



Making disciples who make disciples
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020

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Next Parish Council Meeting

July 29, 2020

Currently services are on Facebook ONLY.

The virtual live stream begins at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us!

In Words – Receiving the Little Ones

In order to grasp the context of Sunday's Gospel passage, we need to trace back a few passages—past the comments from Jesus about dividing families, and disciples needing to pick up their cross and follow him; past the comments about the comparative worth of sparrows and people to God; past his prediction of persecution for his disciples, to the beginning of the chapter in which Matthew introduces all 12 apostles and shows Jesus sending them out into the surrounding Jewish towns.

Heal those who are sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, expel demons. Freely you have received; freely give. — Matthew 10:8 (LEB)

The chapter closes with these final comments by Jesus as he is sending them out, about their status as his emissaries and what that means for the people who welcome them.

[Jesus said,] “The one who receives you receives me, and the one who receives me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will never lose his reward.” — Matthew 10:40–42 (LEB)

The disciples are referred to here as prophets because they will be receiving and communicating God's message, as Jesus told them a few sentences before. They are *apostles* (sent ones), *disciples* (learners), and *prophets* (deliverers of God's message).

*What I say to you in the dark,
tell in the light, and what you
hear in your ear, proclaim on
the housetops. — Matthew
10:27*

The reward of a prophet of God is closeness with God. Those welcoming the prophets whom Jesus is sending are welcoming Jesus himself into their midst. Salvation is the Father's reward for accepting his son as Lord. Offering them a cup of water may not sound like much, but for the poor living in the towns throughout Israel, a cup of cold water may well be the best they have to offer a visitor to their home. It would be sufficient to show that person's willingness and generous heart, which God would reward.

The description of the disciples as "these little ones" depicts their early status in spiritual development, not their age. In Luke 10, Jesus praises the Father, rejoicing when the 72 disciples he sent out returned with positive stories about the miracles they experienced.

*"I praise you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, that you have
hidden these things from the wise
and intelligent and have revealed
them to young children..." — Luke
10:21*

Paul describes the Christians in Corinth lovingly as children.

*I am not writing these things to
shame you but admonishing you
as my dear children. — 1
Corinthians 4:14*

Peter likewise uses the term.

*As obedient children, do not be
conformed to the former desires you
used to conform to in your ignorance
— 1 Peter 1:14*

And finally, John's letters use the image frequently.

*I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins have been
forgiven you on account of his
name. — 1 John 2:12*

Just as we endure a process of maturing physically by passing from infancy to childhood to adolescence to adulthood, so too do we mature spiritually through a similar series of milestones or levels.

I was fortunate enough in the Navy to have worked on the staff of a few admirals. That is the highest rank officers in the Navy can achieve. At that high position of authority, they are provided a few personal staff members to assist with the basic details of their broad responsibilities. The admiral's equivalent of a personal assistant is his aide, and that job usually goes to a very junior officer, often an ensign (the lowest officer rank). He wears a thin braided rope looped from the top of his shoulder, under his armpit, and back up to the shoulder, that identifies him as the admiral's aide, and not just another low-ranking officer.

Ensigns generally have very little real authority. As they grow in maturity and experience, they also grow in authority and responsibility (rank). The admiral's aide is an exception to that process. When the admiral's "little one" requests something, it has the same authority as the admiral himself requesting it. That ensign may be giving a task to someone five ranks higher than him, and it will be done because the task is coming from the admiral using the aide as his means of conveying that order.

As disciples, we are like aides of Admiral Jesus. We, like the biblical examples that Matthew and Luke describe, have the authority over the demonic realm that forces their obedience. As individuals on our own, we have no power over anything spiritual; as Lord of all, Jesus has total authority over everything—in both the physical and

spiritual realms. By his authority, Christians have power well beyond their realization.

The disciples Jesus sent out were amazed at the things that happened when they acted in Jesus' authority.

And the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" — Luke 10:17

The early Christians were surrounded by rampant evil—oppression, injustice, wrongful imprisonment and execution, persecution. Yet they prayed with the authority of Jesus and changed lives. Their loyalty to God and each other showed Christ's power even in the midst of persecution. Their love for one another demonstrated God's love for his whole creation. Their obedience displayed their faith to an unbelieving world.

These "little ones" acted with the full, grown-up authority of Jesus with amazing results.

So should we.

Your Brother in Christ,

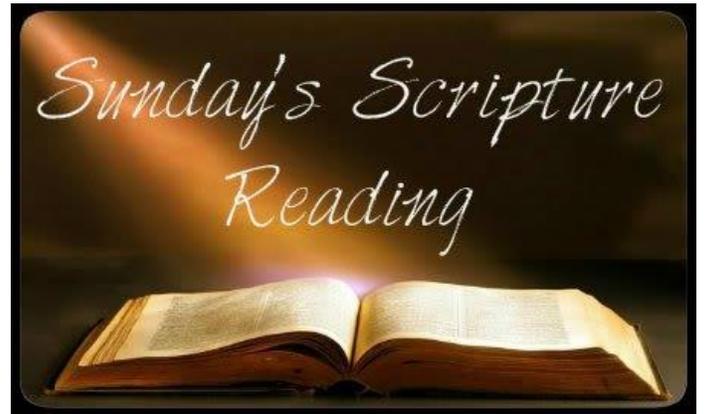
Fr. Austin

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A reminder – Sunday's bulletin and lessons, along with a link to Facebook, are sent to you weekly so you may follow along during the service. If you are not receiving this email, please contact the office.

Thank you!



Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42*

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Those Who Serve (6/21/2020)

Lessons ~ Frank Durham

Prayers ~ Motty Durham

Chalice ~ Alan Kircher and Jeffrey Polston

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Your help is appreciated.



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My brothers and sisters,

“How Great is the Father’s love for us that we should be called children of God.” (1John 3:1)

The Father’s love is great-great enough to encompass the pain of all who suffer and great enough to fulfill every promise made to His children. It is in the light of God our Father that we view and remember the fathers in our lives.

On this Father's Day morning, His son and our brother, Bp. Bill Thompson, first Bishop of Western Anglicans, laid down his earthly body and was clothed with a new and heavenly one. Bishop Bill is loved by many, but Claudia, his children and grandchildren feel their loss most deeply. More news of memorial services will be forthcoming, but for now, please pray for Claudia and the family and send notes and cards to:

Claudia Thompson
238 Grand Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90803

At the Rector’s Zoom on Thursday, I announced that Barbara Eddingfield, beloved wife of Fr. Larry-Associate Rector of Christ the King Poway, who is also a mother and grandmother, leapt into the arms of Jesus last Tuesday. Fr. Larry and the family are taking the time they need to grieve in the Lord and are surrounded by loved ones-friends, family, church family and Deanery family. Please send notes and cards to:

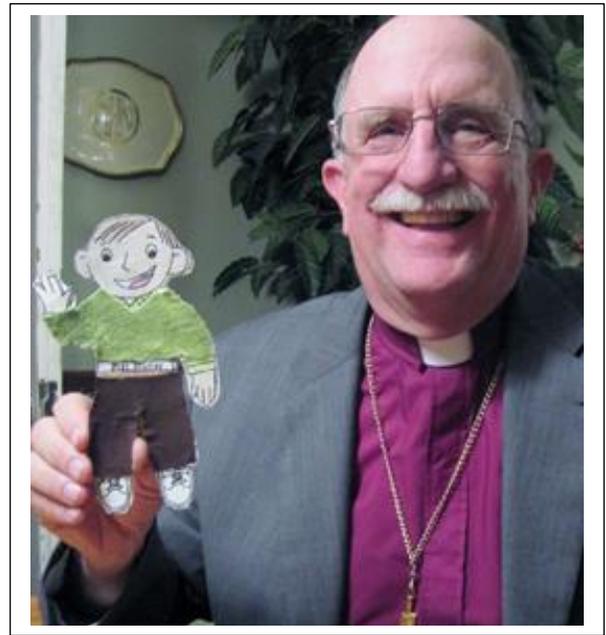
The Rev. Larry Eddingfield
12830 La Tortola
San Diego, CA 92129

By God’s grace, we are given the very real honor and privilege to walk alongside saints like +Bill Thompson, Barbara Eddingfield and Molly Martin who walked as children of God, being completed daily by faith in Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to cheer them on to the glorious life of loving and serving God every day.

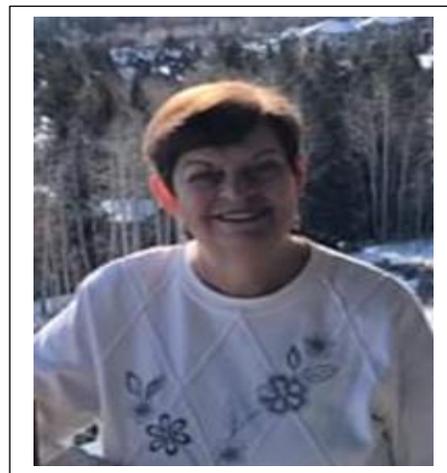
Even as we release them to the Lord, let their life be an example to us that we may evermore and with fervent zeal love God fully and love others as we have been loved by Him.

Your brother and fellow servant of Jesus,

+Keith



*Bishop Bill in 2011, holding Flat Stanley.
He adored children.*



*Barbara
Eddingfield*



Fr. Russell and Molly Martin

Can You Help?

On Saturday July 11th, Civil Air Patrol will be collecting canned goods/non-perishable food for the Yuma Food Bank. Both Maj. Scotty Haskell and Deacon Linda belong to Squadron 508. Scotty is the Communication Officer and Deacon Linda is the Cadet Development Instructor. In both capacities, they are a Christian presence within a very diverse group of kids and seniors. They would welcome any donations from CtR for this very worthy cause. Please contact Deacon Linda for more information.

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Sunday, June 28

11:30a.m. Worship Service (via Facebook)

Tuesday, June 30

6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ezra) via ZOOM

Wednesday, July 1

2:00 p.m. Bible Study (Pauline Letters) via ZOOM

5:30 p.m. Worship Service (in church & via Facebook)

6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM

Sunday, July 5

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (via Facebook)



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for the family of Bishop Bill Thompson, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Alfredo & Lilian Campa, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Kate Campa, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Armida, Armida's mother, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, and Pray for the World.

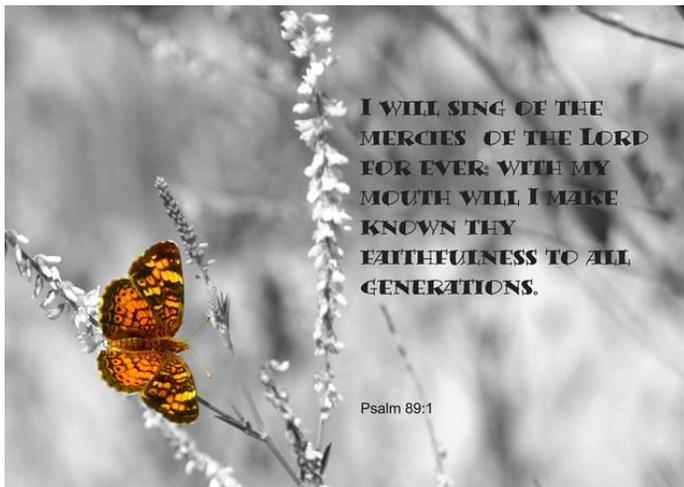
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PRAYERS FOR THE DEANERY OF ARIZONA

The Rev. Dr. Ernest and Lalitha Victor, The Anglican Campus Fellowship, Arizona State University.

The Rev. Peter Smith and Kristie Smith, with their children Cohen, Hannah and Ezra, Living Faith Anglican Church, Tempe

Deacon Matt Allen and Tina Allen, with Tina, Brigid and Aiden, Living Faith Anglican Church, Tempe



CTR PRAYER PROJECT

Isaiah 40:3-A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

In the Fall, Winter, and Spring, we live in the desert, but in the Summer, we escape to the wilderness. What's the difference, you may ask? In the desert, we can see for miles; the highways are straight and there are few, if any, obstructions. In the wilderness, the tall trees obscure our peripheral vision; the roads are curvy and we are always on the lookout for wild animals crossing the road, fallen trees blocking the highway, and emergency vehicles needing to pass on their way to an accident. In ancient Israel, there were many more forests than there are today. Today, much of Israel is barren desert. John the Baptist called for the people to repent, make way for the Lord, and make a straight highway for Him, but I'm pretty sure he wasn't referring to asphalt and oil. He was quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah (40:3). The Israelites were ignoring God. They were making idols and worshiping them, instead of God. Isaiah prophesied approximately 150 years before the Babylonian Captivity, warning the people to get ready for the coming of the Messiah and the kingdom of God. Isaiah reminded the people that we are but grass, and its loveliness like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades (v. 7). Like in the wilderness, we humans are subject to all kinds of obstructions and dangers; and like in the desert, we are bone dry and can produce nothing without God's help. We are in dire need of the Word of God, which is living water for our decaying souls. Isaiah is speaking not only of Christ's first coming, when after centuries of distancing themselves from the God who created them, rescued them, and sustained them, they were in dire need of a renewed relationship with Him, a relationship that could only be entered into through repentance. Our nation and our world are distancing themselves from our God; our souls are withering in the wilderness and in the desert, and we are in dire need of repentance and the living water only God can provide. Our King is returning, this time in all His glory. The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth (v. 4). And we'd better be prepared this time. If we aren't, the consequences will be much more dire than a mere seventy years in captivity.

Praying in One Accord-Preparing the way for the Lord means making sure our will is in one accord with God's will.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, we wonder why the Israelites had such a difficult time remaining faithful to You, and then we follow in their footsteps. Please don't leave our souls in the desert or wilderness. Help us make a road straight to Your throne of mercy. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Father God, thank You for warning us through Isaiah and John the Baptist; thank You for showing us the way of understanding, and the road to repentance. Amen.

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The Reward of Sin and the Reward of Uprightness (Romans 6:20-23)

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Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church
Parish Council Meeting
May 27, 2020
Meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Sherri Wayman, Jennifer Kircher, Jeffrey Polston, Motty Durham, Ann Traverso, Dave Wayman, Pat Frazer, Fr Austin Mansfield, Deacon Linda Stokes, Mary Sue Houston

Absent: Jo Towner

Deacon Linda opened the meeting with prayer at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes of the April 29, 2020 meeting were corrected and approved. Dave Wayman was present at April meeting. Moved by Sherri, seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report
No report

Celebrations of What We've Done

1. Resumption of services with live streaming to continue. Things are going well.
2. Carrie Kositzke has returned as Parish Administrator.

Where We Can Help Each Other

1. Joshua ministry. What a blessing he is to CTR.
2. A Communion Wine Kit has been purchased so we can receive complete Eucharist. Communicants can now have no contact Eucharist. Use will begin 5/31/2020
3. Camera to do live feed presented by Austin. The usage and convenience were discussed.
4. Electronic giving was discussed. Tabled for now.

5. New Prayer books were ordered and have arrived. They will be available for a donation of \$25 to offset the cost.

Upcoming Events

Synod in October Delegates chosen by attendance. Decision made later this summer on Synod.

Vision For Future

Small Groups

Committee Reports

1. Mary Sue reported on the Deanery Steering Committee. Would like to add Deanery on noisy offering. YCA will be removed and Love Offering to Deanery added.
2. Discernment committees for Connie & Cecilia. Things are progressing.

Rectors and Warden Reports

1. Deacon Linda - Her health is improving with a few side effects. She is glad to be back in church
2. Sr Warden - Sherri reported that it's a joy to be in the new home
3. Jr Warden - Jennifer is thrilled to have places for things. Jennifer is contact person problems in facilities.

No Saved Rounds

Moved by Ann to adjourn, seconded by Sherri. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Sue Houston, Clerk