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Quote of the Week

The Rev. Matthew Fox, Episcopal priest and former Roman Catholic theologian, on the papacy: It "shows a neurotic compulsion to have control which is disenchanting to many people, especially the young."

In This Corner

Sentence Not Likely to Please Many

My dealings with Ellen Cooke have been a marked contrast to what many staff members at the Episcopal Church Center experienced. On one occasion, I had a question about a line item in the General Convention budget. I telephoned and spoke to a person in the treasurer's office who was unable to answer my question, but I was told someone would get back to me soon. I was amazed when Ellen Cooke returned my call shortly with an answer. Another time, I had a question about a financial matter and called Mrs. Cooke. I got through without trouble and found her to be gracious and helpful. Meanwhile, I was hearing complaints from persons who worked in the same building that she was inaccessible and uncooperative.

Some observers, who are far closer to the scene at "815" than I, claim some effective plea bargaining took place in exchange for Mrs. Cooke's guilty plea to the two charges she faced in federal court [TLC, Feb. 11]. The thinking was, it would not be good for the Episcopal Church if she were to testify.

Speculation is rife concerning a sentence for the former treasurer. If my mail is any indication, there will be many people unsatisfied with her sentence, whether it's 20 years in prison or 20 hours of community service. Perhaps a prison sentence of three or four years and a fine might be a better guess.

The January issue of the *Texas* Episcopalian carried a photograph of the

Sunday's Readings Following Jesus on His 40-Day Journey

Lent 1: Gen. 2:4b-9, 15-17, 25-3:7; Ps. 51:1-13; Rom. 5:12-19 (20-21); Matt. 4:1-11

A ll of us are self-centered by nature, and selfishness is the root cause of sin. We frequently desire things we don't or can't have, so we cheat and manipulate others to get what we want. Our egos ask us to believe that we don't need to be subject to authority, so we often overstep the limits of acceptable behavior. Sin born of selfishness has a powerful hold on each of us, expressing itself in our striving to "be like God."

That hold, however, can be broken, and selfish temptations and motivations don't have to result in selfish deeds. Jesus, after all, during his 40 days in the wilderness, "was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin." He found power to recognize his selfish drives for security, for authority, and for sta-

Rev. Stephen Butts perched on the roof of St. Paul's Church, Killgore, Texas, where he is priest-in-charge. It seems that last July Fr. Butts (at that time Deacon Butts) challenged St. Paul's choir to double its numbers by the beginning of Advent. If the challenge was met, he agreed to spend the day on the roof. The choir had dwindled to three members, and after the challenge, it rose to 15.

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Someone sent me a recent issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the venerable Roman Catholic publication, which had cover photo of Bishop Walter Righter and a full-page article concerning the presentment. The cover photo caption read, "Is this man a heretic and other signs of Episcopalian meltdown."

St. Paul's, K Street, Washington, D.C., in the news recently as one of the three parishes Bishop Jane Dixon planned to visit [TLC, Feb. 4], is in the news again concerning an unfortunate development. Three of its former curates were chrismated into the Antiochian Orthodox Church during one week, although not all at the same time or place. They are the Rev. Frs. Ralph Bethancourt, David Clark and Gregory Harrigle.

Note to R.T.T. in College Park, Md.: I don't think the Righter trial will reach the point where a verdict is issued.

David Kalvelage, editor

tus as the demonic forces they really are. And in claiming and relying on that power for assistance he was able to avoid their translation into sin and to embrace his Father's righteousness.

We who follow Jesus on his 40-day journey this Lent are called to recognize our own temptation for what it is, and so keep it from dictating our actions. We're enabled to do so, moreover, by the very same power with which Jesus derailed his own selfishness. That power is provided by God's own Spirit, poured out on him and on us in baptism.

And when we claim it and rely on it in our own lives, we cease to be slaves to the Old Adam and embrace the righteousness of the New. God's Spirit, already within us, strengthens us "to live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died for us and rose again."



Letters

A 'Healthy and Vibrant' Church

After traveling the 48 continental states in church agency work for nearly 25 years, the undersigned newly retired priest has the opportunity for considered reflection on the state of the Episcopal Church. I write to counteract the doomsavers who tell us our church is in a bad way. Nay, not so! She really is healthy and vibrant at the local level all over the place.

According to generally accepted figures, the Episcopal Church bottomed out on losses of people a few years ago, and presently is growing slowly but steadily. And the figures we now have are more honest than those of a decade or two ago. Further, there is a slow, solid, constant growth in overall giving, the rate exceeding that of the growth of the cost of living. Finally, since the late 1980s, we have been able to identify a lovely dozen or so jurisdictions where the growth in communicant population exceeds the rate of growth in the civil populations surrounding them. These are solid signs of health.

One of the thrills in the 37 years since I was ordained has been seeing our church become more Eucharist-centered (while having at the same time less extremes of liturgical practice).

In our church, the laity have a healthy disrespect for much of the hierarchy, but in shared authority, checks and balances. There may be a failure of nerve on the part of some of the hierarchy, but this does not bother most of the local churches which are active at worship, nurture and local outreach. This means that more money therefore goes to local mission, and less to diocesan, national and international purposes. A great number of persons in all places can live with this situation.

I bid my brothers and sisters in Christ to heed not the bad-mouthing, to work through the small but still too-large amount of peculation and peccadilloes sexual and manipulative, and to rejoice in our overall solid life in mission.

(The Rev.) James L. Lowery, Jr. Old Lyme, Conn.

Subversion

The diabolical "Non-Procreative samesex commitment" farce that took place at Trinity Cathedral, San Jose [TLC, Jan. 28], is a perfect example of the destructive subversion being wrought upon the Episcopal Church by the ultra-liberal element that has infiltrated the church to the highest levels of authority over the past quarter century.

The church used to stand for what is

right, decent, moral and pure. While it ministered to us sinners to try and help us achieve perfection as much as possible, it

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never wavered from a position of godliness and morality. We members could look to the church and to the clergy with respect and we could worship, knowing that the church was, is and always would be, a standard by which we could pattern our lives.

No more! The church seems to have become what it used to oppose. It becomes a dilemma to those who have always loved it.

Mainstream Episcopalians who have chosen to ignore what is happening had better wake up and take charge before it's too late!

> C.K. Slaughter, Jr. Daytona Beach, Fla.

Acts of Tyranny

Bishops Haines' and Dixon's actions [TLC, Feb. 4] regarding the three churches in Washington, and their insistence on violating the church's promises enshrined in our present regulation that "no Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or Lay Person should be coerced or penalized in any manner as a result of his or her conscientious objection to or support of ... the ordination of women," are outrageous acts of tyranny against a vulnerable

minority as well as a violation of their ordination vows as bishops in regard to the doctrine and discipline of this church.

The exercise of power without regard to law or courtesy is a spirit that is opposed to the Holy Spirit. Its source is described in Alisdair MacIntyre's Three Rival Versions of Moral Inquiry, in which all appeal to truth and morality is regarded by the descendants of Nietzche as no more than a cloak for raw power. Thomas Moore asks Roper in Robert Bolt's play, A Man for All Seasons, if he would break all the laws to get at the devil. Receiving an affirmative answer, he then asks: Where will you go for safety with all laws broken when the devil turns on you?

Where will Bishops Haines and Dixon go when the power is against them and all laws are broken?

> (The Rt. Rev.) C. FitzSimons Allison Bishop of South Carolina, retired Georgetown, S.C.

The article about Suffragan Bishop Jane Dixon's controversial enforced visits to traditional parishes in the Diocese of Washington states that the Rev. Richard C. Martin, rector of St. Paul's, K Street, has retired. Actually Fr. Martin has resigned, effective Oct. 31 at the end of a

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Letters

sabbatical granted him by the vestry, which begins April 8.

Dorothy Mills Parker Washington, D.C.

A Super Message

Super Bowl Sunday. It's one of the biggest media events of the year! So big, corporations are willing to invest as much as \$1.2 million for a 30-second spot during the first half of the game. Obviously, their marketing research tells them these are dollars well spent.

Meanwhile, we in the Episcopal Church mark the halfway point in the Decade of Evangelism by treating our congregations to a trial which may even total the cost of a 30-second Super Bowl spot.

Heck, if we put all the money into Super Bowl advertising, we could sponsor most of the first quarter, reach 90 million people and get the Episcopal Church out of the bedroom and into the living rooms of people around the country. I suggest it is time to re-evaluate our priorities and perhaps align our actions with our words.

(The Rev.) Alan C. French St. Andrew's Church New Providence, N.J.

Contradictions

It is summer; the rush of Christmas is over, and it is that much-looked-forwardto time to sit beside the beach and catch up on some reading, including several back copies of THE LIVING CHURCH.

I enjoy reading TLC for a number of reasons. First, my wife is an Episcopalian, and in consequence of that I arranged an exchange to Christ Church, Cambridge, Mass., in 1982. TLC continues the feel of the American Church.

Second, it keeps me in touch with the church that wears its contradictions on its sleeve, rather than papering them over as we are wont to do, as much through apathy as anything else. Now that has its good and bad points. Positively, it helps me reflect on the different viewpoints in my own church.

Negatively, I am appalled by the depth of judgmentalism, self-righteousness and lovelessness that finds expression in TLC, particularly in the letters. I thank God for our apathy, which, on the whole, prevents us from feeling so strongly!

I was amazed at another contradiction. I and my ministry have been heavily influenced by charismatic renewal. Among my luminaries have been some of the Episcopal bishops who have sought to provide leadership in this area and to live out their experience and their understanding of life in the Spirit. I was, therefore, staggered to see their names (almost all of them, I think) listed as giving consent to the presentment against Bishop Righter. The idols do, indeed, have feet of clay. How can they believe that this issue is going to be solved by a trial? What light and life do they expect the Spirit to give through such an event? Ah, well, another contradiction! And I thank God for the Episcopal Church, which is able to produce them in such abundance. If it did not, I would probably stop my subscription to TLC!

> (The Ven.) Philip Newman Archdeacon of Malvern Toorak, Vic., Australia

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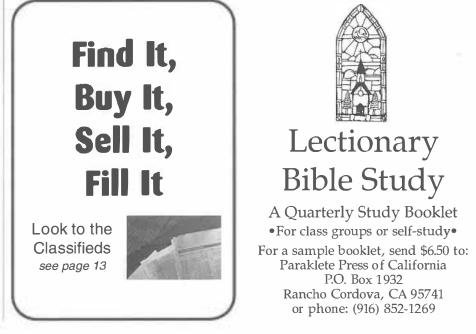
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News

Another Unwelcome Visit

The Suffragan Bishop of Washington, the Rt. Rev. Jane Dixon, continued her visits to traditionally Anglo-Catholic parishes Feb. 4 at the Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes in downtown Washington.

Bishop Dixon arrived at the cavernous, 125-year-old stone church in the wake of a snowstorm almost as paralyzing as the one that marked her trip to St. Luke's,

Bladensburg, Md., on Jan. 14 [TLC, Feb. 4]. Again she encountered few amenities and a largely absent congregation.

A difference was that four Ascension and St. Agnes parishioners were picketing outside with signs that declared "Freedom of Worship: Our Civil Right," a police car was parked at the curb, and both wardens were at the door. In addition, the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Lane Davenport, was present. Through Bishop Dixon, he had been ordered by the Rt. Rev. Ronald Haines, Bishop of Washington, to be present in the nave for Bishop

Dixon's visit or risk losing his license to function.

Bishop Dixon arrived at 9:40 a.m. for a 10 o'clock Eucharist, accompanied by her husband, a lawyer, and a dozen supporters. She heard the objections to the visit by the two wardens; then she proceeded to the Lady Chapel to vest with the assistance of the Rev. Richard Downing, rector of St. James' Church, Capitol Hill, who had been elected president of the standing committee a few days earlier, and the Rev. Enrique Brown, vicar of the recently established Mission San Juan at St. John's, Lafayette Square.

By 10 o'clock, 68 persons had arrived. Only three were identified as members of the parish. About 100 persons had attended an 8 o'clock celebration at which Bishop Dixon was not present.

Bishop Dixon's service was make-shift, in marked contrast to the customary High Mass in setting, liturgy, and congregational participation. The organ was stilled, choir and acolytes not present; no candles burned; no incense ascended. Almost no one genuflected, few blessed themselves or knelt for the consecration.

Forsaking use of the 12-foot stone altar, Bishop Dixon used a small credence table placed at the altar rail. Instead of the Anglican Missal, in use at the parish for as long as anyone could remember, Bishop Dixon substituted Rite I, frequently using

her own words instead of the proscribed form.

"A congregation of voyeurs," said a member of the vestry of St. Alban's, Tokyo, who had formerly worshiped at Ascension and St. Agnes. "The old doctrine of Anglican tolerance is being outraged."

In a 10-minute sermon from the pulpit, Bishop Dixon preached on the words of the late Canon Ted Wedel, declaring that "Christians have but one story to tell, the story of love," which she said had been important to her in 1977 at Virginia Theological Seminary.

"To be taken seriously

with dignity, whether we are straight or gay, is the love story we are called to tell," she said. "The church is wrestling with much but its doors are open for all of us as a sign of our relationship with love."

The bishop said she wished to give herself "to this parish, not to change your minds, but so we can find some way to be together."

At the offertory, a large wicker picnic hamper was passed among the people.

"Please be generous because I am leaving the offering here," Bishop Dixon said, "that this parish may continue its life. And all of you can come to God's table. There is a place for you."

A formal statement regarding the visit was issued by Fr. Davenport, the wardens and vestry. The statement cited Bishop Haines' edict as "without warrant in canon law," and "in obedience to our Lord, we have opened our doors, but we do not consent to the visit."

(The Rev.) James B. Simpson

Central Florida May Withdraw Funding to National Church

The **Diocese of Central Florida** will reconsider or rescind its 1996 pledge to the national church if the Episcopal Church should "abandon its own teaching" by sanctioning the blessing of samesex unions or approving for ordination openly non-celibate unmarried persons."

Delegates to the diocesan convention Jan. 26-27 in Daytona Beach accepted the financial asking of General Convention within the range established in 1994, but they attached a "letter of conscience" recommended by the diocesan board.

Delegates voted to send with the 1996 pledge a letter addressed the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop, and Stephen Duggan, treasurer. The letter states many congregations "are deeply troubled by the apparent inability or unwillingness of the Episcopal Church to uphold its own teaching and standards, most notably in regard to matters of sexuality. We are conscious that the House of Bishops reaffirmed the church's teaching in the Pastoral Study Document that was issued in 1994.

"But we are alarmed at the growing number of bishops and dioceses that have expressed their willingness to flout that teaching either by sanctioning the 'blessing' of same-sex unions or by approving for ordination openly non-celibate unmarried persons ... But the ordinations continue, the rites have been produced, and in many instances they are being used."

In his convention address, the Rt. Rev. John W. Howe said, "there can be no denying that this is an extremely difficult moment for the Episcopal Church nationally. We have been rocked by suicide and scandal this past year. The largest embezzlement in the history of any Christian denomination took place in the midst of budgetary shortfalls..."

Delegates approved the Church of the Nativity in Port St. Lucie as a new mission, and recognized two missions as parishes, St. Jude's in Orange City and Episcopal Church on the Square in Lady Lake. The Rt. Rev. Herbert Edmondson, former Bishop of Jamaica, and later Assistant Bishop of Central Florida, was honored upon his retirement. A 1996 budget of more than \$1.76 million was adopted.

A.E.P. Wall



Bishop Dixon is met with protest at the Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes

'Hearts Re-Opened to the Church'

The North American Missionary Society's "road show" of programs in cathedrals stopped in Milwaukee Feb. 2 with a day of fasting and prayer. The program at All Saints' Cathedral was the fourth of a series which began in Jacksonville and has continued in Dallas and Kansas City. Future programs are planned on succeeding first Fridays in cathedrals in Charleston, S.C., and Pittsburgh, and a parish church in Austin, Texas.

The Rev. Jon C. Shuler, general secretary of NAMS, spoke on the great commission upon which the organization is founded. NAMS intends to develop and plant churches within the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican tradition, according to seven structural principles.

Fr. Shuler compared the Episcopal Church to the two apostles on the road to Emmaus who did not recognize Jesus after the Resurrection (Luke 24:13ff). Having been with Jesus for three years, "their minds were filled with scripture, but shut down from the truth," he said. Similarly, the Episcopal Church, even though it has had the truth much longer, "we don't get it, don't believe it and don't live it very effectively.

"Like the two disciples on road to Emmaus, Jesus has to re-open our hearts and minds to the truth we have received."

Convention

A membership growth of 9.5 percent during 1995 was reported by the Rt. Rev. Bertram N. Herlong Jan. 27 to the convention of the **Diocese of Tennessee**. Similar increases of 9 percent in pledged and operating revenues and numbers of pledges in congregations also were noted.

In his convention address, Bishop Herlong challenged the diocese with three major initiatives: 1. To establish another new congregation beginning in 1996; 2. To participate in an organ donor program; 3. To reclaim church ministry opportunities opened up by the new welfare reform program in the state of Tennessee. The bishop also called for energetic diocesan support of people who are least able to care for themselves, in the "Families First" program. Fr. Shuler, the prime mover of the Shaping Our Future Symposium in St. Louis in 1993, resigned as rector of the Church of the Ascension in Knoxville, Tenn., to found the organization, and spent considerable time traveling throughout the Episcopal Church.

"Everywhere I went I found my brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church in despair," he told an audience of about 70 on a day in which the wind chill factor in Milwaukee was near minus 50 degrees. "I found people on the verge of leaving this church in despair that this church no longer believes in the truths of the catholic faith."

Fr. Shuler compared the church to the healing of the boy in Matthew's gospel, and said, "the Episcopal Church is the boy in that story."

In one address, Fr. Shuler substituted as a speaker for the Rt. Rev. Alex Dickson, retired Bishop of West Tennessee, who was ill. Others who spoke were the Very Rev. Gary W. Kriss, dean of Nashotah House, and the Rev. Greg Brewer, associate professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry.

Dean Kriss addressed the question "Who is Jesus?" and used the examples of icons for much of his presentation. "When we meet him face to face, we are compelled to follow him to the cross," he said.

The bishop challenged the diocese "not to dwell on the pathology of our church, but on the potential for ministry and service that clearly lies before us. Our job is to work together."

The convention took note of the catechumenate program in the diocese and celebrated the establishment of the Center for Ministry in Small Churches [TLC, Feb. 11]. The center, co-sponsored by the dioceses of East Tennessee and West Tennessee, and the School of Theology of the University of the South, will train and equip parish priests especially for ministry in small congregations.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Williamson County, was admitted to convention as a new mission.

The convention adopted a 1996 budget of nearly \$1.05 million.

(The Rev. Canon) Robert Dedmon

Briefly

The Rt. Rev. David S. Ball, **Bishop of Albany**, has issued a call for the election of a bishop coadjutor. Bishop Ball, 69, announced that an election will take place May 31, 1997, and that he will retire upon his 72nd birthday, in 1998.

The Rt. Rev. **Robert Longid**, Bishop of the Northern Philippines, died Jan. 20 of a heart attack. He was 60. Bishop Longid was well known in the United States, and was a participant in international Anglican affairs. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church took part in a **10-day "noise fast"** in January. The church's youth ministries division called on Christians to take "a vacation from noise," including television and radio, and give the time to prayer or other tranquil activities such as "driving to the lake and feeding the ducks."

The Most Rev. George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, urged evangelicals to encourage a **new generation of scholars** when he addressed the 150th anniversary observance of the Evangelical Alliance UK. The archbishop also said the direction of the church should be in part "back to the following of Christ which has always been central to evangelical life."

The Anglican Church of Uganda is dealing with a serious financial crisis, according to a report published by Episcopal News Service. A church spokesman said Archbishop Livingstone Mpalanyi Nkoyoyo and employees at the church's headquarters in Kampala were not paid during October and November and were not expecting to be paid during December. "Dioceses have not been remitting their quotas for the past several months," the spokesperson said.

A document published by the Church of England titled *Signs of Life* reports **parish giving has increased** by nearly 20 percent in three years. The report also says the church is gaining an average of one new congregation each week, more than the number of closings reported.

Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning has requested that the church's **Good Friday Offering** be sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, as it has been since 1922. The funds are shared by the dioceses of Jerusalem, Egypt and North Africa, Iran, and Cyprus and the Gulf.

The Right Perspective

Discoveries about ourselves in the wilderness

have heard it said that a person does not reach the end of adolescence until the age of 30. It gives me great comfort to hear that, because in retrospect, although I had accomplished a few things by 30, I was barely beginning to grow up emotionally and spiritually. It was about that time I was married; about that time that I was baptized; about that time that I left one career, one life, really, died to who I had been, and somewhat slowly and painfully entered a new life. At age 30, according to the Old Law, a man can begin to think about becoming a rabbi, a teacher. At age 30 Jesus goes out into the wilderness with the wild beasts where he is tempted by Satan and ministered to by angels.

In the movie *Grand Canyon*, one of the characters describes the Grand Canyon as that place where, when you stand on the edge, you gain a proper perspective on who you are and where you fit within the greater scheme of things. There is something about that vast wilderness that helps you get in touch with who you really are.

When Jesus is 30, he enters the wilderness in one frame of mind and comes out 40 days later having come to a new understanding of who he is. When he enters into the wilderness, it is as Jesus, son of Joseph the carpenter; when he comes out after 40 days, it is as Jesus, Son of God, Savior and Redeemer of the world. In the wilderness, Jesus leaves behind things that keep him from being who he truly is. In the wilderness, his personality and character are tried and sifted. I don't know all of what Jesus left out in the wilderness, what compulsions were burnt away by 40 days of prayer and fasting, but I am certain that he left a few.

The first temptation, for instance, is to turn stones into bread. Since Satan always tests us where we are vulnerable, I would guess one of the compulsions Jesus leaves in the wilderness is the compulsion to help everyone who is hungry. I know a few people who suffer in chronic ways from this compulsion and are in the process of burning out trying to help satisfy every person's needs. But once Jesus leaves the wilderness, his priorities are clear. He saves the whole world but he does not try to feed it. Those who love God will be fed.

Do you want to find out who you really are? Do you want to know what you are really made of? Go out into the wilderness for a few days. I can guarantee you will learn things about yourself that you have never before realized. You will find strengths you did not know you had. You will find fears you hide from yourself, dependencies you would rather not acknowledge. Probably the first thing you will learn is you are not as self-sufficient as you think you are.

I once accompanied my youngest daughter's eighth-grade class on a 10day backpacking trip in the high desert. On the first day we learned to rappel off a 70-foot rock cliff. I will never forget that first moment when, supported by a colorful and strong rope, I dropped over the edge and looked down. It was terrifying. But our instructor was encouraging, I was determined to set an example to my younger comrades, and I trusted in God and the rope. That day was an important day in

Psalm Tones

#51 Each morning I pray, Lord, open my lips. Perhaps I should better say, Lord, shut my mouth, that I may in silence proclaim your praise.

#63

Eagerly I seek, thirsting and fainting, for you. In remembering there is sweetness mixed with fear: but Your right hand holds me fast.

#108

God, my heart is fixed: I sing and make melody. And though my singing is imperfect, it is still what carries me straight to You.

#22

I cry in distress, but You do not answer me. Or is it rather I who do not hear, and who would rather enjoy the tears?

#134

Let this servant stay in the brightness of God's night where hands are lifted.

#150

Even the stones might have a breath to praise the Lord; and so must I do 'Til I close my psalter on the final Hallelujah.

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each of our lives as we learned we could do much more than we imagined and gained great confidence in our abilities to overcome fear and the obstacles that lay in our paths.

God can take what we see as limitations and turn them into his strength. When we are weak, God can be strong. In the wilderness, we are confronted with the burning sun, with the harsh cold, with the compulsions that keep us from God. In the wilderness, we are purified.

Each year during Lent we have the opportunity to enter a symbolic wilderness. For 40 days through various spiritual disciplines we may follow Jesus into the wilderness. Even that symbolic wilderness of Lent, the wilderness of prayer and fasting, is never what you expect. So the question becomes, do you have the courage to enter the wilderness through fasting, spiritual reading and study, through a rigorous inventory of yourself, through confession and reconciliation? When you strip away the compulsions and illusions from your life, you will begin to be able to inherit the kingdom.

God tries to give us the kingdom but until we are purified in the wilderness, we all keep trying to appropriate the kingdom for ourselves. It is not the powerful, those who believe they are in control, who inherit the kingdom, but those who know their weakness, those who know God is in control.

You are not obligated to go into the wilderness. It was a long time, more than 30 years, before Jesus did and it was a fearsome thing. He lived with wild beasts and was tempted by Satan. It is a fearsome thing to enter the wilderness, as it is to give up control and trust in Jesus. It is like dwelling with wild beasts. One never knows what to expect.

And yet, if you do choose to enter, I promise you the word will be in your heart and on your lips, angels will guard over you, on their hands they will bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone. God himself will give you all that you need. The choice is yours. May God give us all the grace to follow him.

The Rev. Kenneth J.G. Semon is rector of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, St. Louis, Mo.

Trial Hurts Church's Mission

There is a sense of irony in the fact that the presentment trial of Bishop Walter Righter begins during the first full week of Lent, the church's holiest season. At a time when we are invited to a season of self-examination, repentence, prayer, fasting, self-denial and reading and meditating on God's holy word, we are faced by one of the saddest chapters in the Episcopal Church's recent history. Bishop Righter, charged with teaching false doctrine and with failing to uphold his ordination vows for ordaining a non-celibate homosexual to the diaconate in 1990, goes before a trial court of nine bishops in Wilmington, Del.

In a 1995 editorial, we suggested that some sort of compromise might be reached to avert the matter reaching the Court for the Trial of a Bishop, but when the consents of one-fourth of the members of the House of Bishops were received, there was no turning back.

The publicity of the trial, the first of its kind in more than 70 years, will do nothing to help the mission of the church. In fact, it has the potential to obliterate whatever may have been accomplished during the first half of the Decade of Evangelism. The amount of time, energy, resources and money spent on the trial could be put to far better use.

And what may be accomplished? Eventually, we may learn whether the court considers the church has a doctrine concerning the ordination of non-celibate homosexuals. The chances of Bishop Righter being convicted would seem to be nil. Two of the judges admit to having performed ordinations similar to the one which Bishop Righter is being accused of; a third judge approved of such an ordination, then had his suffragan bishop officiate at the ordination [TLC, Feb. 11]; and a fourth judge is on record as approving. With that record, the process would seem to be impractical for achieving an outcome.

During these early days of Lent, let us pray for all those involved in the presentment trial: the accused, the presenting bishops, the judges and attorneys. May church unity be the focus of our prayers.

Role of Editorials

On occasion, we receive phone calls from readers wanting to know who wrote a particular editorial, or asking to speak to the writer of a certain editorial. Editorials in this magazine are usually written by the editor or at times by a staff member or a member of the Living Church Foundation's board of directors. Our editorials are not customarily signed. We believe this is as it should be. A variety of topics are discussed in editorials which, we believe, should be considered on their own merits, not in reaction to a particular individual or personality. Writers on more personal or subjective topics may appear as authors of Viewpoint articles, usually on this page, or as guest columnists, on page 2.

Viewpoint

What George Herbert Might Say



By STEPHEN F. NOLL

hirty years ago, I converted to Christianity and was baptized in the Episcopal Church as a college student. When people ask who "brought me to the Lord," I have to name as foremost among them George Herbert. Though he died in 1633, the Anglican priest and poet spoke words of truth and love to me at the appointed time.

Now I find myself caught up in the events surrounding the trial of Walter Righter, and I ask: "What would George Herbert say to the church crisis of our day? Such a question may appear naively anachronistic, but I am convinced that the greatest minds address perennial questions of truth implicitly, if not with the clairvoyance we might wish. And Herbert certainly was one of those rare minds.

Herbert lived in a time of great tension for the society and culture of England. Within a decade of his death, the Puritans had ripped apart the seamless cloak of the church in order to build a holy commonwealth. Within a generation, this experiment would be succeeded by the stifling uniformity of Lockean rationalism. While Herbert was hardly a quietist, he responded to this crisis by building up the church in deed through his ministry at a little parish near Salisbury, and in word through his posthumous book of poems entitled *The Temple*.

The Temple is a collection of short lyrics, anchored by three long poems. The work's architecture is significant. It begins with a long proverbial poem entitled "The Church-Porch," which lays out the basic moral rules that shape the serious Christian life. A lover of proverbs, Herbert summarizes biblical teaching on sexual ethics in one breath: "Wholly abstain or wed. Thy bounteous Lord allows thee choice of paths: take no byways ... Continence hath his joy: weigh both."

As a Renaissance man, he was not unaware of the power of erotic desire in the realm of culture and philosophy. But the priestly call to Christians, he believed,

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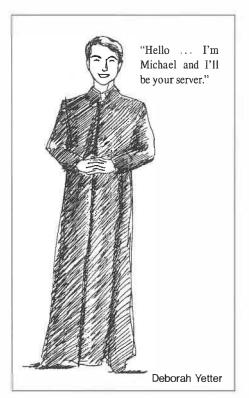
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Spiritual Songs of Hildegard [TLC, Dec. 10] and Stories That Jesus Told [TLC, Dec. 17] are both published by Morehouse (P.O. Box 1321, Harrisburg, PA 17105).



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involves a struggle for holiness, with one's "doctrine tuned by Christ." In matters of sexuality, the church's bounteous Lord had commanded options and limits. And that was that.

The acceptance of the church's *consensus fidelium* in doctrine and morals is the entry way to the temple of the human heart, beset by sin and consoled by love. Herbert's poems are a "picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul, before I could subject mine to the will of Jesus my Master." But they are typological vignettes for our lives as well.

For all its recognizably modern playing with subjectivity, Herbert's poetry is firmly rooted in the doctrines of original sin, vicarious atonement, and justification by faith. The central long poem, "The Sacrifice," counterpoises the passion of Jesus with the passions of the human heart, leading to his atoning grief, "My woe, man's weal." This very act of sacrifice defines love and is the clue to the eucharistic mystery: "Love is that liquor sweet and most divine, Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine."

The Walter Righter affair is not just about an isolated moral violation. Bishop Righter acted on behalf of another bishop who has called into question the central mysteries of the Christian gospel. The clash of religious with, of worldview, is the greater issue. I inhabit the worldview of George Herbert, which is the Great Story of the Bible. The revisionists do not, which some admit and others deny. If readers want to test this proposition, let them ask the supporters of the Righter cause this question: Why did Christ die on the Cross? Then compare the answers they receive with the meditations of George Herbert.

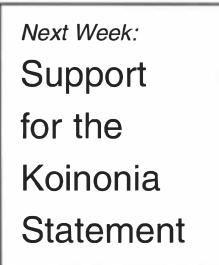
The doctrine of sin cuts both ways, of course, and the righteousness of the orthodox is no more acceptable to God than the error of those who move the boundaries. Herbert knows well the deception in trying to help God out: "I have considered it, and find there is no dealing with Thy mighty passion; For though I die for Thee, I am behind; My sins deserve the condemnation."

George Herbert's temple was, above all, the inner sanctum of the heart. This did not mean that he was unaware of church politics. He was a defender of the Anglican settlement, writing of the British Church, "I joy, dear Mother, when I view Thy perfect lineaments and hue ... Neither too mean, nor yet too gay shows who is best." The Anglican mean, of course, fell within Reformation options that have been largely forgotten today by the heirs of the Enlightenment.

Yet he hardly viewed any particular church as holding an irrevocable claim on the future. In the long poem that concludes The Temple, entitled "The Church Militant," Herbert sketches the progress of true religion in history, as it moved from east to west, dogged by the power of sin. He says of his own day: "Religion stands on tip-toe in our land, Ready to pass to the American strand." Religion in America, he continues, will have its set times too, followed by darkness. The selfdestructive collapse of "mainline" American protestantism in the past 40 years may qualify as prophecy fulfilled, as the gospel (in Anglicanism at least) has now moved east and south.

Is it an ironic coincidence that the "historic" trial that may set the Episcopal Church officially on the side of error falls on George Herbert's feast day (Feb. 27)? Probably so. Herbert would not encourage superstitious reading of signs, nor a sentimental despairing for a church rent asunder by schism and distressed by heresy. Rather, he would send us back to the Bible to read in it our sinful heart and Christ's sacrificial love. "Stars are poor books and oftentimes do miss. This book of stars lights to eternal bliss."

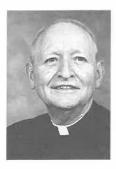
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People and Places

Deaths

The Rev. **Robert Stub**, retired priest of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, died Feb. 1, of cancer, in Milwaukee, WI, at the age of 70. Fr. Stub was born in



Harlan, He IA. attended Creighton University, and graduated from the University of Omaha and Nashotah House. He was a veteran of World War II where he served as an army chaplain's assistant in Germany. He was ordained priest in 1953. He served parishes in Bridgeport and

Denver and Brighton, CO; Milwaukee, Algoma, Gardner and West Allis, WI. Fr. Stub was dean of All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee, from 1969 to 79. He was a deputy to General Convention, 1969 -73, and a member of the board of examining chaplains, 1969-75. In 1986, he founded the Community of St. Andrew in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and soon after, severe health problems forced him to retire. He later recovered and continued his ministry at St. Peter's, West Allis, WI, where he remained until his death.

Appointments

The Rev. **Richard Bardusch** is assistant of St. John's, Box 313, Hampton, VA 23669.

The Very Rev. James P. Cavanagh is dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Box 347, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

The Rev. Eugene Alden Combs is rector of St. Peter's, 170 E. Locust, Canton, IL 61520.

The Rev. **Bill Dickson** is chaplain of All Saints' School, Tyler, TX.

The Rev. John Elledge is rector of St. Ambrose, 7520 S. Boulder Rd., Boulder, CO 80303.

Jesse Keith is administrator of the Diocese of Alaska, 1205 Denali Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

The Rev. John Palarine is rector of Our Saviour, 12236 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32223.

The Rev. **Donald Place** is rector of St. John's, Box 374, North Adams, MA 01247.

The Rev. **Tom Slawson** is rector of St. Philip's, 5400 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, MS 39211.

The Rev. S. Philip Swickard is vicar of Grace Church, 10121 Hall Ave., Lake City, PA 16423.

The Rev. Peter Glyn Thomas is associate of St. Martin's, 717 Sage Rd., Houston, TX 77056.

The Rev. Laddie Tlucek is rector of St. Paul's, Box 173, Grand Forks, ND 58201.

The Rev. **Victor von Schlegell** is vicar of St. Michael's, P.O. Box 348, Newberg, OR 97132.

The Rev. **Richard P. Ward** is rector of Holy Trinity, Juneau, AK; add: 325 Gold St., Juneau, AK 99801.

The Rev. Hugh White is rector of Grace, Box 1059, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

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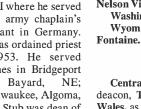
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9 Thurs

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208 N 4th St

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EP 5:15. Daily Eu as scheduled; C Sat 11

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Sat 9

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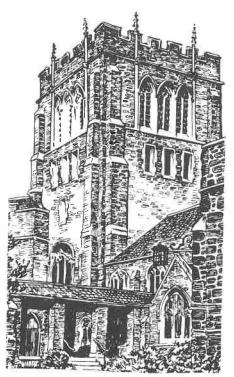
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