

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Ordinary Time, Proper 18

September 9, 2018

Prayer List

Let us pray:

In thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Bill; Ruth; Ann; Mabel.

For support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad:

Mike, Christopher, Steven, Sam, Wes, Michael, and Thomas.

For those in need of God's healing grace: Ralph; Arnold; Bernie. *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* Ann; Mabel; Missy; Conor; George; Butch; Carol; Buddy; Rhonda; Jeanne; Tom; Rose; Roy; Frances; Luci.

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Church of Our Saviour, Brookland Parish; Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and Nuestro Salvador; Diocesan Youth Ministry; Diocesan Young Adult Ministry. Remember and pray for all Jewish people during the holy days of Rosh Hashana (September 10-11).

The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer: Pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Announcements

Don't forget to check out the calendar at www.OldDurham.org! Also, these announcements are now being posted on the church website. Go to the front page and look near the top for a button that says, "Bulletin Announcements."

Exciting news: Bishop Mariann has assigned one of the about-to-be-ordained deacons to serve with us and with St. James,' Indian Head starting later this month. Susan is set to be ordained September 22, and will start serving shortly after that. Our two parishes are still working out the details of the placement and how we will share her time. In the meantime, please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for ordination. Welcome, Susan!

Adult Forum is watching a video lecture series on church history from the Reformation to the present. Join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sundays. We have made it into the 20th Century!

The Oxon Hill Bike Club Indian Head 100 was on Monday, September 3, and for the third year running, Durham Church served as a mid-day pit stop for the Southern Maryland Century Bike Ride. We greeted, fed, and watered nearly a thousand hot, hungry, thirsty riders. Thank you all for making so many sandwiches, filling so many coolers, and offering so much encouragement to folks who were riding on a brutally hot day.

Coffee After Church. Please join us for coffee after church in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Care Team meeting today after church.

Daughters of the King and Men's Group Meeting on September 10 at 6:30pm. Ladies Mite Society meeting September 11. Dinner and a movie: Join us on Sept. 12 at 5pm to share a meal and watch the 2013 Academy Awards Best Film of the Year, "Twelve Years a Slave"

directed by Steve McQueen. The film is an adaptation of an 1853 memoir written by Solomon Northup, a free-born African-American violinist who was kidnapped in 1841 and sold into slavery for 12 years before being released. Community Building Group will provide lasagna; feel free to bring a side dish or salad. For more information, see Rick.

Joe's Place Food Pantry distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are September 13 and 27. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

Festival Follow-up: There will be a follow-up meeting to talk about how this year's Festival went and what changes we might want to make for next year. The meeting will be on Monday, Sept 17 at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. See Millie with questions.

Ordination to the Diaconate. Susan will be ordained along with several other deacons, many of them from Southern Maryland, on September 22nd at 10am at Washington National Cathedral.

Blessing of the Animals. There will be a Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, Sept. 30th at 4PM here at Durham. All are welcome—spread the word!

The Hunger Fund Walk in Southern Maryland will be hosted at Serenity Farm in Benedict, MD on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Come raise funds for the hungry while experiencing sweeping waterfront vistas, a walk-in petting zoo and converted historic tobacco barns. Sign up friends, relatives, co-workers and others to pledge a contribution to the fund for your completion of the 3-mile walk. More information and sign-ups are at hungerfund.net

Last but not least: It's time to start the ball rolling for the Annual Pledge Campaign. We need to assemble a team to work on the campaign: coming up with a theme, designing/printing the pledge cards and educational materials, preparing for a presentation/kick-off event, etc. Many hands make light work.

Some Historical notes about Durham Church

Establishment of the Anglican Church in Maryland

In June 1692, the Assembly of Maryland established the Anglican Church in Maryland. England's King and Queen, William and Mary, had sent Sir Lionel Copley to Maryland in 1691 as its first royal governor, with a mandate to see that God was "devoutly and duly served" in Maryland and that "The Book of Common Prayer as it is now established [be] Read each Sunday and holiday and the blessed Sacrament [be] administered according to the Rites of the Church of England."

The second legislative action of the Assembly convened by Governor Copley on May 10, 1692, was to consider "an act for the Service of Almighty God and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion within this Province." The preamble to the Act of Establishment signed into law on June 9, 1692, stated:

"Foreasmuch as in a well Governed Commonwealth Matters of Religion and the Honour of God ought in the first place to be taken in serious consideration. . . nothing being more acceptable to Almighty God than the true and Sincere worship and Service of him according to his Holy Word."

The 1692 Act of Establishment provided for civil governmental rights and privileges for the Anglican Church of England. Sunday worship was legally mandatory, and there was a penalty for breaking the Sabbath. Government funding was provided for Anglican ministers. Each county was divided into parishes, which were civil administrative units. Six vestrymen were to be selected for each parish, and their responsibilities included accounting for parish income building churches and chapels, keeping records of the acts of vestries, and taking an annual census of taxable wealth and property. There was a poll tax of forty pounds of tobacco per head that was collected by the sheriff (often the senior warden), and paid to the vestry to be disbursed for the minister's salary and for repairs to the church building.

Thus was introduced for the first time in Maryland an established church, sustained by law and fed by general taxation. Ten years would pass, however, before the Act of Establishment received the approval of the Crown.

The Rev. Canon Arthur Pierce Middleton, in his book, *Anglican Maryland: 1692-1792*, describes the long journey to enactment: "At length, the fifth attempt proved successful. The Assembly passed an act in 1702 which won acceptance in England, and that act provided the legal basis of the Maryland establishment until the American Revolution."

Final passage of the act had been secured by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Bray (1658-1730), the Bishop of London's commissary to Maryland, with the help of William Dent (1660-1704), Maryland's Attorney General and a founding vestryman of Durham Parish.

A colonial parish was, according to Nelson Rightmyer, "a geographical, political" subdivision of a county in which all the "freeholders regardless of religious affiliation paid their taxes for the support of the [Anglican] church, which vestrymen were not merely officers in charge of the financial affairs of the church but were also civil officers elected to oversee and police the morals of those resident with the parish." This meant that vestrymen also performed governmental functions such as keeping vital statistics.

Durham Parish Church, constructed with the benefit of this governmental subsidy, still stands today as a brick monument to that interrelationship between church and state.

The Colonial Communion Silver of Durham Parish: A Legacy of William Dent, Esquire

The Communion silver used in this service is among the oldest in continuous use in America. It was the gift of William Dent, one of the church's founding vestrymen (along with Gerrard Ffowke, Richard Harrison, Joseph Manning, John Stone, and William Stone). At the time of his death at age 45 in the winter of 1704, Dent was speaker of the Maryland Assembly and one of the wealthiest planters in Maryland. The son of Judge Thomas Dent and Rebecca Wilkinson Dent, William was born in 1660. His mother was the daughter of the Reverend William Wilkinson, the first Anglican rector in Maryland.

William Dent and his friend, Dr. Thomas Bray, were principally responsible for hammering out the fourth draft of the 1692 Act establishing the Church of England in Maryland. A leading advocate of the importance of education, Mr. Dent was also a founder of King William's School, a predecessor of St. John's College, Annapolis.

On October 2, 1701, this Charles County lawyer, military officer, and government official executed his last will and testament. Among his many bequests and legacies, Dent provided five pounds [English currency] "to purchase necessities or ornaments for the Church." Dent died sometime between October and December 5, 1704. His will was probated in Charles County on February 17, 1705. It took about three years for his bequest "to provide ornaments" for Durham Parish to be carried out. Not the least challenge was the hazardous sea journey between Port Tobacco, a thriving port of entry in 18th century Maryland, and England, where Dent's agent contracted with a London silversmith to make the chalice which is engraved "The Gift of William Dent Esquire to Durham Parish."

Durham's chalice and its cover (which we use as a paten) bear four identifying "marks." Since silver was first marked in London in 1400, seven different marks have been used at different periods. The "lion's head erased" was adopted in 1697, when a goldsmith's register was established. The mark indicates a standard of silver higher than that known as Sterling; it contains a smaller portion of alloy. According to English silver expert Stephen Ensko, "the reason why the English Government changed the standard for household silver was this: In Charles II's reign there had been such a shortage of metal that the silversmiths melted down the coinage which was of Sterling standard. To prevent this, a higher standard of silver was ordered for all silverwork."

"One of the hall-marks on every piece of silver that has been assayed in London is a single letter known as the date letter; it is by this that the actual year is determined. There is one particular type of letter for each year in a cycle of twenty years. Another punch shows two letters which indicate the name of the artisan who made the article. From 1697 to 1719-20, this was the first two letters of his surname." The "FA" stamped on our chalice is the registered symbol of John Fawdery I, a silversmith on London's famed Goldsmith's Row. When completed, each silver article was "assayed" (analyzed) and registered. Thus, bills of lading and customs house receipts would constitute an 18th century "paper trail" by which to

trace the movement of the silver from London to Durham Parish. Alas, the London Customs House fire of 1814 destroyed these documents.

Succeeding generations over nearly three centuries have been custodians of the Dent silver. Several of our country's "founding fathers" from Charles County may well have drunk from the cup. It bears its share of "dents" from continuous use, yet the silver itself is renewed by each polishing, a sterling metaphor for the renewal we receive at every Holy Meal.

A Timeline of events at Durham Church

1684 - First recorded public ceremony, a marriage in June between William Dent and Elizabeth Fowke, solemnized by The Rev. John Turling. William Dent bequeathed the money for the chalice and paten, which were cast in England in 1706 and given in 1708.

1692 - Parish chartered by the Colonial government, one of the original thirty parishes that were declared the official church of the colony. That preferred status ended during the Revolutionary War.

1732 - Construction of the present brick church was begun. Prior to that a log building served on the same site. This was the year in which George Washington, and William Smallwood (who was a member here) were born.

1771 - On March 17, George Washington recorded in his diary a visit to this Church while spending a weekend with his close friend William Smallwood.

1792 - First major alteration. Complete restoration of the church was necessary in 1792, due to its deplorable condition after the Revolutionary War. Existing walls were raised to the present height as a part of the restoration, which also included the construction of a Vestry Building, no longer in existence. Slave galleries were built on three sides of the church, and inside and outside stairways were added to reach them. A raised pulpit was placed at the north side. Entrance was where the south middle window now is. There were box pews.

1809 - First visit by a Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Thomas John Claggett, who consecrated the building and confirmed 80 persons.

1843 - Church renovated to approximately the present arrangement. The slave galleries were removed from the east and south sides, the outside stairways removed, a new, attached Vestry Room added, and the interior changed to its present configuration.

1932 - Construction of the churchyard wall from 250-year-old bricks taken from the remains of the Neil Hotel in Port Tobacco, paid for by the Colonial Dames of Maryland.

1942 -Completion of the Smallwood Memorial Bell Tower, in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Parish and in memory of General William Smallwood.

1960 - Completion of Parish Hall.

1965 - Completion of Rectory across the street.

These notes have been compiled and lightly edited from notes and previous histories written by The Rev. Arnold Taylor, The Rev. David MacDonald, George Dyson, and others.

Ministers in Today's Service

Acolyte and Crucifer: Carl; **Readers:** Millie and Carl; **Prayers of the People:** Jane;
Chalice: George and Mary Lou; **Altar Guild:** Dian ; **Flower contact for September:**
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George Chisholm, Bill White, Tom Saxton, Rick Posey

Carl Lockamy- Parish Treasurer

The Reverend Arnold Taylor – Rector Emeritus

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