

# THE FORERUNNER



May 2019

St. John's Episcopal Church

## Notes on Passing the Peace



From the  
Rector

The Passing of the Peace during our worship is not liturgical half-time, a holy 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch, or pre-coffee hour. It is not an after-thought to give us a break from a lengthy sermon, but a holy moment to share with each other within God's holy presence. However, I understand why we do it the way we do. During this time we greet one another, welcome guests, and we need to encourage lots of conversation to facilitate that work. Obviously, there are a variety of approaches to our liturgy, and expressing Church itself. However, I'd like to share my thoughts about the Peace.

The Peace is primarily intended to prepare us to receive Holy Communion. Here I quote the awesome but too-rarely-used Exhortation from our prayer book:

*But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.*

And this:

*And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.*

Therefore, we have Confession and the Peace before Holy Communion. The purpose of Confession, I hope, is self-evident. The Peace is intended, as the Exhortation makes clear, for us to make peace with those with whom we are estranged. Matthew 5, which pops up as one of the suggested Offertory Sentences, gets right to the point, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

If we use the Peace to chat with our friends to the detriment of reconciliation, we commit a grave error. When we are so busy glad-handing that we omit the true function of the Peace or obscure its purpose for others, we neglect our necessary preparation for the Sacrament.

Most of our liturgical tradition — word, action, sign, and symbol — has a theological and practical purpose. When we alter the character of liturgical fundamentals, we are upsetting a beautiful and balanced theological ecosystem. The point of the Peace is not a friendly chat, but to make space for reconciliation.

The Peace is often the least hospitable time for guests. At the very moment when we should be manifesting

the Body of Christ and seeking unity, we often shun our guests. How is this possible during a chatty greeting-heavy Peace, you ask? My experience when I visit congregations is disturbingly consistent (unless I am dressed like a priest): a couple of people give me perfunctory greeting, and then I'm left standing there for several minutes while the regulars chat each other up. The Peace doesn't appear to be a time to welcome strangers (as our Lord asked us to do in Matthew 25), but rather a time to catch up among the regular members of our club. So, it seems like a friendly time, but not so much if you're new.

The aim of our worship is not community among worshipers. Rather, our liturgy is for God and the whole world. Liturgy does not mean "work of the people" but rather "work for the public good." In other words, it's not about you. The point of what we are doing is to carry out our Lord's commands to us, to be nourished for our Christian ministry in the world, and to pray for the good of the whole world. With that said, reconciling with our neighbors before we share Communion matters. Mere social niceties have no place before we do one of most important things we humans can do in our earthly pilgrimage — participate in the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood.

There is a place to carry on our greeting one another and building community. That place is coffee hour. If worship has a function, it is to bring us to the Lord Jesus and to feed us so we can share the Good News with the world.

Now some will have noticed that the prayer book encourages us to greet one another in the name of the Lord. One might first notice that the word "may" appears before that, suggesting that the whole chatfest is optional. The Peace can — according to our prayer book — be carried out simply by the Celebrant and People exchanging words. "The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you." Period. And if one reads the Exhortation, the function of the Peace is made clear. Even if we say that greetings are what matters, the scriptures suggest "Peace of Christ, how was your weekend so far" is not the way to carry this out. See Romans 16:16; I Corinthians 16:20; II Corinthians 13:12; I Thessalonians 5:26; and I Peter 5:14.

Our world is in desperate need of reconciliation, and here the mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. What we need to do here is to reconcile, which is a lot harder than being nice. Each week, as we gather on the Lord's Day, we need to practice reconciliation; we don't need more practice being nice.

Sharing The Peace is but one of many times in which we might be tempted to yield to the familiar and the comfortable. Our liturgy, like discipleship more broadly, is not about us. Worship, and the Christian life, are about Jesus: we seek to follow him and to invite others to do the same. The Peace should not be the time when we shun guests and close our circle among friends. Rather, we should offer greetings in the name of Christ and reconcile with our neighbors.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you!

*Fr. Chuck*



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Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

## Ingathering

On Sunday, May 5, we will collect and bless the UTO boxes that were distributed earlier this year. 100% of UTO funds are used to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Once the donations are counted, a check will be cut and taken to the UTO Ingathering in May. Boxes will be redistributed following the ingathering.



One tree has been removed in the cemetery. Two others are scheduled for removal this month. Also, this month, we will have a crew from the Salem County Correctional Facility come clean up our grounds.

The CPR/AED class is pending. I need to know how many people are going to participate. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall or contact me at [rdmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:rdmiller@yahoo.com) or 609-202-7220

*David Miller  
Jr. Warden*



### From the Deacon's Bench

Greetings and Aloha from Hawaii! I had the pleasure this morning of attending the 8 am service at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu. Honestly, this beautiful gentle service moves me to tears. It is a holy experience in a sacred

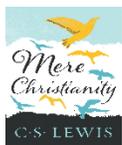


space made even more beautiful by the abundance of Easter flowers adorning everything. If I lived here all the time, I think I would want to attend this service every week. I confess I will never master the Hawaiian language, but I am getting better at pronouncing some of the words. The language has multiple syllables and uses multiple vowels that create additional syllables to words.

As a native English speaker, it is tempting to make diphthongs, but that is not the case. When learning this new language, it is necessary to throw out one's own grammar skills and learn a whole new set. Isn't our walk with Jesus somewhat similar? Isn't it necessary when learning the way of Jesus that our preset language must change? Isn't it easier to understand Jesus by letting him teach us his language? I think that is why I love the Hawaiian language service so much. For me it is a challenge to try to read, listen, inwardly digest and outwardly stumble as I worship our Lord in a foreign, unfamiliar, tongue all the while knowing there is comfort in His saving embrace!

O ke aloha o ka Haku e mau ana me 'oukou.

Faithfully  
**Deacon Sally**



Arguably the 20th century's most influential Christian writer, C.S. Lewis sought to explain and defend the beliefs that nearly all Christians always hold in common. His simple yet deeply profound classic, originally delivered as a series of radio broadcasts, is a book to be thoroughly digested by believers and generously shared with skeptics. Join us Wednesday at 10:30 am or Thursday night at 6:30 pm.



We are saddened to learn of the passing of Phyllis Mae Little. Phyllis and her late husband, Ralph, were longtime members of St., Johns. One of the stained-glass windows in our chapel is dedicated in memory of their infant daughter, Linda Sue Little. We express our condolences to her loved ones. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the family of Ludwig (Louie) Gleissner, who was killed in an accident on Sunday, April 7. Louie is the brother of Juliana Freize, Theresa VanSant, Karla Forté, Sylvia Price & Victoria Johnston; He is also survived by his daughter, Olivia Gleissner. Services were held here Monday, April 15, 2019, with burial in our churchyard. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

## ECW CORNER

### ECW/UTO Meeting and Picnic May 25 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for the Diocese of New Jersey ECW Annual Meeting and UTO Ingathering Potluck Picnic. Come spend the morning with Bishop Stokes and women and families from throughout the diocese for an outdoor family Eucharist, followed by a brief meeting for the ECW attendees, with a cookout and games for all ages! This event will be held in the Pettit Pavilion on the grounds of Christ Church, Tom's River. This facility was built using UTO funds.

Register online <https://tinyurl.com/ECWPicnic05252019>  
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### **The Prayer for the Episcopal Church Women:**

*Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout this world.*



"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"  
-St. John's Gospel 11:25-26 King James

Version

Happy Easter Friends. This Eastertide we are continuing our discussions surrounding the holy site of Ancient Edessa in Turkey. Our reflection this month centers around a holy relic that most Christians of our tradition (Western or Latin Rite, to include all Catholic and Protestant churches) are unaware of. The Image of Edessa, or Mandylion is one of the treasures of the Eastern or Greek Rite of Christianity.

Consisting of a rectangle of cloth upon which a miraculous image of the face of Our Lord is imprinted, The Image of Edessa is the first icon ("image"). According to Eusebius of Caesarea, King Abgar of Edessa wrote to Jesus, asking him to come cure him of an illness. Abgar received a response personally from Jesus, declining but promising a future visitation from an Apostle. Thaddeus of Edessa, is thought to be that man, bearing the Gospel or Good News of Jesus, & under him King Abgarus was miraculously healed.

Eusebius, in the 4th Century AD, said that he had transcribed and translated the actual letters in the Syriac chancery documents of the king of Edessa, which included the legendarium of King Abgar. These include the first mention of the Icon in the Syriac work, the Doctrine of Addai: according to which the messenger, Ananias, was also a painter, and he painted the Holy Image which was brought back to Edessa and conserved in the royal palace.

Evgarius Scholasticus, in c. 593 AD, related that a portrait of Christ of divine origin (θεότευκτος), provided miraculous military aid in the defence of Edessa against the Persians in 544. The Icon was then moved to Constantinople, a main Capitol City of Christianity in the 10th century. It disappeared when Constantinople was sacked in 1204 during the Fourth Crusade and is believed by some to have reappeared as a relic in King Louis IX of France's Sainte-Chapelle in Paris. This relic is one of many to have disappeared in the French Revolution.

The Eastern Orthodox Church keeps a feast for this icon on August 29th. The holy image is depicted in many works of art of the Eastern Orthodox world. Edessa is a site I believe to have given up many relics during the Crusades. Normans likely carried back many relics to France, including some of those miraculously saved this past holy week in the burning of the Cathedral de Notre Dame de Paris. Thanks be To God.

"Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomine tuo da gloriam".  
"Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give the glory" PS 115:1

*Ryan Bailey, Sr.*



## Thank You to St. John's Choir & Friends

St. John's Choir did a most commendable job during Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) and especially on Easter Sunday. If you are among them, you deserve all the accolades heaped upon you.

St. John's Choir will continue to rehearse and lead liturgies, including several very special ones in May and June. There will be a choral Evensong on Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm, featuring music by Sir John Stainer, Jean Berger, and Michael John Trotta. We will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm. Then, as if that were not enough, we will celebrate with the Schubert *Mass in G* on Sunday, June 2, the Feast of Pentecost on June 9, Trinity Sunday on June 16, and St. John's Day on June 23 (the last choral Eucharist of the 2018-2019 choir season.

### SPECIAL "DESIGNATED" MUSIC FUNDS

The first of two non-budgeted funds is the **Special Music Fund**. This is intended to provide for guest instrumentalists and supplemental musicians not covered by the current music budget. The fund has been dramatically depleted in recent weeks, what with a Bagpiper on Palm Sunday and the Brass Quintet on Easter Sunday. The next major planned event is coming up very soon ... June 2, when we hope to have a string quartet to accompany the choir and guest singers in a special musical liturgy, including Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*. This fund has been generously supported over the years by three unsung parishioners, but many more in St. John's Parish appreciate the special efforts of St. John's Music Ministry, which are known and admired throughout the Diocese of NJ. Please help out as you are able in addition to your weekly pledge...every little bit helps

The second fund is the **Organ Enhancement Fund**. There are actually some envelopes in your box of pledge envelopes specifically for this fund (but donations need not be confined to those envelopes). This fund is intended to provide for extraordinary repairs and enhancements to St. John's pipe organ—the best in Salem County.

When donating to either of these designated funds, please be sure your check (or envelope) is clearly marked for that specific fund so that it will be deposited and used correctly as intended.



5/1 Barbara Sweeney  
 5/2 Christopher Gray  
 5/4 Bill Pankonien  
 5/8 Carla Buck  
 5/10 Caitlin Murphy

5/11 Andrew Wang  
 5/12 Ryan Bailey  
 5/13 Debra Ann Gralley  
 5/14 Evangelina Madeline Bailey  
 5/16 Jan Peterson  
 5/19 Chris Sorenson  
 5/20 Alana Rodriguez  
 5/21 Rachael Cagle  
 5/21 Maria Lugo  
 5/26 Eleanor Bailey  
 5/29 Jeffrey Buck  
 5/29 Lars Runkle  
 5/30 Helen Acton  
 5/30 Jennifer Buck  
 %/31 James A. Irvine



5/17 Curt and Sue Harker  
 5/18 Joe, Jr. and Jan Peterson  
 5/26 Father Steve and Rosie Carroll



It's that time again to celebrate our graduates. If you know someone from our congregation who is graduating from Elementary School, High School, Trade/Technical School or College this year, please let Eileen know so that it can be published in the Forerunner next month.



**We pray for those who serve in our military, especially:**

Major Ryan Bailey, US Army  
 PFC Justin Francisco, US Army  
 Lt. Col. Peter Larrabee, USAF  
 Senior Master Sgt. David John Milne, USAF

Captain Tyler Patrick VanSant, USAF  
 Captain Joseph Flescher III, USAF  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Marlene Flescher, USAF Academy  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael McCormick, US Army  
 LCpl Jessica Armstrong, US Marine Corps



**Dueling Organs**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2019**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church**  
 Prominent American concert organist Gordon Turk will perform with his student,

16 year old Jinsok Kraybill on the two pipe organs at the Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church in Daretown, NJ. Please help "pack the pews" for this final event of the 10<sup>th</sup> season of Music Around The County!



**The Giver**  
*A poem for all mothers*  
**By Stephanie Shaw**

I am a giver of life, love and joy,  
 I gave life to my kids,  
 We play games, build forts, and watch movies together,  
 Take day trips with grandma to zoos, parks and more,  
 It's great just to watch them play and explore,  
 Still they grow older, smarter and cool,  
 So independent, friendly, and with great manners too,  
 So you see the giver I am, is more than you think,  
 I am also a giver of many other things,  
 Life, love and joy were just three things,  
 I also give knowledge, growth and space,  
 For imagination, independence, and a friendly face,  
 to make memories of exploring and fun things like trips,  
 See, I am the giver of many, many things,  
 Giver of hopes and dreams plus so many other things.



Congratulations to Ryan Bailey, Jr.! He was awarded his yellow belt in Karate. He has been taking Karate lessons for 4 months and has been asked to join the leadership club as well. He goes above and beyond every day with his exercises and his volunteer work for the good of his family and community. We are all very proud of your commitment and achievements, Ryan!

Cadet Aden Dunfee, Private, will be completing his first year at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, VA. He will be attending the Military Ball and involved in the graduation ceremony, long with his fellow cadets. Julie and Rich will be bringing him home for his summer break on Mazy 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Aden and Welcome Home!

Avery Frieze-Dunfee received the "Peoples' Choice Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, nominated by the teachers at Cumberland Regional High School. The award is presented to an outstanding student who shows academic excellence and leadership skills, along with kindness to all.

Avery has also received an award for academic excellence for the marking period. She will company Julie and Rich at the Fishburne Military School Ball on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Waynesboro.

This summer, Avery has been invited to attend "The National Youth Leadership Forum" at George Mason University in Washington, DC.

Congratulations on all your honors, Avery!

## Reflections on Easter

...and “Going to Church”, or not...

As I sat in my choir stall at one of this year’s Holy Week services, I wondered again, if anyone would join us that night. Would the only congregation, once again, be just us on the platform—the choir, David Miller and his acolytes, our clergy? I remember one Good Friday evening service, with Deacon Sally Maurer as our only clergy, that her husband Oscar was the only “congregant”. He was coaxed up into the very first pew and came up to the altar during Communion. Since he had not yet been Baptized, he received just a Blessing. But back at home, Oscar told Sally he now wanted to join properly, and arrangements were made. Oscar Maurer became part of the great ancient tradition of welcoming new Christians at that Saturday’s Easter Vigil. The awed whispers that had floated through our little band that weekend turned to holy joy and amazement as we watched an adult receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at that sort of spooky Saturday night service.

I found myself reflecting this year on “going to church” at Easter. Words in the services this year, from our new Father Chuck Messer, conjured up forgotten memories. Scenes from my childhood floated by, when my mother would take us on the bus from East Rutherford to Passaic, up in North Jersey; to our Slovak Catholic Church. I remembered our high Catholic priest, Father Magyar, and the altar boys stripping the altar, walking back and forth to the sacristy, the bells jingling each time the priest returned. In another service, a crucified statue of Jesus lay on a cross in a flower-filled “sepulcher” under the Mary altar. We all processed up and knelt to kiss the cross. Nothing was really explained, and it was all in either Latin or Slovak, with incense.

Then my Dad started taking us to the Methodist Church around the corner from home, as a family. The dark, mystical experience was traded for services in a sunny church, with much singing of hymns, all in English. Easter also meant a sunrise service in a big country cemetery, with Easter breakfast at church cooked by the Methodist Youth Fellowship. I remember the year my Dad got a recipe from the cook at his factory and rustled up trays of scrambled eggs kept soft with the help of an incorporated white sauce. I sang in the choir.

Some years later, “church” in New York City was at Episcopal Trinity Wall Street. The mystical rituals returned. I remember the year I was asked to participate in the washing of feet. Since I was on the Congregational Council, I blithely replied, “Oh, that would be great, washing folks’ feet.” I was gently told that no, I was being asked to be the receiver, a “follower” in the scheme of things! Oops. Then there was a vigil, this on Thursday night, in a garden set up in the chapel. We all signed up to “keep watch”, an hour at a time, through the night. It was truly spooky, ringing the bell late at night, at the backdoor cut into the stone wall on Church Street, to be escorted up through the boiler room onto the main floor. I took my turn in the flower laden chapel, with only one other person, in the wee small hours of the night. “Could you not stay awake awhile?”

I remember a time of much wonder, at the three-hour Good Friday service at Trinity, dusky sunlight filtering down. I sat with a very lovely woman from my adult confirmation class. She was about to convert from Judaism to Christianity. What an eye-opening perspective—to watch a Jew, hearing of

these Holy Week events from the Bible, perhaps, for the first time! Easter Day service at Trinity was always beyond glorious!

Easter has always been connected to “church”, for me. Even in those years when I was “outside the fold”, I returned home to attend with my parents on Easter Sunday morning. This year, with my husband George under the weather, was the very FIRST Easter Day I have missed in FOREVER! But I had already celebrated the first Mass of Easter at the Vigil!

Holy week is a different kind of “church”—not of the “every week” variety, but the annual telling of an ancient story, with rites and rituals and services that have evolved through centuries, in many climes and cultures. This storytelling is not simple in our Episcopal schedule; the narrative overlaps in the services during the week. If you could only go to one midweek service, it would be hard to choose that which most succinctly sums up the events of Christ’s Passion and death. Yet each of these historic rites—Palm Sunday, Tenebrae, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil—covers a symbolic and mystical nugget in the narrative. Even at our St. John’s there is that element of “spooky”—moving and meaningful.

I remember once asking cynically, “Do we have to crucify Him EVERY year?” The answer is “YES!”, because this holy story is the stark foundation of our Christian faith. That God so loves us, ALL the time, that he gave His only Son to die on the cross for us. And that Jesus was raised from the dead; resurrected that year and EVERY year. Of that we must be reminded, AT LEAST once a year. Easter Day is sunshine and flowers and new beginnings in our Faith. But it evolves from the darkness and mystery of the preceding events. Please do consider joining us next year at the various Holy Week services—to walk the Biblical journey, Jesus’s walk to the Resurrection.

But now it is time to CELEBRATE the miracle of Easter—for all the fifty days of Eastertide! May you have a most happy and blessed celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection. “Alleluia, The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!” See you in church!

*Ann Neff*



*The  
Resurrection*

*By  
Ryan Bailey, Jr.*

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**Special request: We are always looking for family news, articles, stories, poems, recipes, and other items of interest. Email them to me or leave them in the office.**

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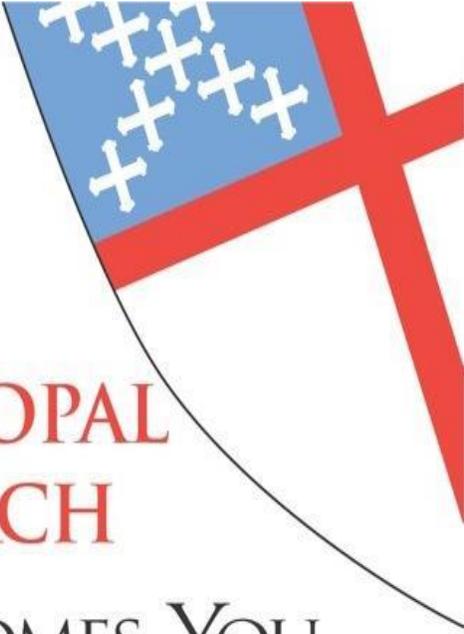
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WELCOMES YOU

## ***Schedule of Services***

### ***Every Sunday***

8 AM—Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel  
9:15 AM-Christian Formation  
10:30 AM---Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church  
followed by Fellowship Hour

### ***Every Wednesday***

10:30 AM Book Study in the Parish Hall  
Current Topic: Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis  
Noon---Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

### ***Every Thursday***

6:30 PM Book Study in the Parish Hall with Potluck  
Dinner  
Current Topic: Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

### ***Special Services***

Sunday, May 19 4 pm Choral Evensong  
Thursday, May 30 7 pm Ascension Day  
Holy Eucharist in the Church



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