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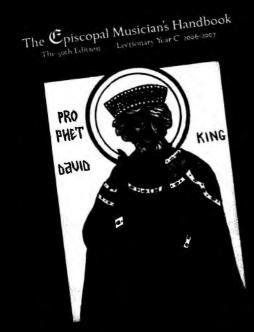
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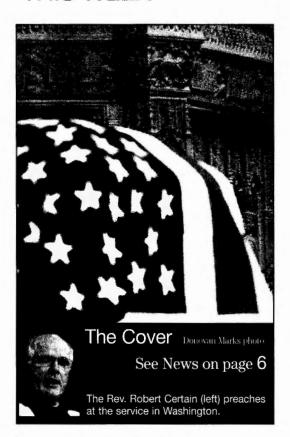
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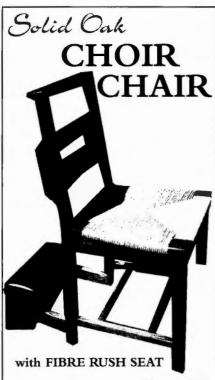
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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

# **Promise and Fulfillment**

'The Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed' (Isaiah 61:1)

The Third Sunday of Epiphany (Year C), Jan. 21, 2007

BCP: Neh. 8:2-10; Psalm 113; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Luke 4:14-21

RCL: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

The people of Israel waited on the promises of God, and they were reminded by their prophets to be vigilant and hopeful. The prophet Isaiah promises that the glory of the Lord will be revealed for everyone to see. Violence and injustice will end. Light will scatter the darkness (Isaiah 60-61).

Like many rabbis, Jesus presents Isaiah's message of hope to the congregation in the synagogue. God promises good news for the poor, release for the captives, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed. These were the promises of faith, and they had been rehearsed many times. But Jesus does much more. He reveals himself to be the fulfillment of the divine promises in Isaiah's prophecy. He is the Christ, and anointed to be the promised salvation. Instead of

interpreting a biblical text of hope, Jesus is the text of hope. He embodies and manifests God's love in ways that make a difference for the lives of others. He is the glory of God's justice made visible in our world.

The extraordinary and infinite love of God can also be known in our own everyday lives and ministries. We can manifest the good news of divine hope through our own ministries as we serve others, including the poor and the oppressed. St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that Christ's body has many members with different functions. But the many members are "yet one body" (1 Cor. 12:20). Our various gifts and identities are complementary, and we need each other. We are the body of Christ, and we are called to show his glory in the world.

### Look It Up

See Isaiah 61:1-2 for the text of scripture that Jesus reads in the synagogue. Compare with Mary's words about God's mighty acts to be fulfilled in Jesus (Luke 1:50-55). See also Canticle 11, based on the promises of Isaiah 60 (BCP, pp. 87-88).

#### Think About It

Jesus serves as a rabbi in the synagogue when he reads scripture and teaches. How would history have been different if his identity as a Jew had been appreciated and respected by Christians through the centuries?

**Next Sunday** 

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Year C), Jan. 28, 2007

**BCP**: Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-17 or 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Cor. 14:12b-20; Luke 4:21-32 **RCL**: Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Cor.13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

#### **Ask the Animals**

**Spiritual Wisdom from All God's Creatures** By Elizabeth Canham. Morehouse. Pp. xiii + 138. \$14.95. ISBN 0-8192-2232-1.

The 30 meditations in this collection feature such animals as a whale, a hummingbird, a bear, a monkey, and a spider. Elizabeth Canham's encounter with each creature becomes the basis for a fresh look at the Christian faith and life. Each meditation concludes with a reflection on scripture and a prayer and is illustrated with a sketch of the featured animal.

By equipping readers to regard the animals in their lives with wonder and respect, Ask the Animals demonstrates how God addresses us not only through

scripture, but in his earlier work, the book of creation. A welcome contribution to the growing literature on Christianity and animals, Canham's volume makes excellent gift for animal lovers.

The Rev. Charles Hoffacker Washington, D.C.

only what we do, but why we do it. This book would make a won-

derful gift for a new Episcopalian coming from another tradition.

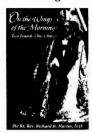
from its history through baptism and

on to funerals. Deacon Black tells not

ON THE WINGS OF THE MORNING: Two Islands, One Church. By Richard B. Martin. Diocese of Long Island. Pp. 193. \$19.95. ISBN 0-615-13210-3.

The Retired Bishop Suffragan of Long Island has a wealth of stories to

> tell, from growing up on island (Pawleys Island, S.C.) to ministering on another. Particularly absorbing is his tale of monitoring an episcopal election in the Diocese of





## **Concerning Race**

SEEING GOD IN DIVERSITY: Exodus and Acts. By Elizabeth M. Magill and Angela Bauer-Levesque. Morehouse. Pp. 64. \$6.95. ISBN 0-8192-2160-0.

The story of the returning Jews in Exodus and the new Christian community in Acts are used to address prejudice. Six two-hour

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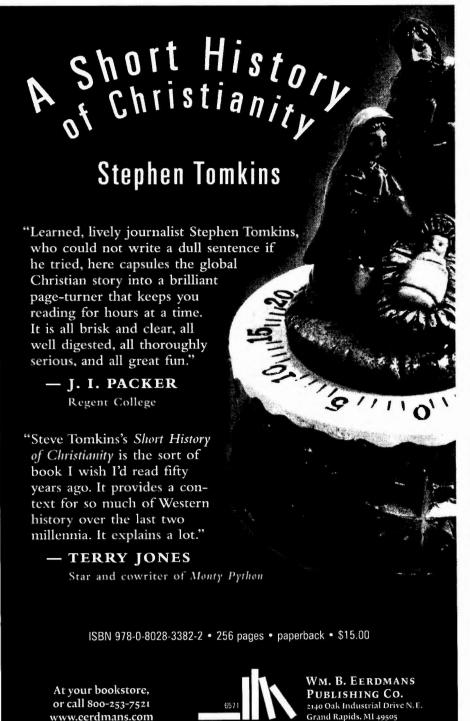
> SEEING GOD IN EACH OTHER. Edited by Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook. Morehouse, Pp. 70. \$11.95, ISBN 0-8192-2186-4.

Essays on anti-racism by Frederick Borsch, Fredrica Harris Thompsett, Michael Battle, Steven Charleston, and the editor. Each chapter closes with questions for discus-"Race and

sion. In his essay, Reconciliation," Bishop Charleston presents a hopeful proposal.

> WELCOME TO THE BOOK OF COM-MON PRAYER. By Vicki Black. Morehouse. Pp. 152. \$12.95. 0-8192-2130-9.

> All you need to know about the Book of Common Prayer



# **Church Services Honor Former President Ford**

Two Episcopal parishes and Washington National Cathedral figured prominently in the funeral events for former President Gerald R. Ford, who died Dec. 26 at age 93.

On Dec. 29, President Ford's casket was transferred to St. Margaret's, Palm Desert, Calif. The 38th president and his widow, Betty, joined the congregation in 1977. There, a public viewing followed a private prayer service for the family and visitation for invited friends. After lying in repose overnight in the church, the casket was taken from the church to Palm Springs International Airport.

The Rev. Robert Certain, rector of St. Margaret's, accompanied the casket and President Ford's family to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Fr. Certain said he last visited with the former president on Dec. 16 when he went to the Fords' home to give him communion.

For three days the casket lay in state in the Capitol rotunda, then was taken to Washington National Cathedral for a Jan. 2 funeral. Fr. Certain offered the prayers of commendation and preached the homily, during which he recalled that President Ford spoke with him about his concern for the church before Fr. Certain attended last summer's General Convention.

"He asked me if we would face schism," Fr. Certain said. "After we discussed the various issues we would



An honor guard and pallbearers accompany the casket of former President Gerald Ford at the start of the Jan. 2 state funeral held at Washington National Cathedral. (Donovan Marks photo)

consider, particularly concerns about human sexuality and the leadership of women, he said he did not think they should be divisive for anyone who lived by the great commandments to love God and neighbor. He then asked me to work for reconciliation within the church.

"Gerald Ford was a Christian man, a man who lived his life in accordance with the virtues of the Beatitudes," he continued. "For us, he will continue to serve as an example of how to live as a man of faith, a man of the nation, a man for the world."

Following the service, the casket was flown to Grand Rapids, Mich., where a service and public viewing was held at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. A Jan. 3 funeral service was to be held at Grace Church, East Grand Rapids, where the Fords were longtime parish members and were married in 1948 at the church's previous location. The Rev. Charles Howell, Grace's rector until earlier this year, was to officiate along with the interim rector, the Rev. Nixon McMillan, Deacon Kathy Brower and Fr. Certain.

In praising President Ford, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori noted that "his leadership in assisting with the completion of Washington National Cathedral and supporting the work of Episcopal Relief and Development will be long remembered."

Speaking on CBS television's The Early Show, Fr. Certain noted that "the theme of the president coming home goes throughout this whole week. Coming home to Washington, where he served his country so well, coming home to Michigan. Coming to his heavenly home."

# **Worshipers Attacked at Service in Sudan**

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan reports police attacked worshipers on New Year's Eve, firing tear gas grenades inside All Saints' Cathedral in Khartoum.

The Rev. Canon Sylvester Thomas reported that 20 minutes after the Sunday service started, nine gas bombs were shot into the crowd of about 500 worshipers. In the ensuing melee, several members of the congregation were beaten by baton-wielding policemen as they fled the building, Canon Thomas told the AFP news service. Six people were reported to have been

hospitalized after the assault.

While no official explanation for the attack has been given by the Islamist government in Khartoum, the Arabiclanguage newspaper *Al-Sudani* reported that police entered the cathedral in pursuit of a man wanted in connection with an assault.

A spokesman for the Church of the Sudan's provincial office in Juba told The Living Church a protest would be filed with the government over the incident.

(See page 8 for another story related to Sudan)

# **Olympia Covenant Process Recounted**

The Rt. Rev. Vincent W. Warner, Jr., Bishop of Olympia, and the Rev. Duncan Clark, rector of St. Charles' Anglican Church, Poulsbo, Wash., will travel together as friends to a conference on church planting sponsored by Rick Warren, best-selling

author and founding pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif.

The trip will be a milestone in a relationship that by logic and tradition should have ended in mutual



Bishop Warner

recrimination and litigation on Oct. 19, 2004. On the day after the Windsor Report was released, Fr. Clark, then rector of St. Charles' Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Carol Harlacher, rector of St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor, informed Bishop Warner that their congregations had voted overwhelmingly to leave the diocese and affiliate with an overseas Anglican bishop.

Instead of litigation, Bishop Warner and leaders from the two parishes attempted mediation. The talks were lengthy and complicated by the presence of both a sizeable remnant from St. Stephen's who wanted to remain Episcopalians and some persons in the diocese who pressured Bishop Warner to punish the clergy and take possession of the properties. In spite of the many obstacles, the parties announced agreement to a covenant on Dec. 13 [TLC, Jan. 7].

"When our life ends and we go on to the next we may know more about what was right in God's eyes," Bishop Warner told The Living Church. "In the meantime, I do not want to waste what time I have on legal issues and politics."

Bishop Warner said the idea to structure the covenant to last sevenand-a-half years was based on the biblical concept of the jubilee.

"There will be two General Conventions, a Lambeth Conference,

and who knows how many primates' meetings during the duration," Bishop Warner said. "This gives everyone the time they need. It gives the primates time to work out whatever they need to do. It puts a hold on any action so that The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion can work through this together."

Bishop Warner and Fr. Clark said there were several breakthrough moments during the mediation talks. The first occurred the day the two rectors informed Bishop Warner they were leaving and the three realized they could still pray together. Another came when they started to focus on positions they held in common, agreeing not to fight about points of disagreement.

"We have gone to 'live with the grandparents' for a while," Fr. Clark told TLC. "We are still part of the family. That hasn't changed.

"This would never have happened without Bishop Warner," Fr. Clark said. "On a personal level, he will always be my bishop.

"You can't hold the Great Commission hostage to issues that could consume all our time and resources," he said. "My responsibility, and the responsibility of priests to congregations, is to build up the body of Christ. People don't need to hear about disagreements. That keeps them away from church.

"We are working on little things we can do together. We are trying to help a Coptic Christian family in Egypt come to the United States, and trying to supply blankets to poor people who are living outside in tents. That's small in the eyes of the people who are trying to work out issues of communion. It is not small in the eyes of those receiving blankets.

"If we can provide some hope for people stuck in these situations — if we can work on some things and pray together — that is communion to me."

Steve Waring

## Wake-Up Call

Hurricane Katrina should serve as a wake-up call for the Episcopal Church, alerting it to the wider needs of society, the Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of **Western North Carolina**, told the annual convention of his diocese.

"My firm hope is that Katrina will move the Episcopal Church away from its ecclesiastical narcissism and into a commitment to the mission of the church," Bishop Taylor said.

Gathered at the Kanuga Conference Center near Hendersonville Nov. 10-12, delegates from 66 of the diocese's 68 congregations and 78 of its clergy adopted nine substantive resolutions, including the creation of a diocesan-led "Ministry with Single Adults," and a prison ministry initiative called "Inmate Mentor Ministry" that seeks to invite a "group of prisoners into full participation in the life of the church." Convention also endorsed the U.N. Millennium Development Goals.

A budget of \$1.4 million was passed, based upon a hoped-for 6-percent increase in parochial giving.

In his address, Bishop Taylor noted "some financial challenges." Though parochial assessment guidelines asked parishes to pledge between 10 and 16 percent of their income to the diocese, in 2005 only "14 of 65 churches gave 10 percent or more to the diocese; 51 gave less than 10 percent."

He also noted the diocese's Lake Logan Episcopal Center carried a debt of \$3.8 million. "We will need \$300,000 in 2006 for payments on the principal and \$500,000 in 2007," he said. During a presentation on the financial situation of the conference center, convention learned the diocese had raised approximately \$900,000 toward the total debt and that the "333 for 3" fundraising campaign had received 364 pledges to reduce the outstanding debt.

## **Challenged to Grow**

Having met in special session five weeks earlier, the annual synod of the Diocese of **Quincy** was described by Bishop Keith L. Ackerman as "a family

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#### QUINCY

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gathering" with clergy and lay delegates dedicating a new diocesan mission and ministry center and setting a vision for the coming year.

The centerpiece of the synod, held Oct. 20-21 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Peoria, Ill., was an address by the Rev. Jerry Kramer, rector of the Free Church of the Annunciation, a New Orleans parish that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Fr. Kramer described how his parish has met the needs of those impoverished by the storm, while its own resources were inadequate even before Katrina struck.

Members of the Diocese of Quincy gave \$35,000 in one week after Katrina in 2005, all of the money going to direct relief in the New Orleans and Gulf Coast region. The relief efforts have been managed locally by Quincy Deacon Phil Fleming of Canton, Ill., who has made repeated trips to the Gulf Coast region to deliver supplies, funds, and a donated vehicle. At the synod on Friday evening, Bishop Ackerman presented Fr. Kramer with an additional check for \$10,000 to help Annunciation continue its relief ministry.

In his address, Bishop Ackerman challenged every congregation to increase its overall pledged giving by 15 percent this year, and to increase in size by 10 percent "in spite of whatever chaos you may perceive is happening due to General Convention fallout."

The synod reaffirmed its Sept. 16 special synod decisions to request alternate primatial oversight and withdraw from participation in Province 5 of The Episcopal Church. The synod also expressed solidarity with leaders of the Global South provinces of the Anglican Communion and continued past diocesan financial support of the Anglican Communion Network.

Immediately upon adjournment, synod participants walked across the cathedral parking lot to the Diocesan House: Center for Mission and Ministry. In a brief period of time the center has become a focal point of ministry for the diocese, according to *Harvest Plain*, the diocesan newspaper.

# **Sudan the Recent Focus of Trinity Grants**

While full-page ads were appearing in the *New York Times* deploring the humanitarian disaster occurring in Darfur, Sudan, two priests from Trinity Parish, Wall Street, were telling a story of hope for the southern region of the Sudan.

The Rev. Canon James Callaway and the Rev. Canon Benjamin Musoke-

Lubega were reporting on a recent trip to Juba in the southern Sudan, where Trinity's Grants Program has been funding some eight programs. "We were there to visit our partners," said Canon Callaway, who went on to explain that last January a comprehensive peace agreement had been brokered by Sen. John Danforth, an Episcopal priest and former

U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. The plan allowed for the administrative separation of southern Sudan.

"We have a Muslim north and a Christian south," Canon Callaway noted. He said of the Christians, 9 million are Anglicans, and after 25 years of living in exile in refugee camps, "an incredibly strong" Episcopal Church of the Sudan is returning.

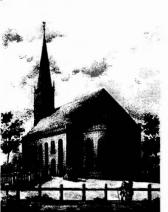
The two priests had just observed a development meeting in Juba, attended by some 40 bishops and church leaders. The subject was budgeting and was led by a team from Nairobi, Kenya. "The poor only live in the present," Canon Callaway said. "With the gift of peace there is a tomorrow, and budgeting is a way to plan for the future."

The Trinity priests told of the unexpected consequences when video cameraman John Bior, commissioned by Trinity to film life in the exile camps, showed his tape from one camp to refugees in another. They saw friends and relatives on the videos and there was much rejoicing.

According to Trinity's website, its Grants Program provides some \$2 million a year to various projects including Strengthening the Church in the Global South. In the past five years, the Global South and the Sudan have received more than 40 percent of the

grants.

The refugee camps have provided a unique opportunity for evangelism and theological education. and Trinity became a partner in this enterprise. Christians in Africa have not been immune to the AIDS/HIV pandemic, and grants have been made to other African provinces as well as the Sudan. Now with the outbreak of peace, interest is shifting to planning and redevelopment as noted in Juba.



Trinity Church in 1737.

Trinity's ability to fund world mission projects goes back to Queen Anne's grant in 1705 of 215 acres of farm land in what is now downtown Manhattan. Over the past 300 years it has been whittled down to some 15 acres as gifts have been given to establish new parishes, support charities, and promote education.

Canon Callaway, who has been associated with Trinity's Grants Program for more than 15 years, was asked what program leaders had learned over the years. "We've discovered how important partnership is — how dependent we are of each other in the Christian community," he said

His thought was echoed by Trinity's rector, the Rev. James H. Cooper. "We know prophets by what they say, but no prophet will have anything to say without having first listened," he said. "It is in this dialogue with our grants partners that we, by faith, risked to do this work together for the sake of the gospel and the welfare of the world."

(The Rev.) Bob Libby



Cardinal Kasper and Archbishop Williams in the Sistine Chapel in November.

# 'True Ecumenism'

By Matthew S. C. Olver and Christopher Wells

"We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us," wrote St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 4:7). It is also extraordinary, however, that this text — not of simple triumph but of hope amidst suffering — was chosen to mark the ecumenical celebration of 40 years of Anglican-Roman Catholic friendship and collaboration that culminated the recent, extended visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, to Rome.

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed," continues Paul (vv. 8-9). And both Archbishop Williams and Cardinal Walter Kasper explicated in their homilies that evening the recurring pertinence of Paul's perspective for our own experience of "the wound of division in the body of Christ," as Cardinal Kasper put it.

The transforming power of God and his promise to the Church perpetually overcomes our attempts to divide the body of his Son. Every event of the archbishop's week in Rome may be considered in light of this fact.

In his lecture on "St. Benedict and the Future of Europe," for instance, given to wide-ranging political reflections on the Rule, Archbishop Williams seemed simultaneously to proffer a immense, elusive goal of a common life," just as authority must negotiate "a variety of gifts in order to sustain a society in which all are at work for the sake of the other's flourishing and ... holiness;" where, as it were, the Church's hierarchical and conciliar aspects meet in the sharing of both suffering and consolation (see 2 Cor. 1:7).

Similarly, in perhaps the single most important and ingenious event of the archbishop's time in Rome - on the eve of his meeting with the pope — the Anglican martyrs of Melanesia were memorialized at an ecumenical celebration of Vespers with the Community of Sant'Egidio, a lay-led movement (founded in 1968) devoted to prayer, communicating the gospel, solidarity with the poor, ecumenism, and dialogue. John Paul II often insisted that we already experience unity now in the prophetic figure of martyrdom. But when, if ever, do we lift up together our common patrimony of "ecumenical martyrs"? The Community of Sant'Egidio has provided vital leadership in this regard, as it did again on this occasion - with hundreds of young people (mostly Roman Catholics) packed into the Basilica of St. Bartholomew, dedicated to the memory of all the Christian martyrs of the 20th and 21st centuries and housing many of their relics. The liturgy included testimony about the martyrs by members of the Melanesian Brotherhood; a homily by Archbishop Williams on Matthew 5:11 ("blessed are those who suffer for righteousness sake"); and a solemn procession of the martyrs' relics to the altar of a side chapel as the congregation sang a meditative rendition of 2 Corinthians 4:7 and following: "Noi portiamo questo tesoro in vasi di creta" (We carry this treasure in clay jars).

Thus the truth of the most important

## The transforming power of God and his promise to the Church perpetually overcomes our attempts to divide the body of his Son.

kind of ecclesiological parable. For obedience teaches us to silence our "purely individual will" and "seek the sentence in the following day's "Common Declaration" by the pope and the archbishop was dramatized: "True ecu(Continued on page 15)

# **In Appreciation of Lutherans**

Did You Know...

The Rev. Canon Robert
Nelson, canon to the
ordinary in the Diocese of
Nevada, claims to be the
only Episcopal priest to
detonate a nuclear device.
Canon Nelson once served
with the Department of
Energy as manager of the
Nevada Operations Office,
which does weapons testing
underground.

Quote of the Week
Lt. Jeff Pinney, of the Hemet
(Calif.) Police Department, on
Justin Blake Guess, who was
arrested after he was found
ransacking Church of the Good
Shepherd: "Hopefully, the next
time he goes to church it will
be for the right reasons."

As an Episcopal priest who has served the church for more than 35 years, I have been working in my second Lutheran congregation in the Lower Susquehanna Synod in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains of south central Pennsylvania.

Since 1997, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and The Episcopal Church have been living together as a result of *Called to Common Mission*, a document that led to the approval of legislation that permits clergy of both denominations to minister in each other's church.

When I told Rick Farrell, the assistant deployment officer in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, that I had been called to be the interim pastor of St. Paul's ELCA, Carlisle, he called me a "Lutherpalian," an appellation which some of the folks at St. Paul's used affectionately. An Episcopal priest serving a Lutheran congregation also might be called an "Episcolute."

While we Anglicans are well known for our beautiful liturgies, I have found that Lutheran liturgies are equally lovely. For instance, in my recent assignment as interim pastor at Holy Trinity, York Springs, there are — count Z them! — seven settings for Holy Communion. Many Lutherans are accustomed to chanting parts of the service of Holy Communion, so I had to learn to adjust my bass voice to a higher range while trying hard not to

higher range while trying hard not to sound like Tiny Tim.

Lutheran pastors can confirm their young members, which, of course, can be done only by a bishop in The Episcopal Church. I was able to do that on Trinity Sunday.

My time with our Lutheran sisters and brothers has given me a deeply felt appreciation for their branch of Christ's Church, and their deep roots, well grounded since the time of the protestant Reformation. The recent film, "Luther," presents a wonderful story of the man, his struggles with God and the Roman Catholic Church, and his coming to finally know in his heart and soul that we are saved by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

While Anglican theology is incarnational,

Lutheran theology is grace-based. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1:2), is used often by Lutheran pastors as a salutation before their sermons.

The two churches are facing similar issues such as the possibility of sanctioning ordinations of non-celibate gay and lesbian persons, blessing same-sex unions, diminishing membership, aging congregations, and small parishes that cannot afford full-time clergy.

I've had to be alert for which stole and chasuble to wear because we Anglicans wear

An Episcopal priest the serving a Lutheran seed congregation also might be called might be calledLUTHER

them according to the particular sacrament — white for baptisms, marriages and funerals — while Lutherans wear them strictly according to the color of the church season.

A predecessor, Pastor Richard Ruff, who ministered faithfully for 25 years at St. Paul's,

faithfully for 25 years at St. Paul's, Carlisle, brought me a gift from a recent trip to Germany. On one Reformation Sunday, I preached on Martin Luther, and in my children's sermon, raised my trousers and exposed bright red socks, with the German version of these words: "Here I stand. I can do no other." That got a laugh from the congregants and smiles from the little ones.

When I depart this "mortal coil," I will wish to have an Episcopal bishop and a Lutheran bishop celebrate my entrance into larger life, where I will be greeted joyfully by him who is our Alpha and Omega, and by all those sisters and brothers whose names have been written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Rev. John Edson is a priest of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. He lives in Dillsburg, Pa.

# Remembering President Ford

Millions of words have been written in recent days about Gerald Ford, the 38th president of the United States. We do not wish to add to the many accolades about Mr. Ford's presidency, but rather to recognize him as a fellow Episcopalian. During his time in Congress, as vice president, and eventually the president, Mr. Ford upheld Christian val-

ues. He performed his duties with grace and dignity regardless of the situation. His devotion and commitment to his wife Betty and their family proved to be an inspiration to many.

As he worshiped at Grace Church, Grand Rapids, or St. John's, Lafayette Square, Washington, or St. Margaret's, Palm Desert, Gerald Ford showed us that regardless of the importance of his office, his faith was still important. Well done, good and faithful servant.



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# Opinions Welcomed

From time to time it is probably helpful to remind readers of their opportunities to express their views by having them published in The LIVING CHURCH. Those opinions may be presented in two weekly features — Reader's Viewpoint articles and letters to the editor. The Reader's Viewpoint articles offer commentary on issues and events involving The Episcopal Church. Anyone may submit an article but preference is given to Episcopalians and to commentary on current issues. Reader's Viewpoint articles should be kept to fewer than 1,000 words, and do not have to agree with the stated editorial position of this magazine. Authors will be restricted to two published articles during a particular year.

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READER'S VIEWPOINT

# Loss of Covenant

We are left with Jesus as a religious figure whose significance depends on our acknowledgment of him.

"In the man Jesus, God has once and for all uttered himself: he is his Word and, as his Word, himself. Revelation ends here, not because God deliberately puts an end to it, but because it has reached its goal."

Joseph Ratzinger, Introduction to Christianity

By Michael Petty

eligious pluralism has attracted The sympathy of many Episcopalians. According to the Center for Progressive Christianity (which has two Episcopal bishops on its board), "it is impossible to believe that any one religion could have the whole picture or the correct understanding of God, let alone an exclusive path to that God. To suggest anything else would be at best arrogant." (This statement comes from the Center's website.)

Why? No argument is offered for these judgments, and it appears that the author(s) of this statement simply rely on the rhetorical force of the words "exclusive" and "arrogant" to do their work for them. (Any position which is "exclusive" or "arro-

gant" must be bad, right?)

We are, it appears,

to accept religious pluralism because to do so is a mark of being "open minded" and "inclusive." But this very way of posing the issue reveals a certain theological shallowness and the price of declaring ourselves to be open minded and inclusive is the willingness to distort and finally deny the Christian faith.

Following the path of Enlightenment rationalism, those who argue for religious pluralism transpose the discussion of revealed truth into the neutral idiom of "religion." They are thus permitted to discuss the relative merits of "religions," all of which are assumed to provide equal access to God. In this context, "religion" means a generalized human experience of a vague entity known as "the sacred."

But in scripture we do not find much interest in "religion" because the focus of attention is not on human religiosity but on God's covenant. There are many religions but only one covenant. As the narrative structure of Genesis 1-12 makes clear, the covenant made by God with Abraham has implications for the Christ it becomes possible for Gentiles to be included into God's covenant with Abraham (note Gal. 3:23-29). The transposition of covenant into the idiom of "religion" eviscerates scripture. (For Enlightenment thinkers, this was the intended consequence.)

Those who argue for religious pluralism often take the approach that Jesus is Lord for Christians who happen to accept him as such but that he is not so for others. This approach does violence to the christology of the New Testament which sees Jesus not simply as an important religious figure venerated by a group of devotees but as the decisive action of God on behalf of his creation. This is the sense of biblical texts such as John 1:1-18, Colossians 1:15-20 and Hebrews 1:1-4. The Center for Progres-

# There are many religions but only one covenant.

whole of creation; God's purpose for his creation will be realized through his covenant with Israel. The destiny of Israel is finally the destiny of creation itself. The New Testament takes as its own this basic presupposition and then adds an eschatological twist: In Jesus

sive Christianity, strangely, wants to associate this christology with "Christendom."

Religious pluralism represents the abandonment of christology for what might be called "Jesusology." Instead of Jesus Christ commanding the faith and

obedience of Christians (and, hence, being worthy of the title Lord, one of the titles of the God of Israel), we are left with Jesus as a religious figure whose significance depends on our acknowledgment of him. The whole order of things as the New Testament understands them is simply reversed and we move from a theocentric to an anthropocentric outlook; we move from covenant to religion.

What is missing from the Jesusology of religious pluralists is the "once-forall" (Rom. 6:10) character of the event of Jesus Christ, In Jesus Christ, God's redemptive purpose for Israel and for the whole created order are fulfilled "once for all" - the salvation of all human beings is constituted by this one event.

Jesus' death and resurrection are the means by which the creator God reconciles the world to himself; Jesus Christ is the way in which God opens himself to us and creates a way from us to himself. This is not an arrogant claim of "Christendom" but is simply "the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1).

Religious pluralists claim that no one religion can give us the full truth about God. This leads to the rather strange view that we can have no coherent understanding of God but only a jumble of (conflicting) religious experiences. We arrive at open mindedness only to lose any coherent notion of God. This prompts questions about what pluralists mean by "God" since what they appear to mean is a formless spiritual power. In the final analysis, pluralists give us a formless God and elevate skepticism to the position of chief intellectual and spiritual virtue.

But what if God is not formless but has revealed himself in the person of his own Word and Holy Spirit? What if the doctrine of the Trinity is not just a barren dogma but is God's revealed identity, his form?

While the idea of a true and definitive self-revelation of God may be thought "arrogant" by those who hold to the virtue of skepticism, it is the foundation of the faith of the Church. As Karl Barth put it, "the Christ message is ... not one truth among others; it is the truth."

Those who argue that Anglican "com-

prehensiveness" comprehends religious pluralism place a construction on comprehensiveness which is without historical foundation. Article XI of the Thirty-nine Articles declares that we "are accounted righteous before God, only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by faith, and not for our own works or deservings." Religious pluralists seem to hold that we

are saved by our religiousness. The merit of Jesus Christ and our religiousness are not the same thing.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Example of Unity Needed

I am disturbed by what our prayer book calls "our unhappy divisions." In the past, there have been differences in opinion within our Episcopal family, but we have managed to reconcile them through discussion and awareness that we share a mutual responsibility.

The American Episcopal Church has weathered many a storm since it separated from the Church of England in 1776. Some matters that have caused anguish since then include saying prayers for the king, slavery, the mixing of water and wine, processional crosses, eucharistic vestments, prayer book revision (starting in the late 1800s), marriage of divorced persons, ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate, and most recently the consecration of an openly

gay bishop as approved by General Convention. What I perceive to be most scandalous is the tragic and unnecessary break-up of our family when the world desperately needs an example of unity in the spirit of love, understanding, and reconciliation.

Archbishop William Temple, during World War II, taught that what is really important is not our ability to agree, but our capacity to love.

Jesus prayed that we all may be one. Should that not be our prayer as well? We need not agree on all issues, but we are called by Jesus to love one another.

Separating over issues is not an act of love — at least as I understand the love expressed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13.

(The Rev. Canon) Grant S. Carey Trinity Cathedral Sacramento, Calif.

## What is Expected

I was privileged to be the guest preacher at a popular, well-attended interdenominational chapel over the holidays. After the service, the chairman of the pulpit committee (himself an Episcopalian) congratulated me on preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He said that others besides himself had commented on how when they have an Episcopal priest as the preacher they

have come to expect only a "politically correct" sermon from a "minister" of the secularized Episcopal Church. How sad.

(The Rev.) Donald Clawson Vero Beach, Fla.

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### **Opposing Views**

I was pleased with the Guest Column, "The Church Goes On," by Ivor Hughes [TLC, Dec. 31]. So gentle, loving, hopeful. Then I turned the page and read "So Much in a Few Words" by James B. Simons. An

angry, sad sledgehammer on the Presiding Bishop and her comments about church membership. It might well have been a three-inch Letter to the Editor.

(The Rev.) Richard Guy Belliss Santa Clarita, Calif.

#### **Wonderful Words**

The inclusion of reason and tradition [and experience?] as counterweights to the vicissitudes of scripture in doctrinal formulation is one of the many geniuses of Anglicanism, although decried by our fundamentalists and other extremists. While casting about on the internet I recently came across a lesser-known dictum that was once familiar (often dealing with private confession), but which has regrettably tended to disappear. Those dedicated to damaging the Anglican Communion should heed it: All may, some should, none must. What wonderful words of life!

R.F. Dorum Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

### "True Ecumenism" (Continued from page 9)

menism goes beyond theological dialogue; it touches our spiritual lives and our common witness."

To be sure, as the declaration also affirmed, there remain "new developments which, besides being divisive for Anglicans, present serious obstacles to our ecumenical progress." And it was with these in view that the tone of the archbishop's visit was described by commentators beforehand as one of "wait and see." Progress, however, was made on several fronts, not only in terms of wider relationships with the Vatican but in terms of concrete ecumenical goals. For instance, the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) will proceed to a third stage of dialogue; and the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) will finally release its text - this month - that "sets out both a summary of the central conclusions of ARCIC and makes proposals for growing together in mission and witness," as the Common Declaration puts it.

The significance of this last cannot be overestimated as an outward sign of solidarity from our Roman Catholic colleagues who have stood by the Anglican Communion in its time of need. Friends wait for — and help and struggle with — one another, after all, because we "hold [a] common treasure, are stewards of the same mystery, [and] have been baptized into the same death and resurrection," as Cardinal Kasper said.

In this perspective, the success of the archbishop's visit to Rome may have been especially in the waiting that must precede seeing, insofar as suffering with one another enables the "reciprocal" learning, Cardinal Kasper continued, of "what it means to walk with each other amidst difficulties, to carry the burdens of the other; what it means to kneel together in prayer and to stand together in responding to the suffering of humanity; what it means to be sisters and brothers who ultimately cannot let go ... because we have committed ourselves to each other in Christ."

There is a hard-won grace here that reflects a courage and confidence in

our ecumenical relationship, and permits a new kind of honesty about the place that we find ourselves: where our "distress and anguish of heart, with many tears," have prepared God's word to be "written on our hearts" in the form of one another, so that it may be "known and read by all" (2 Cor. 2:4, 3:2).

The Rev. Matthew S. C. Olver is curate at Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, and the ecumenical officer for the Diocese of Dallas. Christopher Wells is a doctoral candidate in theology at the University of Notre Dame and a lay leader in the Diocese of Northern Indiana.

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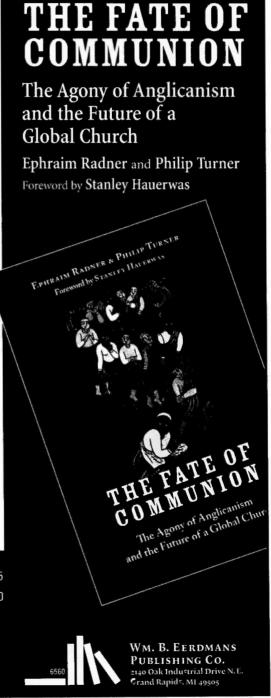
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The Rev. Lauren Hendrick is minister of formation at Good Shepherd, 533 E Main St., Lexington, KY 40508-2341.

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The Rev. **Lang Lowrey** is to start a new congregation, St. Benedict's, Cobb County, Ga

The Rev. **Douglas Marlow** is deacon at St. Paul's, 314 Clay St., Watertown, NY 13601.

The Rev. **Amy Richter** is missioner for Christian education and formation in the Diocese of Maryland, 4 E University Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21218.

The Rev. **Joyce Stickney** is rector of St. Aidan's, 28211 W Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu, CA 90265.

The Rev. **Phil Strange** is priest-in-charge of St. George's, 23802 Avenida De La Carlota, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

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#### Resignations

The Rev. Albert Ogle, as rector of St. George's, Laguna Hills, CA.

The Rev. **Anna Olson**, as rector of Trinity, Los Angeles, CA.

#### Retirements

The Rev. **Paul Bresnahan**, as rector of St. Mark's, St. Albans, WV.

The Very Rev. **Hope Koski**, as rector of St. Lawrence, Dix Hills, NY.

The Rev. **Joseph Mackov**, as rector of Emmanuel, Keyser, WV.

The Rev. Karl Ruttan, as rector of St. John's. Charleston, WV.

The Rev. John Via, as rector of St. Alban's, Elberton, and Mediator, Washington, GA.

#### Deaths

The Rev. Canon **Russell K. Johnson**, a priest of The Episcopal Church for 70 years, died Nov. 28 at his home at the Mather Pavillion in Evanston, IL. He was 95.

Canon Johnson was born in Hendricks, MN. He graduated from the University of

Minnesota and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. In 1936 he was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Minnesota. He served in five parishes: as vicar of St. Ansgarius', Minneapolis; rector of St. Paul's, Winona, MN; dean of Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, IA; rector of St. Mark's, Evanston, and of St. Mary's, Park Ridge, the parish from which he retired. After his retirement in 1976, he began a mission ministry at St. Hugh of Lincoln, Elgin, IL, serving there 10 years. He was made honorary canon of St. James' Cathedral, Chicago, in 1984. He is survived by his daughter, Gretchen Quinn; a son, Keith; four grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

The Rev. **George P. LaBarre, Jr.**, 92, rector emeritus of Trinity Church, Vero Beach, FL, died Dec. 16 in a Colorado nursing home.

Born in Midnight, MS, he was a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Yale. Following ordination to the diaconate in 1940 and to the priesthood in 1941 he served as assistant at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, and Grace Church, Yorktown, VA. He served with the Navy in the South Pacific until 1946, when he became a canon at St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, NM, remaining until 1948. He was rector of St. Mark's on the Mesa, Albuquerque, 1948-56; rector of St. Peter's, Cazenovia, NY, 1956-59; and rector in Vero Beach from 1959 until 1980 when he retired. During his time in Vero Beach he was also chaplain at St. Edward's School. In the Diocese of the Rio Grande, Fr. La Batte was a deputy to General Convention and a member of the executive council. In Central Florida he was a member of the standing committee.

The Rev. **Robert W. Locke**, of Fort Myers, FL, died Dec. 1 at his home. He was 68.

A native of Geneva, IL, Fr. Locke graduated from University of Denver and Nashotah House. He was ordained deacon in 1966 and later that year to the priesthood in the Diocese of Chicago. He was curate at St. Philip's, Palatine, IL, for three years and then accepted a call as rector of St. Andrew's, Grayslake, where he served until 1979. He served as supply and interim priest in the diocese for 12 years after leaving St. Andrew's.

The Rev. Allan H. O'Neil, rector emeritus of St. John's Church, West Hartford, CT, died Dec. 7 in Hartford. He was 81.

Fr. O'Neil was a native of Barre, VT. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire and Episcopal Theological School, then was ordained deacon and priest in 1954. He was rector of St. James', Piqua, OH, 1956-61; rector of St. Andrew's, Meriden, CT, 1961-75; and rector in West Hartford from 1975 to 1990. He is a former member of the chapter of Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, and was active in ecumenical ministry. Fr. O'Neil is survived by his wife, Ruth, and two children.

The Rev. **A. Richard Ray**, 66, deacon in the Diocese of Alabama, died Dec. 14. He was a member of the first class of deacons in that diocese in 100 years.

Throughout his career Deacon Ray was involved in helping children, particularly in his work with the Alabama Department of Youth Services and the American Correctional Association. He was active in the founding of Epiphany Ministry of Alabama and was the chair of the national Epiphany Ministry board. He is survived by his son, Davy; a daughter, Laura; a granddaughter and four great-grandchildren; a sister, Carolyn Newton; and two brothers, Robert and Charles.

The Rev. **Robert J. Stewart**, retired rector of the former St. Mary Magdalene Church, Villa Park, IL, died Oct. 29 at his home in Batavia, IL, of cancer. He was 74.

Fr. Stewart was a graduate of the University of Denver and Nashotah House. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1967 in the Diocese of Colorado. He served three congregations during three years until moving to Chicago in 1970 to serve as chaplain at St. Leonard's House and the Cook County Jail. In 1981, he was called to serve as rector of St. Mary Magdalene, where he ministered for 13 years until his retirement in 1993. He served temporarily as editor of Anglican Advance in Chicago in 1992. After retirement, he served as temporary secretary for the Kane County Judicial Center, did substitute teaching, and served as interim rector, supply priest and temporary priest-in-charge at several congregations. He was a co-founder of the Suicide Prevention Services in Batavia. In the 1970s he was coordinator of Chicago's liturgical commission. Surviving Fr. Stewart are his wife, Lou Gallagher, three children and four grandchildren.

The Rev. **Romilly Timmins**, priest of the Diocese of Texas, died Nov. 13 in Round Rock, TX. He was 74.

Fr. Timmins was born in Baytown, TX, and was a graduate of the University of Texas and the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He was ordained a deacon in 1959 and priest in 1960. He has served in the following positions, all in Texas: vicar of Christ Church, Eagle Lake; rector of St. Philip's, Uvalde; rector of St. Alban's, Harlingen; rector of St. Andrew's, Bryan; and vicar of Grace Church, Georgetown. He is survived by his wife, Janet.

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FULL-TIME RECTOR: St. James Episcopal Church, Mesilla Park (Las Cruces), NM. St. James Church is seeking a full-time rector to lead our parish. Our parish is centered on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and stand together in seeing the Bible as God's Word written. We seek an orthodox, experienced, Spirit-led, energetic rector for our parish of approximately 400 baptized members to further develop our existing programs and our family / youth ministries. St. James holds two services each Sunday (Rite I 8am and Rite II 10:30am) for a combined attendance of about 200 plus a smaller Wednesday morning (10am) service. The parish is united theologically and sound financially. St. James is located adjacent to the New Mexico State University campus, which has historically been very involved with the parish. A summary profile of the parish is available on request. Please contact the search committee chair: Jim Libbin, 2081 Desert Willow Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4990. E-mail: ilibbin@nmsu.edu.

CATHEDRAL DEAN: The Cathedral Church of St. John in Albuquerque, NM, seeks a priest with a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ, who has energy, vision, and a willingness to make a long-term commitment as dean and rector. The new dean will be responsible for working with the Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande to forge an expanded ministry as the mother church of a diocese that reaches into two states. As rector of the cathedral parish s/he will be responsible for the leadership and care of a large and diverse urban parish. The strengths of the cathedral parish include beautiful liturgy in the English cathedral tradition, offered in a splendid church building and supported by a dynamic music program; extensive outreach among our downtown neighbors; and a multi-use facility where a variety of organizations are welcomed by the parish. The challenges that face us include the revitalization of the ministry of Christian education for all ages, growth in stewardship, and the updating of beautiful but

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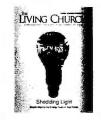
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