

A Grace Note from the Rector
May 30, 2024

Dear Ones,

We are changing internet service providers. As a result, Grace has a **NEW** office telephone number **(765) 744-5283**. *Please change your contact list!* As always, if you want to reach me, **call me directly** on my cell phone (765) 326-0353.

I will be in Minnesota from June 7-17, first for the Association of Anglican Musicians' conference, then for my annual retreat.

On June 9, Jamie-Sue Ferrell will preach and preside at the Liturgy of the Word.

On June 16, Steve Holdzkom will preside at the Liturgy of the Word, and Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale will be the preacher.

HAPPY CORPUS CHRISTI

Today, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ), which takes place today, it is a celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Its observance dates from the thirteenth century, when a Belgian beguine, Juliana of Liège (d. 1258), became an advocate for such a feast in response to a vision. The first Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated at Liège around 1247. Its observance by the western church was commanded by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

In mediaeval times there used to be wonderful processions in which the consecrated elements were taken out of the church on this day and processed on the streets, showing that the Word made flesh was not just in a box labelled 'church' but in our midst, just as he was on the streets of Nazareth and Jerusalem. In England, France and Germany, cycles of mystery plays were performed on this day, dramatizing the history of salvation.

Although the Feast of Corpus Christi is not included in the feasts of our Lord or other feasts of the Episcopal calendar of the church year, it is celebrated by some Episcopal parishes, especially those with an Anglo-Catholic piety.

The BCP provides a revised version of the collect (p 252) composed for the feast by St. Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274).

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

GATHERING GRACE

Gathering Grace served 120 meals on a very rainy Memorial Day weekend. Come and join the fun, anytime between 12-4.

PRIDE IS AROUND THE CORNER

Indy Pride is Saturday, June 8! I will be in Minnesota that weekend, but I encourage anyone who is interested in helping the Episcopal Church's public presence to do so. It's a wonderful experience. Here is a link for lots of information about demonstrating God's embracing love.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/2024-Pride.html?soid=1113914586377&aid=1qMgJEyXctA>

A BETTER WAY ~ JUNE NEEDS

Summer items to keep children busy (plastic balls and bats, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, Frisbee's, crayons, activity books, bubble wands, etc.), flip flops (kids, teens, and adults), African American hair products (shampoo and conditioner). Thank you for remembering A Better Way during June!

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

Personal Care Items: Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, blankets. **Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cliff Griffin (June 1)

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants
as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

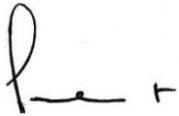
One of Malcolm Guite's three sonnets for Corpus Christi is about the 16th century Oak communion Table in his parish church, St. Edward King and Martyr.

The centuries have settled on this table
Deepened the grain beneath a clean white cloth
Which bears afresh our changing elements.
Year after year of prayer, in hope and trouble,
Were poured out here and blessed and broken, both
In aching absence and in absent presence.

This table too the earth herself has given
And human hands have made. Where candle-flame
At corners burns and turns the air to light
The oak once held its branches up to heaven,
Blessing the elements which it became,
Rooting the dew and rain, branching the light.

Because another tree can bear, unbearable,
For us, the weight of Love, so can this table.

God bless you in these early summer days,



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