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May 2018 Epistle

"As a diverse family we seek and serve God through joyful worship, love and respect for creation, promotion of social justice, and growth into the image of Christ."

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From the Rector's Study....

The readings for Sunday, May 13th are interesting because they are from both John's Gospel and from John's first Letter, and include John 17: 6 – 19, which include the words, "*Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word."*

It almost seems rude to overhear someone praying, unless of course it's a regular service and the prayer is one our Prayer Book prayers. But from the reading from the Gospel, Jesus moves to prayer to God right in the midst of his followers. Awkward !

Those whom God gave to Jesus now call themselves "Christians." It seems to me that Jesus' real intention is to get people (us) focused on God. This Jewish man came to us from God in order to move our worship of God from the temple of stone to the temple of our hearts. Jesus has, and is, making God known to us so that we might have eternal life and make God known to others.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob moved with God in tents, as did Moses up to the eastern shore of the Jordan River. David and Solomon begin the temple worship. About the temple Jesus famously said, "destroy this temple and I will build it back in three days." (John 2:18-22) He was talking about his flesh. But even as important, he was talking about his continued worship of God the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Jesus is talking about his own loving heart. This is the word that Jesus gave God in his prayer about us. Jesus is talking about his own self-fulfilling prophesy. Jesus prays as witness to what God is doing. And we are standing close enough to hear every word.

John says in his first letter, *If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.* (1st John 9-10) Folks, the evangelist is telling us that this is the message that God gave Jesus for us.

Jesus says to God the Creator of all that is, the seen and the unseen, that we have "kept your word." So, have you kept the word that Jesus gave us? If we

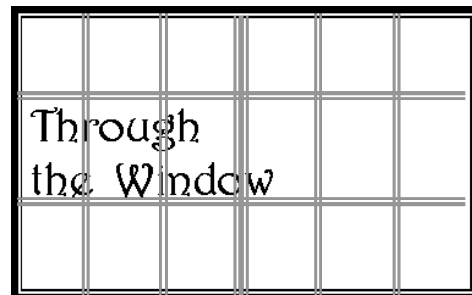
have not kept Jesus' word we indeed make Jesus a liar because he has said that we did. We are to follow Jesus as Christians and keep God's word. My beloved, the Word is in you. Turn this day and let the Word of God in Christ Jesus shape who you are. Let God's word guide you in all that you do and say. Jesus has already told God that we have accepted and kept His word and that we are true believers. Let's keep Jesus' Word true.

Discipline : Respect : Integrity : Prayer : Patience

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Thru the Window... a little bit of God's creatures



Spring is always fun at our house. We have not quite two acres of land within the city limits, located along one of the area's many creeks, just outside a local flood plain. The beauty of that situation is that no one can build anything directly behind us. Property lines end obscurely in the wild woods, and the nearest building is about 500 feet beyond. We are surrounded by a our own little world, and every year, something new happens.

This year, we had the return of a duckling born to a mother duck nesting on our little island a couple years ago. She's sited her nest inches away from where her birth nest was, something

mallards are prone to do. About ten days ago she flew in and made an awkward landing on the water, hustled out onto the point of the island, and started laying eggs. Now she spends most of her time placidly sitting there, incubating, and in a few more weeks, we'll see (we hope) another clutch of eggs release ducklings.



Then they'll leave with their mother and leave us hoping some of them will return."



Last night, however, we had something new happen. our waterway is home to many turtles, several of them snappers. We call all the snappers 'Jake', and we are aware that they pose a risk for duck eggs and ducklings, but we need to let Nature take its course. Returning from walking the dogs last night, my son came hustling in announcing that 'Jacquelyn' was laying eggs. A female snapper had come out of the creek and started a nest on the bank . There she was intently dropping her eggs . My son and husband went out immediately and watched and got pictures. (Turtles are single-minded when devoting their attention to eggs, so she never acknowledged our existence). By the time I could get down there, she was busy covering the nest. We moved off before she could classify us as dangerous and watched from a distance as she returned to the water. It was a bit of a standoff for about ten minutes, her watching us from the water and us

watching her from the shore. Then she disappeared beneath the surface.

Now, we're excited over the new turn of events. And a bit concerned. The turtle nest is less than 20 feet from the duck nest. In fact, 'Jacquelyn' swam towards the duck nest site before she disappeared. I know turtles don't mind their nest, so she won't be returning on that account, but she still plies the waters near our developing ducklings. Again, I remind myself, Nature must take its course. Turtle eggs are at risks of their own from things like snakes, raccoons, and sniffing, digging dogs.

I find myself envisioning our wildlife expanding to ridiculous circumstances. After all with these and herons and hawks and owls, can alligators be far behind? - No, I know the answer to that, and I don't want to talk about it. On the other hand, if the gators arrive, I'll let you know.

.....Blessings to you, Robin the P.A.



We are the Church



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Brooke Larsen
Mary Lee Shanahan
Lori (Frawley) Buffinton
CJ Wheeler (Gail's nephew)

Cathy Lovato (WBS)
Vikki Fixx
Jerald Grayot
Carol Clise

Sydney Finau (J. Krantz)
Dana and Jennifer Frawley
Ann Hagelberger
John Clardy (Judith Johnson)

Violet & Stephen Johnson (J. Johnson)

Chuck & Debbie Liebers
Ronnie Smith, lung cancer (Frawley)
Debby Tunning, cancer
Toni Berry (Suzanne Tuttle)
Laura Smith
George & Mary Winder
Kenny West
Judy Krantz
Nancy Straw

Craig Clise (Carol's son)
Veronica Frazier
Wilfred Liaping (Jill Charon)
Margaret Estephane
Chuck McKay, (Doreen's Dad)
Paul Marascia (Sue Carlin)
Howard Walter (Sue Carlin)
Bill Ganzer
Brandon Michael Carter
Natasha Edwards
Irina & Martha (Luba)
Debbie Coffey (Sigrid)
Lynda Twele (Sigrid)
Maples Family (Bill P)
Liz Huskey
Alicia Wiggins (Perham)

2018 Cycle of Prayer

MAY

**6 St. Christopher's, Havelock
Episcopal Campus Ministries**
The Rev'd Donna Kraus
The Rev'd Gene Wayman
Mrs. Alfreda Gee

13 St. Paul's, Greenville
The Rev'd Robert Hudak, Rector
The Rev'd Andrew Cannan, Associate Rector
**The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry, Presiding
Bishop Staff of The Episcopal Church Center**

20 St. Timothy's, Greenville
The Rev'd John Porter -Acee III, Rector
The Rev'd Deacon Jack Robertson

St. John's, Grifton

27 Holy Trinity, Hampstead
The Rev'd Pamela Stringer, Rector
Camp Trinity—Staff and Campers
Mrs. Mary Beth Bradberry, Director

Worship Support for Upcoming Sundays

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May 6 - 6 Easter

Eucharistic Minister , 8:00 am:

Doreen DeJaynes

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Andrea Eubanks

Lector: Leslie Flom

Acolyte: Colin Charon

Altar Guild: Ivana Washington

Ushers and Greeters:

Ken Wical and Jonathan Flom

Tellers: Jane Crabill and Don Walter

Nursery: Symone Gibbs

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

May 13 - 7 Easter & Mother's Day

Eucharistic Minister , 8:00 am:

Deb George

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Donna Roraback

Lector: Penny Fleming

Acolyte: Ayanna Gibbs

Altar Guild: Suzanne Tuttle

Ushers and Greeters:

Ben Flom and Sean Kelly

Tellers: Ian Martin and Doreen DeJaynes

Nursery: Pam Perham

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

May 20 - Day of Pentecost

Eucharistic Minister , 8:00 am:

Judith Johnson

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Donna Roraback

Lector: Marnie Edmundson

Acolyte: Symone Gibbs

Altar Guild: Pam Perham

Ushers and Greeters:

Larry Frawley and David Lucas

Tellers: Leslie Flom and Bill Perham

Nursery: Suzanne Tuttle

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant

May 27 - Trinity Sunday

Eucharistic Minister , 8:00 am:

Leslie Flom

Eucharistic Minister, 10:30 am:

Gail Brown

Lector: Louvina Bertie

Acolyte: Colin Charon

Altar Guild: Gail Brown

Ushers and Greeters:

JoAnne Lowder and Douglas Kelly

Tellers: Hazel Gale and Vera Guarino

Nursery: Ayanna Gibbs

Pianist: Anastasia Bryant



We've had our Mother's Day Breakfast/Brunch in May,

&

? Father's Day is coming up! ?

Word is there will be a little something special for the Dads that day.
Come to service and find out what it is!



June 3 Youth Sunday Service at 10:30

From the Vestry Next Vestry meeting will be June 10th

Calendar of Activities

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May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
6 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Formation 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	7	8 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	9 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	10	11	12 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew EYC 4:00 pm
13 Mother's Day Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Formation 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am 12 Noon VESTRY Meeting	14	15 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	16 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	17	18	19 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
20 Day of Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Formation 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Celebration of Fr. John's Birthday after service	21	22 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	23 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	24	25	26 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew EYC 4:00 pm
27 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Christian Formation 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	28 Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED	29 Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm	30 Holy Eucharist & Healing 6:00 pm	31		

**** Come see us soon! ****

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St. Paul's-in-the-Pines
The Reverend John Thomas Frazier, Rector

Parish Administrator, Robin Minnick

Musician: Anastasia Bryant

Choir Director: Mike Gould

VESTRY

Sr. Warden.....Roy Lowder

Jr. Warden.....Penny Fleming

Stewardship.....Bill Perham

Worship.....Leslie Flom

OFFICES

Clerk of the Vestry.....Cindy Pettigrew

Treasurer.....Donna Roraback

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Christian Formation.....Rev. John Frazier

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Pastoral Care.....Pam Frawley

Fundraising.....Marnie Edmundson

Hospitality.....Hazel Gale

Altar Guild.....Ivana Washington

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