

Rector's desk cont'd

as opposed to those who are content to live in silos. Maybe Bishop Doyle's book is calling on us Episcopalians to re-image – to rethink how we as beings-in-the-world can learn how to live together as Christians in these truly tumultuous times

Fr. Hugh+

SPECIAL PRAYER

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: Grant unto us thy suppliant people, protection against hurricanes, earthquakes, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort we desire and may always make right use of thy bountiful goodness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

.Collect for the Coronavirus pandemic

Almighty God, Heavenly Healer, we bring to you all who are affected by our present pandemic; for the infirm and infected, the anxious and afraid. By your power defend us and heal us. Let us see one another not as vectors of infection, but as opportunities for love and service, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr. Loughton Thomas, Fr. William Guthrie, Sharal Jugger, Williamae Jackson, Delois Abraham, Lauren Sapp, Delores Brown, Renrick Alleyne, Rudolph Palmer and Jewell Robinson who all remain in the care of the doctor.

We continue to remember before God, Scott Allen, Charles Walton, Shevette Newkirk, Randolph James, Rasheen Jamison Richardson, Kenneth Johnson, Howard Vincent Lewis, Ophelia Scarbough, Stella Harris, Pamela Harris Williams, Klcey Scott, Erica Scott, Kurt and Joycelyn Stephens, Jeffrey Adams, Kacey Rivers, Harold Samms, Ena Mason, Maylene Rosheuvel, Darlene Sheppard, Doreen Walcott, Lamar Nottage and Kenley Curry.

Do pray especially for those on the front lines in the fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic especially all doctors, nurses, scientists and our own, Dr. Shaun Laurie, Dr. Nwamaka Onyeozili, Dr. Ross Howard McMillan, Dr. Ciara Grayson, Dr. Alaine Sharpe, Zuri A. White and Cheston Williams (Dr. Lauren's son).

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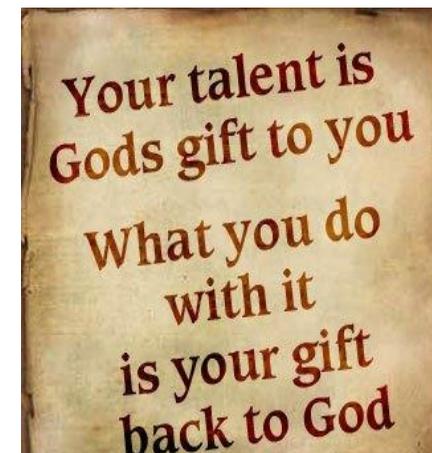
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From the Rector's Desk

First Christian, then Citizen

It would seem as though the election season is finally at an end – praise God. But the fractures will remain for a while to come, with some among us wondering what conversations will be like at the Thanksgiving Day family gatherings this year. Will some family members fail to show up, blaming their absence on COVID-19? The polarization that we experienced in 2020, have now put in peril certain customs and norms that have stood the test of time. How sad!!

I came across this interesting and certainly provocative article that warrants my sharing with you. It is a commentary and review by Nathaniel Warne on a recent publication by Bishop Andy Doyle in which he challenges Christians to talk about politics. The book is entitled – Citizen: Faithful Discipleship in a Partisan World. Bishop Doyle argues that schools, political parties, media, and not Christians, have shaped the debates and defined what it means to be a citizen. These institutions feed us “political agendas” packaged as Christianity and we unreflectively accept and internalize what is offered. As a result, the line between being an American and being Christian has become blurred. Christians, Bishop Doyle argues, must first be Christians, then citizens.

One of the strengths of this publication, Warne argues, is that this book helpfully teases out the distinction between an American civil religion, which often has a “family resemblance” to Christianity, and a biblically centered understanding of citizenship and political participation. American civil religion Bishop Doyle opines is really “moral therapeutic deism, which advances individualism and nihilistic power while simultaneously encouraging polarities like Democratic and Republican; liberal and conservative.” Warne complains that the Bishop makes several unsupported claims such as taking the Trinity as a starting point for conceiving his theological anthropology (image of God). He departs from the current understanding of the image of God as relational, vocational and incarnational and Instead makes a suggestion that freedom connects the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and Christian citizenship! This approach is problematic since so much recent political turmoil has centered around conflicting conceptions of freedom, with many appealing to freedom as a justification to endanger the lives of others – we have seen too much of this recently. Warne concludes that that we certainly need to articulate what a Christian idea of freedom is and how it relates to political decision making. What some of us feel free to do may prove injurious to those who do not share that perception – think of the open carry debate! Warne however finds some redemptive ideas in this publication. He draws attention to the idea of the Bishop that we all hold a mirror up to ourselves so we can see how we have allowed political ideologies to possibly corrupt our relationship with fellow Christians. Indeed Christian Citizenship comes without the labels of left or right or Democratic or Republican. We belong to a God who sees us all as his children, living together in love and harmony,

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Recessional Hymn

H660 V 1-2, The Christian Life

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O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free
Tell thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;

Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.

OUR VISION is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!



Nadira Sams and Hollis Sams.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, 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 hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Suggested daily Readings for the Season after Pentecost: November 16 to November 21.

Mon.	Hab. 2:1-4, 9-20	Psalm 89:1-18	Luke 16:19-31
Tue.	Hab. 3:1-10(11-15)16-18	Psalm 97, 99,[100]	Luke 17:1-10
Wed.	Mal. 1:1, 6-14	Psalm 101, 109:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
Thurs.	Mal. 2:1-16	Psalm 105:1-22	Luke 17:20-37
Fri.	Mal. 3:1-12	Psalm 102	Luke 18:1-8
Sat.	Mal. 3:13-4:6	Psalm 107:33-43	Luke 18:9-14

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE TWO

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive those who debtors. And led us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn Musical

Meditation Hymn Musical

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

Instrumental Prelude

Processional Hymn **H616, v 1 & 5** *Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegrelein*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in the equity.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer. 4. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

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The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read,, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. .

The Lessons

The people sit

A Reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethpha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.”

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

1.To you I lift up my eyes,*

To you enthroned in the heavens.

2.As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,* and the eyes

3. so our eyes look to the Lord our God,* until he show us his mercy

4. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,*

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

5.Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,* and of the derision of the proud.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel)

Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

The Peace

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we, family

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let us each other this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Doxology **H380 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Presentation of the Offering – prayer to be said

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit, a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation Hymn **A160 v 1-2, The Lord is My Light** Bouknight

The Lord is my light and my salvation, he Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?

Refrain

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear. The Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (remain standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Glory be the Father

And to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning,

Is now,

And ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians – 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake, or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: H512 v 1, Come gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove *Mendon*

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above; be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er every thought and step preside.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Mathew (25:14-30).*

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

