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THIS WEEK



On the Cover

A crèche from Thailand is among those on display at the Rare Book Library Exhibit Room of Washington National Cathedral. The cathedral is showing approximately a third of its collection of more than 500 crèches from around the world. Other locales represented this year are Uruguay, Denmark, Kenya, Alaska, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Donovan Marks photo

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

Promise and Fulfillment

'One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.' (Psalm 132:11)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 22, 2002

2 Sam. 7:4, 8-16; Psalm 132; Rom. 6:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Advent's double-edged theme of Christ's first and second comings zooms in on his first coming this Sunday. The plea of Isaiah 64:1 (Advent 1) "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down" is fulfilled in a most unusual and unexpected way: the virginal conception and birth of a son for a young woman, Mary, in an obscure village in Galilee, called Bethlehem. Repeatedly we are reminded that "my ways (are) higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9).

The psalmist reminds us of God's promise to set one of David's sons on the throne. However, there was no one qualified to do the job. Not even David himself. David's name will be made great, but who from among humanity would be up to the task?

That, of course, brings the familiar angelic announcement to Mary that she would bear a son who would be up to the task of assuming the throne of David. Indeed, as Gabriel describes her son, we see that this is no ordinary man. He will be called "Son of the Most High." "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David" (Luke 1:32). While people puzzle over the virginal conception, they do not seem to be bothered by the stupendous claims made for this infant. These are staggering, and yet we gloss over them as insignificant details. These claims would have staggered Jewish readers of the gospel, to say nothing about Theophilus, the person to whom Luke addressed the gospel. The Son of Mary is a colossal figure. He will be the greatest that not only Israel has ever seen, but that the world has ever seen (1:33b).

Once we have grasped this point, then we can see how a divinely appointed conception and birth fit with the extraordinary nature of Mary's son. Indeed, if the one coming into the world is so sublime a figure, what more appropriate manner of his coming than such as miracle as this.

God's word of promise is fulfilled. David's son is seated on the throne. However, his son is no ordinary ruler, nor were the events by which he came into the world ordinary either. This, then, is the One whom we are first to know by "his name Jesus" (1:31). In addition, Jesus means "the Lord is salvation."

Look It Up

Look up Isaiah 7:14. What is the historical context of the passage? Why did God use such a sign in the first place?

Think About It

What is lost when we deny the miracle of Christ's conception?

Next Sunday

First Sunday Åfter Christmas, Dec. 29, 2002

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147 or 147:13-21; Gal. 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

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Even in Sorrow

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Sometimes, as Slater Armstrong discovered, one must just go and do something. Hearing about the terrible actions against Christians in the Sudan, he wondered what one person could do — what he could do to fight persecution in a country thousands of miles from his home in Knoxville, Tenn. Sudan, where Episcopalians are the largest Christian group, is "the poster child for the persecuted church, the worst humanitarian crisis in the world," he said. Evangelism and prayer are dangerous, especially in southern Sudan, and it is against the law for Muslims to convert. "Sharia is not supposed to apply to non-Muslims. But it is often used." And the number of people unreached by Christianity grows.

In 1997, Slater, worship leader at



Church of the Ascension and son of an Episcopal priest, heard a missionary priest and a Sudanese song leader describe the brutal conditions, "woman raped and tortured, children

sold into slavery. I was weeping as I cried out to God in my heart asking him, 'How can this happen, and why don't You do something about it?' His reply was simply, 'Why don't *you* do something about it?' "Slater said he argued as most of us would. "I have no influence, no money, no power, not even a job." He continued, "God then inquired, 'What have I given you?' I replied, 'Music'."

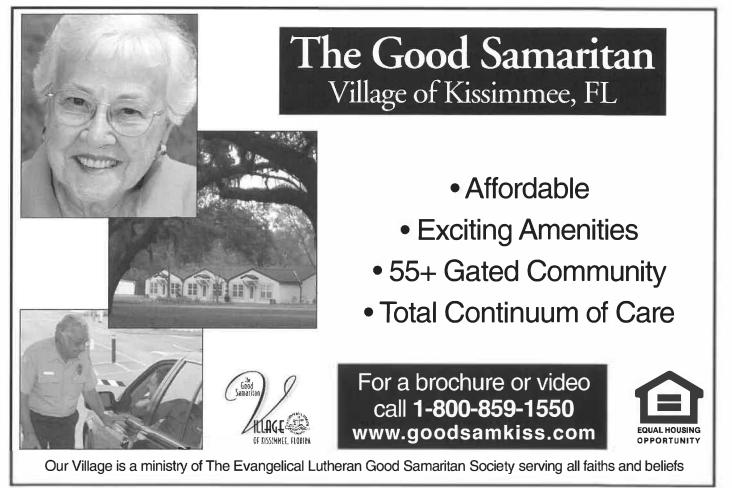
And there it was, the call that took him, two years and two months later, to Sudan. Going through Gatwick Airport, in England, he was told the recording equipment he had brought would cost an additional \$2,500 to send on to Uganda. But "as I prayed, I watched God change hearts and circumstances ... in the end I had to pay nothing for the excess baggage." His trip across Africa included inconveniences — missed connections, bribes, "paths that used to be roads, lakes they call potholes" and some serious hazards — land mines, king cobras, guerrilla soldiers.

Even In Sorrow features the Yambio Cathedral Youth Choir in songs that "declare God's goodness, love and faithfulness toward his people." Over these clear, joyful voices is Armstrong's own, singing their stories.

"The purpose of this project is to transmit ... these songs of faith under persecution. Funds ... are sent directly to Sudanese churches who participated in the project, as well as established and trusted agencies ... The writers are credited and will receive writer royalties."

The music on the CD is beautiful and intriguing; the lyrics are painful and true. It is a Christmas gift that allows each of us to participate in what one person had to do.

Patricia Colby Nakamura



A Place to Lay Their Heads

Despite opposition from the business community, St. Alban's in El Cajon, Calif., perseveres in helping the homeless.

Jesus will be born in a tent instead of the customary manger this year at St. Alban's in El Cajon, Calif. For some the vastly-expanded Sunday school Christmas pageant is a vivid link between the biblical account of the birth of Jesus and a six-month-long human drama unfolding daily on an adjacent lot the church

owns. For others, including the mayor and city council, the tent city of up to 150 homeless people represents "visual pollution" and a "business killer" which they want removed by court injunction if necessary.

This is not the first time the city of 100,000 has faced a fight over land. It was founded in part by "squatters," or migrating settlers, who after the Civil War sought homesteads on the public lands of the West. Poorly drawn property lines and legal confusion were significant in the area west of San Diego that would become El Cajon. It did not incorporate until 1912. The population grew so quickly after World War

II that for a number of years growth outpaced the ability of

local government to provide public services. Last year the city received national certification for its efforts to improve the quality of life and revitalize the economic health of the historic downtown business district.

When the Rev. John Conrad accepted the call to become rector of St. Alban's, he quickly discovered one group whose standard of living was not improving, the homeless. Some churches, Fr. Conrad learned, had written letters authorizing the police department to enter church property and evict "vagrants." With a desirable climate, high population growth and little new land on which to build, the costs of housing in the San Diego area are among the highest in the country.

"I couldn't figure out how to do that [evict the

homeless] and remain consistent with Christianity," he said. "The city doesn't seem capable of dealing with the issue honestly. They appointed a task force to study the issue two years ago and then threw roadblocks in front of every proposal that was made."

Until May of this year, the number of people



Rebecca Williamson photos

Fr. Conrad says of the persons who have been living in the tents outside the church, "They are my people now. They are part of the congregation."

sleeping under the eaves of St. Alban's seldom exceeded more than six at any one time. In that month Fr. Conrad convinced the city council to agree to a six-month deadline to come up with a solution. And then events took on a life of their own as growing numbers, including a handful of intact families, began to arrive at St. Alban's.

A series of tit-for-tat escalations ensued. Neighbors complained about smell and noise. Fr. Conrad installed portable toilets and deputized two of the more responsible "campers" to enforce on-site rules of etiquette. The city filed a complaint about the toilets. The church removed the toilets and provided a key to the bathroom in the parish hall. On Oct. 22, the city voted to give the church one week to evict the "campers" and clean up the site. Then, on Oct.

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'The city



Members of St. Alban's attend a vigil that began as a protest but later became a celebration when an agreement appeared near between the church and the city council. Weeks later, the council rejected the compromise agreement.

29, the mayor inspected the site and said he would vote at the next council meeting on Nov. 12 to allow the church to continue to operate the camp through the winter, provided it installed temporary housing and sanitation. In return the city would have a permanent location in operation by next spring.

At the meeting the mayor was heavily outnumbered and eventually changed his vote to side with the majority who wanted the camp gone in one week. St. Alban's instead found a lawyer who specializes in homeless issues and, on Nov. 18, beat the city to court with a federal lawsuit alleging violations of its right to use its property freely in pursuit of its religious beliefs. A counter suit by the city is expected at any time.

While the city and the church remain locked in a battle for public opinion, many of the people camped at St. Alban's have taken positive steps to reenter society. They have elected a camp council and spokesperson in an attempt to establish a community. A handful have managed to find more permanent shelter. Many more have integrated themselves, at least temporarily, into the life of the congregation. Last year the parish had average Sunday attendance of about 100 and only four children in Sunday school. This year attendance is averaging 160 and the Sunday school has grown to 25.

"They are my people now," Fr. Conrad said. "They are part of the congregation. If they moved into the area permanently it would be a better place. Even if it is only temporary, I think what people are seeing, what their children are experiencing, will remain with them for the rest of their lives whether or not they remain members of St. Alban's."

Although St. Alban's has changed radically in the past year, Fr. Conrad said the congregation has been unanimously supportive. The vestry voted to donate

The vestry voted to donate up to 1 percent of the budget toward operating the camp.

up to 1 percent of the operating budget toward expenses associated with the camp and Fr. Conrad has supplemented that with a pledge of up to 1 percent of his annual salary. Despite preparing and serving up to 400 meals each day, to date income from donations, many from people unaffiliated with the parish, have exceeded expenses.

"In any congregation there are people who can't take the next step in ministry," he said. "At St. Alban's even they have helped as best as they can. Everyone has been tremendously supportive."

The results have not come without some cost, however. The camp, according to Fr. Conrad, is a good place for Satan to go to work. He has never had to be called in the middle of the night due to a disturbance, but he said he hasn't slept soundly in six months.

"That is a failure on my part to trust in God," he said. $\hfill \Box$

Flag Burned in Cathedral

A man was taken into custody Nov. 25 after a sexton at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston told police that the suspect had lit an American flag on fire near a war memorial inside the cathedral. The suspect was being questioned by police and arson investigators.

Ralph Williams told police that he noticed a man lingering near the memorial as he was locking the building for the day. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Christ Church has left its doors open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow people to go inside and pray.

When Mr. Williams told the man he would have to leave, he noticed that the flag was burning. He gave chase and brought the suspect back to the church just as firefighters, who had been alerted by the cathedral's automatic alarm sensors, arrived to extinguish the small fire. An administrator told *The Houston Chronicle* that it appears the cathedral sustained only minor damages.

Worship in Difficult Times

Pastors, church musicians and others from several churches and three states came together Oct. 18-20 at St. Mark's Church, Medford, Ore., for a regional conference titled "Worship: How Can We Do It Best in These Overwhelming Times?" The hosts were St. Mark's rector, the Rev. David Close, and music director, Margaret Evans.

Thomas Troeger, Peck Professor of Preaching and Communications at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver and noted hymn writer, was a primary speakers. Others were Marva Dawn, theologian and author associated with Christians Equipped for Ministry, and David Dahl, professor emeritus at Pacific Lutheran University.

Other activities included a plenary session from Dr. Dahl on singing psalms in worship, and workshops on the preachers' life of prayer and the ministry of the church with children.

A hymn festival was led by Ms. Evans and the choir of St. Mark's, and the conference concluded with a service of Taizé prayer and chant.

(The Rev.) Jonathan Weldon



The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Bishop of Upper South Carolina, is joined by students at Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, S.C., on Nov. 20 to consecrate a new school building. The bishop used a sprig of pine to sprinkle holy water on the classrooms and children as he processed through the halls. Recently the school received a \$1.25 million bequest.

BRIEFLY

Despite the death of long-time head verger Barry Allen Bowman just two weeks prior to its annual gathering, the **Verger's Guild** held its annual conference recently at the Cathedral of St. John in Denver, Colo. In ancient times, the verger was the protector of the procession. Today vergers serve as lay assistants to clergy.

The offering from the opening service of the **Anglican Consultative Council** (ACC) meeting in Hong Kong [TLC, Oct. 13] was sent to the Archbishop of the Congo to help the family of the Rev. Basimaki Byabasaija, who was killed en route to the meeting. The offering totaled \$4,384.25.

Less than three weeks after

appointing his brother as the new dean of **Sydney**, the Most Rev. Peter Jensen, Archbishop of Sydney (Australia), has again infuriated his critics over his decision to appoint his wife, Christine, to an influential diocesan commission on women's ministry. The appointment brings to four the number of relatives in key positions of leadership.

Restoration of two fire-damaged **17th-century tapestries** will require at least two years and the tapestries may need to be fitted with support backing before they can be re-hung at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City. The tapestries, which were damaged in a fire at the cathedral in 2001, are being restored by the Textile Conservation Laboratory.



Inclusive Ministries

Given the notoriety of Idaho as home for such groups as the Arian Nations, a diocesan convention built around the theme of tolerance and inclusivity seemed a timely and appropriate goal. One of the highlights of the convention Oct. 25-27 in Boise was a series of local Episcopalians including ethnic and racial minorities, people with disabilities as well as homosexual persons who addressed the question of how the church has supported or failed to support them as they seek to live out their ministry in the Diocese of Idaho.

Following the presentations, delegates were offered the opportunity to participate in classes designed to help parishes develop more inclusive ministries. The Rev. Canon Daniel Caballero, Hispanic missioner from the national church, presented a workshop on Hispanic ministry. The Rev. Jerry Drino, a representative from Province 8, offered a workshop on ministry to Native Americans. There were also workshops on liturgy and music, multicultural concerns and life planning.

The only extended debate of convention occurred over resolutions calling on the diocese to hire missioners for youth and Hispanic ministry. Both resolutions were drafted by Bishop Harry Bainbridge and channeled through the diocesan council. Clergy and laity from several congregations offered what was viewed as an "alternative" to the original resolutions. Numerous compromise statements were drafted which called for the immediate hiring of a diocesan youth coordinator. Attempts were then made to reconcile the intent of all three resolutions into one new resolution satisfactory to all. The compromise resolution was defeated overwhelmingly and convention finally settled for a statement endorsing the importance of youth in the diocese and calling for creation of a youth commission to

focus immediate attention on the needs of young people.

The budget adopted for 2003 is \$641,000.

(The Rev.) Douglas Yarbrough

Two Retirements

Clergy and lay delegates came to convention in the Diocese of **Ohio** Nov. 8-9 prepared to bid farewell to its beloved suffragan, the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, and celebrate the dedication of the newly refurbished Cathedral Commons in Cleveland. The diocese was generally not prepared when the Rt. Rev. Clark J. Grew II announced that he would also call for the election of a new diocesan bishop to be held at convention next year.

"The reason for the decision is simply this," Bishop Grew explained during his address. "I will be in the job for over 10 years. By the time all is said and done, I will be nearing my 65th birthday. There is no agenda here. It is simply the fullness of time."

During the remainder of his address, Bishop Grew reflected on several significant accomplishments the diocese has recently unveiled. The newly renovated cathedral and diocesan headquarters, which includes a new building to connect the two structures, needed little in the way of description.

"Every time I walk into Trinity Commons," Bishop Grew said, "I walk into the light. Every time I see the cathedral staff and the diocesan staff work-



The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson (left) greets the Very Rev. Titus Pressler at his recent installation as dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

ing together, I sense the light. Yes, Trinity Commons will serve and gather the diocese and it will serve and gather the citizens of this city, but Trinity Commons belongs to you."

The \$5 million project was funded partially through a capital campaign that is approaching its \$10 million goal and Jan. 1 conclusion. In addition to the Trinity Commons renovation, the campaign will also include initiatives to increase support for outreach to African Americans and college students. At the time of the convention address the amount pledged and donated totaled \$8.5 million.

Convention was not spent entirely on farewells and legacy. The gathering of more than 500 clergy and lay delegates passed a number of resolutions, including ones supporting a state-wide drug purchasing program, opposing legislation that weakens existing gun control laws, supporting a dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing in the state and another to research state water quality and provide recommendations that parishes and individuals can undertake to promote the improvement of Ohio's lakes, rivers and streams.

A \$3.7 million budget was approved for the coming year.

Death Penalty Decried

A fervent plea for a moratorium on the death penalty was made by Sr. **Helen Prejean**, author of *Dead Men Walking*, at a prison ministry conference of the Diocese of Maryland Oct. 17-18. She also spoke in behalf of more ministering to the poor. People with money don't go to death row, she noted.

One issue hotly denounced by participants was the so-called state telephone tax which permits the prison telephone provider to charge as much as 71 cents a minute for collect calls made from the prison. Corrections officials defend the commissions paid to the prisons by the phone companies as necessary in order to pay for essential programs, but critics say they are nothing more than an unlawful kickback to the prison administration.



There's No Place Like a Real Home

By Philip W. Snyder

It's such an engaging story, no wonder it made such a wonderful movie. Dorothy's journey began with a sudden jolt, a wind like a giant rogue wave, washed her previous life overboard, and when the whirlwind of the cyclone put her down, she found herself on the yellow brick road struggling to get back home. She met very interesting companions who became her friends and fellow seekers.

Yes, *The Wizard of Oz* is very much like the Christmas story. Like the lion, the shepherds seek courage and hope. Like the straw man and tin man, the magi seek hearts open to change and minds able to interpret in the light of a new truth. Like Dorothy, we all seek a home, a return to a safe place, a place of harmony that we know has been lost, a place to grow into the fullness of the potential God has given us.

Dorothy and her companions were able to reach the emerald city of Oz and to implore the wizard to help her. Dutifully, Dorothy obeyed and accomplished the wizard's tasks. She paid her dues in full. Yet when her little dog Toto went behind the curtain, Dorothy discovered what so many of us eventually discover. The world has plenty of wizards who may be able to perform very well small feats that may be impressive for a while. Ultimately, the wizards of the world turn out to be humbugs or worse. They cannot gather us as a hen gathers her wayward brood into one family, nor can they fulfill any promise of the world's redemption.

So we come together to Bethlehem holding on to varying degrees of nostalgia and sentimentality, but knowing that we aren't in Kansas anymore. The for creation. The magi left with the knowledge that a new birth for the world had truly occurred, and that it would be revealed to the whole of humanity. Mary and Joseph learned that they indeed had larger family than they ever could imagine and that in all their trials, God would be with them.

In the *Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy learns that her home and family were never quite as distant or inaccessible as she thought. When she wakes up in her own bed and fully regains consciousness, she realizes that her aunt and uncle and several other friends were

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good news of this season is that everybody who accepted God's invitation to come to the stable, all who let God guide them, discovered that at least there was a future ahead for them. The shepherds departed rejoicing that they too were included in God's plan, they were not left out in the cold, they were noticed and valued in God's paradigm all in some way with her on her journey as she struggled to find a way to return.

There is a great temptation these days to undertake great journeys to find one's true self, to discover God, and learn how the two are related. The star of the Christmas story serves as a sign that God is often close among us,

Two Kinds of Celebration

not way above us. In a reversal of how the world uses the symbol, instead of pointing to a divine reality inaccessible and far distant, the Christmas star leads us nearby: to a very common event — a birth of a child; to a mundane place — a small, insignificant hill town; to a frequently recurring circumstance — travelers who need assistance and someone to be their friend. The Christmas star may not lead us to an idyllic Kansas, but it will lead us to a God who seeks to make a home among us wherever we live.

That's the second piece of good news of Christmas. There is no place like a real home. God comes among us to offer such a gift. We don't need

For God, just a modest small yearning, a slight acknowledgment of the sign of the star or curiosity in the song of the angels, will do.

magic shoes, we don't have to perform feats we are never expected to complete, or do obeisance to a petty wizard who gives us a runaround in order to hide an underlying phoniness. For God, just a modest small yearning, a slight acknowledgment of the sign of the star or curiosity in the song of the angels, will do. God can work transformations beyond our imagination. Even when hearts are open just a tiny crack. God can fill them. Draw near and follow the light of the star, let the angels' song guide you, join the shepherds, and all who find themselves together again. True, it won't be Kansas in the springtime, but the stable behind a Bethlehem inn was hardly Nazareth either.

The Rev. Phillip W. Snyder is the author of River Trips, Revelations, and Old Trees, published by Morehouse-Barlow, and rector of St. John's Church, Ithaca, N.Y.

By Paul Z. Hoornstra

Merry Christmas to you too! Yeah, but ... Christmas is a dual holiday. The two parts can be siblings, but they are not identical twins.

The *raison d'etre* for Christmas is the birth of Jesus Christ. Everything else attached to this holiday is secondary in value.

Christendom's early celebration of Christ's birth was known as the Christ Mass, and only Christians observed it. It was the Mass which celebrated the birth of Jesus. This liturgical, sacramental, church-going event is the only root which grew into what we call Christmas.

We need to be honest with ourselves. As Christ-followers, we are the only ones with any reaOur secular lives are enriched through Christ, who gives quality to civic events.

son to make this holiday a Christ-centered liturgical event. To whatever extent we participate in the secondary events, we should take care to avoid lessening the significance of the primary event. There's nothing wrong with societal celebrations of joy, which are clustered around the Christ Mass. (Holiday parties can be cheap, nonsensical and destructive.) However, family gatherings, Sunday school events, men's club parties, women's clubs, teenage youth group parties, all with non-religious focuses, can — even so — be supportive of the joy of a group or a community. There's nothing wrong with happy joy. But I am deliberately separating and setting forth two different kinds of joyful celebrations.

The late John Ciardi was famous for several grammatical expressions, including "language does what language does because language does it." The word Christmas has enveloped societal parties so that we think we are celebrating Christmas at the non-religious gatherings. To that extent the real meaning

of Christmas can be a blessing upon the secular happiness. Secular joy needs the enrichment of spiritual vitality. Don't force great distances between the two. The trick is, and the blessing of God can be, that our secular lives are enriched in December by thorough Christ-birth celebrations which give quality to civic events.

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EDITOR'S CHOICE

Did You Know...

Oliver Cromwell banished Christmas cards in England between 1649 and 1660.

Quote of the Week

The Rev. John Stott, English evangelist, on growth: "The Christian should resemble a fruit tree, not a Christmas tree. For the gaudy decorations of a Christmas tree are only tied on, whereas fruit grows on a fruit tree."

The Color of Christmas

Vera is my elderly friend left behind when we moved uptown from our old neighborhood. It's out of the way now to go back to visit. I know that I don't telephone often enough. To cover the lapse of months, I'll send her cards: a bright red Valentine, a fancy card for Christmas. I tell myself there are people checking on Vera: other neighbors, her church, occasionally an extended week-long visit from a niece or nephew. Come the holidays. I do make a special effort to drop in just a few minutes, on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, with something good to eat. Secretly, I'm aware that Vera won't expect me to stay long on the holiday.

"Come any time," Vera says, seeing me to the door. Even seeing me to the door is a painfully prolonged process. One minute step at a time, Vera moves in her walker. She's smiling, pleased with our talk together. If I've scheduled myself to stay a full hour, I've been slowly soothed. I've lost most of the driving urgency that speeds my day. The pace of Vera's day shames mine. She is at ease with her own immobility, in her beloved house where one by one the rest of her family have died: her brother, her mother, her sister, even her cherished 20-year-old cat Brando. Quietly she talks about her faith in God and in prayer. The changing seasons bring her hope, she says. Springtime, and the return of new life. Somewhere, she will see her dear ones again. Christmas, and the birth again of her beloved Lord. Somewhere, he will make all things perfect.

Christmas came last year, it seemed to me, earlier than usual. I was so unready. Rush, rush, how would I ever fit in Vera? Usually late afternoon gives me 15 minutes. But an unexpected errand put me at Vera's house close to noon. I twisted the key to her old-fashioned doorbell, and waited, shifting my plate of cakes. Inside, I could see Vera lifting and advancing her walker against a strangely flickering rosy glow. When she opened the door, a rush of smells from cinnamon and nutmeg warmed the outer air. Once a hospital dietitian, Vera was baking. And she was dressed in red — a bright red knit dress with a gold necklace at her throat, and a gold bracelet.

"The church is bringing me Christmas dinner," Vera said, "since I can't ride the van there anymore." I stood within the doorway, offering my little gift, and saw Vera's dining room. The table was set for one, with Vera's family china on a red tablecloth. Tall twin red candles flickered their rosy light across her crystal. The center-

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piece was a brilliant red poinsettia, in a pot wreathed with gold foil. "From my nephew," Vera said proudly. Her best chair was drawn up to the table for her to sit in solitary pride when the Christmas dinner came. A printed card with the blessing she would ask lay by her plate.

Though I stayed one Christmas minute, the peace that always came from visiting Vera settled sweetly over my shoulders.

I bring you greetings like St. Paul himself in his letters, I thought, like him who remembered always to greet "the church in your house."

Our guest columnist is Nancy G. Westerfield, a frequent contributor to TLC who is a member of St. Luke's Church, Kearney, Neb.

'Ancestors in the Faith ...'

The Presiding Bishop's Christmas message

Jesus' birth is God's declaration that embodiment is the way of divine dealing with our disordered and darkened world.

Through this divine act of incarnation, Jesus became an actor in the particular time and place in which he was born. And his personhood became a sign to us about the meaning of our own personhood in our own day and time.

Our forebears in the faith saw this clearly. Against the background of the sacking of Rome, Augustine the Bishop of Hippo challenged his flock, "you are the body of Christ; that is to say in you and through you the method and work of the incarnation must go forward. You are to be taken, you are to be consecrated, broken and distributed that you may become the means of grace and vehicles of the eternal charity."

By his choice of verbs it is clear that Augustine had in mind not only that we are made one in Christ through our baptism, but also each time we take the bread of life and the cup of salvation in the Eucharist. By so doing we, along with the bread and wine, are caught up into Jesus' act of taking, blessing, breaking and giving.

Another ancestor in the faith, Maximus the Confessor, reinforces our identification with Christ when he declares, "I diminish and cripple [Christ] by not growing in spirit with him, since I am 'the body of Christ and one of its members'" (1 Cor. 12:27).

As we once again celebrate the mystery of God's embodiment in the birth of Jesus, in a fractured and fearful world, rather than being a diminishment of Christ, may we be made part of the going forward of Christ's incarnation by becoming more fully vehicles of God's "eternal charity" which is realized among us as mercy and truth, righteousness and peace.

A blessed Christmas to you all.

Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold III

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The Best News of All

As the year winds down, it is a natural tendency to look backward and ponder the events of 2002. It has been a newsworthy year, both inside and outside the church – a difficult time for many who find themselves separated from loved ones this Christmas because of the imminence of war or the ongoing precautions of national security. Such concerns as the economy, unemployment, hunger or homelessness often dominate our newscasts and newspapers, usually with little hope.

Yet we are able to proclaim the greatest news of all: God has come among us in the person of Jesus Christ. The good news of the coming of Jesus Christ overcomes all the other news, and makes it seem small and insignificant. This eternal good news is cause for rejoicing, even in the midst of difficult times.

We extend warm Christmas greetings to our readers. May this be a time when we can be mindful of the good news as we ascribe glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

S.POSTAG **Christmas and Jesus**

The article by Richard E. Wentz, "The Renewal of Christmas" [TLC, Dec. 1] is an excellent piece. It reminded me of my recent visit to the Christmas store inside Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City.

My wife wanted to look for a particular Italian crèche set to see if the store might have some figures to add to a set that is treasured in our house. The

clerk had a puzzled look on his face when we inquired about crèche sets. "What exactly is it you are looking for?" he asked. I explained we were looking for a scene that had figures from the story about the birth of Jesus which would include shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph, as well as the baby Jesus. "Oh, we have one of those!" he declared as he showed us a small glass ball with snow inside and there was also a stable inside with some of the figures in a traditional nativity scene. That was all there was in terms of a crèche scene in the entire Christmas department. I left the store muttering, "Oh, we sell everything for Christmas, but we don't need Jesus here." My wife was afraid I might be arrested for making a scene. I restrained myself, but barely.

(The Rev.) George H. Martin Rosemount, Minn.

vested as a deacon. I am wondering if someone has an explanation for this. (I note that Archdeacon Ormonde Plater, in his book, Deacons in the Liturgy says that, "In the absence of a deacon, assisting presbyters who perform diaconal functions vest as priests, to avoid being mistaken for deacons.")

(The Rev.) David Lee, deacon St. Gabriel the Archangel Church Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

Online Offices

Thank you for David Kalvelage's column on saying the Daily Office at the computer [TLC, Nov. 24]. While I certainly agree that praying alone — either at the computer or with a prayer book — is no match for praying with others,

I want to underscore what he wrote about the benefits of this new medium for daily prayer from the perspective of a university chaplain.

I have to remind myself what an integral part of daily life the Internet and email are for the current generation of college students. Whereas some of us of previous generations are conscious of distractions while at the computer, younger people feel it is as congenial as



It's a Gem

I notice in the quick review of books

"For the St. Nicholas Stocking" [TLC,

Dec. 1], you miss a gem. The Real St.

Nicholas, edited by Louise Carus, just

published by the Theosophical Pub-

lishing House, will delight all lovers of

Nicholas. Although published by a

small house, this superb book

deserves a large audience. It's a mar-

velous collection of Nicholas stories,

with snow and a stable inside with some of the figures

A small glass ball

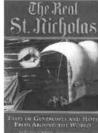
in a traditional nativity

scene was all there

was in terms of a crèche

scene in the entire

Christmas department.



(The Rev.) Stephen Martz Elk Grove Village, Ill.

ranging from the ancient

to the contemporary, and

every bit as perceptive in

insights about Nicholas

were in To Dance with

different way as Gertrud Mueller Nelson's

its

God.

Deacon or Priest?

I read with interest the article "Living by Rule" by Suzanne Voorhies [TLC, Oct. 27]. I noticed that one of the pictures accompanying the article was captioned "The Rev. Michael G. Rowe, the Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen, Suzanne Voorhies." In the article, Fr. Rowe is identified as Ms. Voorhies' parish priest. What is puzzling to me is that in the picture, Fr. Rowe is

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any other medium and, perhaps, even more familiar and comfortable than a book.

Many Princeton students use the online Daily Office while they are studying abroad. By using the online "virtual prayer book," those who are away feel connected with us back in Princeton and, indeed, with others around the world who pray the Daily Office. Many other students enjoy the ease of following the Daily Office online in their dorms, at the library, or various other

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locations around the campus. We have found that the Daily Office link on our website is our single most popular link.

As Mr. Kalvelage wrote, praying at the computer is not for everybody, but it is also true that for many of those of a generation raised on computers, it may be the best way to maintain the discipline of daily prayer.

(The Rev.) Stephen L. White Episcopal Church at Princeton U. Princeton, NJ.

Staying Afloat

Reading the letter by Bishop Allison [TLC, Nov. 17] arouses in me the thought that a good many prelates like Bishop Bennison, floating on a raft of canons, wish that Fitz and his ilk would just disappear into time out of mind. These authoritarian rafts unfortunately lack the compass of scripture, the rudder of tradition and those sails of faith that catch the brisk winds of divine grace. Thus these Bennisonian skippers have naught to keep them afloat above the darkness of the deep but their own laws knit together by legalized hubris.

It strikes me that Christians like

FitzSimons Allison and Frank VanDevelder preserve a traditional frame of mind that endures in understanding that the rite of holy baptism in truth knits together in the body of Christ the coequally salvific power of the word preached in the pulpit (or in the streets) and the word bestowed at the altar. Irresponsible preachers, whether lay or ordained, deny the discipline of the altar. Irresponsible celebrants deny the discipleship of the pulpit. Irresponsible bishops deny both. In doing so, they



deny the authority of the apostolic creed and proclaim the creed of episcopal authority.

(The Rev. Canon) John R. Whitney Wellsboro, Pa.

God the Father

I am grateful to Laura Rico for her letter [TLC, Nov. 10]. I totally agree with her that to ascribe gender to God is erroneous. Obviously, if God were to be male, every human being created in his image and likeness would be male. If God were to be female, everyone would be female. The mystery of God is past our comprehension. However, in his mercy, God reveals himself as Father 15 times in the O.T. and 176 times on the lips of Jesus, plus countless times in the epistles. Every time Jesus praved, he addressed God as Father; and he taught us to do likewise. In both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed our first confession of faith is that we believe in "God the Father almighty."

From the very beginning, the one holy catholic and apostolic church has lived by the equation God=Father. Since we have no inkling as to the actual essence of God, we must take him at his word when he reveals himself as Father. The church reflects and upholds best the mystery of the Holy Trinity when she stands fast on her patriarchal foundations.

From all of the above we can see that "God the Father" does not mean "God the male": the Fatherhood of God bespeaks a relational mystery that has nothing to do with gender.

(The Rev.) Federico Serra-Lima, SSC Old Chatham, N.Y.

Positive Leadership

The article, "Budget Proposal Includes Many Cuts" [TLC, Nov. 3], cites remarks by the Presiding Bishop to the Administrative and Finance Committee (A&F), which were very negative. The article does not identify that these remarks were made during the A&F committee meeting. It also does not relate his statements to the full Executive Council in support for the action of council.

Bishop Griswold stated that it was important for him to express his concerns about the risks involved in this project. However, once the board (Executive Council) makes the decision to move forward, he will fully support this decision. He stated, "Your decision will become my decision, and I will support it enthusiastically. I will provide positive leadership."

This article gives the impression that Bishop Griswold and the Church Center staff are opposed to this project. Further, the article also gives the appearance of a rift between church leadership and Executive Council. While there were different perspectives initially, these perspectives were resolved and agreement was reached. There was clear unity at the end of the debate. TLC portraved the expressed differences as a division rather than a process. The greater message was that Executive Council has faith in the project and demonstrated this faith with its overwhelming vote.

Richard E. Miller, Chair Standing Committee on Administration and Finance Miami, Fla.

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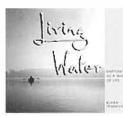
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Klara Tammany, author of this excellent work designed to be used by small groups of adults, shows insights on baptism that are gradually being accepted by Episcopalians and Anglicans throughout the world.

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(The Rt. Rev.) Frederick Putnam Edina, Minn.

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South Dakota — Les E. Spear, 209 S Main Ave., Chamberlain, SD 57325.

Spokane — Margaret Jo Fisher, priest-incharge, Grace, PO Box 664, Ellensburg, WA 98926-0644.

Retirements

The Rev. Kenneth G. Henry, as rector of St. Michael's, Raleigh, NC.

The Rev. George Morgan, as rector of St. Francis', Gulf Breeze, FL.

The Rev. Michael Schulenberg, as rector of Holy Cross, 7979 N Ninth Ave., Pensacola, FL 32514.

Deaths

The Rev. Paul Canepa, 71, longtime rector and vicar of the Church of the Reconciliation, St. Augustine, FL, died Nov. 16 from cancer.

Born in Boston, he had lived in St. Augustine, FL, since 1983. He was a graduate of the University of Florida and the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He also served in the U.S. Army. He was a physicist at the University of Florida before pursuing the ordained ministry. He was ordained deacon in 1982 and priest in 1983. He was associate at St. Alban's, Waco, TX, 1982-3; curate at Trinity, St. Augustine, 1983-85, and became vicar of Reconciliation in 1985. After 10 years it became a parish and he was elected its first rector, serving until his retirement in 1999. During his retirement he served St. Paul's, Federal Point, FL. Fr. Canepa is survived by his wife, Jackie; three daughters; three grandchildren; and three brothers.

The Rev. William P. Dodd, 68, of Fort **BENCHES & LOFTS** Myers Beach, FL, died Oct. 29 in a Fort Myers hospice center.

He was born in San Diego, CA, and graduated from California State College at Long Beach and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. In 1964 he was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Western Michigan. He was curate at Trinity Church, Marshall, MI, 1964-67; priest-in-charge of St. Paul's, Montour Falls, and St. John's, Catherine, NY, 1967-71, and rector of St. John's, Wellsville, NY, 1971-79. From 1979 to 1986 he was executive director of the Greater Bethlehem (PA) Council of Churches. He was rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel Island, FL, 1986-99, and

in retirement served St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach, FL, 1999-2002. In the Diocese of Southwest Florida he was a member of diocesan council, the diocesan foundation, and the bishop selection committee. He was a founder of Iona-Hope Church in Fort Myers. Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Kathleen Roulas, of Fort Myers; a son, Alex, Edwards, CA; and seven grandchildren

The Rev. Joseph Merritt Elliott, who served St. Paul's Church in the Bronx for 38 years, died Nov. 2. He was 68.

Fr. Elliott was born in Peoria, IL. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and Union Theological Seminary. Following his ordinations as deacon and priest in 1964, he was named vicar of the Bronx congregation. After it became self-supporting in 1972, he was elected rector and remained there until his death. He was appointed to the Society of St. John the Theologian, and served as chaplain for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Fr. Elliott is survived by his wife, Odessa; his mother, Cleeta Davidson Jacoby; his daughter, Rachel Rigolino; two grandsons, Nicholas and Nathaniel; and his sister, Jane Jacoby McLeod.

The Rev. Paul Walter Henckell, 96, rector of Trinity Church, Baytown, TX, for 33 years, died Nov. 15 in Baytown.

He was a native of Birmingham, AL, and graduated from Birmingham Southern College and the Virginia Theological Seminary. Ordained deacon in 1933 and priest in 1934, he was minister-in-charge of St. James', Dalhart, TX, 1933-35; rector of St. Mary's, Big Spring, TX, 1935-39; and served in Baytown from 1939 until 1972, when he retired. Following his retirement, he was priest-incharge of Trinity, Anuhac, TX, until 1989. He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen Connolly, two grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

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