



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 183rd Edition - October 13, 2023



From the Rector

At Evening Prayer this past Wednesday, I read excerpts from the sermon Paul Moore, jr. preached at his installation as Bishop of New York in September, 1972. A number of people told me how striking—indeed, how poetic—they found it. So I thought I'd share it with all of you. This is not the full sermon; I've taken excerpts and put them together into what I trust is a coherent whole.

Paul Moore was a complicated and fascinating man. Though he had great personal wealth, he was a champion of the poor and disenfranchised and never tired of comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable. In 1997 he published an autobiography *Presences: A Bishop's Life in the City* which is a wonderful and inspiring read.

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We who are assembled here—like millions of our brothers and sisters of all races and faiths throughout the world—are caught today in a tension between a Dream and a Vision. And in the resolution of this tension, the soul of humanity is finally to be found or to be lost.

We cannot live for long without a Dream, without a Vision. Holy history, the mythic history of humanity is set between a Dream and a Vision. The Dream comes misting up from the waters of memory, twisting into the green of life, moving forward to a feeling, thinking, dawn; wandering, changing, touching, loving, wondering, fearing, daring. Then breaks, trembling, cold into the wide arena of fear, violence, and death. So the memory dreams of Eden and the Fall still inhabit our deepness, filling life forever with nostalgia for Eden and fear, engendered by the Fall. Who does not long for Eden? Who does not desire to touch and joy and wonder? And who does not fall finally to anger, violence, fear, and death?

Some, even while lying in the pain of the Fall, have blinked away the blood, and have lifted up their eyes to a Vision, distant as a Dream, yet clearer; glittering in the sunlight of hope; constructed of hard thought, of suffering, of sacrifice. They see a visioned city, domed above the suburb of the three crosses. It is a place of redeeming, a centre of the exchange of blood for new life, a City arising from the Fall, a hospital for healing, a community of bright intelligence. The Visioned City is the Heavenly Jerusalem, reflecting as sunlight the

glory of God.

The Church is the keeper of the Dream and the holder of the Vision. This is to say that the Christian church together with the Jewish people carry through our barren desert knowledge of the roots of our being, where we come from, and the certainty of the end toward which we are bound. Thus did Moses carry the soul of his people over the desert to the promised land; thus did Jesus carry humanity in his Body through the cross to new life; thus in both streams of tradition, there are still floats the life of the past, the wisdom of the present, the hope of the future.

That is to say that together, the Christian Church and the Jewish people preserve for us the life of the past, cherish for us the wisdom of the present, hold up before us the hope for the future.

The Dream of Eden should blend, grow, flow into the heavenly Vision, each nourishing, each interpenetrating the other. But it has not been thus, nor in our lifetime will ever be. No, the road from the Garden to the Kingdom is dangerous and filled with pain. But, at the same time, it is true to say that the road to the kingdom also is the kingdom.

Jesus said, "I am the way," and his way led to the cross. Moses met his Lord in the terror of volcanic Sinai on his way across a desert to a promised land he never touched. No, we are not to be given the privilege of the eschaton here and now. But privilege enough it is to nourish the Dream and to hold up the Vision. But how?

First, the Church is to be a freeing place for twisted souls. Enough of Puritanism, which, in denying the Dream of Eden completely, denied the Vision too, and let forth the monster of individual greed and repressed sexuality on our green and pleasant land. The Church must be free to love and sing and dance on our way, that we may be a freeing power to all.

[Secondly] the Church is to seek peace, justice, and unity in the world, even at the sacrifice of peace and unity within herself. Unity comes through reconciliation. Reconciliation comes through justice. This is an overwhelming task but the God of history and our Incarnate Lord lays it upon us. And, if we fail or are partly destroyed in effort, we have failed as Christ failed, in a victory of love; we have lifted up a Vision of the Kingdom.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

We are not looking at the calendar; the weeks move too fast for most of us.

Our organist and choirmaster James Bourne will be off on medical leave until January 2024. We wish him well and good health. In his absence, interim organists will handle the Sunday services.

As mentioned previously, St. Mark's is hosting the Rotary Holiday House Tour Lunch on Friday, Dec 1 and Saturday, Dec.2, 2023. Please see the notice in ENews. Gary Burroughs and his team are preparing a delicious lunch menu of two kinds of lasagna for the event. If you are near Addison Hall, you will notice the tantalizing aromas coming from the kitchen.

As we have not received a good response for volunteers to open the church for visitors, it will remain closed except for our normal services. We will welcome any pre-arranged tour groups. Appointments can be made through the office.

What made us friends so long ago when first we met, I would like to know, perhaps the little good in me did have the greater good in thee.

Anon

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Even a chat over the fence!

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

Allan Magnacca
Andrea Douglas

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

On Duty this Week

October 15, 2023 - Greeter(s)- Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau
October 15, 2023- Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson
Intercessor - Bob Cross

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, Jennifer Smith and Dorothy Walker

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

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'Jesus Fragments: From the Scrolls of Ashdod'

A novel by E. Ward Waugh

Earle Waugh will present his book

'Jesus Fragments from the Scrolls of Ashdod'

Friday October 20th

2 p.m.

Addison Hall

Jesus, the orator who is always referred to as the "Son of God" is a popular figure in folk religion in Egypt. Earle came across this in both Christian and Muslim practices when he spent a year at the American University of Cairo. He wrote about what he learned and has included the information in his novel, which he will share with us in this lecture.

If you would like to join us and enjoy some fellowship, cookies and coffee, please contact

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**The next St Mark's monthly Men's Communion
is Wednesday, November 1st at 8 am**

details to follow soon

Cookbook Project
A reminder from Susan Peacock

This is a reminder to please submit your favourite recipes for inclusion in a St. Mark's cookbook, which we hope to have available for sale at Cherry Festival 2024.

Recipes do not have to include cherries. This time of year you may think of recipes for pickles or other preserves, apple or pear desserts, or dishes that are part of a Thanksgiving meal.

Please email any recipes that you are willing to share to speacock23@hotmail.com.

If your recipe comes from a published source, please include the name of the publication and the author, if you can. I'll be sending out more reminders from time-to-time to encourage contributions from all seasons.

The St. Mark's Directory 2023 will be available soon. We will announce in the E-News when the directories are ready for pick up.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer - 5:00 p.m.

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Peter and Nancy Kemball, Pat and Jane Kierans, Pat Kingdon, and Frank Kotsovolos and their families.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, Marilyn Worrall, Maggie Hammerling, Gail and Murray Paton, Elizabeth Channing and Peter Manning.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Selina Appleby, Joan Draper, and Alexander Hood.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. James, Fergus; the Reverend Amy Cousineau, Interim Priest-in-Charge; the Reverend Daniel Cyr, Sunday Officiant; and the people of that parish.

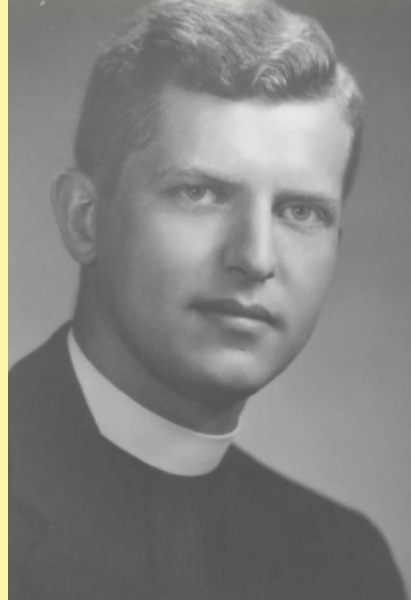
In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray the Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay, and the dean, council, and congregations of the Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia Synod.

Bible Study via Zoom

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

Did you know

that thirty-one year old Harry Mansfield was St. Mark's youngest rector?



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