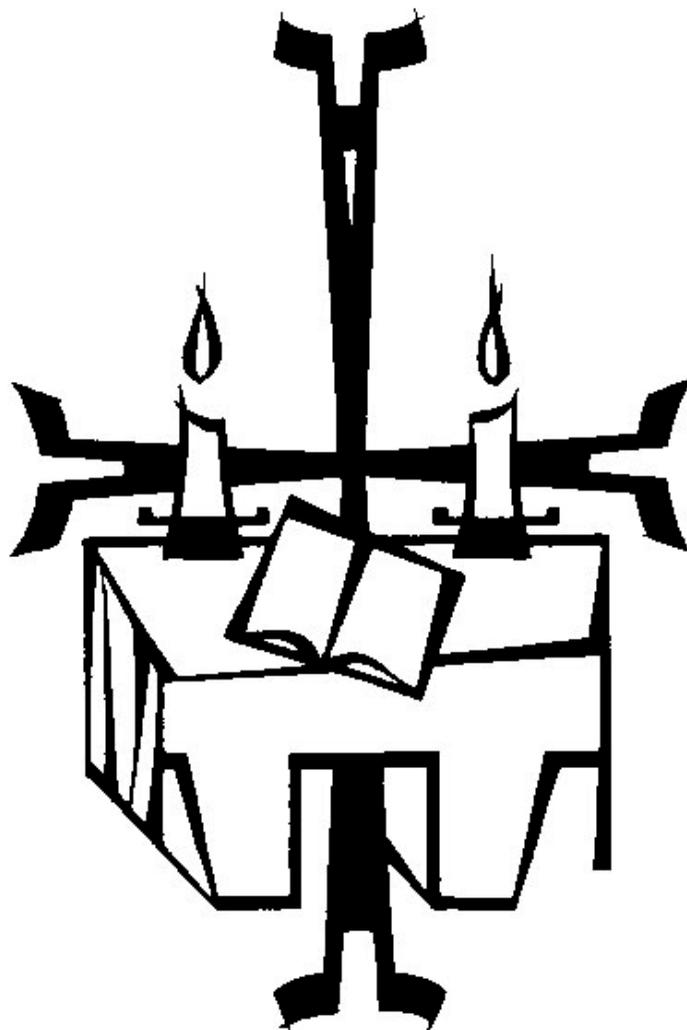


Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Ordinary Time, Proper 20

September 23, 2018

Prayer List

Let us pray:

In thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: George, Phyllis, Mary Lou, and James.

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: Dian; Jessica; Cindy. *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* Ann; Mabel; Missy; Conor; George; Butch; Carol; Buddy; Rhonda; Jeanne; Tom; Rose; Roy; Frances; Arnold; Luci.

For those who have died: Ralph.

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: The Church of the Holy Communion, Congress Heights Parish; Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi. **The Anglican**

Communion cycle of prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania Mpwapwa - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Gloria, by Mary Lou and Tom.

Announcements

Don't forget to check out the calendar at www.OldDurham.org! Also, these announcements are now being posted on the church website.

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.

Coffee After Church. Join us for a cup of coffee and a chat after the service in the Parish Hall.

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 Sept. 27 and Oct. 11.

Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

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 Rev. Kate Heichler will be installed as rector of Christ Church, La Plata and Christ Church, Wayside on Saturday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. The service will take place at Christ Church, La Plata,

The Hunger Fund Walk in Southern Maryland will be hosted at Serenity Farm in Benedict, MD on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Come raise funds for the hungry while experiencing sweeping waterfront vistas, a 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

Choral Workshop and Concert: David Schwoebel, church composer and conductor, will

lead a choral workshop at Patuxent Presbyterian Church in California, MD on Saturday, October 20. This includes an all-day workshop (\$30, including music packet, lunch, and dinner) and evening concert. Please consider joining us for the workshop if you're a singer, and definitely join us for the free 7:00 concert that evening. The massed choir will sing music prepared that day, and David Schwoebel will present a selection of piano pieces. For information on the workshop, e-mail Maureen Wysham at gwysam@md.metrocast.net, or check the Patuxent Choral Festival page on Facebook.

Save the Date for the regional gathering: October 27th, 10am-2pm, at St. Paul's, Waldorf. All are invited to join the Episcopalians of Southern Maryland for learning (proposed topics are Hospitality and Welcoming for Churches; Talking Faith & Sexuality at Church & Home; and Elder Care/Spirituality), lunch, and worship.

In other Diocese/regional news: the Convention of the Diocese of Washington has authorized a two-year experiment during which time pre-convention activities will be conducted online rather than at the fall regional assemblies. This means that the materials and presentations previously available only to those who attended regional assemblies will now be available online for all members of the diocese to view. We're excited by the opportunity to make it possible for clergy, wardens and lay delegates to participate in regional elections through an online process that we are confident will be easy to use, accessible and secure on any device. Before the voting process is launched, diocesan staff will ensure that all parishes have provided us with the most current list of wardens and delegates who are eligible to participate in the voting process.

Safeguarding God's Children training provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve. Two training sessions are coming up: Saturday, October 20 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at St. Alban's Parish, 3001 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016; and Saturday, October 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at St. George's, Glenn Dale, 7010 Glenn Dale Rd, Glenn Dale, MD 20769.

License renewal season is upon us in the church. In order to participate in worship as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM, or chalicer) or Eucharistic Visitor (who takes Communion to home-bound and those in healthcare facilities), you must be licensed by the bishop. The process to become a LEM is not complicated; it involves some training and education from your local friendly priest, who then certifies you as prepared for the job. To be a Eucharistic Visitor, you need the same certification by the priest, plus you must be certified as having up to date training in the prevention of abuse. Lay licenses are renewed annually on October 31. Please be in touch with Rev. Catharine if you would like to become newly-licensed in one of these ministries, or if you would prefer not to renew an existing license.

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.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

On October 4, the Church celebrates the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan and Clarissine Orders, advocate for the poor, and friend of the animals. Born in the late 12th century, Francis was the son of a wealthy merchant and his high-born wife. Despite living a life of general comfort and ease, he found himself called toward a life in pursuit of “Lady Poverty”. After a series of humbling interactions with the poor, Francis devoted himself to the care of the sick and poor, giving up his business interests and material possessions (much to his father’s chagrin). It could not have been easy, but Francis’ faith demanded that he trade in his fine clothes for sackcloth and financial security for scarcity. In the words of the prayer attributed to the saint, he found that “it is in giving that we receive.” Francis founded the Order of Friars Minor, which demanded a strict vow of poverty, in the belief that worldly goods too often proved distractions from a sanctified life. With Clare of Assisi, he would form the Poor Clares, a religious order for women similarly dedicated to service. A Third Order would follow close behind, for those men and women who would live out Franciscan values in the context of everyday life. In Francis’ thought, to fully embrace one’s poverty was to embrace reliance on God alone; to physically suffer was to identify with Christ’s own suffering. According to *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, this made Francis, “the most popular and admired [saint], but probably the least imitated.”

We may perhaps remember St. Francis best for his devotion to nature and animals; in several hagiographies, or stories of the saints, Francis is depicted as preaching to and otherwise communicating with fish, birds, and even a wolf. He believed that the Creator is praised through all his creatures and, indeed, creation itself. It is in this spirit that many Episcopal churches offer blessings of pets and other animals each year on Francis’ feast day.

Collect for the Feast of St. Francis: Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Ministers in Today's Service

Acolyte and Crucifer: Carl Lockamy; **Readers:** Jane Linton and Cynthia Shoemaker;

Prayers of the People: Linda Buffalo; **Chalice:** Jane Linton and Linda Buffalo; **Altar Guild:** Sue Hunt; **Flower contact for September:** Patrice Rohde.

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