

THE MESSENGER

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MORROW, GEORGIA

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Office Hours

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
M thru F

Parish Mission Statement

To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by providing a safe, loving and inclusive environment, celebrating community diversity, and sharing God's gifts with all people.

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May 2020

A Word From Our Bishop

On April 24 Bishop Wright delivered this letter to all priests in the Diocese. Priests can now live stream and record in their churches so long as they maintain strict social distancing. We are still not allowed to congregate.

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, I hope this finds you resolved to trust God.

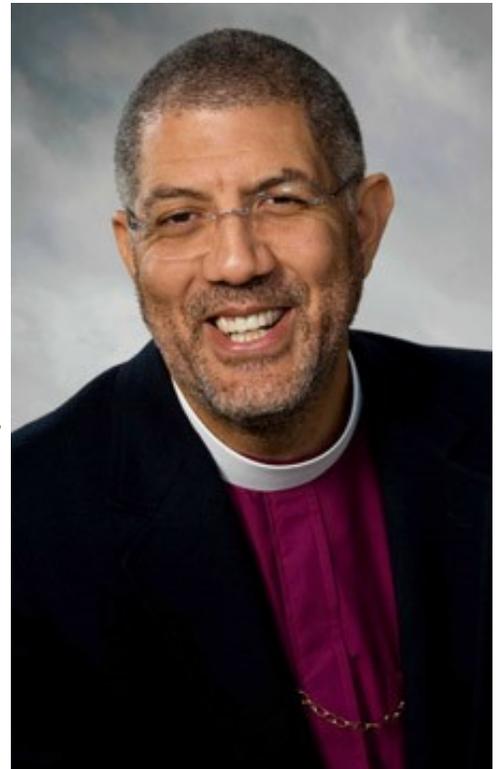
I write to lift my last directive prohibiting live-streaming and recording of worship on our campuses and in our sanctuaries. Effective immediately you may resume live streaming and recording of worship in and on church grounds as best suit your worshipping community. This of course assumes the continuation of no more than ten people in the building at any given time and strict physical distancing maintained at all times.

In due course and only when I am advised by health and safety professionals that it is reasonably safe, will I offer the possibility of in person worship for our Diocese. Until then let us bring imagination to how we care for one another, new power to our proclamation of God's good news and new effectiveness to how we support those who are oppressed by fear and lack.

In all this let us remember our perennial chief directive, "to love God and to love neighbor."

With all Christian affection,

*Robert C. Wright, Bishop
The Diocese of Atlanta*



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<https://cathedral.org/online/>
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The Senior Warden

Well, we find ourselves in a strange situation. We are all scattered to our homes. Some of us continue to work. Many of us have visited Home Depot and Lowes just to get something to do. Susana and I have been putting puzzles together as well. I hope everyone is staying safe and binge watching “Bosch” or other programs.

Even though Governor Kemp has partially opened up Georgia, the Diocese of Atlanta is still keeping our doors closed to prohibit the spread or possible spread of the corona virus from infecting our congregations. We are still looking at opening around May 24. This date is still effective though open to

change by Bishop Wright as conditions (such as testing) change.

I was reminded the other day that our United Thank Offering ingathering will be missed. Please keep in mind that we will collect the offerings the Sunday after we return to Sunday church worship. When you put a coin, a dollar bill, or a check in the box, give thanks for what you have and that you have the ability to help others.

What did you give up for Lent. It looks like we all gave up the closeness of our friends. Many of us have given up going to restaurants, having parties, or going to basketball games. The Atlanta streets are drivable now. Things are not working the same as they use to. What will our daily activities look like from now on? What will church be like?

We missed Lent. We missed Easter. We missed our Easter hymns and the beautiful way our Altar Guild decorates the church for the Easter. We have missed each other. But we can still rejoice and say:

“Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.”

Happy 101st Birthday Peggy Beal!

Our Matriarch, Peggy Beal will be 101 on Thursday, April 30.

Some of you may receive this publication before then. If so send Peggy a card or call her daughter Elaine, 678-428-8283, to wish Peggy Happy Birthday.

Your can also send belated greetings if the Messenger arrives after the 30th.

Were it not for Peggy and her late husband, George, there probably would not be a St. Augustine’s church today.

Peggy is the last of the original members still alive.

Please keep Peggy and her family in your prayers as we continue to shelter in place, in our various homes.



Events Calendar

May 2020

(This Worship Schedule will only be used if we can congregate on May 24. I will advise all as soon as I find out.)

Date	Time	Servers / Lectors	Servers / Lectors	Altar Guild	Ushers	Flower Guild
1 st SUN- DAY	9:00 am	VERGER: PSALM: LESSON 1: CRUCIFER:	SERVER / CHALICE: LESSON 2: P.O.P.:	EVELYN FOWLKES DONNA SMITH ELAINE BEAL SUSANA KYLE	OLIVIA JOHNSON	EVELYN FOWLKES DONNA SMITH ELAINE BEAL
March 01	11:00 am	VERGER: CRUCIFER: TORCH: TORCH: LESSON 1:	SERVER / CHALIC: CHALICE: LESSON 2: P.O.P.:		CORRIE WEST	
2 nd SUN- DAY	9:00 am	VERGER: PSALM: LESSON 1: CRUCIFER:	SERVER/CHALICE: LESSON 2: P.O.P.:	TERESA HALE MARY JOB VICKI OWEN		MARY JOB VICKI OWEN
March 08	11:00 am	VERGER: CRUCIFER: TORCH: TORCH: LESSON 1:	SERVER / CHALICE: CHALICE: LESSON 2: P.O.P.:		JOANN BLACKSTOCK	
3 rd SUN- DAY	9:00 am	VERGER: PSALM: LESSON 1: CRUCIFER:	SERVER/CHALICE: LESSON 2: P.O.P.:	GINNY HARRELL VERONICA RIDEN- HOUR.	CLYDE WELLER	GINNY HARRELL VERONICA RIDENHOUR
March 15	11:00 am	VERGER: CRUCIFER: TORCH: TORCH: LESSON 1:	SERVER / CHALICE: CHALICE: LESSON 2: P.O.P.:		RUBEN UYEH	
4 th SUN- DAY	10:00 am	COMBINED SERVICE				
MAY 24	10:00 am RITE II	VERGER: PHILIP KYLE CRUCIFER: MARY JOB TORCH: JEAN MARIE SIMON TORCH: JAMIE KENTISH LESSON 1: ELAINE BEAL	SERVER / CHALICE: MARY JOB CHALICE: JEAN MARIE SIMON LESSON 2: JAMIE KENTISH P.O.P.: VIRGINIA CLARK	YVONNE CHE- VANNES PRECIOUS MMILES JEAN MARIE SIMON	CORRIE WEST	YVONNE CHEVANNES PRECIOUS MILES JEAN MARIE SIMON
5 th SUN- DAY	9:00 AM	VERGER: PHILIP KYLE PSALM: LEE CASH LESSON 1: LEE CASH CRUCIFER: LEE CASH	SERVER/CHALICE: LEE CASH LESSON 2: DONNA SMITH P.O.P.: EVELYN FOWLKES			
MAY 31	11:00 AM	VERGER: PHILIP KYLE CRUCIFER: VERONICA RIDENHOUR TORCH: SUSANA KYLE TORCH: JAMIE KENTISH LESSON 1: JOANN BLACKSTOCK	SERVER / CHALICE: VERONICA RIDEN- HOUR CHALICE: SUSANA KYLE LESSON 2: TERESA HALE P.O.P.: BECKY WEAVER	EVELYN FOWLKES DONNA SMITH ELAINE BEAL SUSANA KYLE	SUSANA KYLE	EVELYN FOWLKES DONNA SMITH ELAINE BEAL

Choir Director: Grace Caudle; **Choir Members:** Laura Henderson, Kathy Kimmell, Veronica Ridenhour

Toilet Paper Shortage

For those of you who have had problems obtaining Toilet Paper I give you this story of a Navy Submarine during WWII. It is a true story sent to me by a shipmate. -- Phil

1a Re: The first famous toilet paper shortage

This is a hilarious and absolutely true story about a Navy submarine which could not get its request for toilet paper filled during World War II. Note that the Holland is the sub tender which would normally fulfill the Skipjack's supply requests.

On 11 June 1942 - The captain of the USS Skipjack, James W. Coe sent his now famous letter up the chain of command. This letter which addressed the problem of obtaining toilet paper by his ship had an example of the desired material attached as Enclosure (B). It reads:

U.S.S. SKIPJACK

11 June, 1942

From: Commanding Officer
To: Supply Officer, Navy Yard, Mare Island, California
Via: Commander Submarines, Southwest Pacific

Subject: Toilet Paper

Reference: (a) USS HOLLAND (5148) USS SKIPJACK Req. 70-42 of July 30, 1941.
(b) SO NYMI Canceled invoice No. 272836

Enclosure: (1) Copy of cancelled Invoice
(2) Sample of material requested.

1. This vessel submitted a requisition for 150 rolls of toilet paper on July 30, 1941, to USS HOLLAND. The material was ordered by HOLLAND from the Supply Officer, Navy Yard, Mare Island, for delivery to USS SKIPJACK.

2. The Supply Officer, Navy Yard, Mare Island, on November 26, 1941, cancelled Mare Island Invoice No. 272836 with the stamped notation "Cancelled---cannot identify." This cancelled invoice was received by SKIPJACK on June 10, 1942.

3. During the 11-1/2 months elapsing from the time of ordering the toilet paper and the present date the SKIPJACK personnel, despite their best efforts to await delivery of subject material, have been unable to wait on numerous occasions, and the situation is now quite acute, especially during depth charge attack by the "backstabbers."

4. Enclosure (2) is a sample of the desired material provided for the information of the Supply Officer, Navy Yard, Mare Island. The Commanding Officer, USS SKIPJACK cannot help but wonder what is being used in

Mare Island in place of this unidentifiable material, once well known to this command.

5. SKIPJACK personnel during this period have become accustomed to use of "ersatz," the vast amount of incoming non-essential paper work , and in so doing felt that the wish of the Bureau of Ships for the "reduction of paper work" is being complied with thus effectively "killing two birds with one stone".

6. It is believed by this Command that the stamped notation "cannot identify" was possible an error, and that this is simply a case of shortage of strategic war material, the SKIPJACK probably being low on the priority list.

7. In order to cooperate in war effort at small local sacrifice, the SKIPJACK desires no further action be taken until the end of the current war which has created a situation aptly described as "war is hell."

J.W. Coe

Here is the rest of the story:

The letter was given to the Yeoman, telling him to type it up. Once typed and upon reflection, the Yeoman went looking for help in the form of the XO. The XO shared it with the OD and they proceeded to the CO's cabin and asked if he really wanted it sent. His reply, "I wrote it, didn't I?"

As a side note, twelve days later, on June 22, 1942 J.W. Coe was awarded the Navy Cross for his earlier actions on the S-39.

The "toilet paper" letter reached Mare Island Supply Depot. A member of that office remembers that all officers in the Supply Department "had to stand at attention for three days because of that letter." By then, the letter had been copied and was spreading throughout the fleet and even to the President's son who was aboard the USS Wasp.

As the boat came in from her next patrol, Jim and crew saw toilet-paper streamers blowing from the lights along the pier and pyramids of toilet paper stacked seven feet high on the dock. Two men were carrying a long dowel with toilet paper rolls on it with yards of paper streaming behind them as a band played coming up after the roll holders. Band members wore toilet paper neckties in place of their Navy neckerchiefs. The wind-section had toilet paper pushed up inside their instruments and when they blew, white streamers unfurled from trumpets and horns. As was the custom for returning boats to be greeted at the pier with cases of fresh fruit/veggies and ice cream, the Skipjack was first greeted thereafter with her own distinctive tribute-cartons and cartons of toilet paper.

This letter became famous in submarine history books and found its way to the movie ("Operation Petticoat"), and eventually coming to rest (copy) at the Navy Supply School at Pensacola, Florida. There, it still hangs on the wall under a banner that reads, "Don't let this happen to you!" Even John Roosevelt insured his father got a copy of the letter.

The original is at Bowfin Museum in Hawaii.

Keep in Your Prayers

Parishioners

Deborah Barwise
Joann Blackstock
Dwight Briggs
J.B. Burke
Mikki Jackson
Judy Erhardt-Sinor
Evelyn Fowlkes
Glenda Frederick
Mandy Gray
Dalila Hunter
Susana Kyle
Lidia Lower
Ronica Malvea
Pat Mathis
Kim McDonald
Cindy Moody
Jamie & Richard Rasche
Claron Robinson
Suzanne Ross & Judy Thompson
Wilma Ross
Bill Sims
Henry & Elsa Sisco
Donna Smith
Becky Weaver
Alvin Williams
Maisie Williams
Thelma Williams

Those on Active Duty in the Military

Henry Olcoroafor
Dylan Reynolds
Paris Reynolds

Those Beyond Our Parish

Julie Baima
Ben Cash
Jeffrey And Monica Caudle
Rylee And Blayke Caudle
Tim Condrey
John Conti
Judith Faith Crocker
Rachel Daniel
Dallas Ellis Iii
Evelyn Fry
Tim Gilbert & Family
Brooklyn Gilbert

David Harwood
Jason Honea
Paul Hull
Alyssa Johnson
Haylee Kane
Chuck Kennedy
Ken Kennedy
Laurie Lopez
Jimmy Martin
Luke And Heath Martin
David Mcdonald
Cathy Mcwilliams
Brian Mesch
Arline Mikolaitis
Maureen & Joseph O'brien
Paula & Scott Payne
Odette Pisanti
Harriet Pope
The Prock Family
Christa Reynolds
Carolyn Seals
Bernice Sterling
Mozelle Vample
Belinda Watson
Dorothy White
Susan Windham

Former Members and Parish Friends

The Rev. Terri Brice
Catharine Groover
Jessie Hardin
Kathryn, Justin & Jason Jimmerson
Graham & Sunshine Maddux
Sidney And Ray Reynolds

Happy Birthday

Kathleen Francis	05/03
JoAnn Blackstock	05/14
Tim Huston	05/20
Layla Parris	05/22
Charlie Smith	05/23
Kathleen Hayles	05/24
Samantha Heyl	05/28
Kajsa Huston	05/31

Kid's "Korner"

1. What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?

Thunderwear.

2. What do kids play when they can't play with a phone?

Bored games.

3. What do you call two monkeys sharing an Amazon account?

PRIME-mates.

4. What do birds give out on Halloween?

Tweets.

5. Why was the weightlifter upset?

She worked with dumbbells.

6. Why are teddy bears never hungry?

They're always stuffed!

7. What did the policeman say to his tummy?

Freeze. You're under a vest.

8. What does one volcano say to the other?

I lava you!

9. How did the baby tell her mom that she had a wet diaper?

She sent her a pee-mail..

10. What event do spiders love to attend?

Webbings

11. Why do we never tell jokes about pizza?

They're too cheesy.

12. Do you know how many famous men and women were born on your birthday?

None, only babies.

Source: <https://www.scarymommy.com/best-jokes-for-kids/>

From The National Church

Habits of Grace: God hears our prayers

Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

Posted Apr 20, 2020

Editor's note: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is offering Habits of Grace, a weekly meditation to help Episcopalians cope during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As we learn how to adjust our lives given the reality of the coronavirus and the request to do our part to slow its spread by practicing physical distancing, I invite you to join me each week to take a moment to cultivate a ‘habit of grace.’ A new meditation will be posted on Mondays through May. These meditations can be watched at any time by clicking [here](#).” — Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

April 20, 2020: God hears our prayers

The late professor Walter Wink, in one of his books, says that “History belongs to the intercessors who believe and pray a new future into being.” None of us know the mystery of prayer and how it works. I don’t know the intricacies of prayer’s mysteries. What I do know and believe, is that prayer makes a difference. It’s not a magic foot. It’s not a way to... It’s not a form of wish fulfillment, but it is a way of bringing our deepest needs and concerns and our very life into our consciousness and into the very presence of God.

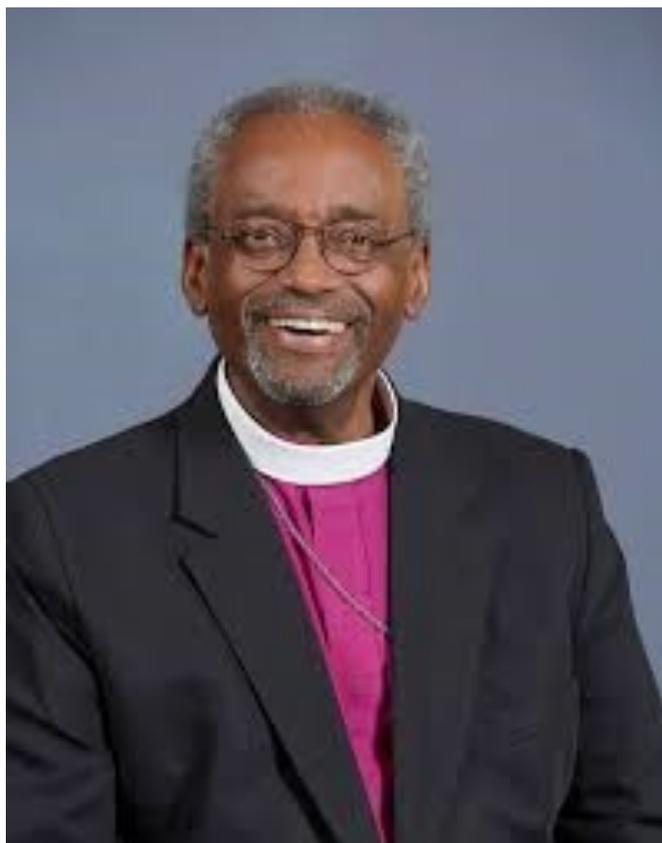
There’s an interesting story in the eighth chapter of the Book of Revelation, just a few of the verses, where you have this swirling of events happening in history and a world in chaos and the text says, “There was silence in heaven for half an hour.” Walter Wink and others looking at that say that in its highly symbolic language, the Book of Revelation may be trying to tell us that even in the midst of all the chaos of the world, the prayers of God’s people actually make a difference. Because if you look at that small section of the first few chapters of chapter eight in Revelation, during that silence of heaven, it says that the prayers of the saints are mingled with the incense before the throne of God and that those prayers are taken right to God. God hears our prayers. God responds in God’s way and we respond.

Prayer matters. It’s not magic, but it makes a difference. There’s a prayer in the prayer book that I thought you might like. It’s a prayer for in times of sickness, for use by the sick person, but maybe it’s a prayer that can apply to us all.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever shall be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. If I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words and give me the spirit of Jesus.

What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer. God love you. God bless you and may God hold you and this whole world, the entire human family and the whole of creation in those almighty hands of love.

Source: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/habits-of-grace-god-hears-our-prayers/>



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