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Our Next Indoor Service



Sunday, October 25, 2020 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Christ Church Parish Hall

The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed live!

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Due to Social Distancing requirements, seating is limited.

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10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

Thursdays

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music 6:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer or Compline (Livestreamed)

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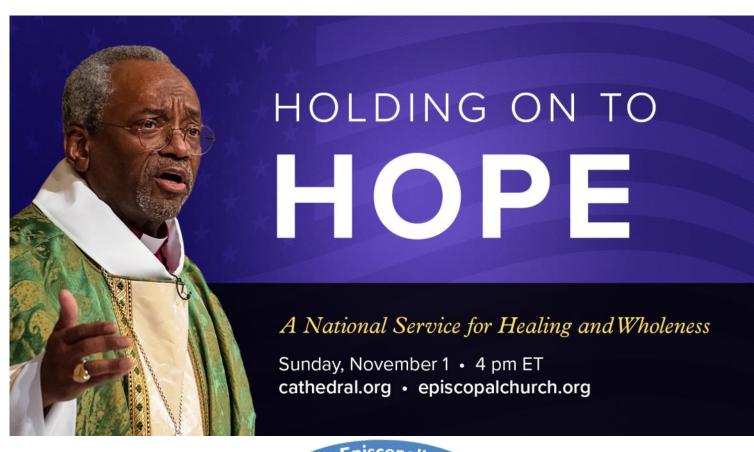
Tuesday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. And by appointment

The Rt. Rev. Mariann E. Budde
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A prayer while waiting to vote

Gracious God, be with us as we enter the line to our polling place. Help us to remember the great cloud of witnesses around us; that our ancestors' dreams and struggles are why we vote; that our vote matters, and we are walking by faith. Though it may be hot, or cold, though it may rain or it may be sunny and turn to night, give us strength not to give up. We know you are with us. Our dreams and passions guide us to vote, for ourselves, for our communities, and for those who cannot vote. Help us to vote faithfully. Help us to walk with you. Help us to walk in love. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.









October 25, 2020 - Pentecost 21 (A) Our Family - A Reflection

As the U.S. approaches Election Day, November 3rd, Sermons That Work is teaming up with The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and four writers from across the Church to reflect on the Christian call to participate in our common life together through voting.

There aren't many days left before people in our nation head to the polls. Very soon we will be casting ballots in one of the most important elections in our lifetimes. What principles and loyalties will we carry into the voting booth? Over the past few months of this lengthy election season, I've heard fellow Americans speak about how they are going to vote for what is best for their family. I suspect that our family's wellbeing will always be one of the most pressing concerns for us all. And yet as people of faith, it is also worth considering who Jesus asked us to consider "family."

In Matthew 22, Jesus is asked by a scholar of the Torah which law was the greatest. I imagine this lawyer had wrestled with this question for a long time, perhaps while making many challenging decisions. "What is most essential?" he asks. Jesus' response is as well-known as it is unpracticed. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Although Jesus' words are likely very familiar to us, what do they really mean? In response to the lawyer, Jesus is saying that love of God requires us to be as loyal to the wellbeing of our neighbors as we are to that of our own family. First and foremost, this requires us to go and vote. Beyond this, however, it means we have to consider not just what will be beneficial to ourselves but what is going to help to build a better world for those well beyond our immediate circle.

In my own case, this teaching requires me to consider not only the health and healthcare of those who live in my home; it also means being concerned about the health of the people I pass on the street, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic. Jesus' words insist I consider not only what will strengthen my own family's wealth portfolio, but to also consider the economic wellbeing of families struggling to make ends meet, particularly as millions have now become unemployed. "Love of neighbor" requires me to not only think of the smiling children in my picture frames, but also of kids doing their homework in homeless shelters, of refugee children fleeing from violence, and of the millions of Black and Latino kids who simply want room to run, play, live and breathe more freely.

Finally, Jesus' words require us to not only consider this generation but to develop a profound sense of loyalty to the generations yet to come, asking ourselves what sort of Earth we want to leave behind after we have breathed our last breath.

Come November, I expect that many of us will be voting with the wellbeing of our families in mind, and as Christians, Jesus calls us into the difficult but ultimately joyful work of expanding the circle - wider and wider - of just who we consider to be our family.

This reflection was written by Miguel Escobar, who is the executive director of Episcopal Divinity School at Union and serves on the boards of Forward Movement (chair) and Episcopal Relief & Development. Find more resources for election engagement at iam.ec/ogravicengagement.



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EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER—21 PENTECOST

Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this coming week:

- Christ Church, Rockville
- Christ Episcopal School, Rockville
- Diocesan Cathedral Confirmation Service (October 31) Pray for those who are to be confirmed



REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

(OCTOBER 25, 2020) —THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 25, YEAR A)

Welcome to Christ Church. As we continue to read through the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear another of the confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees. Last week they tried to discredit him with the people and the government; today they test his orthodoxy. Jesus answers their question in correct Jewish form and then counters with a question to them. This passage is leading toward the Christian belief that Jesus is more than a descendent of King David; he is the Son of God.



The first reading is a portion of the giving of the Law. In it, love and faithfulness toward God is to be expressed by love and care for human beings. This is the same principle that Jesus upholds in the Gospel reading.

In the second reading, Paul continues his greetings to the Thessalonian church, reminding them of his original visit to them and of his love and affection for them.



In the Eucharist, we experience the dual nature of our own existence: related to God and yet human. We are not simply living at the human level but through baptism are bearers of divinity. In the mundane elements of common food and drink, we meet God. Likewise, in our lives our human nature is permeated by God's nature. This is the reason we can pray; this is the reason we are sent into the world to minister to others.

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST CHURCH





Remembering our Saints on All Saints Sunday, November 1st



I would like to celebrate all the important saints in your life, both living or departed, with a special slide presentation during the services on All Saints Sunday. Please send me your pictures in a digital format, if possible. You can also stop by the Rectory and let me scan your pictures. This presentation will also be available on our website. Please send your pictures to frchris@cckqp.net or call me at 410.253.3664. — Chris +

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. Cans of Pasta (pop tops)

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October Birthdays

2 Debbie Dorsey

4 Robbie Loker

7 Bill Edger

11 Mary Ann Oliver

13 Joan Schuhart

14 Haley Clevinger

15 Macie Topolski

16 Gale Edger

16 Karen Owens

22 Beth Fitch

28 Margaret VanMeter

31 Tina Shupe

October Anniversaries

3 Gretchen & Michael Sirk

18 Arlene & Henry Oliver

24 Msry & David Simmons

25 Ryan Dean & Brenda Bowie

26 Tina & Steve Shupe

27 Anne & James Ridenour

30 Lynn & Chip Burton



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