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The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Refreshment or Mothering Sunday)

April 3, 2011

THIS SUNDAY - 5:15 P.M. – SACRED MUSIC - Lucy Sheils, soloist.

5:30 P.M. - CHORAL EVENSONG – Men, Boys & Girls Choir

Nursery available. No reception.

EVIL THOUGHTS

The collect for Lent's second Sunday asked for protection from "all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul" (Prayer Book p. 127). This language probably goes back to the Desert Fathers, men (and women) who went out into the deserts of Egypt to make war against the Devil, and against the "evil thoughts" or temptations by which he stirred up the evil passions in man: "for from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Matthew 15:20).

In the late fourth century, one of the desert fathers, Evagrius Ponticus, classified these "evil thoughts" in a list of eight: gluttony, lust, avarice, sadness (dejection), anger, acedia (listlessness), vainglory, and pride. This list, transmitted to the west by John Cassian in the 4th century, and revised late in the 6th century by Gregory the Great, eventually settled down in the 12th century to what are now commonly called the "seven deadly sins": pride, envy, anger, avarice, lust, gluttony, and acedia (or sloth). The popular moniker

is inexact, because all unrepented sin must be deadly in the long run. Gregory called them "principal vices", Thomas Aquinas "capital sins" – because they are the source ('caput', head or spring) of other sins. Generally speaking, these sins are inordinate loves – appetites or desires which in themselves belong to human nature but which have been disordered. The order of the list below follows that of Dante in the *Purgatorio*, in which Pride, Envy, and Anger (loves perverted) precede Acedia (love defective), and Avarice, Gluttony, and Lust (love excessive).

Pride is the definitive form of sin - inordinate love of self, especially of one's own importance. Pride is the primal sin of Satan: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God,... I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14). It is the sin of our first parents in the garden: "Ye shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:5). Pride goes with *presumption* (excessive self-confidence), *ambition* (inordinate love of honours, and authority over others)

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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.

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VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.

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Mr. Robert Brannen

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Andrew Gay Labrot, by Mrs. Andrew Gay Labrot and his children.

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DAILY LENTEN SERVICES

Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. William B. McNeal II
Mrs. Philip L. Perrie, Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 Austin Nichols
10:30 Kelley Compton
Oliver Maloney, Cord Helmken
Chris Dixon, John Osborne
Charles Perrie, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Frank P. Lee

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

- Clergy—Adult Confirmation (Chapel)
- Jack Wray (3rd Floor Classroom)—*David, Hezekiah, Josiah: Israel's Three Good Kings*
- David Noble—The Canterbury Tales—Reading Room, 3rd Floor.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. Bible Study—Reading Room

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.
Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.—Noon Bible Study
Thursday: 9:15 a.m.—*War in Heaven*—with Fr. O'Brien

AN EVENING IN VERONA

Candlelight Dinner for 12 People

Historic Green-Meldrum House.

Winner chosen—April 24, 2011

Dinner Held—May 29, 2011

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

Proceeds to benefit

St. John's Choir Residency at Wells Cathedral,

Somerset, England.

EASTER LILY

If you wish to give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, send a cheque for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "Easter Lily" to the Church Office. Please be sure to indicate clearly who the Lily will be in memory of, or thanksgiving for.

The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

and *vainglory* (inordinate desire to be well thought of). Its contrary virtue is *humility*, which frees us from pre-occupation with worldly greatness, to receive greater blessing: “Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their’s is the kingdom of heaven”.

Envy (Invidia, the ‘evil eye’) is sorrow at another’s good. “The envious man is afraid of losing something by the admission of superiority in others, and therefore looks with greedy hatred upon other men’s gifts and good fortune, taking every opportunity to run them down or deprive them of their happiness” (Sayers). “Through envy of the devil death came into the world” (Wisdom of Solomon 2:24). “Is thine eye evil, because I am generous?” (Matthew 20:15). It engenders *hatred* and *malice*. The contrary virtues are *Charity*, rejoicing in another’s good, and *Mercy*, sorrow at another’s misfortune. “Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy”.

Anger, or Wrath (Ira) is in itself proper to human nature, for it is the soul’s power to resist evil and to do the arduous. In its disordered form, however, it breaks through the bounds of order and reason. Blind wrath, bitterness and resentment, fester in the heart and open the door to countless other sins. “The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God” (James 1:20). Its contrary virtue is *Meekness* or *Mildness*. “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth”.

Acedia is a kind of dejection or apathy which takes no joy in the good, and refuses the effort required to do good works of spiritual virtue. Though *sloth* (idleness and laziness) is its best-known manifestation, it may even take the form of restless hyperactivity; but it ends always in dejection and despair. “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the

sorrow of the world worketh death” (2 Corinthians 7:10). It is opposed by *Zeal*. “Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted”. GGD

To be continued...

E. C. W. THIS WEEK

The **ECW BOARD** meets Monday , April 4th at 10am in the Parish House.

ECW GENERAL MEETING, meets Wednesday in the Parish House after 10am Chapel. Speaker: Susan Arden-Joly will speak about *Charles Green’s Family Heirlooms* in Paris.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY – FRIDAY:

8:15 A.M.

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

5:30 P.M.

Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

SATURDAY: 10:30 A.M.-

Holy Communion

EXCEPT WEDNESDAY

8:15 A.M.

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

9:45 A.M. *Litany* 10 A. M. *Sung Eucharist*

5:30 P.M. *Evensong* (Church)

6:00 P.M. *Supper &*

6:30 P.M. *Class:*

Anna Terry will speak about

PLANTING FAITH MINISTRIES

– an outreach supported by St. John’s, and led by Horace Tipton (son-in-law of Dr. Howard) in partnership with the Anglican Church of Kenya that trains subsistence farmers how to grow cash crops and how to grow in faith.

8:00—HOLY COMMUNION—(No organ during Lent)

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL (*The Gloria in excelsis is omitted until Easter*) 130, (124)
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:00—12 Noon NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)

9:30—ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES (Chapel and Cranmer Hall)

10:30 –Pre-school Worship Hour—3 year olds through Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 —SUNG LITANY, HOLY EUCHARIST and ADDRESS

THE LITANY Prayer Book p. 54 or leaflet
 HYMN #385 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Austria

ANTE-COMMUNION

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 The Holy Gospel: John 6:1-14 *This is that prophet that should come into the world* 131
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 HYMN #383 *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem*.....Urbs Beata
 1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.
 ADDRESS Fr. Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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 ORGAN: *Litanies* Jehan Alain

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish 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 as at 8 a.m.)

5:15 p.m. Sacred Music; 5:30 p.m.—Choral Evensong (Men, boys, and girls’ choirs)