



The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13C
Sunday, August 4, 2019

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: John Welch, Bill White, Ruth White, and Ann Bluey.

...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad: Alex Berger (*husband of Patrice Rohde's niece*), Mike Busey (*son of Chris and Chuck Busey*), Sam Gray (*son of Chris Busey*), Wes Dyson (*grandson of George and Ruby Dyson*), and Thomas J. Huntt (*nephew of Sue Hunt*);

...for those in need of God's healing grace: Vivian Aldridge (*mother of Barbara Macri*), Mabel Bowie, Linda Buffalo, Mary Lou Clem, Carl Fletcher (*friend of Chris Dudley*), Gaynelle Hoover (*mother of Carl Lockamy*), and Lindy Lynch (*friend of Deacon Susan*); Our continuing prayers are offered for: George Dyson, Butch Helwig (*Nanjemoy resident*), Buddy Linton, Rhonda McGraw (*daughter of John and Patsy Welch*), Jeanne Read, Jean Santora, Rose Speake (*friend of Gloria Hampton*), Joan Shoemaker (*wife of Deacon Eric Shoemaker*), Roy Squires, and Luci Wright (*aunt of Barbara Macri*).

...for those who have died.

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; St. Anne's Church, Damascus; Church of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring.

The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, The Most Revd Ng Moon Hing - Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget that these announcements can also be found on the church website, OldDurham.org. You can view them in the calendar (look under "About Us" in the upper left) or view the service bulletin via the "Bulletin Announcements" button.

Adult Forum: Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee, learning, and thought-provoking discussion.

Coffee After Church Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the service.

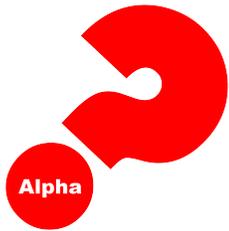
Daughters of the King and Men's Group will meet on August 5th.

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 August 8th and 22nd. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

The 172nd Annual Durham Church Dinner and Festival will be held on Saturday August 10th. Come and enjoy delicious food, visit the church, play some games, shop at the Fancy Table & Bake Sale, reconnect with old friends ...

The Deacons' Challenge: The Deacon from St. James' Indian Head / Christ Church Durham and the Deacon from Christ Church Wayside & La Plata have challenged each other to see whose parishes can gather the most school supplies for Charles County students. *St James' & Christ Church Durham are collecting glue and crayons; Christ Church Wayside & La Plata are gathering pencils and notebooks.* We will be collecting money donations (you may put cash in the box, or put a check in collection plate and mark it "SCHOOL") and/or the items themselves from now until **Sunday, August 18** and then the deacons, Deacon Sue Fritz and Deacon Steve Seely, will go shopping for Charles County kids. The supplies will be going to our respective churches' neighborhood schools for distribution. Collection boxes for supplies will be at each of the four churches.)

The Indian Head 100 (aka, 'The Bike Ride') is coming up on Labor Day (Sept. 2). This event has become one of the biggest on our annual parish calendar. We are able to meet and serve more people on this day (nearly 1000) than probably any other day of the year, and we get paid to do it! Many hands make light work: thank you to everyone who has signed up; please contact Patrice by email with any questions about volunteering.



GOT QUESTIONS?

Starting September 11, we will be partnering with St. James', Indian Head to offer a 10-week film and discussion series called Alpha. Originally developed in England as a way to introduce newcomers to the Christian faith, the Alpha series is a popular and well-known program that many long-time church-goers find very valuable. We will offer the same session twice each Wednesday, once at noon and once at 7PM, sometimes at St. James' and sometimes at Durham. The Rev. Robin Taylor, Deacon Susan, and Rev. Catharine will share leadership of the sessions. Sign-ups coming soon.

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF ALL

Have you noticed? The eucharistic prayer we are using during Ordinary Time speaks about the blood of the new covenant being poured out for the forgiveness of "all," not of "many," as most of our other eucharistic prayers put it. Here are some notes from the Episcopal Church's Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music:

The use of "all" ("My Blood...poured out for you and for all") in the institution narrative emphasizes that forgiveness of sins is made available to all through Christ's sacrifice. While the Greek word is literally translated "many," biblical scholars have pointed out that in the context of the passage it means that the sacrifice is made not just for a large number of persons, but for all humanity. (A similar use of "many" occurs in Matthew 20:28, where it is written that Jesus would give his life as "a ransom

for many.” 1 Timothy 2:6, looking back on the event, says he gave himself as a “ransom for all.”) New eucharistic prayers in both the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church use “all” rather than “many.”

SAINT FEAST OF THE WEEK

From Lesser Feasts and Fasts: The Transfiguration is not to be understood only as a spiritual experience of Jesus while at prayer, which three chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John, were permitted to witness. It is one of a series of supernatural manifestations, by which God authenticated Jesus as his Son. It is at one with the appearance of the angels at the birth and at his resurrection, and with the descent of the Spirit at Jesus’ baptism. Matthew records the voice from heaven saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Matthew 17:5). Briefly the veil is drawn aside, and a chosen few are permitted to see Jesus, not only as the earth-born son of Mary, but as the eternal Son of God. Moses and Elijah witness to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. In Luke’s account of the event, they speak of the “exodus” which Jesus is to accomplish at Jerusalem. A cloud, a sign of divine presence, envelops the disciples, and a heavenly voice proclaims Jesus to be the Son of God.

Immediately thereafter Jesus announces to Peter, James, and John the imminence of his death. As Paul was later to say of Jesus, “Though he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And, being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6–8).

The Feast of the Transfiguration is held in the highest esteem by the Eastern Churches. The figure of the transfigured Christ is regarded as a foreshadowing of the Risen and Ascended Lord. The festival, however, was only accepted into the Roman calendar on the eve of the Reformation, and for that reason was not included in the reformed calendar of the English Church. Since its inclusion in the American revision of 1892, it has been taken into most modern Anglican calendars.



Mission: *The mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington is to draw people to Christ by equipping our faith communities, promoting spiritual growth, and striving for justice.*

Vision 2025: Drawing on the gifts of all God's people, the Diocese of Washington will serve Christ together and live out Jesus' way of love by:

- Inspiring every person to take their next step towards Christ
 - We will develop and implement a collaborative strategy for spiritual growth across the diocese.
 - We will encourage and celebrate spiritual growth and increase by twenty percent/year the number of sacramental commitments made to Christ.
 - We will establish a school for discernment and leadership development for clergy and the laity.
 - *12-month measurable objective for spiritual formation: Engage a collaborative process to define and implement a discipleship path contextualized by life stages*
- Revitalizing our churches to grow the Jesus movement
 - We will implement a church revitalization strategy that leads to healthy, thriving congregations throughout the diocese, reversing the trends of decline.
 - We will actively engage our multicultural, Latino and historically African-American congregations so that they experience health and growth with a particular focus on rising generations.
 - Our leadership will reflect the demographics of our surrounding communities.
 - We will develop a stewardship strategy for our facilities and finances so that parishes are not constrained by building concerns.
 - We will launch or relaunch three worshipping communities focused on reaching the next generation of Millennial and Gen Z young adults so that we become a spiritual home for our children and grandchildren.
 - *12-month measurable objective in church revitalization: Develop a church health assessment and a church revitalization strategy and introduce to ten representative congregations*
- Partnering in ministries of service and justice for greater impact in our communities
 - We will strengthen our collective witness in service and justice through partnerships and shared resources to meet the needs of our regions.
 - We will courageously engage issues of racial justice, gun violence prevention, and immigration reform through on-going trainings, workshops, pilgrimages, and public witness.
 - We will actively encourage and promote Creation Care practices in all our faith communities.
 - *12-month measurable objective in justice: Identify a primary ministry of justice in each region on which our congregations can strategically collaborate.*