

**Rector's  
Ramblings**

Continuing with questions about the Liturgy.

Q: What is the difference between Rite I and Rite II, and who chooses which Rite to use.

A: The answer is "I" Roman Numeral.

In all seriousness, this is a good question and could be the subject of a major article. In my view, the differences lie in three main areas.

1. The use of "contemporary" and "traditional language". Rite I maintains the earlier prayerbook usage of "Thee/Thou", the Caroline endings to verbs (-est, -eth), and the traditional responses. Thus, Rite I has the feel of being "antiquated". Rite I is the liturgy that is closer in agreement with the standard Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Communion, the 1662 edition.

2. Rite II is a product of the Liturgical Movement of the last century. It has more variations in liturgical elements and prayers. It also takes cues from the ecumenical movement. It is not uniquely Anglican



**Midweek Ignatius of Antioch**

We are moving quickly through some of the New Testament Apocrypha. This week we will be reading from the Epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch, one of the most influential members of the second generation of the Church.

Copies of the Epistles will be available on Sunday.

**Breakfast Fellowship**

Women's Breakfast will meet at 8:30 on 9/14.

Men's Breakfast will meet at 8:00 on 9/21

**Instructed Eucharist**

By request there will be an Instructed Eucharist on 10/6 at both services. This is an excellent opportunity to enter more fully the meaning of our liturgy and invite others who might have questions about what we do, and why we do it, to join you for worship.

**Adult Forum**

An Adult Forum will be held at 9AM each Sunday during the time for Children's Catechesis. This is an informal gathering to answer questions and have discussion about the Church and its life in the world.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - This Fall**

(Prayer D being "Eastern"), but receives those elements from the wider Church through the Anglican lens. It is the general purpose liturgy that visiting Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and other liturgical protestants can easily enter.

3. It is in the area of the content of the Eucharistic Prayers that I find the biggest difference. In Rite II there are various elements of the purpose of Christ are emphasized within the Eucharistic Prayers. This is why the prayers are changed depending upon the season. In Rite I there are two options, but the second is really just a short form of the first. The Eucharistic Prayer in Rite I is centered on the Cross and, therefore, the Atonement. This gives the appearance that Rite I is the penitential rite and why so many congregations use it during Lent. However, the real difference that I see between the Rites is that Rite I emphasizes the deep human need for the mercy of God and continually calls upon God for that mercy. It is not that this is not present in Rite II, but Rite II can be used to emphasize so many different parts of the Divine Economy, whereas, Rite I stays focused on mercy.

As for who chooses which to use, that is entirely the responsibility of the Rector. Although, a wise

This week starts a brand-new year with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! Throughout the summer, we have been priming and painting, cutting and pasting, sanding and sealing. There have been many volunteers who came to help on Thursday nights; thank you for coming out! A special thank you to Roy Laws, Harry Bray, Susan Teoro, and Shelley Carter is in order. Their skilled and continued contributions have come together to produce essential materials for the program.

Pardon us, as our mess in making materials is still taking over the basement. Don't just note the mess; come and see what's happening! We are assembling and finishing materials for younger children, especially ones that will enable them to encounter God, themselves. As they work with the Parable of the Good Shepherd or Mingling Water and Wine or exploring Baptism, they will encounter the Mysteries of our faith, and there begin to understand the Covenant Relationship God calls us to in Christ, the Good Shepherd. For the older children, we are creating materials and another space for them to explore our faith in more depth. They see the wider world and want to know what this life is we have in Jesus, the True Vine (found in John 15), and how they can live in the world and love others as Jesus commanded. They also want to know how they fit into God's Kingdom, and His plan to bring all of Creation to a fullness of life, and we are finishing materials and the room to help them explore these themes.

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### **Items of the Month**

Through September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list includes items for individuals for grades Kindergarten through 5th grades. For example, the First grade list includes: Elmer's white glue, large box of facial tissues, large washable classic Crayola markers and backpack (no wheels). Please see the complete list for supplies for all grades. The supply lists are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and near the collection baskets. Place your supplies in the baskets in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the parish hall.

In addition, the PTO at Oakland School collects Box Tops for Education. Every valid Box Top clip is worth 10 cents for Oakland School. Some participating companies are: Nestle, Annie's, Nature Valley, Pillsbury and Paper Mate. You can cut out Box Top labels from packaged items and place them in the designated box in the Narthex. Or, you can download the Box Top app, scan your receipts, and start earning that way. Eventually, the Box Top clips will be phased out of production. Thank you for supporting Oakland School & Outreach Comm.

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO](#)

Rector will always take local custom into account in making that decision. That said, every priest has the responsibility, and obligation, to follow the rubrics and the prayers as written. In a way the rubrics and canons are a way to limit the clergy in what they can do liturgically while granting responsibility for the worship life of the local congregation.

Thanks for the questions, and keep them coming.

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Springfield

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**Sojourner Truth Reenactment**  
McLean County Museum of History and  
Second Presbyterian Church  
host a celebration of  
Sojourner Truth's visit to Bloomington in 1879.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:00 pm  
Second Presbyterian Church  
404 N. Prairie Street Bloomington, Illinois

Sojourner Truth is returning to Second Presbyterian Church on the 140th anniversary of her appearance there on September 18, 1879. The evangelist, abolitionist, women's rights activist and author, delivered a public lecture at the church on that date. To celebrate, Reenactor Patricia James Davis of Springfield will reminisce about Sojourner's life and why she dedicated herself to correcting injustices. Sojourner Truth, born a slave, became a free woman in 1826. Her strong Christian faith led her to preach about abolitionism and equal rights for all. Her fame grew following her legendary "Ain't I a Woman?" speech, delivered at a women's rights convention in Ohio in 1851. She continued her crusade for the rest of her life, earning an audience with President Abraham Lincoln and becoming one of the world's best-known human rights crusaders. Her visit to Bloomington came at the end of her long life when she was traveling to Kansas to see the fruits of her labor on behalf of the freedmen. The 1879 exodus of tens of thousands of freed people from southern states to Kansas was the culmination of one of her most fervent prayers. Sojourner Truth's public lecture at the Second Presbyterian Church was her method of covering the expense of her journey. By all contemporary accounts, it was very well received by McLean County citizens. The celebration of her visit will feature the combined choirs of several local churches. Wayman A.M.E. Church is also a sponsor. There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served following the hour-long event.

For more information contact McLean County Museum of History 309-827-0428 or visit the website [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org)

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## **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

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### **Worship Serving Schedule**

15-September 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

22-September 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Liam Halt

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Susan & Eric Teoro

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of September 15**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes \*

Tuesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba \*

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist  
6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday -7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer \*  
2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
5:30 p.m.-Zumba \*

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast fellowship

*Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*\* Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **Readings for September 15, 2019**

Hymns: #362, #506, #690

Old Testament

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51:1-11

*Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  
2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.  
4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.  
6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.  
7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.  
8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

#### The Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his

shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries September 15 - 21**

#### *Anniversaries*

#### *Birthdays*

Bella Levine

Kim Bray

Devan Roberson

Linda Stawick

### **Dedications for this week:**

### **Collect for 14th Sunday after Pentecost, September 15th**

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reignth, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

