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# THIS WEEK







**On the Cover (and above)** The dome atop the Church of the Holy Sepulcher rises above Jerusalem's ancient walled city. Each year the Episcopal Church's Good Friday offering has been sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East [p. 11].

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# SUNDAY'S READINGS

# **God's Mercy and Love**

'This is truly the Prophet who has come into the world' (John 6:14)

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30, 2003

2 Chron. 36:14-23; Psalm 122; Eph. 2:4-10; John 6:4-15

The lesson from 2 Chronicles signals the need for a deliverer. We read that despite the Lord's continual calls to Israel to repent and obey the Lord, they not only disregarded such pleas, but also "kept on mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets." This persisted until "the wrath of the Lord rose against this people, until there was no remedy." While Cyrus, the king of Persia, was used by God to bring back a remnant to Canaan to rebuild the temple, the people of God longed for a "prophet like you (Moses) from among your brothers" (Deut. 18:15).

The lesson from Ephesians touches on the reason why God, despite his people's continued rebellion and their desire to live their lives as if he did not exist, did in fact come to deliver them from the mess they so richly deserved. We are told simply that, "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses made us alive together with Christ" (Eph. 2:4). A similar motive is given for the call of Israel to be God's people in the first place. We read in Deut. 7:7: "It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers." Those who say the Old Testament reveals a God of wrath, while the New Testament reveals a God of love have not paid attention to the Bible.

Finally, John's account of the feeding of the 5,000 is given as a "sign." For John, a sign is an attestation of Jesus as the Son of God, the King of Israel, the Lamb of God, the Messiah (all used in John to describe Jesus). Moreover, he is "the Prophet who is come into the world." Aware of the promises given to Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15, the people see in Jesus the one God has chosen to fulfill the promises made in the Old Testament. Despite this, the people are still clueless about the nature of his messiahship. They wanted to make him king, and "perceiving this, he withdrew again to the mountain."

What they could not understand is that Jesus would usher in the kingdom of God through his death on the cross. Not only would he feed the crowds with bread, but more importantly, he himself would offer his own body to the cross, that through his death we might feed upon him who gave himself up for us.

## Look It Up

Look up Deuteronomy 18:15. Notice how this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus.

## **Think About It**

Do we sufficiently understand the mercy and grace of God, who has offered eternal life to a world of rebels? What should our response be to his love and mercy?

# **Next Sunday**

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 6, 2003

Jer. 31:31-34; Psalm 51 or 51:11-16; Heb. (1-4) 5-10; John 12:20-33

## BOOKS

#### **Darwin's Religious Odyssey**

By William E. Phipps. Trinity Press International. Pp. 232. \$16. ISBN 1563383845.



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This fascinating book by William Phipps, professor emeritus of religion and philosophy at Davis and Elkins College, begins with a Preface which tells us that Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln were

born on the same day, Feb. 12, 1809. Further on, Prof. Phipps tells us that he had spent many years as a member of a teaching team that taught a course called "Emancipators of the Modern Mind." One of these emancipators was Charles Darwin. Emancipation is, or was, an important word in the lives of both Lincoln and Darwin, in addition to their common birth date. And today, in 2003, the effects of the emancipation of the slaves in the U.S. and the publication of Darwin's book, Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, both continue with profound aftershocks.

Prof. Phipps traces "Darwin's Religious Odyssey" all the way from the family's heavy involvement in the anti-slavery movement in England prior to Charles' birth, his growing up years, his life-altering five-year-long voyage around the world, his marriage to his first cousin, the publication of Origin of Species, the succeeding uproar, and finally, his death in 1882. All of this information comes from actual writings and letters by Charles Darwin, which became public in 1987. Using these writings as a basis, Prof. Phipps traces Darwin's religious views from stout Anglican orthodoxy to theism and finally to agnosticism. Prof. Phipps details the intense anguish Darwin went through during his lifetime, although he never wavered from a strong, fundamental belief in God. It is the struggle and anguish among Darwin the scientist. Darwin the religionist, and Darwin the human being that makes this book such intriguing reading.

> Robert C. O'Neill Hawthorne, N.J.

#### The Way of the Dreamcatcher

Spirit Lessons with Robert Lax: Poet, Peacemaker, Sage

By S. T. Georgiou. Foreword by Brother Patrick Hart, OCSO. Novalis Press. Pp. 284. \$19.95. ISBN 2-89507-244-2.

Thomas Merton once said of his friend Robert Lax that he "was born with the deepest sense of who God is." Lax's influence on Merton's early years as a student at Columbia University in New York was

strong, but Lax's life in later years on the Greek island of Patmos is less well known. While in a kind of self-imposed exile on Patmos, Lax developed a distinct poetic minimalism as his favorite form of writing and advised a wide circle of those who



wide circle of those who sought his counsel until his death in 2000.

This volume brings together a sketch of Lax's life, with selections of his writings and poetry, as well as numerous photographs from his last years, all compiled by one of his spiritual children, S.T. Georgiou.

> Richard J. Mammana, Jr. East Stroudsburg, Pa.

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# Free Parking Should Continue on Sundays, California Judge Rules

A U.S. District court judge in California found that all residents of Newport Beach's Balboa Peninsula benefit from free parking on Sunday morning because it eases congestion by reducing the number of churchgoers looking for parking space. St. James' Episcopal Church and three other congregations were the subject of a First Amendment challenge to a 33-year-old Newport Beach policy of not enforcing parking ordinances on Balboa Peninsula on Sunday morning.

John W. Nelson, a local resident, has spent more than \$20,000 of his own money on a legal crusade to overturn the law which he believes un-constitutionally promotes religion, according to *The Orange County Register*. Judge David O. Carter disagreed, finding that the free parking applies to all drivers. "The primary effect of the exemption ... is not to endorse religion," Judge Carter wrote in his 10-page ruling which cited the First and 14th amendments.

The policy is designed to keep churchgoers from congesting residential streets in pursuit of free parking, assistant city attorney Daniel Ohl told the *Register*. At press time, Mr. Nelson had not announced whether he would appeal the decision.

# Milwaukee Nominees

The search committee to elect a bishop for the Diocese of Milwaukee has nominated four candidates for the May 31 special convention at All Saints' Cathedral in Milwaukee.

The candidates are: the Rev. Canon Randall Chase, Jr., canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Rhode Island; the Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Medina, Wash.; the Rev. Steven A. Miller, rector of St. Alban's, Annandale, Va.; and the Rev. Dabney T. Smith, rector of Holy Trinity, Melbourne, Fla. The consecration is scheduled for Oct. 4.

The bishop-elect will succeed the Rt. Rev. Roger J. White, who retired in January.

# **Church Pension Fund Increases Health Benefits**

At a time when most corporations are eliminating or significantly reducing health benefit coverage for retirees, eligible retired clergy and their surviving spouses will soon be eligible for a significantly enhanced supplemental health benefit package available through the Church Pension Fund. Beginning July 1, three important changes will become effective, according to Linda Curtiss, executive vice president.

First, the redesigned program simplifies coverage by incorporating supplemental Medicare coverage for hospitals, physicians,



Michael Rebic photo

Years of deferred maintenance have led the Church Insurance Corp. to refuse further coverage to St. Simon's Church in New York City, Assisting Bishop E. Don Taylor performed a deconsecration ceremony for the 1907 building on Jan. 5. The congregation hopes to locate suitable worship facilities near its old neighborhood. This would allow its many community outreach services to continue. Until a new location can be found, members of St. Simon's are worshiping at nearby St. Martha's in the Bronx. A date for demolition of the building is pending approval of the necessary permits and an environmental assessment.

outpatient services, vision services and prescription drugs in one comprehensive benefit package. Second, the plans incorporate modest deductibles and co-payments. Third, all eligible retirees and spouses will be able to choose from two different plans.

Previously, either retired clergy or the canonical diocese of residence paid a monthly premium for benefits that were slightly less comprehensive than those which will be available free of charge under the new "comprehensive" plan. A "premium" plan offers lower deductibles and co-payments at a lower monthly premium than the old plan.

"Your enrollment decisions should be based on your individual needs," Ms. Curtiss said. "Review how much you're spending on health care each year... The enrollment guide includes a worksheet to help you answer questions that will inform your enrollment decisions."

Ms. Curtiss estimates that the per-person, per-year, benefit premium contribution paid by the Church Pension Fund will increase from \$1,776 this year to \$2,700 after July 1. The additional coverage is possible due to an exceptional portfolio performance year in 2000 when total pension fund assets increased by 63 percent. At that time the pension fund created a special task force to make recommendations on how benefits might be increased.

"It's a win-win situation for dioceses," said the Rev. Canon Rayford High, a member of the Church Pension Fund's Advisory Committee on Pension Fund Abundance. "And this will be a wonderful win-win situation for individual retired clergy and surviving spouses who have to pay all of that out of their own pocket."

# **Diocese of Pennsylvania Joins Conservationists to Develop Camp**

The Diocese of Pennsylvania and a Washington, D.C.-based conservation group have announced the purchase of Wapiti Farm, a 618-acre tract of Chesapeake Bay waterfront property which the diocese hopes to develop into a camp and conference center.

The \$6 million purchase price was split evenly between the diocese and the Conservation Fund. Under terms of the agreement, the diocese may eventually own clear title to the land and is free from the outset to control most use and activity.

Most of the diocesan funds used to purchase the land came from proceeds of a 1972 sale of a previous diocesan camp.

Purchase of the land fulfills a signif-

icant objective of "Our Holy Experiment," a vision developed by the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr., Bishop of Pennsylvania, in consultation with clergy and lay leadership that began in 1998.

"When we first saw this site two years ago we thought it was too good to be true," said the Rev. David Thomas, chair of the Camp and Retreat Center Feasibility Study Committee. "[This is] a place where we can start to build fellowship, hold vestry retreats and much more. It can become a unifying force in the diocese, given that we have such a variance of population from urban to suburban and rural."



Sunset at the future diocesan camp site on the Chesapeake Bay waterfront.

retreat center now secured, the diocese must develop a plan to fund the bricks and mortar portion of its vision.

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# **Former Priest Pleads Guilty to Sexual Abuse in Florida**

A 74-year-old former priest will likely spend the rest of his life in a Florida jail after admitting to sexually molesting a 10-year-old boy in 1973.

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Richard Pollard was sentenced March 10 in Hillsborough Circuit Court to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to attempted rape and attempted forcible rape. While the rector of St. Andrew's Church in Tampa, Mr. Pollard repeatedly molested acolyte and choir member John Benton.

Mr. Pollard still faces charges in

neighboring Pinellas County, where he has been accused of molesting Mr. Benton and another boy while he was rector of All Saints', Tarpon Springs, from 1974 until his retirement in 1992. A court date on those charges is expected next month.

Mr. Benton, now 39, was in court at the March 10 hearing and was allowed to confront Mr. Pollard before he was sentenced. "You will victimize us no more. You have raped and sodomized your last child," Mr. Benton said.

Hillsborough Circuit Judge Jack

Espinosa Jr., also had harsh words for Mr. Pollard. "You violated the most sacred trust possible," he said, after he imposed the maximum term. Under Florida statutory law, those found guilty of sexual abuse involving a minor are sentenced under 1970s guidelines, which means Mr. Pollard could be eligible for release in 12 years. Mr. Pollard, who is married and has three grown children, is in poor health, suffering from heart trouble. He has had triple bypass surgery.

Jim DeLa

# **Neighborliness May Not Have Been Worth the Cost for Two Churches**

Clergy and lay leadership may wish to re-examine their willingness to make church property available for community uses in the aftermath of separate incidents in North Carolina and Virginia.

St. James' Church, Black Mountain, N.C., sustained damage to its landscaping after participants, consisting mostly of under-super-

vised children, were hastily directed to gather in the church parking lot for a



The Tampa Bay quarterback in Black Mountain.

homecoming parade to honor Super Bowl quarterback Brad Johnson of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on March 9. The first 250 children to show up and complete the full parade course received an autographed shirt from Mr. Johnson.

y quarterback In Reston, Va., St. Anne's agreed to a hastily planned town meeting at which Rep. James P.

Moran, Jr., (D-Va.) suggested that

American Jews bear significant responsibility for pushing the United States to the brink of war with Iraq. Mr. Moran subsequently apologized for his March 3 remarks, but calls for the congressman to resign continue to feed media interest in the story. As a result the church has had to field numerous television, radio and print media inquiries.

"We keep telling them we just agreed to provide a place to meet," said a volunteer phone operator. "This is the first time in my time here that anything like this has happened."

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# **Man's Body Found Burning in Chicago Church**

The north-side Chicago parish of St. Peter's is in a state of disbelief after a member arrived early on the morning of March 6 and discovered the partial remains of a human being amid a pile of smoldering ashes in the basement of a building adjacent to the church.

The man was later identified by police as 52-year-old Robert Hall. A Massachusetts native with a history of mental anguish, Mr. Hall had relocated to Chicago about eight months ago and begun attending services at St. Peter's, but he mostly kept to himself, said the Rev. James H. Dunkerly, rector.

St. Peter's appeared to be one of the few places where Mr. Hall felt accepted in recent years. During the week he would often stop by the parish house for coffee and then sit **on** the church steps to listen to music.

"When I described him to people during an announcement at church the following Sunday, people in the congregation recognized who he was, but no one could say that they really knew him," said Fr. Dunkerly on March 10. "That's pretty surprising because this is a pretty close-knit parish. They tend to look out and care for one another."

The last that anyone reported seeing Mr. Hall alive was during the Ash Wednesday service the evening before when he received the administration of ashes at St. Peter's. Police later told Fr. Dunkerly that Mr. Hall probably hid in a bathroom in the parish hall basement until the church was quiet, at which time he must have doused himself with gasoline, immolated himself and then run before he collapsed. The building sustained significant smoke damage and has been closed by the fire department until it can be professionally cleaned. The initial estimate of \$30,000 has since been increased and the clean up cannot begin until the insurance company authorizes it.

"That is one of the hardest things for the people here," Fr. Dunkerly said. "We offer a lot of outreach to the community and most of it takes place inside the parish house. For the time being all of that is on hold."

# **Conference Addresses Risky Business of Vestry Service**

Serving on a church vestry is the world's most dangerous assignment, according to a March 1 workshop offered by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Each year for the past five the diocese has sponsored a vestry and wardens' day. The bishop and diocesan treasurer both delivered plenary addresses.

Vestry service can be risky because, to be effective, church leaders must be willing to embrace it, according to the Rt. Rev. Gordon P. Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts. Quoting from

The Rev. Francis Cho, chaplain for the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, makes a pastoral visit in Port Newark. Ship chaplains are crucial to collecting shore leave data on foreign nationals. The Center for Seafarers' Rights, a subsidiary of the Seamen's Church Institute, recently submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard data which it contends demonstrates that shore leave denials continue to occur at selected U.S. ports. The Seamen's Church Institute is affiliated with the Episcopal Church.



the book *Deep Change*, by Robert Quinn, Bishop Scruton pointed out that when faced with a crossroads, organizations may choose deep change or slow death. Deep change is what Western Massachusetts needs, the bishop said.

Bishop Scruton could not offer workshop participants a map through change. The only tools available, he said, are risk taking, a desire for change and thinking outside the box.

Treasurer Bruce Rockwell encouraged participants to bear in mind that local church leadership has an opportunity to help people examine their stewardship of money in order to ensure that it does not become an impediment to spiritual growth.

It was at a similar conference about 15 years ago when Mr. Rockwell realized that his own stewardship of money was affecting his relationships with others.

Attendance at the annual wardens and vestry day has increased more than 400 percent since the inaugural event. About 375 persons, representing 60 of the 67 congregations in the diocese, participated this year.



#### By Elizabeth Kaeton

Oh God, I am hellishly angry; I think so-and-so is a swine; I am tortured by worry about this or that; I am pretty certain that I have missed my chances in life; this or that has left me feeling terribly depressed. But nonetheless here I am like this, feeling both bloody and bloodyminded, and I am going to stay here for 10 minutes. You are most unlikely to give me anything. I know that. But I am going to stay here for 10 minutes nonetheless. Amen."

#### Harry Williams

I love this prayer. It makes me giggle. When I first read it, it made me gasp with its patently human honesty. It captures for me the traditional, somber "I-really-don'twant-to-have-to-do-this-but-here-I-amagain" mood of Lent. But there's something more in this prayer that elicits from me a deeper meaning of Lent.

Historically, Lent was the time when the ancient church prepared disciples to become members of the church. They were called the "catechumens" - those undergoing instruction and training preparatory to Christian baptism. The emphasis was on making "disciples" (from the Middle English and Old French word meaning "grasp") and instilling "discipline" (from the Middle English word "instruction"). In the Western Church, the 40 days of Lent was an "innovation" of the 7th-century church with a strict emphasis on penance, by abstaining from festivities, by almsgiving, and by physical abstinence and fasting. This is what we have come to know of Lent - of becoming better disciples of Christ by being more disciplined from the "wants and desires of our mortal flesh."

Which brings me back to that wonderful prayer. Lent has a way of making me cranky. I am only too well aware of my sins and offenses and my continual need for healing. Despite years of work in the civil rights movement, my soul is indelibly

# **Ten Lenten Minutes**

stained with the sin of racism. Despite my minutes is good. Not expecting anything own age, ability, gender and sexual orientation, I often fall short of the mark because I daily breathe the air of a cultural environment polluted with the toxins of various "isms." And, although I took a vow at my baptism to "respect the dignity of every human being," I often feel that "soand-so is a swine."

While it is sometimes an important discipline, neither fasting nor abstinence significantly improves my mood or my behavior — especially when they are prescribed and prolonged. What does help, however, is confession. Admission of my true feelings. Acknowledgment of the ways I fall short and the limits of my own humanity.

And then, to sit with it all. Bundle up the ashes of my humanity in the sackcloth of The Rev. Elizabeth Kaeton is the rector of grief and anger and sit in it for a while. Ten St. Paul's Church, Chatham, N.J.

from God. Just being willing to bring my whole self - the good, the bad and the ugly - before God and be present to God. Because, after all, God is always present to us. What we need to learn is how to be more fully present to God. That practice, more than any thing, will make us better disciples.

Discipline yourself in that and you may find yourself, in the words of C.S. Lewis, "surprised by joy." You may also find yourself becoming a better person — abstaining from things, re-arranging your priorities, being more generous - and discovering what it means to have a "holy Lent."

Well, at least for 10 minutes.

# Lent

This is the season of sorrows cloaked in lavender and ashes. A time to remember that Jesus once seemed lost to us.

#### Imagine

you were one of the anonymous thousands who was fed by Jesus and believed, who watched in blank-faced horror from the edge of the celebrating mob as they slaughtered our Lord.

#### Imagine

your piercing anguish as you wept your secret tears when they cut him from the cross, as you watched in denial and disbelief when they laid his battered body in the chill and silent tomb.

#### Imagine

that you were never told that Jesus who had died for you had risen.

Imagine all that and then...

In this season of ashes and sorrow amid the noise of daily life, take time to be still and remember

that Jesus has risen and you were told.

**Julie Murdoch** 

### Did You Know...

All Saints' Church, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., was erected as a replica of George Herbert's parish church in Bemerton, England.

Quote of the Week

The Rev. Cathie Caimano, associate rector of St. Philip's Church, Durham, N.C., to a reporter during a flight she took to help overcome her fear of flying: "If the plane crashes, I would be somewhat relieved."

# **Bishop Is Doubly Blessed**

In his column in *Interchange*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Bishop Herbert Thompson, Jr. tells a great story for Lent:

"I heard a story of a man who went into a tavern and ordered three glasses of Guinness. Intrigued, the tavern keeper asked what this was about, for after all, most people ordered only one at a time. The man said, 'Well, I have two brothers, one in Ireland, and the other Scotland. When I have three pints of Guinness, I remember my brothers, and it is as though we are all together.' Deeply moved, the tavern owner brought the three Guinness beers, which the man consumed with great relish.

"The man came into the tavern night after night and ordered the same, and was accordingly obliged. One night, the man came in and said, 'I'll have two Guinness.' The tavern keeper, surprised and concerned, asked, 'Is something wrong? Did something happen in the family?' 'No,' the man said. 'It's Lent, and I have given up drinking for the season'."

The Rt. Rev. James (Bud) Shand, recently consecrated Bishop of Easton [TLC, Feb. 23], shared with readers of the *Eastern Shore Episcopalian* a delightful story about the day of his consecration:

"When all was said and done and the final notes of music were becoming a memory, a [hotel] employee stopped me in the hall. She said to me, 'What did they do to that man in there?'

"I replied, 'They made him a bishop by laying hands on him by asking God's blessing with the power of the Holy Spirit.'

"Then she said, 'Well you could certainly feel it out here and it was a good feeling'."

Beth Matthews, bishop's administrative assistant in the Diocese of Arkansas, writes to claim her office may have the slowest snail mail in history. When she processed the incoming mail the other day she found a catalog from a church furnishings company that was addressed to "Bishop Leonidas Polk, Diocese of Arkansas." Bishop Polk served in Arkansas from 1838 to 1841.

"Considering the fact that Bishop (and about t Confederate General) Polk was our first, myself. and founding, bishop, I wonder if the other Digitized by

11 bishops since Bishop Polk don't have validity/authority in this company's eyes, or if they simply would like us to forward the mail," Ms. Matthews noted. "I guess the latter isn't an option. I don't have the zip code."

*New Directions* magazine, an English publication, reports on an unusual method of celebrating the Eucharist at St. Leonard's Church, Butleigh. There's a coffee break in the middle of the service, as the parish magazine notes, "before we all receive communion together." There is no indication where the coffee break is held or whether refreshments are served.

*Diocesan Life*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Bethlehem, reports that during the celebration for new ministry at St. George's Church, Hellertown, Pa., Bishop Paul Marshall of Bethlehem presented the new rector, the Rev. Edd Schultz, with some unusual gifts — footprints that glow in the dark ("for your bedroom ceiling so you know you're not in this alone"), a crying towel ("it's OK to be vulnerable"), and a rubber chicken ("it's OK to have fun").

From Transfiguration Quarterly, Vol. 59, No. 3:

"Father Bob Miller of Minneapolis, Minn., told the Sisters during our November retreat about a little girl who came home from Sunday school to say, 'Mommy, Mrs. Smith said God put everyone here on earth to give us time to get ready for heaven ...' She looked up questioningly. "That's right, Sweetheart,' her mother agreed. 'Well then,' asked the little one, 'why don't we ever see anyone getting ready?'"

The license-plate watch: I spotted REDEEMD and YAWAY. Dr. Joseph Cockrell, of Charleston, S.C., saw IBSAVED, Cynthia Schwab, of Joplin, Mo., spotted ICUNHVN, the Rev. Richard Schmidt of St. Louis saw GOT-GOD, and Deborah Yetter, of Riverside, Ill., our cartoonist, observed THNKS LRD.

Note to those who wrote to complain about the license plates: Sorry, I can't help myself.

David Kalvelage, executive editor

# The Archbishop's Sermon

In a very short time we have learned much about Rowan Williams. The new Archbishop of Canterbury has been open and honest in talking about his ministry, and the British press has provided enough details about him to satisfy even the most curious. So when he preached the sermon at his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury [TLC, March 23], observers were listening closely. What they heard was encouraging, and, perhaps to some, surprising. Archbishop Williams devoted much of his sermon to talking about Jesus — something that Anglicans are not always comfortable doing. At a time when the Anglican Communion seems fragile and even near fracture, the archbishop offered hope.

"As long as we can still identify the same Jesus in each other's life, we have something to share and to learn," he said. "Does there come a point where we can't recognize the same Jesus?..." And a few sentences later: "...we believe in a Jesus who is truly Lord and God, not the prisoner of my current thoughts or experiences." This archbishop is known for his intellect and his spirituality, but parts of his sermon sounded more like an evangelical stressing a personal relationship with Jesus.

As we noted here two months ago, Archbishop Williams has had to endure considerable criticism even before taking office [TLC, Jan. 26]. While one sermon is not going to change anyone's opinion, it is worth noting that the archbishop offered some cause for optimism in his address at Canterbury Cathedral. We hope his critics will give him a chance.

# Support for Jerusalem

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Throughout its history Jerusalem has never been a city of peace. The divided city of the Holy Land seems especially tense this Lent as its residents, like the rest of us, await the start of a possible war with Iraq. The ongoing conflicts among Jews, Christians and Muslims have added to the tension in Jerusalem, making the efforts for peace, which at times have seemed so close, now look distant. In the midst of strife, an Anglican presence continues in Jerusalem and the Middle East, a witness to Christ in the midst of chaos.

For the past 81 years the Episcopal Church has designated its Good Friday offering be sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Again this year the Presiding Bishop has asked church members to pray for the church in that region and to support it generously through the offering. That province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and its four dioceses are involved in vital ministries, including the operation of hospitals, schools and orphanages. Our support helps the church to promote justice, peace and love in the Holy Land. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem. At a time when the Anglican Communion seems fragile and even near fracture, the archbishop offered hope.



# Many Forms, Same Purpose

#### By David E. Sumner

In the summer of 2001, I ran South Bend's Sunburst Marathon — a 26-mile race that ended on the 50-yard-line of Notre Dame Stadium. Looking at the "Touchdown Jesus" mosaic while I famed approached the finish line gave me physical and spiritual inspiration. Running through the tunnel of the stadium onto the field was the most thrilling athletic accomplishment of my life. The previous six months of training, however, were not always thrilling. Running five miles a day every day in all kinds of weather can become pure drudgery, even to those of us who enjoy running.

Going to church is sometimes like that. Although I enjoy church, that isn't the reason I go. I would go to church even if I didn't enjoy it. In earlier years I have been in churches where I didn't like the rector or some characteristic of the congregation. But I still went every Sunday — and sometimes it felt like drudgery. When sermons were boring or people seemed unfriendly, God was still there, I realized.

Church isn't about what we "like" or "enjoy." The danger in liturgical churches is that they turn worship into an aesthetic experience with their particular forms of worship. The danger in free churches is that they turn worship into an emotional experience that is dependent upon the quality of the sermon and the music. Church is about worshiping God. It occurs when, as Quaker theologian Richard Foster says, "Spirit touches spirit."

We should go to church even when it seems boring and when it feels that we don't "get anything out of it." That's because we become what we worship or like what we worship. If we worship God, we become Christ-like in our human qualities — loving, humble, well rounded, compassionate, dependable and strong. Because we become like what we worship, worshiping God shapes attitudes, behavior, and outlook in ways we never recognize. Worship, over a period of weeks and months, gradually molds us into the well-rounded, fully human people that God intends for us to become. I may not see the benefit of running every day until I try to run 26 miles. And you may not see the "benefit" of going to church every week until you face a crisis or a challenging experience.

So far I know I am "preaching to the choir," but now I will "go to meddling." The danger for any denominational tradition lies in making one form of worship the norm for worship. Anglican theologian John Macquarrie, whose Principles of Christian

Theology was a textbook at Episcopal seminaries for decades, called the



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ship." Unfortunately, he influenced a whole generation of Episcopal priests and bishops in that regard. Making the Eucharist "normative" and the only form of worship we offer creates a significant problem. It excludes from full participation in worship those skeptics, seekers and visitors who are neither baptized nor professing Christians, but nevertheless visit our churches looking for solace and meaning. I would like to invite my Indian neighbors, who are non-practicing Hindus, to our church's Sunday

service. Yet, I am not sure how to explain the Eucharist to them or tell them that they cannot participate in it.

The second problem with making the Eucharist "normative" is that it elevates a particular form of worship into worship itself. That poses a danger that even Macquarrie recognized when he wrote, "Worship may come to be prized for itself, as an aesthetic enjoyment. Worse still, it may degenerate into an idolatry."

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- Harvey Cox in Fire from Heaven

Richard J. Foster wrote in his best-seller, *The Celebration of Discipline*: "Forms and rituals do not produce worship, nor does the disuse of forms and rituals. We can use all the right techniques and methods, we can have the best possible liturgy, but we have not worshiped the Lord until Spirit touches spirit."

Harvard theologian Harvey Cox created a new respect for pentecostalism with his 1995 book Fire from Heaven, which he subtitled, "The rise of pentecostal spirituality and the reshaping of religion in the twenty-first century." Cox traveled in dozens of countries visiting pentecostal churches and interviewing their leaders. He concluded that pentecostalism's worldwide success is because "they rebelled against creeds but retained the mystery. They abolished hierarchies but kept ecstasy." Cox wrote, "Human beings are physical as well as mental creatures and therefore these more tactile elemental are part of the substance of worship. And since life itself is so full of conflict and craving, of wild hopes and dashed expectations, any religion that does not resonate with the full range of these feelings and provide ways of wrestling with them is not worth much."

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While I prefer liturgical worship to pentecostal worship, I recognize that the latter appeals to millions of people because it offers the possibility for integrating life's experiences into worship.

We neither can nor should elevate the Eucharist into a synonym for worship itself. One of the reasons I like Morning Prayer is because its canticles contain such eloquent expressions of love and adoration for God. Yet I cannot prescribe what the form of worship should be for every congregation — which is exactly my point. We must provide for ways of worship that are inviting to people who have no familiarity with organized religion, but are yet drawn toward the mystery symbolized by the mere presence of our churches.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Renunciation or Resistance?** 

I was dismayed to read J. Thomas Wray's apologia for war with Iraq under the misleading headline "When War is Justified" [TLC, March 9]. Instead of a discussion of the concept of a just war, Fr. Wray bases his opinion solely upon the baptismal question dealing with renouncing the powers of evil. In the process he seems

to confuse renunciation with resistance and advocates the latter.

Despite the headline, the just war theory is never discussed. That theory holds that a nation must have just reasons to engage in war. Simply stated, the war must be defensive, not involve economic advantage, have a just intention, be engaged as a last resort, be properly declared, and produce more good than harm. Once engaged, the war must have limited objectives, be The just war theory holds that a nation must have just reasons to engage in war.

conducted with proportionate means, respect noncombatant immunity, and consider culpability in bringing about the tension between belligerent nations.

It is difficult to reconcile the theory of a just war with what is going on in Washington these days. The president has not convincingly made the case for any of the elements of a just war and it appears that he intends to use the military might of this country to settle a private score. There can be little doubt that Saddam Hussein is an evil man. But this country has a sorry history of alliances with evil men when it suited our purposes. The question is not whether he is evil, but whether we have the right to remove the leader of a sovereign nation simply because he is evil.

> James R. Steadman Girard, Pa.

In response to Thomas Wray's "When War is Justified," I was reminded of a story told by Augustine in *Concerning the City of God Against the Pagans*: "... it was a witty and truthful rejoiner which was given by a captured pirate to Alexander the Great. The king asked the fellow, 'What is your idea in infesting the sea?' And the pirate answered, with uninhibited insolence, "The same as yours in infesting the earth! But because I do it with a tiny craft, I'm called a pirate; because you have a mighty navy, you're called an emperor'."

> (The Rev.) Polk Culpepper Louisville, Ky.

### **Via Media Courageous**

In his Viewpoint article [TLC, Feb. 2], the Rev. W. Terry Sweeney argues that "the middle is no place to be," that "popular culture" is drifting into the church causing us to lose a sense of the awe and authority of God's word. But he clearly misunderstands what the *via media* of the Anglican tradition is about.

The Anglican *via media* is not a woolly compromise. It is not an attitude of "don't ask, don't tell." It is not a position taken by pas-



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sionless people out of touch with the reality of the living God. Rather, the *via media* is a courageous theological stance. It arises out of a deep awe and respect for the authority of God and a humble acknowledgment of our own sinful tendency to replace God's word with our own words.

The *via media* is courageous because it forces us together rather than apart, demanding that we see God's truth in the lives of all God's faithful people — even those we can't agree with.

The via media proclaims that our worship of God in Christ holds us together when we would tear ourselves apart. Now is the time to re-capture the courageous via media and choose to face the painful task of living with God together, to behave courteously toward one another, to listen more than we speak. I pray that the courageous via media will be where the Episcopal Church chooses to live in Minneapolis. I pray that we choose to stay together and pray together rather than putting the unity of one holy catholic and apostolic church to a vote.

> (The Rev.) Michael C. Hunn Church of the Holy Comforter Kenilworth, Ill.

### **A True Liberal**

I have read with interest the last two articles regarding John Chane, Bishop of Washington [TLC, March 2]. I came to know him while he was dean of the cathedral in San Diego. Even though we would be on opposite sides of most issues, I came to admire him very much. Most of all because he may be the only truly "liberal" bishop in the Episcopal Church. (For "liberal" check the dictionary). Unlike the Harrises, Brownings, Dixons, Bennisons, etc., John Chane truly respects the persons and positions of those who do not share his agenda and opinions. and is willing to share this church with them. It almost reminds me of the "good ol' days" when we were a comprehensive church.

While John Chane is very much on the left and has an agenda, I believe he can be trusted to help all of us to return to an Anglican graciousness, even if orthodoxy remains a bit elusive.

> (The Rev.) Robert Keirsey San Diego, Calif.

In an article on Bishop Chane, it was said that the bishop responded to a point that his comments that the church had an obligation to apologize to homosexual persons for its "crime of silence" at the very least, "... might be considered the statement of someone with a very ambitious liberal agenda in mind ..." Steve Waring reported that Bishop Chane replied, "I hate that word because I'm not sure what it means," and then Mr. Waring wrote, "... he said choosing his words thoughtfully." I presume that Mr. War-

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ing meant that Bishop Chane was referring the word "liberal" rather than to "ambitious" or to "agenda." Ambitious and agenda are easy to define. Liberal is much more difficult.

Now, however, if this record is accurate, it does not reflect well upon a person who will say that he hates something when he doesn't know what it means, especially when he is also reported to have chosen his words carefully. Then, again, I find that this a common situation with Episcopal Church leadership. Many do not know why they say what they say, nor what it means after it's been said, even though they carefully choose the words. Perhaps that is why they are elected and selected. They are ambitious, have agendas, and hate those things that they do not understand.

(The Rev.) Robert Plested San Antonio, Texas

### **Many Agree**

I was taken aback by the message of the letters criticizing the Presiding Bishop's comments on his experience with those overseas who are not fond of the United States. Indeed, those who wrote made it seem as if the Presiding Bishop is in a time warp since they have no such experience in their overseas travels. And yet, there are many of us who agree with the Presiding Bishop.

Interestingly, a mainstream publication, USA Today, printed an article on March 3 titled "Ugly Sentiments Sting American Tourists." I am beginning to wonder if TLC and its readers are that out of touch with reality. Do subscribers, succumbing to the trap of blind "foam-at-the-mouth" patriotism, actually not see how our individual and collective behavior as Americans negatively impacts how too many people throughout the world view us?

For me, the key is this: My discipleship does not mean that I do not have to admit my daily shortcomings and ask God and others for forgiveness. And my patriotism does not mean never apologizing for my nation's faults. If this nation is to be blessed by God, then we must admit our shortcomings and ask for forgiveness, and we must never gloat over our charity.

> John Colón Brooklyn, N.Y.

We are pleased that a number of readers have noticed Presiding Bishop Griswold's remarks on war and the way others view us. We are delighted with the diversity of opinions which flourish among Anglicans who write letters to the editor.

We also want to state our hearty support for Bishop Griswold's right to express himself based on his observations and experiences around the world.

s why We are grateful for his boldness and They willingness to question the approach Digitized by and rhetoric of our political leaders. We agree with him and lift him up in prayer as we also pray for the leaders of all nations and their peoples.

#### Patricia and Richard Bamforth Augusta, Maine

I was surprised at the negative reaction of readers to the Presiding Bishop's evaluation that these are not the proudest moments for our country. People have low expectation for the behavior of the United States when they are pleased when the poor are neglected, the environment is assaulted, and the leaders take political advantage of the fears of the civilian population.

#### (The Rev.) Churchill Gibson Alexandria, Va.

With regard to Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold's comments, I did not get the impression that he was speaking for the United States, or for the Episcopal Church, or for himself. Rather it seemed to me that he was attempting to speak to this country for the world, by relaying to us what he has heard the world saying.

We would do well to listen. Instead we seem to be trying to shoot the messenger.

#### Laura Rico Los Banos, Calif.

I have a win-win situation for the church and for our Presiding Bishop. If we keep him in the United States, he won't be embarrassed to say, "I'd like to be able to go somewhere in the world and not have to apologize for being from the United States."

The second win is we would save the expenses of sending him out of the country.

(The Rev.) William R. Belury Fort Worth, Texas

#### **Essential Connection**

I'm surprised at the lack of awareness of the essential connection between infant baptism and confirmation in the article "Another Look at Confirmation" [TLC, Jan. 26] and the several responses to it.

At Berkeley Divinity School, I was

taught that the initiatory rite of baptism, felt to be essential to salvation where available, was administered in the early church to adult converts on request and after lengthy instruction. Soon families and villages were converted and sought baptism.

Infants and young children presented problems. They could not understand required instruction and could not be bound by promises made for them by others. To make them wait until they reached "years of discretion" was felt to be dangerous. So, I was taught, the rite of initiation was split into two parts: infant baptism followed some years later by confirmation by a bishop.

This arrangement seemed sound to me then (1952) and now, theologically and practically. This system gives bishops "control" of the clergy and laity by confirming/ordaining only those taught the essentials of the faith as the bishop had received it. The requirement for adequate instruction, informed desire and personal responsibility for promises made are all safeguarded. Baptism and confirmation are closely yoked historically and should remain so.

> (The Rev.) Bayard Hancock Campton, N.H.

#### Make a Choice

I agree with Jean Rogers' letter [TLC, Feb. 23] but from a slightly different slant. People in recovery know that to stay in recovery they must regularly make a choice to do so. A "slip" happens when "sobriety loses its priority." Those who still drink will likely keep on drinking regardless of what we say or do until they decide it's time to quit.

I think the editor's column on beers [TLC, Jan. 12] was in poor taste. It trivializes drinking beer and took up space that could have been better used for other things, e.g. interior photos of Trinity Commons in Cleveland.

> (The Rev.) George Stamm Christ Church, St. Simeon's Chippewa Falls, Wis.

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