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Well, we've made it to May (Did you know that May 1 is also Beltane, a time for appreciating the fruitfulness of the earth and praying for its continuance? Celebrated with bonfires, dancing and, of course, feasting.). How is everyone? It looks as if we may begin opening to church again this month, although we don't know yet exactly how that will work. It will be wonderful to be together in church again, to begin getting back to life.

The meantime, don't forget to mail your pledge—the bills keep coming.

And, if you are one of our Holy Mowers (or would like to be one), get in touch with Junior Warden John McKendrew (<u>mckendrewjb@msn.com</u>, 301 481-2306). This is a wonderful ministry; you are giving the blessing of beauty to everyone who sees our campus (and you can see and enjoy it too).

The new Forward Day by Day booklets are here; even if we aren't in the church on Sundays, you can stop by and pick up a copy from the front porch of the parish hall.





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O Comforter, Draw Near

Loaves

Dear Friends,

I have been reminded in the Pandemic Easter that the most effective preaching is not done from the pulpit on Sunday morning. It is done in hospital rooms, grocery stores, retirement centers, at service stations, at curbside pick-up, post offices, convenience stores, calling and writing family and friends, home schooling your children, eating dinner together, and in nighttime prayers.

This is where Christians live out their discipleship. Sometimes preaching is done by means other than words. Simple acts of selfless love say more about God than volumes of verbal testimony. As C.S. Lewis has commented, the good news is often spread by a kind of infection, one person "catching it" from another. A fitting phrase during this time in our global life together.

Believe or not Sunday May 31 is the feast of Pentecost. I envision our reunion in some form or other on that high and holy day. God grants us the privilege of sharing God's redeeming work not because God requires our expertise and eloquence, but for the joy we receive in sharing in God's work. Our activities can

be the means God uses to open the way of new life, but they are always means, never ends.

As we anticipate the phased relaxing of restrictions, our prayers continue for all those who suffer from the coronavirus, those who serve the critically ill, first responders, and all frontline service workers. We are called to help those who bear great responsibility to share their burden through prayer, empathy and connection as best as we can.

Even though the rhythm of our worship together has been disrupted, we remain people of faith, hope and love. I pray that this disrupted time deepens



our relationship with God, and strengthens and prepares us for the work we shall have ahead in the season of Pentecost.

Come down, of Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

(Hymnal 1982, Hymn 516; Bianco da Siena d. 1434?)

Faithfully, Beverly+

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What Would Love Do?

I commend to you this week Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's **Word to the Church: What Would Love Do?** Please take time, when you have time for prayerful reflection, to listen to his fifteen-minute address. Your soul will thank you.

Near the end, Bishop Curry quotes his mentor and friend, the late Verna Dozier:

Kingdom of God thinking calls us to risk. We always see through a glass darkly, and that is what faith is about. I will live by the best I can discern today. Tomorrow I may find out I was wrong. Since I do not live by being right, I am not destroyed by being wrong. The God revealed in Jesus, whom I call the Christ, is a God whose forgiveness goes ahead of me, and whose love sustains me and the whole created world. That God bursts all the definitions of our small minds, all the limitations of our timid efforts, all the boundaries of our institutions.

Should you, like me, be afflicted with the sin of perfectionism, you might consider joining me in this prayer mantra from Dozier's wisdom: Since I do not live by being right, I am not destroyed by being wrong. God's forgiveness goes ahead of me.

The Presiding Bishop's office has also produced two companion prayer resources available for download:

- Living the Way of Love During
 Pandemic
- <u>Prayers for Self, Community and the</u> <u>World During Pandemic</u>

You might print them for your personal use or to mail to those for whom you are praying now.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars: Presiding Bishop Curry will once again preach from Washington National Cathedral on the Feast of Pentecost, May 31 at 11:15 EST.

We are blessed by the love and leadership of our Presiding Bishop.



Prayer is not a way to get what we want.

Prayer may be less about asking for the things we are attached to than it is about relinquishing our attachments. It can take us beyond fear, which is an attachment, and

beyond hope, which is another form of attachment. It can help us remember the nature of the world and the nature of life, not on an intellectual level but in a deep and

nature of life, not on an intellectual level but in a deep and experiential way.

When we pray, we don't change the world, we change ourselves.

We change our consciousness.

We move from an individual, isolated making-thingshappen kind of consciousness to connection on the deepest level with the largest possible reality.

Turning towards prayer is a release from the arrogance and vulnerability of individual causality.

When we pray, we stop trying to control life and remember that we belong to life.

It is an opportunity to experience humility and grace. Prayer is a movement from mastery to mystery.

As a human being, I can never hope to have the depth and breadth of perspective to know whether any of my actions will ultimately harm or heal.

Yet I hope that I may be used to serve a holy purpose without ever knowing.

Perhaps there is only one prayer: "In this moment, I am here. Use me."

~~Rachel Naomi Remen

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This is a stressful, uncertain time for many of us. Here are some thoughts on small ways to ease the tension.

Going for a walk is always good, and especially so now when we are cooped up at home so much of the time. As any child knows, coloring is a wonderful way to focus on something that's not today's big worry. Here are two pages that require enough attention to take your mind off viruses for a while. Some people have kept journals for years; if you haven't now might be a good time to start. You can record this extraordinary time, a record for your grandchildren. Or, as Rudy has done, you might try your hand at fiction. If other young people have been writing stories as they study at home, the newsletter would be a good place to share them. As always, prayer has a place here.

Compline is a lovely service, easily adapted for bedtime prayer for an individual or a family. Since not everyone has a Book of Common Prayer, here is the form. If this becomes one of your favored rituals, you might want to order from Forward Movement Hour by Hour, a little book of the daily office. It takes one through the week, with morning prayer, noon prayer, evening prayer, and compline.

Officiant

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect

end. Amen.

Officiant

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People

The maker of Heaven and earth.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and people

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

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For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins.

and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant

O God, make Speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and people

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as

it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. *One or more of the following Psalms*

Psalm 4 Cum invocarem

- Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my praver.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,"Oh, that we might see better times!"Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, OLORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.
 - Psalm 31 In te, Domine, speravi
- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.



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- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
 Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*
- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,"You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes only have to behold to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;I am with him in trouble;I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134 Ecce nunc

1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9,22*

People

Thanks be to God

or this

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

People

Thanks be to God

or

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Hebrews 13:20-21

People

Thanks be to God

or

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

People

Thanks be to God

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung. Then follows

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of

K. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Officiant

Lord, hear our prayer;

People

And let our cry come to you.

Officiant

Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of these Collects

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen*

or

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free

to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All repeat the Antiphon

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God. **The Officiant concludes**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen*.

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O King of Glory and Lord of Valors, our warrior and our peace, who said, "Be of Good Cheer, I have overcome the world," be thou victorious in us thy servants. Grant thy compassion to go before us, thy compassion to come behind us; before us in our understanding, behind us in our ending. And when I now say that 'thy will be done', who dost will that all should be saved? Thy will is our salvation, our glory and our joy." ~~Alcuin of York

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Bomber 7249 by Rudy Austin

On Galek reports are coming in from across Confederate territory of surprise attacks from Venieren space. The first of many contingency plans is activated, This plan, the so-called Impossible plan called for the bombing of several Venieren Military, Naval, and Aerospace installations. Many brave Pilots died in these attacks, but one pilot managed to do the near-impossible, this is his story.

Having been instructed to head to the briefing room, I could only wonder why we were being called there. The answer came as soon as the last of my squadron arrived, my Commanding Officer, Captain Charlie, informed us of our mission, to destroy Canton base, and destroy Turnap Airbase. As he put it:

"The Venieren Empire has launched a surprise assault on Confederate Defense Installations across our shared border."

"Sir, may I ask what our target is?" asked Sergeant Dean.

"Canton base and Turnap Airbase, Sergeant."

Everyone fell silent in shock. Canton and Turnap bases were easily some of the best defended bases in the Charian line, a defensive line stretching 19 light years from Charia to Mentoa.

"Dismissed." Captain Charlie said.

As I reached my ship, the *Enolga*, I called to my crew to prepare to launch the bomber. Across the hanger other pilots were calling to their crews as well. In the midst of all this I thought to myself, "why would they do this?"

During the prepping of the ship, a bridge officer came up to me and asked me to come with him. As I followed him to the bridge my curiosity grew and grew until I finally had to ask.

"Why am I being summoned to the bridge?"

"I don't know why, but I can speculate."

"Then speculate."

"I have been ordered to take you to the admiral and then resume normal duties, after you are dismissed I am to take you back, so my best guess is that you play into something big that Admiral Falin is planning, but that's just me."

We make our way to the bridge in silence. Once we get there my guide goes over to a comm's relay, while I am mesmerized by the view from inside the warp tunnel, while not the real view, the viewscreens show the image justice. I do not realize I am being called to until captain Charlie taps me on my shoulder snapping me out of my mesmerized state.

"Come on, the admiral wants a word with both of us," he says.

I follow him over to a holo-map table, where a map of Charia hovers.

"This is the Target area; your squadron is going to come in from the South-Eastern sector," says Admiral Falin.

"Why not one massive wave?" I ask.

"So that Their AA Turrets will be more easily overwhelmed," he states matter-of-factly.

"Remember to stay on the path, your route is threading between Calcutta base and Mestoa Mountain," Charlie says.

"Dismissed," Admiral Falin says to both of us. "Yes Sir," we reply in unison.

When I head to leave, the Officer who escorted me offers to show me the way back, but I decline, so that I won't impede Bridge Operations.

The second the *Endurance* exits the warp tunnel our squadrons launch, entering the atmosphere at high speeds. Upon reaching the Yendour Delta, we pull up, leveling out, and heading South-West for 47 minutes before seeing the outskirts of Turnap Airbase. Their AA Turrets training on our position and opening fire, their collective sound so loud that messages cannot be heard at all. As I look around, I notice that around 4 kilometers from here three bomber squadrons are bombing an enemy airbase, and while I look at them, I slowly realize that We are targeting Calcutta Airbase.

"Pull up, Pull up!" I shout over the comm, hoping to hit the correct target once we escape, but I see that is hopeless once the Charter comms in.

"Negative we're too badly damaged, we'd get shot down."

"Aim to splash down in Chandar Lake." "Yes sir."

With that taken care of the rest of us can break off the attack safely, until I see the airbase spitting out T-19 Class R Interceptors in scattered ones and twos. That airbase complicates our withdrawal, it has to be taken out, I think to myself.

"Lyro" I say, " swap over to the Holo-Map and watch the Charter."

"Yes sir."

As I take over the bombing controls, I simultaneously

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angle towards the airbase going in at the perfect angle so that with some fancy flying I can take them all out in one pass. Once I reach 100 meters from the first airbase, I drop the first bomb, Then the second 4 seconds later, Then the next, And the next every 4 seconds, until I've depleted all my bombs. The collective blasts destroyed or disabled every T-19 In the area, and as we fly away, seconds before I turn on autopilot, Lyro shouts in surprise.

"Sir a T-19 is tailing us."

I waste no time in asking what or how, Instead I pull hard up and roll left, then dive down continuing the roll, and sure enough the T-19 opens up trying to catch us before we finish the dive. Then I pull up, maneuvering the *Enolga* into a position approximately 13 meters ahead and 4 above the T-19, then, performing an ascending roll, smack my wing into the side of the T-19's Cockpit, disabling the T-19 in one fluid move, and I watch as the remains of the plane descend smoking to the ground. I see a parachute unfurl, most likely the pilot, but I do not worry for there is no way he could survive long enough to reach a medical bay. At least That's what I thought, not what I hoped.



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A Prayer for our Time

Holy God,

who created us for and from love, in this time of social distancing, hold us close in your arms. Comfort those who are afraid, enliven those who are bored, give courage to those who are distressed, and warm those who feel the cold touch of loneliness. Breathe in, with and through us as we walk through uncertainty into a new future knowing that you are with us now and await us there. In the name of Christ the Beloved we pray.

Amen.

~~The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King,



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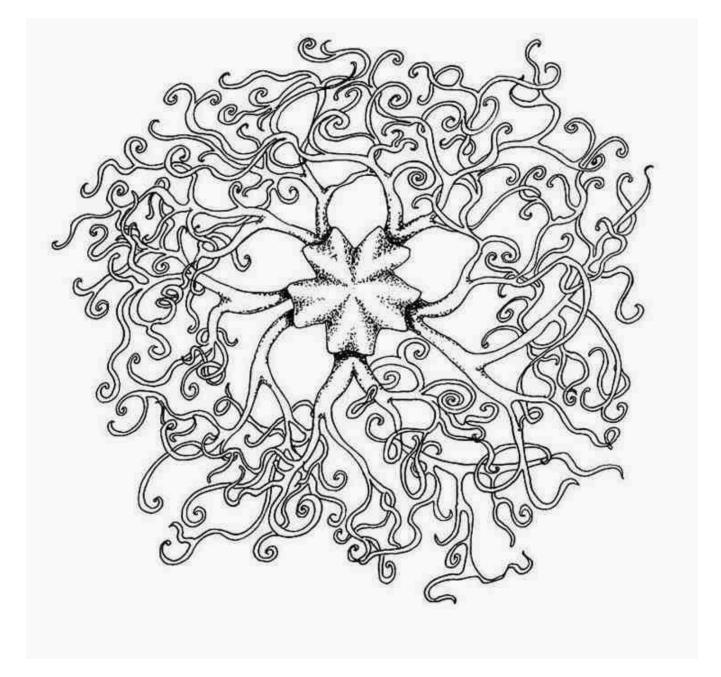
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A certain percentage of those who have survived near-death experiences report catching a glimpse of life's basic lesson plan. We are all here for a single purpose: to grow in wisdom and to learn to love better. We can do this through losing as well as through winning, by having and by not having, by succeeding or by failing. All we need to do is to show up openhearted for class.

~~Rachel Naomi Remen

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For some reason we human beings seem to learn best how to love when we're a bit broken, when our plans fall apart, when our myths of our selfsufficiency and goodness and safety are shattered. ~~Kathleen Norris, The Cloister Walk

May 3

8:00 a.m.

Chalice and readings: Acolyte: Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallalu Coffee hour:

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Nancy Edwards 1st reading and psalm: Daniel Ulrich 2nd reading and chalice: Chuck Stickney Acolytes: team D Ushers: Ulrich family Coffee hour:

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Chalice and readings: Acolyte: Altar duty: Susan Bennett and Hilary Gill Coffee hour:

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Susan Bennett 1st reading and psalm: Sam Walls 2nd reading and chalice: Kim Stickney Acolytes: team D Ushers: Bradford family Coffee hour:

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The deepest test of our day is not medical but moral. Continue to be faithful and check on those who are alone. Stuff is not salvation. Be kind and be safe.

~~Rabbi David Wolpe 10

Looking for Someone?

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Yes, the Thrift Shop is closed now, but we'll be open for business again in a month or so, and we need volunteers. Sorting (your chance to have first dibs) is done every Tuesday. Selling is every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Selling days are also an opportunity to take advantage of the great bargains that come our way, but, even more, they're an opportunity to meet some interesting people you might not otherwise know. And, working in the Shop is a ministry; we are the face of St. Andrew's to many people. We are able to hear their stories, to respond in many ways, to contribute to our St. Andrew's family and to the community. What's not to like?



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