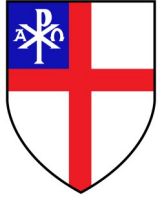


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BISHOP'S EPISTLE

Blessings and Peace to each of you in this Eastertide.

A New Age

The age of “coronavirus” has introduced us to a new age of communication in the church. How many of us who consider ourselves either as “non-techies” or “techies” have found ourselves using Facebook or Zoom to celebrate and preach and conduct other church activities? Prior to the forced closing of our Sunday Mass in our parish churches, many of us never thought we would be put into the position to use new communication skills overnight. “Necessity is the mother of invention” to be sure as we have found ourselves quickly taking advantage of the technical means that surround us. However, it has become apparent to most of us, that it is not possible to recreate the realities of live-worship, particularly as a sacramental church. On the other hand, it has been a blessing to see the gift of teaching so many of the clergy have throughout the Province and Dioceses. For example, I was especially pleased, as we were not able to have the Three-Hour Meditations on Good Friday as usual, to experience “Earth and Altar” from All Saints’ Church, Charlottesville, VA on Podcast. This Service was beautifully done by a number of our younger clergy, each doing one of the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross. Likewise, I have observed increasing numbers of parishioners and non-parishioners tuning into Morning and Evening Prayer with Dean, Father Ralph Waterhouse on Facebook. I am especially pleased to have seen the leadership and creativity of our clergy. They continue to show themselves as dedicated Shepherds of their flocks.

You can imagine how in the past the invention of the printing press, the telephone, and television changed the way people lived. Communication changed dramatically and you can be sure there

was hand wringing over how it was going to hinder social gatherings. The common theme in all of the new ways of communicating is initial resistance until the realization dawns on what the great advantages are. “Technology is killing social interaction.” “Instagram is destroying community.” Now because of the limitations of the Virus and the forced closures of “non-essential business” and severe limits on social gatherings, we suddenly realize how modern technology has provided ways to be together virtually. This means we can worship, hear the teaching of God’s Word, and even receive “Spiritual Communion.” It may not be optimal but it is surely better than the alternative. Let us continue to learn to adapt and adjust.

Let us all pray that the Lord will soon deliver us from this plague we are enduring as a country and world and may he use the hardships and suffering to inspire a spiritual awakening among us. There are malevolent forces in the world who use the phrase ‘never let a good crisis go to waste’ to impose their will upon the people. May we as Christians rather pray and adopt the attitude that this is the time to realize how powerless we are and that God is ultimately in control even and especially in a crisis. We are all guilty of making our plans and telling God what they are until tragedy comes and we must turn to our Lord for answers. We are in that situation presently and may we all look to the Author and Finisher of our Faith for guidance and hope. God bless each of us as we gradually move back into our world of “normalcy.” May we bring glory to God in all we think, say, and do!

Anglican Youth Camp 2020

Due to the current circumstance, Anglican Youth Camp 2020 will be canceled. We prayerfully look forward to resuming camp in the Summer of

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2021. Registration will open in January of 2021 for ages 8-15. If 2020 was going to be a camper's last year because of age restrictions, we don't want them to miss out on their last year of camp, and would invite them to apply to come when registration opens in January. If you would like to receive email updates on the camp from Fr. Matt, please contact him directly via email at harlowmatthew@gmail.com.

Lenten Appeal for Domestic Mission 2020 Extended Update

As I announced earlier during Lent, the Lenten Appeal for this year has been extended to Trinity Sunday (June 7, 2020). This decision was due to the quarantine and subsequent closure of the churches. The closures continue to be extended beyond the originally planned goal for reopening. I know with all that is going on it is easy to forget, so this is a reminder. I am hopeful we will reach the \$100,000 goal for the Appeal. We will if each one uses my suggestion of \$1.50/day for each of the 40 days of Lent. I am encouraged because a young clergyman has been identified who would meet the needs of our designated Mission Churches of St. Mathias and St. James the Great in eastern Alabama. He would serve under the tutelage of Father John Klein. Please pray about this and be as generous as you always are.

Provincial Synod and Diocesan Synods 2020

The recent events in our country and throughout the world have certainly been unprecedented in our lifetime. On the bright side, we are beginning to see states slowly removing lock-down orders and we look forward to our country getting back "on-track." With that in mind, I would like to remind everyone to begin their registration process for our provincial and diocesan synods forthcoming this summer. It is perhaps more important than ever for us to meet this year so we can support and fellowship with one another as the current crisis abates.

We are being hosted this year by All Saints Church, Mills River, North Carolina in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. Archdeacon Erich Zwingert, rector at All Saints, advises that

North Carolina has begun Phase 1 of removing the lock-down procedures and their governor is anticipating the state to be fully open again in July. Our synods are scheduled for the week of August 3-7, 2020. In fact, the Synod Eucharist is scheduled for August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration. It seems somehow appropriate that we would celebrate that feast day together coming out of the current crisis.

Please register now and make your hotel reservations. All the synod information is available on our website www.anglicanprovince.org and all registrations and hotel reservations are being accomplished online. I am encouraging you to register and reserve now because it is incumbent upon us to meet our minimum room nights at the hotel. If North Carolina is open again (which we believe it will), our contract with the hotel will be in full force and effect.

We understand that much of what is anticipated may be very fluid. Should the unhappy circumstance occur that we must cancel or postpone the synods, any money you spend can easily be refunded to you.

Let us all trust in our heavenly Father that we will move forward with the synods and that we all might be able to attend.

May the Lord bless and keep each of you,

+Walter

Rest In Peace

After a year's painful battle with cancer, the Rev. Mark Siegel passed from this life on Saturday, May 9, 2020, with his devoted wife Vicki at his side. Mark+ assisted at St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, FL, at St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, FL, and at St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL, before becoming incapacitated by the disease. Plans for his Requiem Mass are not complete at this time due to the constraints of the COVID-19 restrictions. Please pray for his blessed repose and for the comfort of the Holy Spirit for his wife Vicki and the family. Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon him.

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Sunday School Curriculum (Anglican Province of America)

As we begin gradually moving back to a more normal situation as far as our parishes are concerned, it is time to think seriously about Christian Education for our young people. The APA has a professionally produced curriculum on the Life of Christ designed for the Tradition Anglican Parish. This material is provided by a number of our own highly skilled and talented clergy and laity. It is user-friendly for experienced or inexperienced teachers with many helpful hints provided. The activity pages can be reproduced, so there is no need for student booklets.

I would like our clergy to really support using this material as we have for years wanted to have our own Sunday School literature. You can order your copy from DEUS Publications at www.deusbooks.org.

Successful Visit to the Missionary District of the Philippines

On March 2, 2020, a mission team from the APA consisting of Bishop David Haines (Missionary Bishop for Global Partnerships and Rector of All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC) and Father Paul Rivard (Rector of St. George the Martyr Church, Simpsonville, SC) started on their journey to the Missionary District of the Philippines. After meeting up at Dulles International Airport, Washington, DC, they departed for Manilla traveling via the Narita Airport (Tokyo) in Japan. After traveling for twenty-three hours the team arrived safely in Manila, arriving just before midnight on Tuesday, March 3, where they were met by Fr. Joel Arellano, the priest-in-charge of the Missionary District.

During the next seven days, the team blessed a portion of land and broke the ground for a new church (St. Andrew, the Apostle) in Occidental Mindoro, consecrated a church (St. Joseph the Worker) in Masoc, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, and baptized two new members and confirmed forty-three young adults at St. James the Apostle Church in Bauang, La Union. The team also interviewed five clergy from a monastic group

from Cebu City, Cebu who are wanting to affiliate with the APA in the Philippines.

The team was able to return safely to the USA on March 11, just before most places and travel within the Philippines and internationally were restricted. A full detailed report on the visit together with many more photographs is available on the APA website (anglicanprovince.org).

Ad Clerum APA

Ordinations:

DEUS: Mr. Bill Wall was ordained to the Diaconate on February 29, 2020, at St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones, SSC. Deacon Wall will serve at St. Barnabas Church.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Erik Wilson will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on June 20, 2020, at All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D. He will serve at All Saints, Wilmington, NC.

Receptions/Institution:

DEUS: The Rev. Myles Hixson was received into the APA on February 5, 2020, and later installed as Rector of Holy Cross Church, Farragut (Knoxville), TN by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D., on February 16, 2020.

DEUS: The Rev. Wesley Walker was received into the APA on February 5, 2020, and is serving as Curate at St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD.

DEUS: The Rev. Paul Beutell was received into the APA on April 25, 2020, and is serving as the new Vicar at St. Thomas Church, Alto, GA.

New Assignment:

DEUS: The Rev. G. Allen Fisher was called to be Curate at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Matthew, NC, effective May 1, 2020.

Reinstatement:

DEUS: The Rev. Michael Stranz has been reinstated to active ministry and has resumed his previous position as Rector, St. Francis Church, Jonesboro, GA, effective May 1, 2020.

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Transfers:

DMA: The Rev. Mr. Charles Miller, Jr. transferred to the Anglican Diocese of the West, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) effective January 6, 2020.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. William Johnston transferred to the Reformed Episcopal Church effective April 9, 2020.

Deposition:

DMA: The Rev. Mr. Clinton McKenzie was deposed April 5, 2020, due to Renunciation of Ministry.

Vacancies

- St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, FL
- St. Mathias Mission, Dothan, AL
- St. Martin's, Ocala, FL
- St. Peter's, Kingsport, TN

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers:

Fr. Ed Warner (in the hospital as of this writing), Vicki Siegel, wife of Fr. Mark Siegel; Fr. David Keller; Fr. Michael Clay Smith; Fr. Tom and Linda Burr, Rick Watson (Synod Organist); Fr. John Gibson; Bishop Hanlan; Bishop Shaver; Fr. Bakley and wife, Pat; Fr. Gardner.

RIP: The Rev. Mark Siegel.

APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Itinerary

Apr. 24: APA House of Bishop's Conference Call.

Apr 28: G-4 Archbishops Conference Call

May 19: G-4 Archbishop Conference Call

Jun. 7: Episcopal Visitation, Holy Trinity, Fernandina Beach, FL.

Jun. 20: Ordination of Deacon Erik Wilson to the Priesthood, All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC.

Jun. 21: Episcopal Visitation, All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC.

APA Missionary Bishop Haines Itinerary

Mar. 2-11: Episcopal Visitation, APA Missionary District of the Philippines.

DEUS Bishop Coadjutor Jones Itinerary

Apr. 24: APA House of Bishop's Conference Call.

Apr 28: G-4 Archbishops Conference Call

Apr 25: Oath of Conformity, Fr. Paul Beutell, St. Barnabas Dunwoody (done adhering to social distancing guidelines)

May 19: G-4 Archbishop Conference Call

DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary

Apr. 24: APA House of Bishop's Conference Call.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

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| 03 | The Rev. Mr. Arthur Walker |
| 05 | The Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan |
| 06 | The Rt. Rev. David Haines |
| 07 | The Rev. Gary Fisher |
| 09 | The Rev. Mr. Carlton Bridgewater |
| 14 | The Rev. Richard Bakley |
| 20 | The Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones, SSC |
| 20 | The Rev. Mark Siegel |
| 23 | The Rev. Wesley Walker |
| 25 | The Rev. George Harding |

April Anniversaries

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| 05 | The Rev. Richard Baskwill, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 09 | Dss Lynda Gerlach, <i>Setting Apart</i> |
| 10 | The Rev. Ronald Massey, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 12 | The Rev. Guerrier Mews, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 14 | The Rev. Michael Bolt, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 19 | The Rev. Stephen Sommerrock, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 21 | The Rev. Mr. Carlton Bridgewater, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 22 | The Very Rev. J. Gordon Anderson, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 23 | The Rev. Mr. Bartol Stone, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 25 | The Rev. Canon Edward Warner, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 26 | The Rev. Vincent Varnas, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 28 | The Rev. David Eastes, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 28 | The Rev. Mr. Thomas Houghton, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 29 | The Rev. Louis Johnson, EdD, <i>Diaconate</i> |

May Birthdays

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| 01 | The Rev. Wade Miller |
| 03 | The Dss. Deborah Kidd |
| 05 | The Rev. Charles Scott |
| 06 | The Rev. Daniel Squires |
| 09 | The Rev. Mr. Bill Wall |
| 10 | The Rev. Mr. Erik Wilson |
| 14 | The Rev. Canon Robert Hawkins, V.G. |
| 27 | The Rev. Christopher Smith |
| 29 | The Very Rev. Gordon Anderson |
| 29 | The Rev. Paul Beutell |

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May Anniversaries

- 02 The Rev. George Ates, *Priesthood*
 05 The Rev. Irving Cook, *Diaconate*
 05 The Very Rev. John Longcamp, *Priesthood*
 06 The Rev. Bartol Stone, *Priesthood*
 14 The Rev. Tracy Smith, SSA, *Diaconate*
 16 The Very Rev. Mark Menees, BCOS, *Priesthood*
 16 The Rev. Michael Ward, SSA, *Diaconate*
 16 The Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse, *Diaconate*
 20 The Rev. John Gibson, *Diaconate*
 21 The Rev. Charles Scott, *Diaconate*
 21 The Rev. Charles Scott, *Priesthood*
 23 The Rev. Wade Miller, *Priesthood*
 24 The Rev. Howard Underwood, *Diaconate*
 25 The Rev. Paul Gerlock, *Priesthood*
 26 The Rev. Matthew Harlow, *Priesthood*
 26 The Rev. David Masterson, *Diaconate*
 28 The Rev. John DiBiasi, *Priesthood*
 29 The Rev. C. William Carter, *Diaconate*

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June Birthdays

- 14 The Rev. Howard Underwood
 16 The Rev. Michael Northup
 16 The Rev. Mr. Christopher Perez
 18 The Rev. Bartol Stone
 19 Dss. Lynda Gerlach
 19 The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Stogner, III
 27 The Rev. David Eastes
 28 The Rev. Dr. John Longcamp
 30 The Rev. Randall Russell

June Anniversaries

- 03 The Ven. Rev. Franklin Endres, *Diaconate*
 03 The Rev. Wesley Walker, *Priesthood*
 06 The Rev. David Keller, *Priesthood*
 08 The Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones, SSC, *Diaconate*
 08 The Rev. Mark Pavlina, *Diaconate*
 10 The Rev. Richard Bakley, *Diaconate*
 10 The Rt. Rev. Robert Giffin, D.D., *Diaconate*
 10 The Rev. Robert Kirk, *Priesthood*
 10 The Rt. Rev. William Perkins, Jr, *Diaconate*
 10 The Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC, *Diaconate*
 11 The Rt. Rev. Robert Giffin, D.D., *Priesthood*
 11 The Rev. Michael Smith, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Michael Bowhay, *Diaconate*
 14 The Rev. William Martin, SSC, *Priesthood*
 18 The Rev. Don Edlemann, *Diaconate*
 18 The Rev. Randall Russell, *Priesthood*
 20 The Rev. Robert Placer, *Diaconate*
 23 The Ven. Rev. Franklin Endres, *Priesthood*
 23 The Rev. Ronald Massey, *Diaconate*
 23 The Rev. David Masterson, *Priesthood*
 28 The Rev. John Klein, *Diaconate*