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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

There were questions last Sunday that I did not have time to answer, and so over the next several weeks I will take this space to do so.

Q: What is the response at the offertory?

A: There could be several, but one is local custom (not in the BCP). Here the priest says, "All things come of Thee/You, O God." The response is, "And of Thine/Your own have we given Thee/You." (Thee/You, Thine/Your is changed to the appropriate Rite I or II language.)

Q: Where and why do I bow during the procession?

A: We first have to know why we have processions. The simple answer is to get people where they need to be for the service. Processions are most proper when we will be starting the service outside of the Nave or leaving the Nave together for a special purpose. In general, we do not need an entrance or exit procession most Sundays as we can simply have people gather in the Sanctuary and begin when all are ready. However, local custom is to have a procession at the beginning and end of the

## The Good News

September 6, 2019



### 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.

### Theology Uncorked

Meets next Sunday, 8 September, at 6PM.  
Topic: The Wrath of God.

### 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.

### Outreach Opportunities

#### Items of the Month

Through September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list

service. In those cases, it is appropriate to bow, or reverence, when the processional cross passes you. The other time it is appropriate to reverence, or bow, is when the Bishop is present and passes by you in procession. Here it is simply an acknowledgment of his presence and a request for a blessing.

Thanks for the questions, and keep them coming.

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

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Twitter--@BloomingtonSt

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.

## **Catechists of the Good Shepherd**

We are just a week away from starting 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.

Much work has gone into this program. Please don't keep it a secret! If you know any parents of children, ages 3-9, bring them to our Parent Night this Thursday, 5-7pm. Children are welcome. They would also be welcome to bring their children

starting for our Sunday School Launch, next Sunday, 9/15 at 9:00. We hope to see you there, too! You're officially invited to come explore the classrooms after church.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

8-September 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Dedee Champion, Janet Hoffman, Martha Carroll

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

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of September 1**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

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

9:00 a.m.-Outreach Committee meets, Parish Hall

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Monday-ISO Auditions (day time, throughout the building) \*

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

8:00 a.m.-ISO Auditions \*  
 10:00 p.m.-Quilters  
 6:00 p.m.-Zumba \*  
 Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
     2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
     4:30 p.m.-RST meeting \*  
     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 \*  
     5:00 p.m.-CGS parents walk-thru  
 Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
 Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Women's Breakfast fellowship  
     10:00 a.m.-Zumba \*  
     2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

*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 8, 2019**

Hymns: #427, S 278, #691, #655, #473

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the

wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.  
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.  
4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment  
comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### The Epistle

#### Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our  
sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in  
your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God  
because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith  
toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may  
do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and  
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints  
have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command  
you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the  
basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also  
as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my  
child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my  
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is  
indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is,  
my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so  
that he might be of service to me in your place during my  
imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing  
without your consent, in order that your good deed might be  
voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason  
he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have  
him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a  
beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you,  
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would  
welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you  
anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this

with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries September 8 - 14**

#### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Jim Cooper

Ray Durham

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

*The Memorial lamp is lit in loving memory of*

***Marc Feaster***

*by Morris Feaster*

### **Collect for 13th Sunday after Pentecost, September 8th**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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