revealing himself to her by calling her name—makes her the first witness to the risen Lord. She is given the command, "Go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17). As the first messenger of the resurrection, she tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). In the tradition of the Eastern Church, Mary is regarded as the equal of an apostle; and she is held in veneration as the patron saint of the great cluster of monasteries on Mount Athos.



Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Saint James the Apostle (the Greater)—July 25

James, the brother of John, is often known as James the Greater, to distinguish him from the other Apostle of the same name, commemorated in the calendar with Philip, and also from James “the brother of our Lord.” He was the son of a prosperous Galilean fisherman, Zebedee, and with his brother John left his home and his trade in obedience to the call of Christ. With Peter and John, he seems to have belonged to an especially privileged group, whom Jesus chose to be witnesses of the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus’ daughter, and the agony in the garden.

Apparently, James shared John’s hot-headed disposition, and Jesus nicknamed the brothers, “Boanerges” (Sons of Thunder). James’ expressed willingness to share the cup of Christ was realized in his being the first of the Apostles to die for him. As the Acts of the Apostles records, “About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword” (Acts 12:1–2).

According to an old tradition, the body of James was taken to Compostela, Spain, which has been a shrine for pilgrims for centuries. Among the Spaniards, James is one of the most popular saints. In the Middle Ages, under the title of Santiago de Compostela, his aid was especially invoked in battle against the Moors.

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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your smartphone to check email, you might not be able to check for these details because of limitations of the screen size. If in doubt, wait until you can access your home computer.

Another red flag that signals a potentially fake email is the number of spelling and grammar mistakes. While typos happen to everyone, it’s not so common to receive an email from a known friend or business riddled with mistakes. In the example above, there was an incomplete sentence, **Please get back to me as soon as you”**.

As soon as I can? Simple typo but suspicious. You should also look at the way the individual addresses you in the email. In our example no “Dear” or “Hey Virtual Verger” chances are the email is fake and you should delete it.

The primary purpose of a fake email is to steal sensitive personal information or get you to provide something of value, like iTunes Gift Cards. As such, it’s not uncommon for fake emails to contain links or attachments that ask you to submit information such as your password, username, bank account number or Social Security number. Before clicking on a link, hover of the link with your cursor to determine if the link is from a trusted source.

Most importantly, if you are suspicious of the email, pick up the phone and give the sender a call before opening the email or responding to it. If you determine the email is fake, **DELETE IT!**

We all need to be overly cautious because we are using email more and more to stay connected. A few simple steps could save you days of headaches.

❖ CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE ❖

Our Prayer Circle will pray for your special need if you request it by contacting Susan Whaley.

She emails it to Prayer Circle members, and they add the Request to their regular prayers.

Three good things to know:

1. Prayer Circle members practice strict respect and confidentiality.
2. If you ask for prayers for another person or persons, they must know about it and agree.
3. Best access to Susan Whaley is s_whaley@sbcglobal.net or you can also reach her by phone at (707) 407-6102.

LAY MINISTRIES

By Marty Vega

Our streaming services have been developing and the rough edges are smoother. Plans are underway to gather in our sanctuary, following safe distancing rules. We will continue to stream our services for those unable to be there physically.



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If you have some new ideas for enhancing our multi-faceted worship services, please let the church office know. Whether we worship from our homes or while in our church, we ARE worshipping together.

Our leaders listed below welcome the opportunity to hear from you about your ideas for unique ways to be together while staying apart.

Lynne Bean	Coffee Hour	822-6086
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Bob & Sara Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Anne Pierson	Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers	442-2025
Thomas Swanger	Lectors and Intercessors	498-8833
Susan Whaley	Ushers and Greeters	445-2924

Veterans Housing Supplies Needed



Christ Church is a member of Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship (HIF) which is supporting veterans moving into a newly-built facility at 108 4th Street in Eureka. The facility will feature residential units in groups of seven and there will be space for the Veterans Administration to assist those veterans in need of help along with support staff from Humboldt County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS.) There are 26 single units and 3 units for couples. Staff has shared a list of items needed to help the residents set up house-keeping. If you are able to donate any of the items, either new or clean and in good condition, they will be greatly appreciated.

The facility is on the left side of Fourth Street, a new multi-story brown building. (near the North Coast Co-op). Park in front and knock on the door to be admitted. Sam (Samantha) Barney, phone 296-6106, is our contact. Because of the pandemic, it is probably easier to deliver in person than to gather donations at the church, but please consider sharing that you are from Christ Episcopal Church.

Suggestions:

- Plates, bowls, coffee cups/mugs, drinking glasses, silverware.
- Mixing bowls, spatula, mixing/serving spoon, kitchen knife, can opener, cutting mat/board, pot, sauce pan, fry pan, filled salt and pepper, pot holders, measuring cups, measuring spoons.
- Dish soap, sponges, dish towels
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Pine-Sol
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper
- Bath and hand towels, wash cloths pillows (must be new), pillow cases, sheets (double/king)
- Clock
- Broom
- 27 gallon storage box with lid

See something missing? Feel free to come up with other things to help welcome these folks to their new home. Questions, or if you do need help with delivery, check with Peg Gardner.

Thanks for reaching out to veterans in our community!

Quilters PLUS! - A Good Time to Sew and a Good Time to Knit



PLUS might mean you! Would you like to help make prayer quilts for those recuperating or shut-in? How about fleece throws for local foster kids? Would you help make more cloth napkins for future coffee hours? Do you knit? We have yarn for knitters. Can you answer 'yes' to making just a couple more fabric face masks? ALL are welcome to participate.

You could work on one or more of these projects until we are able to gather again. Fabric, yarn, fleece and 1/4" elastic are available at no charge. Come to Lewis Hall and pick up the key for the Pierson Room and choose materials to take home to work on at your convenience.

Drop by on Thursday, July 9 or Friday, July 10 between 10:00 and Noon. Email or phone the church office if you would like to arrange a different time, and we will contact you.



Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County

Business challenges community to support Food for People

The COVID-19 crisis and its impact on our economy means that now, more than ever before, people in our community are suffering—due to job losses, shrinking revenues, school closures and general uncertainty about what the future might bring.

Christ Episcopal Church is a community partner supporting our local food bank—*serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit*. In 2019, our parish donated 619 lbs of food, and that does not include the nearly 200 lbs that was donated at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Sing. Our goal for 2020 was 1000 lbs. The parish was on its way to meet the goal with 121 lbs donated through March 2020 ... and then the world changed.

Now through July 15, individual parish members can donate to Food for People, and your donation will be doubled up to \$25,000. Matching funds are being provided by the Craig Hansen Insurance Service of Eureka.

“Food for People is here for the community during the COVID-19 crisis. Many are suffering in our community with the call for self-isolation — from families staying home with kids, to seniors unable to leave the home, or those experiencing lost wages or revenues,” said Food for People Development Director Carly Robbins.

“Food for People’s team is hard at work making sure we can safely provide food to those in need across Humboldt County,” she said. “In this time of uncertainty, it is important that we ensure the most vulnerable people in our county, including low-income seniors and children are taken care of which is why Craig Hansen is putting forth a matching challenge to our community.”

Donations can be online at www.foodforpeople.org or mailed to Food for People at P.O. Box 4922, Eureka, CA 95502. Call Robbins at 707-445-3166, ext. 306, for more information.



July Birthday Wishes

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

David Powell	7/2	Gail Freeman	7/22
Ronalda Carlson	7/6	Carrie Hogan	7/23
Alice Rosendahl	7/15	Leila Binder	7/25
Stephanie Schultz	7/16	Joan Stewart	7/25
Steve Cole	7/18	Julia Lawson	7/26
Joe Newland	7/18	Willie McCarthy	7/26



Happy Anniversary



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Ann Clark & Gary Knudsen	7/4
Nick & Anna Smithler	7/7
Tom & Peach Bond	7/16



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologies for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:
christchurcheureka@gmail.com
 We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



The July 2020 Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

Please pray for the diocese', congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committees requests that we pray for our bishop.

Look graciously on your church and our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, as she continues to serve as a faithful, caring, pastor, supporting and encouraging us during these difficult times and equipping us to serve in meaningful and effective ways using our spiritual gifts.

Every Sunday, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for:

St. Francis, Fortuna

Intercessor We pray for the congregations of our deanery, especially the people of St. Francis, Fortuna: in thanksgiving that in a time of radical change they have remained a beloved community and grown into new roles with faith and courage, and for continual self-examination, repentance and holy action in response to the Spirit's leading in the work of social justice. *People:* Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

St. Mary's, Ferndale

Intercessor We pray for the congregations of our Deanery, especially for St. Mary's, Ferndale as they plan their final steps as a congregation, that your grace would be ever present to them in these days of mourning and thanksgiving for their life together. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

July 5

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Andrew's in the Redwoods Mission
Monte Rio

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The united Church of Pakistan,
The Most Revd Humphrey Peters, Moderator

July 12

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Anderson
The Rev. Aiden Rontani, Priest-in-Charge
and
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Red Bluff
The Rev. Aiden Rontani, Priest-in-Charge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
The Most Revd Allan Migi, Archbishop

July 19

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sacramento
The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Backlund, Associate The Rev.
Eric Symons, Associate
The Rev. Anne Slakey, Associate
The Rev. Anne McKeever, Associate
The Rev. Rik Rasmussen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao,
Prime Bishop

July 26

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Gridley
The Rev. John Harris, Vicar
The Rev. Dan Boeger, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
Please pray for the team responsible for
preparing the Lambeth Conference,
which was due to be taking place now – please pray
for them as they consider the implications of its
postponement in
light of the Covid-19 pandemic

August 2

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ferndale, The Rev. Eric Duff, Supply Priest
and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Corning The Rev. Charles Rouse, Priest in Charge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
Pray for the new Province of Alexandria - created from the former Diocese of Egypt with
North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/352680/acp_2020.pdf. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2020 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Anne Pierson, Deacon

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God."

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Millard, Egan. "Presiding Bishop joins call for national day of mourning on June 1, invites Episcopalians to honor COVID-19 victims this weekend." Episcopal News Service, May 27, 2020

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/05/27/presiding-bishop-joins-call-for-national-day-of-mourning-on-june-1-invites-episcopalians-to-honor-covid-19-victims-this-weekend/>



JULY 2020

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The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair
Bishop
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



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