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DECLARING PEACE

Since the 1960's, one of the most remarked-upon elements of the new liturgies has been the introduction of "the peace" as a principal, even defining moment, in public worship. While the idea of peace - the peace of God, the peace of the church, the peace of sins forgiven and tranquil consciences - has always been expressed in historic liturgies, including the Prayer Book, in the new liturgies it is expressed in "the exchange of a sign of peace" - handshakes and hugs, sometimes shared with great enthusiasm, as clergy and laity leave their places and "work the crowd". For "old school" Episcopalians and Anglicans, accustomed to the reserve and dignity of traditional worship, the outbreak of the peace in the midst of the liturgy - often at a point after the confession and absolution and before the eucharistic prayer - has been one of the chief points of complaint with the new liturgies. It is often experienced as destructive of the meditative interiority necessary to prayer - not a taste of peace but of pandemonium.

For other Episcopalians and Anglicans, however, it is precisely this reserve and interiority that is criticized as a kind of selfish individualism. It is in the physical solidarity of the gathered community

that they identify a powerful sign of the Spirit's working in the church, a sign of spiritual authenticity and inclusivity. Only the threat of epidemic sets any limit to the ritualized group dynamics: during the SARS outbreak in Toronto worshippers were instructed to bow to one another in a fashion that one only sees in the most elaborate catholic ceremonial or in certain Asian cultures. It is a significant indicator of the importance of the peace to the new liturgies, that confession and absolution are often (or always) optional (and sometimes omitted altogether, as in a wedding or ordination) - but the peace is always required. No liturgy is complete without community-building social interaction among the gathered worshippers, and it is in the community generated through such group dynamics rather than through repentance and forgiveness of sins that peace is anchored. What is primary is not *inner* peace, but the construction of external community through a network of personal relationships.

In the view of some contemporary theologians, the true idea of peace as found in the prophets of Israel - usually referred to by the Hebrew word *shalom* - is (to quote one of them), "firmly assigned to a historically unprecedented future.

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Dr. J. David Carson

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Mr. John H. Forbes

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy and Sally McAdoo Coy by Mr. Timothy E. Coy.

And in loving memory of Coke S. and Helen S. Blume, C. Redmond and Lorraine B. Gill and the Rev. Jeffrey Gill by their family.

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by their family.

And in thanksgiving for our priests and church family by Mr. and Mrs. William Schweigert Burdell III.

The flowers at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miss Sarah Alexander Patterson Summers by her family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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8:00
10:30 Clayton Compton
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Hawkins Pindar, Turner Stevens

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ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Hooker on Salvation. Fr. Dunbar, Chapel.
Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays—Conference Room. (David Noble).
“From Roaring Lions to Resurrection Life”: a study of *Daniel and the Son of Man*, led by Jack Wray. 3rd Floor S. classroom, Cranmer Hall.

MEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast & Study*—Fr. O'Brien (Parish House, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. **NEW:** *Judges, Samuel Kings*, Reading Room (Fr. Dunbar)

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Monday: Noon 1st *Corinthians* (Dr. Bergstrom) - Reading Room, Cranmer Hall (till end of June)
Thursday: 9:15 a.m.—*In recess till August*

SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING!

Parents &/or Grandparents are asked to sign up for one Sunday this summer, to teach a simple story-lesson to the Pre-School/ Kindergarten class at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up in Cranmer Hall or call Maryan Harrell 232-8887 or 272-7925.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11th June

ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

*Holy Communion with Morning or
Evening Prayer*

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

In the context of the exiled people's affliction, it becomes the inspirational dream of a new community-bonding social movement". When I read such definitions, however, it is not the influence of the prophets that strikes me so much as the language of contemporary social activism. I am also struck by the source and form of such peace: it is something realized in history (and only in history) through the mass-mobilization of human beings. In its essence, the peace of God appears to be something that human beings generate out of their well-intentioned group solidarity. Hence, the exchange of the sign of peace. In engaging in this practice, the church taps into the 'inspirational community-bonding energy of the prophetic vision to define its corporate identity'.

In this view, peace is more the work of man than of God; it is realized in time and history, not eternity; it is primarily external, and not inward. The vision of *shalom* is socially and politically "progressive", ready to scrap the disappointing present for the sake of a dream of the future, confident that nothing of value can be lost in that exchange. A brave new world of "peace, justice, and environmental integrity" is just around the corner for those with courage to embrace the new.

It is an intoxicating vision, and there are many who freely imbibe of it (at points, one may note, all across the ideological spectrum). Next week, I will argue for a dose of sobriety. *(To be continued)* GGD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 15TH—19TH *9 A.M. - NOON

Open (free of charge) to children 3 years old (and potty trained) through to those who have completed 1st grade and are moving into 2nd grade. Register Now! Volunteers Welcome.

SUMMER CHOIR

The Parish Choir would like to invite anyone who might like to try out for choir to join us for some or all summer Sundays, when the demands are lighter. Contact Dr. Taylor for more information.

TRUMPETS FOR TRINITY

(Continued from last week)

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Miss Sarah Alexander Patterson Summers by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford.

And in honour of the anniversary of Father Dunbar's Institution as Rector and Father O'Brien's Birthday by Mr. and Mrs. R. Bartley Turner and Family.

And in memory of Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. by Laura Wimbish.

And in honor of Elizabeth J. Butz, by Patricia A. Butz.

*The Church Office is closed Friday
afternoons till Labor Day.*

8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 188-190
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon —Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30 A.M. —ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Chapel, Conference Room & Cranmer Hall)

9:30 A.M. – Noon— PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN SUMMER PROGRAM

(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

10:30 A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

HYMN #370 *Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers* Graefenberg

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67

Summary of the Law 68

KYRIE ELEISON: #710 Healey Willan

Collect and Epistle 188, 189

HYMN #109 *Come, thou Holy Spirit, come* Veni Sancte Spiritus

The Holy Gospel 190

The Nicene Creed 71

HYMN #379 *Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost* Capetown

Children in Grades 1- 4 may exit following the Cross for Junior Choir.

SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERTORY

Sentences

Anthem: *Greater Love Hath No Man* John Ireland

Presentation of Alms #139

Prayer for the State of the Church 74

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Sursum Corda #734 76

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 Healey Willan

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The Lord's Prayer & Prayer of Humble Access (*said with the congregation*) 82

AGNUS DEI # 712 Healey Willan

HYMN #193 & 194 *Sion, Praise Thy Saviour* Lauda Sion/Bone Pastor

HYMN #196 *Bread of the World* Eucharistic Hymn

MOTET: *O How Sweet, O Lord* Healey Willan

Thanksgiving (*said with the congregation*) 83

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #739 Old Scottish Chant

The Blessing (*Kneeling*) 84

HYMN #479 *Love divine, all loves excelling* Hyfrydol

ORGAN: *Toccatà for Organ* John Weaver

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp 188—190.