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Next Parish Council Meeting

August 26, 2020

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church will return to **public gathering** for our worship services **starting Aug. 2** with the following guidelines:

- In accordance with city and county ordinances, masks or other face coverings are required when within six feet of others
- Social distancing between people from separate households is advised and encouraged
- Use of hand sanitizer is encouraged (and shall be used by clergy and chalice bearers)
- If you have a fever (>100 degrees), or symptoms such as sneezing or coughing, please stay home and join us on Facebook
- The weekly offerings will be deposited in a collection plate by the sanctuary entrance rather than passing the plate from person-to-person
- Singing and liturgical responses are part of our worship; the masks limit dispersal of exhaled particles.
- If you are in a high-risk group, please consider staying at home for your additional safety.
- We want all of you to be safe and healthy.

Fr. Austin

Please note: If you are unable to attend in person, the live stream on Facebook will continue. Follow the link sent to you in the weekly email. Copies of the bulletin, readings, and songs are sent along with the link so you may follow along.

In Other Words — The Christian Altar

In reviewing a passage from the Book of Hebrews, I noticed a particular verse that stands out as foundational for Christian theology but is totally overlooked. That's because most people never read it, and it never appears in any of the readings from the most common lectionaries (Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), Roman Catholic, Episcopal (BCP), and Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)), so they never hear it, either. Yet it fully explains the writer's claim that through Christ, we have a better sacrifice, a better covenant, and a better high priest.

In Hebrews 13:10, he declares the disparity between the Old and New Covenants, and explains why in the next two verses (referencing Leviticus 16:27):

We have an altar from which those who serve in the tabernacle do not have the right to eat. — Hebrews 13:10 (LEB)

The word “serve” is translated as “minister” in some Bible versions (NIV), but is more accurately described by the definition “perform religious rites as a part of worship” because it connotes a larger group of people. When we think of “minister,” it usually indicates something only clergy do (despite not being accurate, it is nonetheless what most people think when they see the word). “Serve” broadens the perspective to include acolytes, altar guild, chalice bearers, and similar lay participants, but the entire congregation participates in the liturgy and is therefore part of the group addressed in Hebrews. It's not just about the priests and Levites, but *everyone* involved in the tabernacle sacrifices — which would include those providing and benefiting from them.

Hebrews refers the reader to Leviticus many times, as the primary audience was likely a home church with about two dozen Jewish followers of Jesus, who would have been very familiar with the Old Covenant sacrifices and commands.

*And the sin offering's bull and the sin offering's goat, whose blood was brought to make atonement in the sanctuary, shall be brought outside the camp, and they shall burn their hide and their flesh and their offal (Heb. Peresh, “dung”) in the fire.
— Leviticus 16:27 (LEB)*

A representative sample of the offering — the fat — was to be burnt on the altar. Some of the bull's blood was sprinkled on the altar, but the rest of the animal was to be brought outside the camp and burned there, not in the tabernacle like the other offerings.

Let's think about the sacrifice Jesus made. He was taken outside the Hebrew camp theologically (when the high priest declared him a blasphemer), as well as physically (when taken to Pontius Pilate). He was scourged to near death within Jerusalem, but then brought outside the city to Golgotha for his crucifixion.

*¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sins are burned up outside the camp.
¹² Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate, in order that he might sanctify the people by his own blood. — Hebrews 13:11–12 (LEB)*

Christ's sacrificial death was on the cross. The altar we have is the Cross of Christ. The Christian altar is the Cross, not a table in front of the congregation.

The table is used for celebrating the Eucharist — a word that means Thanksgiving. The person presiding over that Great Thanksgiving is referred to as the “celebrant.” This is a celebratory event in which we rejoice at the salvation offered to us by Jesus Christ's own sacrifice and resurrection, not a morose moment in which we lament his passing each week!

Yet nearly all of us have missed this foundational element of our worship. If one were to ask any random Christians where our altar is, they would point to the table at the far end of the sanctuary. Even

our terminology shows our flawed focus: Altar guild, altar rail, altar cloths, etc., none of which have much to do with the cross.

When we realize the difference between the Old and New Covenant altars, we can better appreciate the difference between the covenants themselves. We do not become “better” Christians by following the laws of the Old Covenant because God did not make that covenant with us. The commandments of the Old Covenant were meant to separate the Israelites from everyone else and were directed solely to them. The sacrifices and regulations were given to Israelites to foreshadow the fulfillment of the promise of a savior, because their attempts to follow the law and save themselves would always fall short.

We do not have a modern version of the Old Covenant sacrifice. We offer only a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving during our worship, as our Eucharistic prayer declares. The sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of all others who will accept that sacrifice, has already been made, once for all time.

We can't keep a foot in each covenant. The New has replaced the Old, and as followers of Jesus we have an altar that represents the better sacrifice, the better covenant, and the better high priest: The Cross of Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Austin



Those Who Serve (August 2)

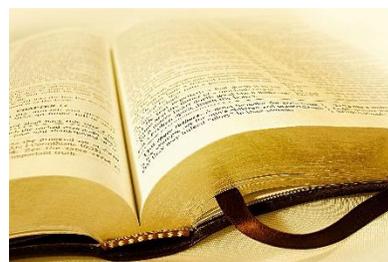
Lessons ~ Al Manning

Prayers ~ Motty Durham

Chalice ~ Mary Sue Houston and Sherri Wayman

Altar Guild ~ Mary Sue Houston

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Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22;

Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

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Sunday, August 2

11:30a.m. Worship Service (*In church and via Facebook*)

Tuesday, August 4

6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Job (*via ZOOM*)

Wednesday, August 5

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

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

Sunday, August 9

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (*In church and 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 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, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Mickey Greenlund, Zachary, and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DEANERY OF ARIZONA

The Rev. Jerry and Sharon Bouck with Wendy, Rebecca and Andrew, Holy Redeemer, Tucson

The Rev. Peter and Julie Forbes, Kings Cross, Tucson (Oro Valley) AZ



CTR PRAYER PROJECT

Matthew 6:14-15-For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

I remember several years ago when our Pastor added this Scripture passage to our weekly Sunday worship bulletin. My first reaction was that it didn't belong there. I remember sending an email to our Pastor, suggesting that since Jesus said this to His disciples **prior** to taking our sins to the Cross, surely it must not apply to us anymore. His reply? "If Christ said it, He meant it, and we need to heed it." Of course he was right, but I still cringed each time I heard it read aloud after we sang the

Lord's Prayer. Like so many other believers, I took this to mean that we were in danger of losing our salvation. After all, God considers forgiveness a very important matter---a Christian requirement. He sent His One and Only Son to the Cross in order to forgive the sins of mankind, and we learn in His Word that His wrath is kindled against any who reject this sacrifice. If forgiveness was God's way of reconciling mankind to Himself, surely it is important enough for us to sit up and take notice. And if God has forgiven us, it is only right for us to forgive others. That said, if all our sins have been covered by the blood of Christ, what could Jesus possibly mean by "your Father will not forgive your transgressions"? I read a devotion by Charles F. Stanley in the In Touch Devotional for June, 2020, in which he explains this further. First, he assures us that "your heavenly Father" means that Jesus is speaking to His disciples, those who have already been saved by their relationship with Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, and it implies that the relationship between the disciples and His Father in heaven was still intact. And Matthew includes it in his Gospel, so Jesus is also speaking to all believers---all Christians. That means us! Dr. Stanley goes on to explain that if we do not forgive others, we are being disobedient to God. Then he draws an analogy between God's family and our earthly families. He points out that a parent-child relationship is not broken when a child acts in disobedience, but the parent must respond with loving discipline in order to correct the disobedience. God the Father expects us to forgive others when we've been hurt, mistreated, or defrauded. If we fail to do so, the Father will keep us under discipline until we repent and forgive the other person. He will use His Holy Spirit to convict us of our disobedience. He will use our consciences to remind us of our failure to obey. And He will speak to our hearts and encourage us to do what is right, using that still, small voice of His. Remember, repentance is not a one-time event. It is meant to be an ongoing, daily practice that keeps our relationship with our Lord and Master in good stead. Also remember, our deeds (or failure at deeds) does not determine our salvation; Christ has accomplished it once for all on the Cross. However, our deeds (or lack thereof) definitely affect the rewards God has promised for those who obey Him, when we get to heaven. So, it behooves us to immediately forgive those who have offended us and get back in God's good graces as quickly as possible. We do well to recall the old adage: Failure to forgive someone is like drinking poison ourselves and expecting the other person to die.

Praying in One Accord-Sacrificing our pride and forgiving others puts us on the road to being in one accord with our Lord's Plan of Redemption.

Accord Prayer-Sacrificial Lamb, we acknowledge You as the Redeemer; when we can't find strength in ourselves to forgive, remind us of the forgiveness You paid for on the Cross. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Merciful Father, thank You for reminding us that if we can't forgive others, we remain disobedient to Your plan and will for our lives. Amen.

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- August 2 – Caleb Meek
- August 3 – Nick Shyne
- August 9 – Kimberly Henehan
- August 18 – Pam Hirst
- August 18 – Tom Kiley
- August 19 – Al Manning
- August 20 – Lily McNair
- August 21 – Jim Slater
- August 26 – Hillary Thomas
- August 27 – Kelly Scherrer
- August 29 – Scotty Haskell
- August 31 – Neville Hirst

*May the light of the Lord shine upon you
and grant you happiness on your birthday and
for many years to come.*

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Received this week via email

On the **AZ Anglican Men's Retreat**, we have decided our next steps:

- 1) We will NOT hold an in person retreat, due to feedback of people attending in COVID 19 season
- 2) We WILL have a time of teaching, prayer and gathering on ZOOM on Saturday Sept 12. The agenda for this is being developed by Fr Tom. Fr Keith Hartsell will join us this

- 3) We will move our deposit from this Sept to Sept 10-12 2021 - this will lock our space for the men's retreat at Emmanuel Pines in Prescott AZ for next Sept 10-12, 2021
- 4) Since Emmanuel Pines is struggling financially due to COVID, we will be sending them a \$250 donation now to help out

Thank you for all your support

God Bless

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The Feeding of the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21)

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Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church

Parish Council Meeting – via Zoom

June 24, 2020

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

Absent: Jo Towner, Jeffrey Polston,

Fr Austin opened the meeting with prayer at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report

Mary Sue reported we are still ok financially. People are doing well using the P.O. Box address for contributions.

Celebrations of What We've Done

1. Live streaming going well while we are again unable to meet in person
2. Communion wine kit implementing is going well. The brass is high maintenance but it's working.

Where We Can Help Each Other

1. Live streaming camera has arrived and is functioning.
2. Discussion on the sound quality. The new camera has external mic so sound should improve.
3. Integrating with Facebook has been tricky but is working now.
4. Fr. Austin will create a manual for video instruction for the video team.
5. New parishioner from El Centro has joined our congregation. Fr. Austin visited her. She will join us by live stream. Fr. will go once a month and take Eucharist. We need to think of ways to welcome her. Jennifer & Alan will visit.

Upcoming Events

1. Synod/mini Synods. Right now, Synod will be Zoom. Mini Synods cancelled.
2. Focus on small groups when we can meet in person.

Committee Reports

1. Mary Sue reported on Steering Committee. They are working on a logo and newsletter for the Deanery. The newsletter will include an update on CTR move. Chandler Wiley & Family arrived yesterday.
2. Deacon Linda gave updates on discernment committees for Cecilia & Connie. Training will be July 11.

Rector, Wardens & Deacon reports

1. Sherri asked about taking July off. Not a good time with COVID so we will meet.
2. Jennifer is in charge of facilities so if there is an issue please notify her so she can contact Rob or John.
3. Deacon Linda says things are going well health wise. She's feeling better. Tuesday morning prayer group is meeting by Zoom. Going well. They are going to do something for the COVID ward staff.

Saved Rounds

1. Deacon Linda is collecting non-perishables with the Civil Air Patrol for the Yuma Community Food Bank. If you are able to donate, please contact her.
2. Motty reported on death of Bishop Bill. Would like CTR to send cards.
3. Pat would like prayers for her church as they plan to open in 2 weeks.
4. Ann will not be going anywhere as she'll have a procedure on Tues. There will be a prayer quilt on Sunday.

Sherri moved Jennifer seconded to adjourn

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Sue Houston, Clerk