



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

March 6, 2019

Message from Thack

Last Ash Wednesday I took ashes to some parishioners at Thomas Hospital and then took them to Donna Nolte in her office at the hospital. Several of her officemates asked if I would impose ashes on them as well, which I gladly did. Within minutes, I found myself in the middle of Donna's office where one after another, she and her officemates paused to receive a cross of ash and to hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (BCP, p. 265). Interestingly, Donna was the only Episcopalian in her office.

The imposition of ashes dates back to the 11th Century. Its Biblical basis is found in the Book of Daniel where he writes, "So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes." (Daniel 9:3). The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of our mortality.

I want to believe Donna's officemates were open and eager to receive ashes because deep down, when we pause to consider it, we can't help but recognize our own mortality. Also, when we are honest with ourselves, we surely know our lives could be better than they are. Quite probably, by our manner of living, we have broken the hearts of others, our own, and certainly God's since last Ash Wednesday. Maybe that's why folks yearn for the sign of Christ's cross traced on their foreheads. The ashen cross represents the promise of grace, forgiveness, and a fresh start.

This Wednesday, we will gather together at St. Paul's and share in this ritual once more. Later that afternoon, I will go to Thomas Hospital and offer this reminder to any and all who yearn once more to experience Christ's promise of grace and forgiveness through the imposition of ashes. My prayer for all of us is that we will yearn for clean hearts and fresh starts. May God's grace and forgiveness be received as gifts which will have their way in our lives.

Peace, Thack

Prayer from Thack for the Tornado Victims

Most gracious God, in your mercy bring peace to those who lost loved ones and their property in the recent tornados in Lee County, Alabama. Help them to feel your loving presence during this difficult time. Continue to encourage and protect the first responders as they search for those still missing. Use the relief workers as your instruments of grace and compassion to the survivors, and may you be a constant source of strength to those affected by these storms. As for those who died, may their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through your mercy, rest in peace. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Lenten Services and Special Programs

Great Wednesday Lenten Study Series at 6:00 pm in Malone Hall

The Crucified Life, Meditations on Jesus' Last Seven Words from the Cross.

Wednesday, March 13:
Forgiveness and Salvation

Wednesday, March 20:
Relationship

Wednesday, March 27:
Distress

Wednesday, April 3:
Abandonment

Wednesday, April 10:
Reunion and Triumph

Holy Week Services: April 14-April 20

Palm Sunday - April 14 - 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Taize Prayer with Holy Eucharist - April 15 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday Holy Eucharist - April 16 - 6:00 pm

Tenebrae - April 17 - 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing - April 18 - 6:00 pm

Good Friday - April 19 - NOON

Stations of the Cross - April 19 - 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday - April 20 - 9:00 am

The Great Vigil of Easter - April 20 - 7:30 pm

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Easter Sunday - April 21 - 8 am, 10:30 am

... add a little **LIFE** to your March calendar ...

JOIN friends, family and fellow daubers

Friday, March 22 at 6:00pm

for a delicious spaghetti dinner

followed by “intense daubing” as we play 11 games of **BINGO**

spaghetti dinner served at 6:00pm for \$5 a plate

BINGO begins at 6:30pm ... play 11 games for \$20 a game packet

REAL **CA\$H** money is given as a prize at the end of each game!

win some money and **support LIFE** at St. Paul’s!!

see ya’ **Friday, March 22!**

Join in a night of “brush ‘n burn” to support St. Paul’s **PLAYGROUND** project ...

Do you have a **LENTEN** urge to pick up a paint brush and help the **PRESCHOOL** paint angels on paver stones and prayers on pickets ... to fund the **playground** project?

Well let us help YOU with that urge! Join us on **Thursday, March 14** beginning **at 6pm** for a night of “brush ‘n burn” as we paint angels on paver stones and wood-burn prayers on pickets! This night is open to anyone – teens to those of us decades beyond – a fun night of creating together for the greater glory ... to have fun and make a friend is lagniappe! All materials provided – just need YOU to make the night productive and fun ... moms and daughters, teens and twenties, dads and sons, platinum and silver ... whatever your category come join in the fun as we make the paver stones and pickets that will fund the **playground** project for months to come ... and I expect this to be the first of many fun nights of creating!! Come check us out – and see how you can help!! Call Linda McNamara (251.610.4959) or Elizabeth Faust (251.626.2774) for details. **See ya’ Thursday, March 14 - 6pm to 9pm - LIFE center!!**

“PAINT THE TOWN” at EXCEPTIONAL ARTS 2019

The **Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast** is busy creating masterful works of art for sale during this year’s EXCEPTIONAL ARTS 2019. Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, April 25 from 5:00pm until 7:30pm** ... and plan to gather with friends for a creative and exciting evening of food, drink, music, fellowship and of course **EXCEPTIONAL** art! A variety of one-of-a-kind art masterpieces will be offered at live auction and in EFGC’s own gallery shop! All proceeds from this event stay right here at EFGC and fund this important non-profit in supporting the lives of special needs adults with social and recreational programs.

You can help EFGC with your purchase of a \$30 ticket, or be a sponsorship donor:

The Monet for \$100 gives recognition and 2 complimentary tickets

The Rembrandt for \$250 gives recognition and 4 complimentary tickets

The DaVinci for \$500 gives recognition and 6 complimentary tickets

The Picasso for \$1000 gives recognition, a swag bag of original art and 8 tickets

The Van Gough for \$5000 gives permanent recognition, swag bag of art and 10 tickets

Contact Jennifer Flad, at EFGC 251.625.8955 or Linda McNamara at 251.610.4959 for info



As some of you know we’ve been having coffee hour after 10:30 service for some time now! Enjoying meeting visitors and learning new things about people we thought we knew. A really happy, supportive time. I urge you to come and share in the goodies and the fellowship that are being served.

Next Sunday we will have a signup sheet out for those who would like to bring something to share. Some of you have asked to be included and we are happy to share this fun with everyone.

See you Sunday at Coffee Hour. Be sure to invite folks at 10:30 to come over and stay for a minute or two. Jeanne and Eileen



You can now fill out your 2019 Pledge Card electronically through our website. You may do this by going to www.stpaulseashore.com, on the left hand side, you will see Charitable Gifts.

In that box there is a button that says **2019 Pledge Card**. Click on that button and it will open the electronic form. It will be automatically sent to the church office once you click **submit**. If you have not turned one in yet, please fill out a pledge card as soon as possible.

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Dave Baldock, Mike Cerps, Suzanne Damour, Donna Dowd, Mary Jane Jones, Gertrude Malbis, Bob McKnight, Lou Morgan, Elsie Mosher, John Rodenbacker, Phyllis Springen, Matt Snow, Kathy Walker

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marie Baggett, Pat Brislin, Clayton Brunson, Marsha Butler, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Margaret Cummins, Suzanne Galloney, Dee Grantham, Carol Hafner, Wanda Hall, Ray Hamilton, Trevor Hawkes, Susan Hill, Theresa Johnson, Stan Keel, David and Betty Lee, Andy Lipps, Dick McBride, Lance Monley, Daisy Moore, Ross Moore, Sara Patton, Al Rawls, Loren Rudolf, Mary Rudolf, Marcia Rydin, Bennie Savage, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Jed Steber, Albert Thompson, Sallie Thornton, Jane Watkins, Jayna White, Rick Zwickey

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 834

For the Departed: Cynthia Conger

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 498

For Those Serving in the Military:

Ryan Bowman, Matthew Cheatham, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Diana Evans, Landis Fouts, Deron Frailie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Taylor Santa Cruz, Neil Sevelius, Derek Siegel, Andy Tuttle, James Wallin, Brad Yonkers

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 823

For those with Birthdays:

March 1-31

(01) David H. Johnson, Jessica James, (02) Nancy Dziubakowski, Brittany Norman, Causey Thompson, (03) Mary Lister, (04) Phyllis Bruce, Boyd Turnipseed, Philip Dobbins, (05) Shastady Bridges, (06) Erica McDonald, (07) Hoot Gibson, Meredith Portman, Mackenzie Nolte, Barrett Hornung, (08) Airrior Norwood, Matt Lovitt, (09) Owen Dalto, (10) Tara Smith, (11) Shirley Hirs, Judy Williams, Sophia Rains, (12) Eleanor Reeves, Jenna Meshejian, Julianna Rains, (13) Alyson Jackson, (15) Freda McDonald, Valerie Conner, Elizabeth Dike, William Nicolson, (16) Richard Dodson, Tootsie Bryant, Kim Nolte, Jill Lott, Daniel Reeves, AnnMarie Turpen, Dusty DeNeefe, Julia Johnson, (18) Avos Stickney, Janet Penry, Justin Dimoff, Caleb Miller, (19) Bill Carr, Liston Jones, Virginia Harris, Samantha Davis, (20) Gaye Wilson, (21) Mary Thompson, Borden Morrow, Linda Hamilton, Jackson Chamberlain, (22) Joseph Cox, (23) Eric Brueggemann, (24) Eileen Head, Jim Gulledege, (25) Jack Taylor, (27) Tracie Knight, Graham Robertson, David Taylor, (29) Ack Moore, Jr., Grayson Allison, (30) Susan Pittman, (31) Susan Hurst, Gary Lathan, Karen Thomason

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 830

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Wednesday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Healing Service
Wednesday
12:00 pm (Noon)

Thursday Worship

3rd Thursday of each month:
Taize Prayer
(Narthex)
7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday

Christian Education
Adults (Malone Hall)
9:15 am

Children's Chapel

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
6:00 am

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Library)
10:30 am

Great Wednesday

(Malone Hall)
6:00 pm
Supper and Study

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Term Ending

December 31, 2019

Sue Cody
Alice Frederick
Michael Koepp, Jr. Warden
Tom Walker

December 31, 2020

Bill Harrison, Sr. Warden
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller
Donna Nolte

December 31, 2021

Donna Brown
Kathy Mallory
Ken McNamara
Michael Quinn
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8:00 a.m. — Noon (Friday)

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*