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Quote of the Week

The Rt. Rev. William C. Frey, dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, writing in the school's newsletter, Seed and Harvest, on the identity of God: "If God is not the One who has revealed himself in scripture, we human beings don't have a clue about anything."

In This Corner

'The Worst Is Surely Behind Me'

The Rev. Gerard S. Moser, rector of Emmanuel Church, Geneva, Switzerland, is thankful to be alive. Fr. Moser is recovering from a heart transplant which almost never took place.

"The experience has been long and sometimes dark and terrible," he said in a recent letter to TLC, "but it was also filled with miracles and love and grace."

Following a long series of hospitalizations, cardiologists and medications, a Geneva hospital had placed Fr. Moser, suffering from myocardia (a weakening of the heart muscle) at the top of the list to receive a heart transplant. It was three months before a donor could be found. The Geneva rector slipped into a coma on Christmas Day and didn't wake up for six weeks. As his condition worsened, a donor was found in Lugano, Switzerland in mid-January. Doctors left Geneva in a chartered plane to pick up the heart in Lugano, but because of a snowstorm, the plane was unable to land in Lugano, and had to go on to Milan, Italy. There the doctors rented a car, drove through the storm to Lugano, and waited for the storm to ease enough for the plane to pick them up.

A successful transplant took place the following day and Fr. Moser awoke from his coma six days later. A month later he was home. After some initial setbacks, he seems

to be well on his way to full recovery.

"The worst is surely behind me," Fr. Moser said. "I am eager to return to work full time."

The Rev. Martha Hubbard, rector of St. Mark's Church, Penn Yan, N. Y., writes a column in her parish newsletter called "From Mother Hubbard's Cupboard."

From the Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier: "Bishops and believers came from around the nation Saturday to watch Episcopal Church leaders ordain the Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton as the first suffragan bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina."

The license plate watch: 4THE REV, ETHICS, ABBA 33, 3 IN 1, LK 12 15, H MNSTER.

A rector reported the following comment from a member of his parish after the Maundy Thursday liturgy, complete with foot washing, procession and stripping of the altar: "That was beautiful! We should do it more often."

Note to Ken in Birmingham: Mandatory retirement age for clergy is 72.

David Kalvelage, editor

Sunday's Readings

Citizens in an Easter Commonwealth

Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43 (or Ex. 14:10-14, 21-25; 15:20-21); Ps. 118:14-17, 22-24; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-10 or Matt. 28:1-10

For the vast majority in our culture, Easter is at best a vague recollection of an ancient historical event, and at worst it's merely the public acknowledgment of the transition from winter to spring. For us as Christians, however, Easter defines our identity and our hope, for "by his death [Christ] has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life."

We who have been baptized into the Lord's death are also raised with him to newness of life. The imagery underlying this truth is clear in the mechanics of baptismal practice to which Paul frequently alludes in his writings, and it's equally obvious in today's Baptist celebrations of the sacrament. Given the traditional Hebrew association of "the deep" with death and the grave, the ini-

tiate immersed in baptismal water is seen to be buried in Christ's tomb.

Likewise, in emerging from this watery grave, the new Christian is seen rising with the Savior in glorious resurrection. And while the baptisms of many of us were likely understated in their symbolism, their sure and certain effect is no less real.

"You have died," Paul reminds us, and "you have been raised with Christ." So the resurrected life we now share through God's grace is our promise of inheritance in the kingdom.

Our true citizenship now is in an Easter commonwealth which is not yet fully made known. So as we make our pilgrim way toward its ultimate fulfillment, the "works of darkness" which spring from captivity to death are in us replaced by a focus on "things that are above." Our baptism into the Paschal Mystery defines who we are and reveals what we shall be in Christ.



## New Group, But the Names Seem the Same

More mischief, I suppose. Now we have an American Anglican Congress [TLC, Feb. 18], an umbrella group for all of the single-focus groups in our church. Strangely enough, it is brought to us by the very same folks who stock those focus groups. The same names pop up on every letter announcing a new group for this or for that. Where do they get the time?

This one aims to refocus our attention on mission. I thought the Presiding Bishop did that very forcefully last General Convention. I wonder why those who would put the congress together don't just undergird his leadership in this area, given their profound concern about mission. Could it be they have a different sort of mission in mind?

And they have given us a "confession" to reject or embrace if we would join them. Didn't we reject that sort of thing a while back, or are we being asked now to become a "confessing church" like our Lutheran brothers and sisters? Mind you, there is nothing wrong with that sort of thing, but it is historically just so . . . un-Anglican.

*(The Rev.) Russell Johnson*  
St. Paul's Church  
Edenton, N.C.

### More Facts

In the article "Another Unwelcome Visit" [TLC, Feb. 25], it was reported "that four Ascension and St. Agnes parishioners were picketing outside with signs." What is missing is the fact that there were adults and children shouting "Nazi go home" at Bishop Dixon and the worshippers as they entered the church.

Noting that the parish provided "few amenities," the article did not relate that worshippers asking to use the restrooms were told that they were out of order. When a young child needed to use the bathroom, his father was told to take him across the street to a hotel. This decision was later changed, allowing the child to use the restroom, but an adult was refused the same courtesy. Such actions are anything but gracious hospitality in the name of Christ.

In terms of the report that "Bishop Dixon's service was make-shift," it was not reported that the bishop arrived with the Anglican Missal, not the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. She was prepared to celebrate using Ascension and St. Agnes' ceremonial, including the 1940 hymnal. Hymnals, however, had been removed

from the pews. Only 1979 BCPs were available for the worshippers. When asked for the missing books, the priest-in-charge responded that Bishop Haines had not required that they be there, therefore they

were not available. Thus the Rite I service from the 1979 BCP was used.

Bishop Dixon based her sermon on the lessons of the day and not on a comment  
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**Letters**

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from the late Canon Ted Wedel. While she may have referred in her sermon to Canon Wedel's words, her sermon text came from the lessons appointed in the BCP for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany in Year A.

Clearly there are sensitive issues that Bishop Dixon's visitation to Ascension and St. Agnes as her reception by the clergy and congregation illustrate. These issues require honesty and candor, compassion for all concerned, and respect for each person involved. My prayer is that future articles in TLC will not disseminate incomplete information. This does not serve anyone well and does not promote the mission of the church, which is, above all, to proclaim and live the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(The Rev. Canon) Patricia M. Thomas  
Canon to the Ordinary  
Diocese of Washington  
Washington, D.C.*

**The Two Evils**

As I read the letters to the editor week by week, a remembrance comes back from my grandfather, Kavanaugh Ward (named for a frontier Methodist bishop), of a frontier Methodist pastor whose ardor

caused him to narrow down his sermons to the two great evils, whiskey and tobacco.

His board of deacons prevailed upon the bishop to meet with them and the pastor, whereupon the bishop instructed the deacons to choose his sermon texts as a reasonable corrective. They were baffled as to where to start, so they began with Genesis.

The pastor was equal to the challenge: "I have been assigned as a text Genesis 1:1. In the beginning when God created heaven and earth no mention whatsoever is made of his creation of deacons and bishops. Therefore, today let us face the two great evils which are destroying mankind, tobacco and whiskey . . ."

*(The Rev.) Ward McCabe  
San Jose, Calif.*

**Sanctity of Life**

Whenever I read of Bishop Spong's latest folly [TLC, Feb. 18], I'm never quite sure whether to be incredulous or to weep. The idea that any bishop of the church would come to a place of such utter disregard for the sanctity of human life seems preposterous; and anyone making such a declaration be either a fool, or have a case of onsetting dementia.

On the other hand, it is a fearful and

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## Letters

tragic thing, worthy of many tears, that a so-called guardian of the faith would pull down his whole diocese in a cesspool of heresy at best, or apostasy at worst.

As to his mean-spirited threat to the presenter bishops, I would recommend they simply pass over John Spong, for his radical declarations have become so sub-Christian that he no longer merits their attention.

*(The Ven.) Donald A. Seeks  
Diocese of San Joaquin  
Fresno, Calif.*

### Centers of Prayer

It is a blessing to see two books by Jack and Marcia Kelly — *One Hundred Graces* and *Sanctuaries: The Northeast* — reviewed [TLC, Feb. 25].

Jack and Marcia both were raised, and live half the year, in Olean, N.Y. Marcia's uncle, Robert Lax, a poet and hermit on the island of Patmos, brought Thomas Merton here in 1938 and '39. The spirituality of this place fostered deep conversion for Merton and Lax. It has guided this couple in their vocation to make accessible for the whole people of God centers of prayer and spiritual renewal.

The national breadth of their pilgrimage for the Sanctuary series is attested in the titles of the second published volume, and soon to appear third volume: *Sanctuaries: The West Coast and the Southwest, 1993*; and *Sanctuaries: The Midwest and the Southeast*. Their gift of discernment invites us into a place of sanctuary wherever we are, whatever our spiritual need and tradition may be.

*(The Rev.) T. James Snodgrass  
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Olean, N.Y.*

### Not Enough

Two satisfactory phone conversations with Ellen Cooke [TLC, Feb. 25] (over how many years?) do not mitigate her actions. Remember, she was speaking to the editor of TLC and not to some co-worker at "815." Even the Presiding Bishop did not experience her personality and supervisory faults.

*Lydia Billyou  
Hartford, Conn.*

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## House of Bishops Turns Attention to Agreement With Lutherans

The House of Bishops had what many of its members felt was one of its most positive sessions when it met March 7-13 at Kanuga Conference Center near Black Mountain, N.C. Meeting in closed session, the bishops spent considerable time on the matter of full communion with Lutherans, and continued their discussions on racism.

"The meeting was a very good and amicable one," said the Rt. Rev. Bertram Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee. "I came away feeling more positive about the church."

Bishops reacted positively to a presentation by Prof. Walter Bouman, of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Prof. Bouman discussed the proposed Concordat of Agreement between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and received a standing ovation for his presentation.

Bishop Herlong said the concordat "has some serious and wonderful implications for mission and ministry in the world. It also has ecumenical implications."

The concordat, which brings about full communion with the ELCA, will be voted upon by the Episcopal Church at its General Convention in 1997 in Philadelphia, and by the ELCA at its general assembly next year.

The bishops issued a letter to the church following the presentation, stating the concordat "offers both of our churches an opportunity for conversion to a deeper living of the gospel and greater transparency in fulfilling Christ's continuing ministry of reconciliation and making all things new."

"If it is turned down, it could be an ecumenical disaster," Bishop Alden Hathaway of Pittsburgh told Episcopal News Service.

In continuing their anti-racism training, bishops heard presentations by Peggy McIntosh, a faculty member at Wellesley College, and the Rev. Canon Ed Rodman,

canon missionary of the Diocese of Massachusetts. A video presentation was the basis of discussion for the bishops as they participated in small groups.

During the evenings, members of the house participated in small groups called "miniversities," in which bishops were able to meet together on particular aspects of ministry. Participants gathered to discuss congregational development, youth, models for ministry, vision and public witness.

"The idea was to bring people together around ministry from an episcopal perspective," Bishop Herlong said.

The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop, set the tone for the meeting in his opening remarks, when he spoke of community as God's gift, and added that it "requires enormous self-discipline and a radical obedience to how God has acted in our lives. It requires a conversion and a breaking open of our hearts."

While the meeting was free of controversial topics, Bishop Browning referred to the absence of some members of the house. "Some of our brothers have chosen not to come," Bishop Browning said. "Some who have made that decision have done so because they are hurting and do not feel they have a place here. They do have a place here."

The letter from the bishops also addressed those who were absent.

"We note with sadness that we were diminished by the absence of some of our brothers, those who were unable to attend and those who chose not to be present," the letter stated. "We will be in personal contact with all active bishops who were not among us, so that they, and their dioceses, can share in the fruits of this gathering, and we may all move forward together carrying out the mission of the church: a mission which belongs to all of us who have been baptized into Christ and share in his eternal priesthood."

The role of the Presiding Bishop also was discussed, and bishops spoke of the need for an "open and healthy process" of electing Bishop Browning's successor in 1997.

The fall meeting of the House of Bishops will be a joint gathering with ELCA bishops.



Prof. Bouman

## Bishop Bob Jones Appointed to Jerusalem

The Rt. Rev. Bob Jones, Bishop of Wyoming since 1977, has been named dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem. Bishop Jones, 63, succeeds the Rev. Frederick Schmidt, who resigned in 1995.

Bishop Jones said he and his wife, Mary Page, plan to be in Jerusalem Sept. 1. He has been associated with the college in several capacities since 1976. He has been a member of the board of the college for the past nine years, and is a member of the North American Regional Committee of St. George's, and he has attended programs there seven times. As dean, he will teach both in the classroom and during on-site field trips, as well as serve in an administrative capacity.



Dick Snyder photo

Bishop Jones

"It's going to be tough leaving Wyoming after 19 years," he said, "but it's a great way to go out."

Bishop Jones has been on archeological digs near Jerusalem several times. "I find a lot more there than I do in Wyoming," he cracked in a

telephone interview with TLC. He called St. George's "a unique institution of this Communion."

A native of Arkansas, Bishop Jones is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, and of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. Following his ordination to the diaconate in 1959 and to the priesthood in 1960, he became assistant to the dean of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., where he remained until 1962. He was priest-in-charge of St. George's Church, Kotzebue, Alaska, 1962-1967; vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Palmer, Alaska, 1967-71, vicar of St. Christopher's, Anchorage, 1967-74, and rector there, 1974-77.

Among Bishop Jones' activities are deputy to General Jones' activities from Alaska, member of the executive committee of Province 6, member of the executive Committee of Coalition 14, and president of the Wyoming Council of Churches.

# New Diocese of Eastern Michigan Elects Its First Bishop

The Rev. Edwin M. Leidel, Jr. accepted the call to be the first Bishop of Eastern Michigan and pledged to be an agent, not an instigator, of change.

"I expect some people will want me to fix things right away," he said during a telephone interview. "That's not going to happen. I have some ideas, lots of ideas, but I want to listen first. I see that as a primary task in the first year."

"I have some ideas, ... but I want to listen first."

- Fr. Leidel

Fr. Leidel, rector of St. Christopher's Church in Roseville, Minn., was elected on the sixth ballot at a special convention March 16 at St. John's Church in Midland. His 174-vote total was one greater than the two-thirds majority needed. The Rev. Ron Spann, rector of the Church of the Messiah in Detroit, was the only other name remaining by the sixth ballot. He received 83 votes. There was no voting by orders.

During the discernment process leading up to the convention vote, Fr. Leidel said he would work toward providing all 56

congregations in the diocese with both a priest and a deacon. Presently only about 10 of those congregations fit that long-term vision.

"I would rather be a catalyst to the community," he said of his anticipated leadership style. "The vision comes out of the community. I share with the diocese the vision of one priest and one deacon in every congregation. That's not just an issue for Eastern Michigan, but for the church at large.

"I didn't want anyone to elect me thinking they would be getting someone else," Fr. Leidel said. "In the body of Christ we are all equal. I am often challenged by others who don't hold my beliefs. I want to help (everyone) to be a legitimate part of the diocese. I don't want to write anyone off. That doesn't mean we're all always going to agree."

The bishop-elect has 32 years of ordained ministry experience in a variety of rural, urban and suburban congregations. He has national church level experience on the Council for the Development of Ministry. Fr. Leidel received his undergraduate degree in physics from the University of Wisconsin and his Master of Divinity degree in theology from

Nashotah House seminary. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the University of the South.

Five other candidates participated in the election process. The Rev. William R. Hinrichs, rector of St. George's, Clifton Park, N.Y.; the Rev. Anne Miner-Pearson, rector of St. Anne's, Sunfish Lake, Minn.; the Rev. John Sheridan Smylie, rector of Trinity, Hamburg, N.Y., and Fr. Spann were submitted by the nominating committee. The Rev. Mike Schulenberg, rector of Holy Cross, Pensacola, Fla., was nominated from the floor.

Steve Waring

EASTERN MICHIGAN ELECTION						
Ballot	1	2	3	4	5	6
Needed to Elect						173
Hinrichs		32	20	5	2	
Leidel		67	84	124	150	161 174
Miner-Pearson		53	55	46	15	9
Smylie		39	28	10	1	
Spann		53	58	68	88	86 83
Schulenberg		12	5	5		

## Conventions

The **Diocese of Upper South Carolina** held its convention amid flash flooding and freezing rain when its delegates gathered Feb. 2-3 at St. Christopher's Church, Spartanburg.

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr., diocesan bishop, used the convention theme, "Let Us Begin," in his address. He said it is time to begin a plan of action for the diocese, and spoke of the first year of his episcopate. He said he had listened to comments and suggestions from members of the diocese, and was particularly concerned about criticism he had heard about the 21 percent quota imposed on parishes and mission churches.

"There is a better way," he said, "and I am confident that together, under God's direction, we will find it. Let us begin the search for a better way."

Presentation of the diocesan budget brought about considerable discussion. Budget items calling for the hiring of a diocesan youth director and a diocesan Christian educator, both on a full-time basis, could not be agreed upon and were sent back to Bishop and Council for further discussion.

Three mission churches were admitted as parishes. They are St. Margaret's, Spartanburg, St. Simon and St. Jude's, Irmo, and St. Luke's, Newberry.

The Rt. Rev. Frank H. Vest Jr., Bishop of Southern Virginia, called for the election of a bishop coadjutor when the **Diocese of Southern Virginia** convened for its winter session of the annual council Feb. 9-11 in Williamsburg.

Bishop Vest asked for the election "in view of the extent of diocesan work." The diocesan standing committee will work with Bishop Harold Hopkins of the Office of Pastoral Development in hopes that an election can be held at next year's council.

In Bishop Vest's pastoral letter to the council and to the congregations of the diocese, he stressed the importance of identifying and claiming our vision for the life and the ministry of the church, especially in terms of the promises made in the baptismal covenant.

The Rt. Rev. O'Kelley Whitaker, assistant bishop, was the preacher for the Eucharist on Sunday.

A budget of \$1.51 million was adopted.

"Creation: And God Saw That it Was Good" was the theme of the convention of the **Diocese of San Diego**, Feb. 2-3 and St. James' Church, La Jolla, Calif.

The Rev. Carla Berkedal of the Diocese of Olympia, national director of Earth Ministry, was the keynote speaker. She told of the need for all of God's children to preserve creation,

"We lose a bit of God's creation every day," she said. She also stressed the need for the church and for individuals to take responsibility for the stewardship of God's gifts.

The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes, Bishop of San Diego, also dealt with environmental issues in his convention address. The bishop also urged support of outreach ministry, including Episcopal Community Services.

In business sessions, the convention amended diocesan canons, heard information about a new diocesan planned giving program called Legacy, and learned the theme for the 1997 convention will be the urban church.

A budget of slightly more than \$1 million was adopted.



# Wow, I Made It!

By BOYD WRIGHT

**M**y friend Dorothea is sorry that her mind wanders in church. "During the Easter service," she says, "I found myself wondering whether Jesus, after the Resurrection, had enough humanity left in him to declare, 'Wow, I made it!'"

Dorothea doesn't need to worry. Her thoughts are right on target. This is what any service, particularly the Eucharist, is supposed to do: stimulate our imaginations, focus on Jesus, help us come to him.

And what a great idea occurred to Dorothea. Her question sparked a flash of inspiration. When she heard that "Wow!" she plunged straight into the central mystery of the Incarnation. She witnessed the Easter miracle. She captured a moment of infinite paradox, that instant when the perfect Man burst the bounds of human mortality to reveal himself also as perfect God.

Dorothea could never find more fitting problems to ponder during Holy Communion. How is it possible for the Son of God to be sent to earth by the Father, live as a man, die as a man, return to life, then ascend again to God? How is it possible for all this to have happened and also for the perfect Man and perfect God at this very moment to be right here with us?

Here indeed is what the Mass is all about. We cannot answer the questions. We cannot know, but we can feel. To receive the sacrament before the altar is to give ourselves to Jesus, to let our feelings flow. The "Wow!" that flashed for Dorothea can flash for us, too.

To feel the blessed blend of humanity and deity within Jesus, a place to begin might be the Garden of Gethsemane. Perhaps nowhere else in the history of his life on earth does Jesus' human dimension shine through more clearly. In the garden on the last night after the Last Supper, his divine powers provided no shield. The terrible terror of the torture to come struck him exactly as it would strike any of us.

How can we not feel Jesus to be fully human when we hear that wonderful, awful, heart-piercing prayer in Gethsemane? Alone in the dark, Jesus pleads, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." It seems almost as if, in the

anguish of his totally human emotions, Jesus forgot himself enough to beg to be spared, to ask for the impossible. Then, a moment later, he remembered and so added, "Not my will but thine."

The scene is a once-only moment in all time, a glimpse we are permitted to behold of the perfect humanity of God talking to the perfect omnipotence of God — of God, if you will, talking to himself.

If we grasp both the nightmare and the glory of Gethsemane, we gain a clue to the mystery of Jesus joined as Man and God. We can only begin to plumb the depths of suffering that the human Jesus had to endure. We can get a glimmer of the horror he had to face before he could emerge victorious on the third day.

If we can begin truly to feel Jesus as Man, then we can dare to try to feel him as God. We can seek to sense the unconditional, limitless love of God the Father, who sent his beloved Son to us to live and die and live again. We can rejoice in the most blessed truth of all, that the Father made this sacrifice because he loves us.

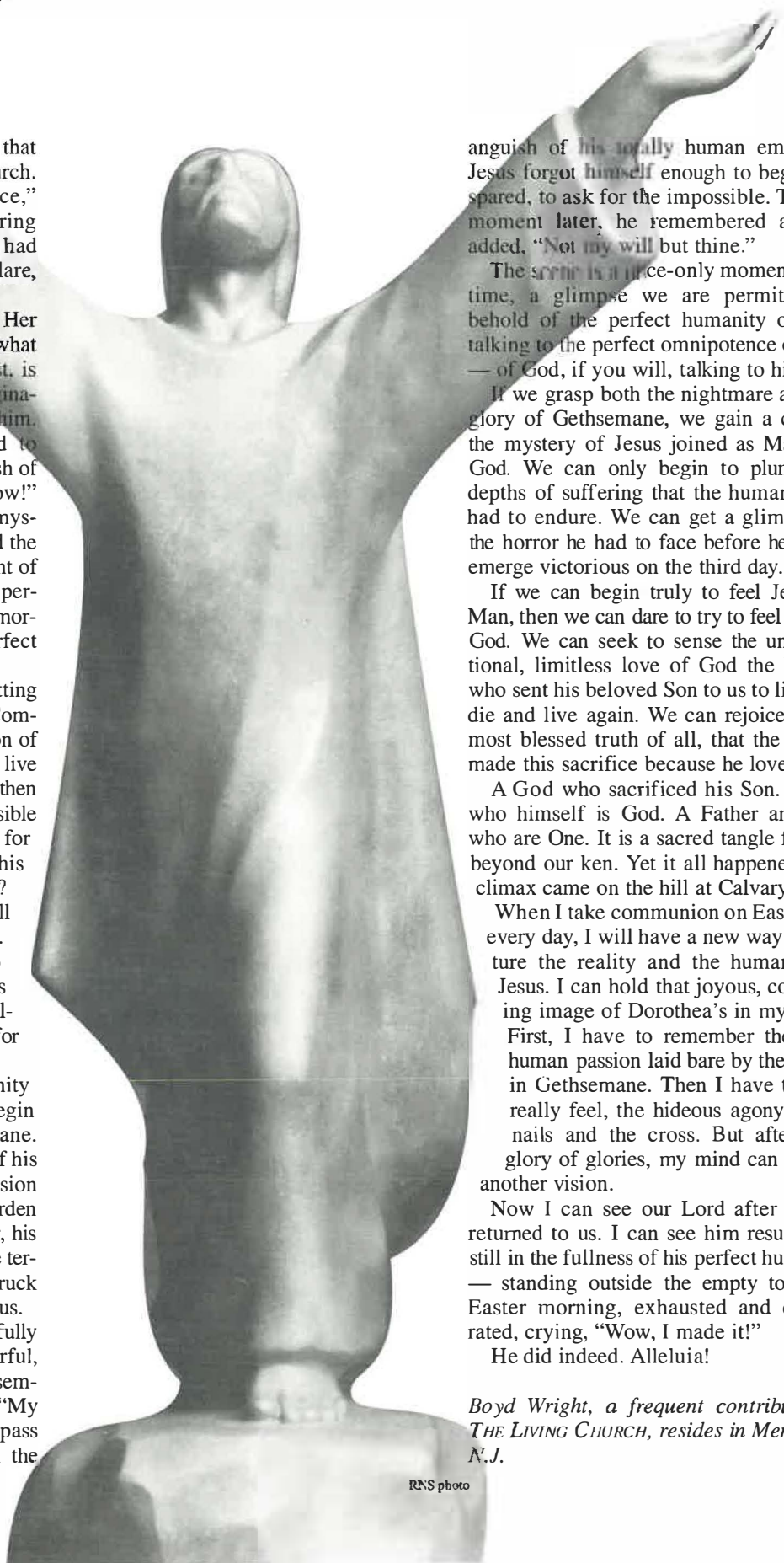
A God who sacrificed his Son. A Son who himself is God. A Father and Son who are One. It is a sacred tangle forever beyond our ken. Yet it all happened. The climax came on the hill at Calvary..

When I take communion on Easter and every day, I will have a new way to picture the reality and the humanity of Jesus. I can hold that joyous, comforting image of Dorothea's in my mind. First, I have to remember the stark human passion laid bare by the drama in Gethsemane. Then I have to feel, really feel, the hideous agony of the nails and the cross. But after that, glory of glories, my mind can soar to another vision.

Now I can see our Lord after he has returned to us. I can see him resurrected still in the fullness of his perfect humanity — standing outside the empty tomb on Easter morning, exhausted and exhilarated, crying, "Wow, I made it!"

He did indeed. Alleluia! □

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# EASTER CORSAGES

**W**hat happened to Easter corsages? I have scrap books filled with ribbons and pressed flowers from corsages of Easters past. They were a prominent part of the religious and secular observance of this holiday during my growing up years. We wouldn't think of going to church without that special corsage. Who would give it to us this year? Would it be my faithful mother or father or would it be a new beau? It must match my new dress. Should I wear it on the arm or pinned to the dress? If you sang in the choir, you could even wear it pinned to your robe! (I really can't believe I did this.) Did the custom suddenly or gradually stop?

The last corsage I remember was worn by a child. I still clearly see the 4-year-old patient I cared for 15 years ago. Laura was small for her age and ravaged with a deadly tumor, neuroblastoma. Do I remember her so well because she was my daughter's age? I see her sunken blue eyes and the blonde hair which came and went with her chemotherapy. I remember just as vividly Laura's mother, who watched her beautiful daughter suffer through a long and painful death. I particularly remember Laura's last Easter weekend. She was lying beneath a large nuclear medicine camera to monitor her recent bone metastases. She was also wearing her Easter corsage pinned to her yellow robe. Her mother sang softly as she held her daughter's frail, pain-ridden body quiet for the study. As she almost surrounded Laura with her body, she, too, was covered by the imposing medical camera. That scene will always remain my image of the God who cares for those who suffer. He takes the test with us. God surrounds us with his love, gets under the camera with us, weeps with us, and gives us yellow roses to wear even in the midst of our suffering, and sings softly in our ear.

May we especially remember those who still suffer this Easter. May we pray that we will hear our loving God singing in our ears and pinning flowers on our robes and holding us through each trial. Easter tells us that it is not a lonely journey.

*Joanna Seibert  
Little Rock, Ark.*

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# How to Know the

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By EDWARD S. LITTLE, II

**F**ewer beliefs, more belief," said Bishop Pike. James Albert Pike had come to the University of Southern California in the fall of 1966, as a keynote speaker for Religious Emphasis Week. At the time, I was a recent convert to the Christian faith, enrolled in an inquirer's class in the Episcopal Church. I attended the famous bishop's lecture with a mixture of curiosity and fear. Bovard Auditorium was packed, the crowd expectant.

The Bishop of California did not disappoint them. He dismissed the virgin birth, the resurrection, the bodily ascension, the miracles of Jesus. He dismissed them summarily, without argument. We need to believe fewer things, Bishop Pike contended, in order to believe more deeply. "What about the Trinity?" someone asked during question time. "Oh, that's just God-by-committee," the bishop quipped. The crowd laughed appreciatively.

Everyone, that is, except me (or so it felt). My conversion to Christianity, while not dramatic, had introduced me to a decidedly miraculous Jesus. I took the supernatural aspects of the Christian faith for granted. Why else follow the carpenter from Nazareth? Thus Bishop Pike's speech touched off something of an interior crisis. Did I really want to hook up with the Episcopal Church, which, apparently, tolerated wholesale dismissal of basic Christian doctrine?

It was C. S. Lewis who saved me for the Episcopal Church. That same autumn, I had discovered his writings, and I was devouring them. I stumbled across a warning in *Mere Christianity*: "There are people (a great many of them) who are slowly ceasing to be Christians but who still call themselves by that name: some of them are clergymen."

And then came a word of hope, from one of his letters. Writing to a lady who had asked a question about the miraculous, he says: "The Virgin Birth is a doctrine plainly stated in the Apostles' Creed that Jesus had no physical father, and was not conceived as a result of sexual intercourse. It is not a doctrine on which there is any dispute between Presbyterians as such and Episcopalians as such. A few individual modernists in both these churches have abandoned it; but Presbyterianism or Episcopalianism in general and in actual historical instances through the centuries affirm it."

Ah, I concluded, it's Bishop Pike who's the aberration, not me. So satisfied, I was confirmed.

Fast forward 29 years, to a gathering at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong, Bishop of Newark, addressed an event sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays [TLC, Jan. 7].

Bishop Spong, press reports tell us, dismissed the Wise Men's star and the possibility of predictive prophecy in the Old Testament. While I wasn't present at this gathering, the press reports are certainly congruent with much of Bishop Spong's published work.

I was, however, present at an international gathering at Kanuga last September called G-CODE 2000. (That stands for Global Consultation on Dynamic Evangelism Beyond 2000.) Hundreds of Anglican Christians from around the world gathered to review the Decade of Evangelism. Christians from the West rubbed shoulders with leaders from the Two-Thirds World. We heard wondrous stories of God's work in Asia, Africa, South America. The Rt. Rev. Yong Ping Chung, Bishop of Sabah, Malaysia, describing primary evangelism in his diocese, said: "We don't have a very high theology, we just follow the Bible. We just obey what the Lord says to us."

Later in the conference, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey expressed the same truth: "The Anglican faith has sometimes been unkindly caricatured as, 'It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you don't hold it too strongly.' ... Yet, such a caricature is nonsense, because we do have a clear body of doctrine earthed in the faith of the Bible and the creeds and traditions of the universal church." The archbishop summarized his response to doctrinal and moral confusion as "'No' to secularism and relativism in faith and morals, and 'Yes' to the search for a firm apologetic based on scripture, tradition, reason and experience."

Despite the passage of nearly three decades, nothing has changed. We argue about different issues; today the ordination of practicing homosexuals and the blessing of same-sex unions dominate the ecclesiastical landscape. But the issue behind the issues remains the same. I am convinced that Pilate's half-ironic, half-serious question to Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:38), is the question we have yet to settle.

In Philosophy 101a we called it "epistemology." How do we know what we know? Is what we know "really" true, or merely my own subjective truth, true for me but not necessarily for you? Applied to theology, the issue sharpens. Does God have a will and purpose for us? If he does, is that purpose revealed in an objective way? Does the Bible (to get even more specific) reveal truth about God and his will which is true however I may think or feel about him or it? I believe these questions underlie the struggle for the soul of the Episcopal Church.

Bishop John MacNaughton argued last year in these pages that our church is divided between two mutually exclusive religions, one "progressive" and the other "orthodox." I would describe the sit-

# Truth

uation differently. It's not so much competing religions which divide us as it is rival epistemologies. We understand truth in radically diverse ways.

Painting with a very broad brush, I would summarize the gulf like this:

One side sees truth as a fluid thing, elusive to define and apprehended, at best, subjectively. Nothing is really true for all time and all circumstances. Our task as Christians is to affirm what truths we can, but to do so tentatively, with great humility, recognizing that changes in culture and knowledge may well disturb or even overturn our affirmations.

The other side believes there is such a thing as objective truth, truth which transcends culture and language, truth which is true even if I don't find it congenial. And so our task as Christians is to identify what God has revealed about himself and his purposes — and, as best we can, to believe and obey.

To be sure, there's a hermeneutical challenge. How do we separate in the biblical revelation what is truly true from the cultural suitcase which carries the truth? But the second epistemology assumes that the challenge is one which, with the Spirit's guidance, we can meet. Jesus promised that the Spirit would lead us into all truth (John 16:13). He will honor his promise.

Many of St. Paul's letters revolve around an actual or implied "therefore" (see, for example, Rom. 12:1 and Eph. 4:1). He explains something of God's revelation to us in Jesus Christ, and then he applies it to our conduct. You believe this, therefore you do that. Paul's "therefore" assumes the existence of absolute truth which applies to all people in all places at all times. "For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus?" (Eph. 4:21), he asks, in the midst of a long section on daily living as a Christian. Do we dare do the same?

In *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, Bishop Lesslie Newbigin says that we "must reject the invitation to live in a society where everything is subjective and relative, a society which has abandoned the belief that truth can be known and has settled for a purely subjective view of truth — 'truth for you' but not truth for all ... The demand for freedom of thought and expression must itself rest on some firmly held belief about the origin, nature and destiny of human life."

Certainly, our apprehension of truth is fallible. We can mishear what God intends. But our fallibility does not cancel God's revelation of himself in scripture or our effort to understand and obey his word.

The tentative epistemology which dominates so much of 20th-century theology leads to doctrinal confusion and moral chaos. Our biblically rooted Anglican heritage offers another way. Above all, it offers Jesus, who is the truth (John 14:6). □

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## Editorials

### Abundant Meanings of Easter

Easter greetings to all from the editor and staff of THE LIVING CHURCH. This joyous feast has abundant meanings for us: new life, hope, renewal, rebirth, victory over death, passover, redemption, the breaking of barriers. Our hope is that these meanings may be clarified, and that the power of the resurrection may show forth in our lives throughout this Easter season. May the joy of the presence of the Risen Christ be with us all!

### Yes to Life

#### *The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message*

In sending this Easter message to you, my beloved sisters and brothers, I ask first: What is the message of Easter? What has God told us in the death and glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Imagine yourself the possessor of this great news. You are standing on a mountain top, holding only a few semaphore flags in your hands, wanting desperately to share the message of Easter. What could you possibly say that would encompass the joy, the promise, the love and the hope in the message you bear?

I say it is Yes! The message of Easter is a resounding yes that would echo from your mountaintop out into the world, as it has echoed down through the centuries, breaking out of the silence of the empty tomb: Yes!

Jesus knew death, the darkness and pain and sin of the world. And still, said yes to life. The Incarnation was a living of: Yes, I am here among you as one of you, to grope with you in the darkness and feel your pain and redeem you from your sins.

Jesus said a liberating yes to life: and then yes to the cross and made the cross a sign of triumph. Through his yes we were given new life, life eternal in him where we never thirst but have only to drink of the living water.

Our Lord said yes, and thus how can our response be other? We return the message and echo back yes. Yes to life, and to all that it brings, our little crosses, our fearful dark nights, and the pain that comes our way.

Yes, we pray, Yes to you, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and to life in you. Your triumph is ours as well. Yes.

Imagine yourself back again upon the mountaintop. You do not have to imagine that you are the possessor of this great news: You are! This is your news to proclaim, the message of Easter: Our Lord said yes to life, and to death, and we, for whom he lived and died and was born into eternal life so we might live and die and be born into eternal life respond—Yes!

*The Most Rev. Edmond Browning  
Presiding Bishop and Primate*



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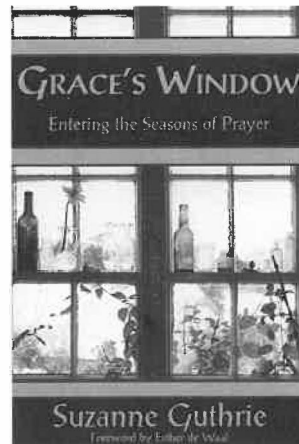
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The Rev. **Barbara Mudge**, as vicar of St. Francis', Simi Valley, CA, and as ecumenical officer of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

### Deaths

**Edward Cheek**, former president of the national Brotherhood of St. Andrew, died Jan. 4, in Sarasota, FL, of pneumonia. He was 74.

Mr. Cheek was born in Virginia and received his degree from the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL. Mr. Cheek is survived by his wife, Carol, three sons, a brother and a granddaughter.

The Rev. **Pierson Parker**, retired priest of the Diocese of Los Angeles, died Dec. 12 at the age of 90.

Fr. Parker was born in Shanghai, China, of missionary parents. He was educated at the University of California, Pacific School of Religion, and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He was ordained priest in 1945. Fr. Parker was a New Testament professor at the Pacific School of Religion, Church Divinity School, General Theological Seminary, and the University of the South. He served parishes in Nice, France, and Istanbul, Turkey. He was the author of several books, honorary canon of the Diocese of Los Angeles, and honorary president of the Society of Biblical Literature. Fr. Parker is survived by his wife, Mildred, a son, Peter, and two grandchildren.

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**RETIRED PRIEST NEEDED:** Please call (717) 923-0738. **James Hedgeland, P.O. Box 206, Renovo, PA 17764.**

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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH** affil., non-profit located in Wilmette, IL, seeking responsible, highly motivated person with Japanese language skills and p.r./communications background for full-time position in international relations field. Please call (847) 853-2501 for more information.

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## POSITIONS WANTED

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Sun 9, 10:30 H Eu, 7 Ev & H Eu

## Buena Park, CA

ST. JOSEPH'S 8300 Valley View  
Near Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland  
Sun H Eu 8 & 10. Wed 10 and 7:30

## Modesto, CA

ST. PAUL'S 1528 Oakdale Rd.  
The Rev. Stanley P. Collins (209) 522-3267  
Sun H Eu 8 & 10, EP 5:30

## Stockton, CA

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST 316 N. El Dorado St.  
The Rev. Daniel H. Martins, r (209) 466-6916  
Sun H Eu 7:30 & 10 (Sung); Tues-Fri MP 8:30, EP 5:15

## Washington, DC

CHRIST CHURCH, Georgetown  
Corner of 31st & O Sts., NW (202) 333-6677  
The Rev. Stuart A. Kenworthy, r; the Rev. Thomazine Shanahan, the Rev. Lupton P. Abshire  
Sun Eu 8, 9, 11 (1S, 3S & 5S); MP 11 (2S & 4S); Cho Ev 5 (1S Oct.-May). Daily Eu (Wed 7:30), HS & Eu (Fri 12:10). Noonday Prayers (Mon-Fri 12), EP (Mon-Fri 6)

## Wilmington, DE

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN  
10 Concord Ave., 19802 (302) 654-6279  
The Very Rev. Peggy Patterson, dean; the Rev. Dr. M. Antoinette Schiesler, ass't  
Sun H Eu 7:30 & 10:30, Tues 12:10, Thurs 7:15, Sung Compline Wed 9:10

## Fort Lauderdale, FL

ALL SAINTS' 333 Tarpon Dr.  
The Rev. Dr. John K. Brackett, r (954) 467-6496  
Sun H Eu 7:45, 9, 11 & 6. Wkdy H Eu Mon 9, Tues 12 noon, Wed 12 noon. Weds in Lent: 6 Soup Supper, 7 "Symbols and Symbolism of the Church" series

## Hollywood, FL

ST. JOHN'S 1704 Buchanan St.  
The Rev. Hobart Jude Gary, interim r  
Sun 8 & 11 (Sung). Weekdays as anno

## Key Biscayne, Miami, FL

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BY-THE-SEA 95 Harbor Dr.  
The Rev. Bob Libby, r; the Rev. Allen Downey, assoc;  
Deacon Carroll Mallin  
Sun 8, 10 H Eu. Wed 12 noon

## St. Cloud, FL

ST. LUKE & ST. PETER 2745 Canoe Creek Rd.  
The Rev. David C. Bryan, r; the Rev. James G. Radebaugh,  
the Rev. Paul S. Kyger, Jr., ass'ts  
Sun H Eu 8 & 10:15, 9 Christian Ed. Wed H Eu and Healing 11

## Sarasota, FL

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER 222 S. Palm Ave.  
The Rev. Fredrick A. Robinson, r; the Rev. Richard C. Marsden, the Rev. Ferdinand Saunders, the Rev. Jack D. Bowling  
Sun Masses: 7:30, 9 & 11. Daily: Mon-Sat 8:30 MP, 10 H Eu; Mon-Sun 5:15 EP. H Eu 7:30 Wed; 5:30 Thurs; H Eu & Healing Fri 10

## Augusta, GA

CHRIST CHURCH Eve & Greene Sts.  
The Rev. Theodore C. Atwood, Jr., r (706) 736-5165  
Sun Masses 8 & 10 (Sung). Wed 6:30

## Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA

ST. PHILIP'S General Stewart at Bradwell St.  
The Rev. Canon Samir J. Habiby, D.D., r  
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ALL SAINTS' 1065 Kuhio Hwy.  
The Rev. Robert E. Walden, r  
Sun 7 & 9:30 H Eu; Wed 9 H Eu & Healing

## Riverside, IL (Chicago West Suburban)

ST. PAUL'S PARISH 60 Akenside Rd.  
The Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, r  
Sun Eu 8 & 10:15; Wkdy Eu Tues 7, Wed 7, Fri 10. Sacrament of Reconciliation 1st Sat 4-4:30 & by appt

## Indianapolis, IN

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
Monument Circle, Downtown  
The Very Rev. Robert Giannini, dean  
Sun 8 Eu, 9 Sung Eu, 10 Christian Ed, 11 Cho Eu

## Baton Rouge, LA

ST. JAMES 208 N. 4th St.  
The Rev. Fred Fenton, r; the Rev. George Kontos, the Rev. Bob Burton, assoc; the Rt. Rev. Robert Witcher, bishop-in-residence; Dr. David Culbert, organist-choirmaster  
Sun 7:30, 9, 11, 4:30 H Eu

## Baton Rouge, LA (cont'd.)

ST. LUKE'S 8833 Goodwood Blvd.  
The Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, D.D., r; the Rev. Patrick L. Smith, ass't  
Sun Eu 8, 9, 11 (Sol), 5:30; Sat Vigil Mass 5:30. Wkdy MP 8:30, EP 5:15. Daily Eu as scheduled; C Sat 11

## Newtonville, MA

ST. JOHN'S 297 Lowell Ave.  
The Rev. Robert G. Windsor, r; the Rev. John H. Thomas, priest, assoc;  
Sun 8 & 10 H Eu. Wed 10 H Eu; Thurs 7:30 Bible Study

## Pittsfield, MA

ST. STEPHEN'S Park Square  
In the heart of the Berkshires  
H Eu: Sun 8, 10, 5:30, Tues 6:45, Thurs 10, Sat 4:30. MP daily 9

## Minneapolis, MN

ST. LUKE'S 46th and Colfax, S.  
The Rev. Frank Wilson, r; the Rev. Douglas Fontaine, the Rev. Alan Grant, assoc  
Sun HC 8:30 & 10:30. Thurs HC 7

## Kansas City, MO

OLD ST. MARY'S 1307 Holmes  
The Very Rev. Bruce D. Rahtjen, Ph.D., r (816) 842-0975  
Masses: Sun 8 Low; 10 Solemn; Daily, noon

## St. Louis, MO

ALL SAINTS' 5010 Terry Ave.  
The Rev. Emery Washington, Sr.  
Sun 7:30 & 10, Wed 6:30-8

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE Clayton  
6345 Wydown Blvd., at Ellenwood  
The Rev. Kenneth J.G. Semon, r; the Rev. Steven W. Lawler, the Rev. William M. North, Jr., the Rev. James D'Wolf  
Sun Eu 8, 9:15, 11:15 (1S & 3S), 5:30; MP 11:15 (2S, 4S, 5S) followed by HC 12:15; Ev 5 (1S Oct.-May) Sun Sch 9:15, Daily 7:30 & 5:30 ex Sat 8:30 & 4:30

## Newark, NJ

GRACE CHURCH 950 Broad St., at Federal Sq.  
The Rev. J. Carr Holland, III, r  
Sun Masses 8 & 10 (Sung); Mon-Fri 12:10

## Albany, NY

THE CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS 62 S. Swan St.  
The Very Rev. J. Edward Putnam, D.Min, Dean  
Sun: 7:15 MP, 7:30 H Eu, 9 H Eu, 11:15 H Eu, 5:15 EP. Mon-Fri: 8:45 MP, 12:05 H Eu, 5:15 EP. Sat 9 H Eu

## Long Beach, L.I., NY

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM BY THE SEA  
W. Penn & Magnolia Founded 1880  
The Rev. Marlin Leonard Bowman, r; the Very Rev. Lloyd A. Lewis, Jr., hon. r  
Sat 5 EP & Eu. Sun 8 MP & Eu, 10 High Mass

## New York, NY

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
112th St. and Amsterdam Ave.  
Sun: 8 Mat & HC; 9 HC & Homily; 9:30 La Santa Misa En Español; 11 HC & Sermon; 7 Cho V & Organ Meditation. Mon-Sat: 7:15 Mat & HC; 12:15 HC; 4:30 EP

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER

CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE LORD 2nd Ave. & 43rd St.  
The Rev. Donald A. Nickerson, Jr., chap  
Daily Morning Prayer 8:45; H Eu 12:10

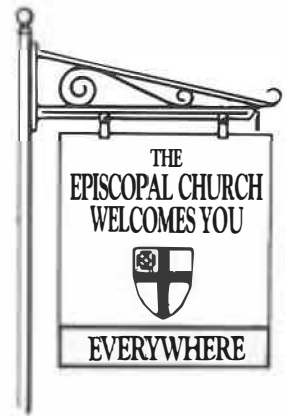


St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, La.

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**KEY** - Light face type denotes AM, bold face PM; add, address; anno, announced; A-C, Ante-Communion; appt., appointment; B, Benediction; C, Confessions; Cho, Choral; Ch S, Church School; c, curate; d, deacon, d.r.e., director of religious education; EP, Evening Prayer; Eu, Eucharist; Ev, Evensong; ex, except; 1S, 1st Sunday; hol, holiday; HC, Holy Communion; HD, Holy Days; HS, Healing Service; HU, Holy Unction; Instr, Instructions; Int, Intercessions; LOH, Laying On of Hands; Lit, Litany; Mat, Matins; MP, Morning Prayer; P, Penance; r, rector; r-em, rector emeritus; Ser, Sermon; Sol, Solemn; Sta, Stations; V, Vespers; v, vicar; YPF, Young People's Fellowship. A/C, air-conditioned; H/A, handicapped accessible.

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## New York, NY (cont'd)

**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN** (212) 869-5830  
145 W. 46th St. (between 6th & 7th Aves.) 10036  
The Rev. Edgar F. Wells, r; the Rev. David L. Carlson, c  
Sun Masses 9, 10, 11 (Sol & Ser) 5, MP 8:40, EP 4:45. Daily:  
MP 8:30 (ex Sat), noonday Office 12, Masses: 12:15 & 6:15 (ex  
Sat.) Sat only 12:15, EP 6 (ex Sat), Sat only 5; C Sat 11:30-12,  
4-5, Sun 10:30-10:50, Maj HD 5:30-5:50

**PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH**  
The Rev. Daniel P. Matthews, D.D., Rector  
The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Vicar

**TRINITY** Broadway at Wall  
Sun H Eu 9 & 11:15. Daily H Eu (ex Sat) 8, 12:05; MP 7:45; EP  
5:15. Sat H Eu 9.

**ST. PAUL'S** Broadway at Fulton  
Sun H Eu 8

Trinity Bookstore, 74 Trinity Pl. Open MonThurs 8:30 to 6, Fri  
8-3:30  
Trinity Dining Room (open to the public) 74 Trinity Pl., 2nd  
floor, Mon-Fri 8-3:30  
Trinity Museum (in Trinity Church) open Mon-Fri 9-11:45, 1-  
3:45; Sat 10-3:45; Sun 1-3:45

## Asheville, NC

**TRINITY CHURCH (downtown)** 60 Church St.  
The Rev. Canon Michael Owens, r (704) 253-9361  
Sun H Eu 8 & 10:30. Daily MP 8:45, H Eu 12 noon

## Cleveland, OH

**ST. MARTIN'S** 6295 River Rd. Chagrin Falls  
The Rev. Ralph Pitman, r (216) 247-7406  
Sun H Eu 8, 9 & 11. Wed H Eu & Healing 9:30

## Pendleton, OR

**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER** 241 SE Second  
The Rev. A. James MacKenzie, r; the Rev. Kenneth Cryslar,  
assoc  
Sun HC 8 (Rite I), 10:15 (Rite II) HS (3S), ChS 9:15 Adults,  
10:15 children. Wed HC 6:30, Ev & Eu 7. Mon-Fri EP 5:30. HD  
as anno. A/C. H/A

## Douglassville, PA

**ST. GABRIEL'S** Rt. 422, East of Reading, PA  
The Rev. Calvin C. Adams, r (610) 385-3144  
Sun Service: Eu 8 & 10:30; Sun School 9:15; Recovery Liturgy  
5:30. Wed 9 Healing & Bible Study; 7 Bible Study. Holy Week:  
Thurs: H Eu & Maundy 7; Good Fri noon & 7; Easter Vigil Sat 7

## Gettysburg, PA

**PRINCE OF PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
West High and Baltimore Sts. 17325 (717) 334-6463  
Sun Eu 8 & 10:15. Tues 12 noon, Wed, 7, HD 7, C by app

## Philadelphia, PA

(Mount Airy)

**ANNUNCIATION OF B.V.M.** Carpenter Ln. & Lincoln Dr.  
The Rev. David L. Hopkins, r 215-844-3059  
Sun Masses 9 & 11 (Sung). Thurs 10

**S. CLEMENT'S, Shrine of Our Lady of Clemency**  
20th and Cherry Sts. (215) 563-1876  
The Rev. Canon Barry E.B. Swain, r  
Sun Masses 8, 9:15 & 11 (High); Matins 7:30; Sol Ev Novena &  
B 4. [June through Sept: 8, 10 (Sung), Ev & Novena 5:30] Daily:  
Matins 9, Mass 7 & 12:10 (Sat 7 & 10), Ev & Novena 5:30. C  
Sat 5-6, at any time on request

## Phoenixville, PA

**ST. PETER'S** 143 Church St.  
The Rev. Thomas C. Wand, r  
Sun H Eu 8, 10:15 (Sung); Tues H Eu 9, Thurs H Eu 7:30

## Pittsburgh, PA

**GRACE** 319 W. Sycamore (412) 381-6020  
The Rev. A.W. Klukas, Ph.D., v; the Rev. R. Spanos, perm d  
Sun Family Eu 9; Sol Eu 10; Ev & B 5. MP Mon-Fri 9:30; Said  
Eu Wed 12 noon; Thurs LOH 7:30, Bible Study 8. Sol Eu HD  
7:30. C by appt

## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

33 Alice St.  
The Rev. Scott T. Quinn, r (412) 921-4103  
The Rev. Dr. Rodney A. Whitacre, ass't  
Sun Services 8 & 10

## Prospect Park, PA

**ST. JAMES'** 11th Ave. & 420 (between I-95 & MacDade  
(610) 461-6698 near Philadelphia Int'l Airport)  
The Rev. William Duffey, Ed.D., r; the Rev. Arthur Willis,  
CSSS, assoc  
Sun Eu 8 & 10 (Sung), Ch S 10; Coffee & Conversation 11:30,  
YPF 4:30. MP Tues-Fri 9; Midweek Masses Tues 7, Wed 9:30.  
All HDs @ time anno; Sta & B Wed 7, Adult Catechumenate Ed  
Sun 9:15, Wed 7:30. H/A

## Selinsgrove, PA

**ALL SAINTS** (717) 374-8289  
129 N. Market  
Sun Mass 9:30. Weekdays as anno

## Whitehall, PA

(North of Allentown)

**ST. STEPHEN'S** 3900 Mechanicsville Rd.  
Sun 8 Eu; 9:15 Ch S; 10:30 Sung Eu; Tues 9:30 HS; Thurs &  
Fri 7 HC. Bible & prayer groups. 1928 BCP

## Nashville, TN

**ST. ANDREW'S** 3700 Woodmont Blvd.  
The Rev. George C. Stacey, r  
Sun 7:30 (Low Mass), 10 (Sung). Mon Mass 5:30. Tues & Wed  
Mass 6:30, Thurs Mass noon. C Sat 4. Wed 7 Sta & B

## Corpus Christi, TX

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** 700 S. Broadway  
The Rev. Ned F. Bowersox, r; the Rev. C. Bruce Wilson, the  
Rev. Frank E. Fuller, ass'ts (512) 882-1735  
Sun 8, 9 & 11. Weekdays as anno

## Dallas, TX

**INCARNATION** 3966 McKinney Ave.  
The Rev. Rex D. Perry, r; the Rev. Frederick C. Philputt, v;  
the Rev. George R. Collina; the Rev. Thomas G. Keithly; the  
Rev. Michael S. Mills  
Sun Eu 7:30, 9, 9:15, 11:15; Daily Eu 7 & 12 noon. Daily MP  
6:45, EP 5 (214) 521-5101

## Fort Worth, TX

**ST. ANDREW'S** 10th and Lamar Sts. (Downtown)  
Sun 8 HC, 9 MP (HC 1S), CS 9, 11 MP (HC 1S) 12:15 HC (ex  
1S). 1928 BCP Daily as anno (817) 332-3191

## Houston, TX

**ST. DUNSTAN'S** 14301 Steubner-Airline Rd.  
The Rev. John R. Bentley, Jr., r; the Rev. Beth J. Fain, the  
Rev. George W. Floyd  
Sun 7:45, 9, 11:15 H Eu. Tues 7:30 H Eu & Healing; Thurs 12  
noon H Eu & Healing

## Rocky Mount, VA

**TRINITY** 100 Church St., NE, P.O. Box 527  
The Rev. Karin Howard Lindsay, r (540) 483-5038  
Sun H Eu 10:30. Wed H Eu 12 noon Healing Service

## Milwaukee, WI

**ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL** 818 E. Juneau  
The Rt. Rev. Patrick Matolengwe, dean (414) 271-7719  
Sun Masses 8, 10 (Sung). Daily as posted

## St. Croix, Virgin Islands

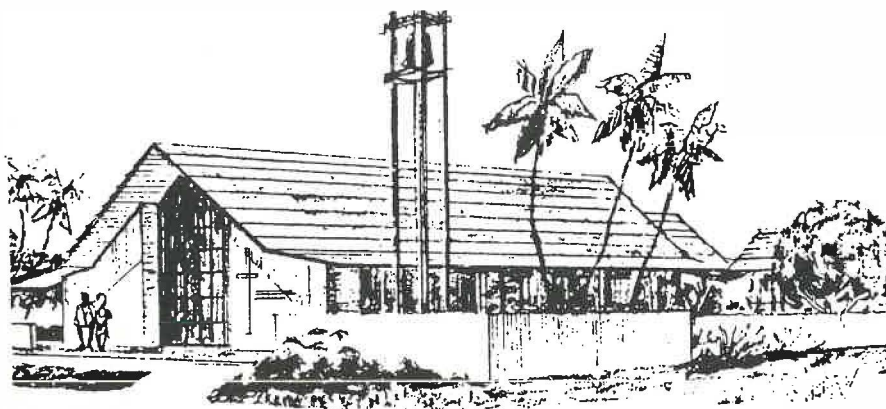
**ST. JOHN'S** 27 King St., Christiansted  
(809) 778-8221  
Fr. Keithly R.S. Warner, S.S.C., r  
Sun H Eu 7 & 10; Wed 12:10 H Eu & Healing

## Paris, France

**THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY**  
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The Very Rev. Ernest E. Hunt, III, D. Min., dean; the Rev.  
Rosalie H. Hall, M. Div., canon missionary; the Rev. George  
Hobson, Ph.D. d  
Sun Services: 9 H Eu, 10:45 Sun School, 11 H Eu

## San Miguel de Allende GTO Mexico

**ST. PAUL'S** Calzada del Cordo  
Near the Instituto Allende  
Mailing address APDO 268  
Telephones: office (415) 20387; rectory (415) 20328  
Rector, vacant; The Rev. Sibylle van Dijk, d ass't; Canon  
Richard C. Nevius, ret. r; the Rev. Dean Underwood, r-em  
Sun: HC 9, Cho H Eu with sermon 10:30. Wkdays as anno.  
Spanish service Sat 6



St. Christopher's-by-the-Sea, Key Biscayne, Fla.