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Prayer for the Universal Church

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TAC Service on April 26, 2020

A huge “**Thank you**” goes out to **all who have made our Facebook Live services possible** and **all who have participated in them from home!** What a blessing they have been thus far, and how especially meaningful it was having Fr. Don speak a few words to us on the last Sunday of April. For those of you who missed it, he opened in prayer, explained that he has been absent from the first few virtual services due to a severe back injury, and gave thanks for those who helped pack, clean, and lift their spirits in song as they prepared to move.

In his time of suffering with his back, Fr. Don was drawn to 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 as Paul prays for the thorn in his flesh to be healed: “Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” Fr. Don said that **we can rejoice** when we are weak because it is then that the Lord can do a deep work of transforming us into living like Christ. Next, he quoted John 16:33 – “I have said these things to you, that in me

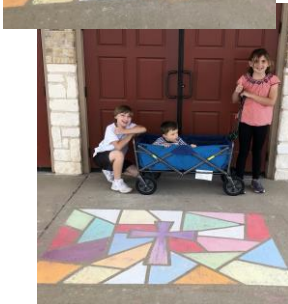
you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” – and reminded us that **we can have peace** even when the world does not. Finally, he used Psalm 30:5 – “For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning”- to inspire us that **the best is yet to come!** When we begin holding public services, he and Glenna will return for a grand celebration of this church’s life! As they begin a new chapter in their lives, he has full confidence and peace knowing that our clergy, staff, advisors, and all of God’s people will continue to be used by God to grow His church!
Amen!

TAC Children’s Easter Boxes

Some of our Children’s Ministry team members had the privilege of preparing Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter boxes for our families with children. Coloring and game



activities, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, candy-filled eggs, and palm branches were picked up for or delivered to our young ones so they would know we are missing them, praying for them, and loving them even when we can’t be together. One of our families responded by leaving a beautiful chalk drawing and message for us, while another group gave them thumbs up when they saw their creativity.



Yet another used the palm branches to decorate their wall with crosses, and others expressed their thanks for being part of the fun!



A Letter from Fr. Bob

May 4, 2020 - *The Feast of Athanasius of Alexandria*

Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the Name of Christ. I am writing you this week as we begin a new chapter in the life of Transformation Anglican Church. As we do so, we give thanks to God for the ministry of Father Don McLane. When conditions allow, we will have a proper send off for him and Glenna. They will always have a special place in our hearts.

Everyone is wondering when we will resume gathering together at Church on the Lord’s Day. I share your desire to resume our regular routine. How I miss seeing you all! At this point, we are awaiting word from the ACNA College of Bishops and our Diocesan Bishop as to how and when we might begin having public services once again. As we hear from our Bishops, we will communicate this information as soon as

we receive it. The advisors and I will prayerfully work out a plan that adheres to the guidelines the Bishops give us. We are leaning on the Holy Spirit to guide us with wisdom and discernment.



I am starting to keep **office hours in the Church every Monday from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM**. I can meet with one or two people at a time by appointment (call Anne—we need to exercise care to keep from having too many people present at one time due to “social distancing” guidelines).

In addition, I am going to begin holding **Morning and Evening Prayer on Zoom every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM starting May 12th**. Everyone will have an opportunity to share brief testimony and prayer requests, and we will join together to pray for the concerns of our parish, our nation and the world. Anyone with a computer can use the web to join us, but any phone (even a land line!) can dial in as well. Let’s come together, agree in prayer, and seek the mind of Christ.

I am so grateful to be with you at this time in our life as a parish. I am grateful for the work all of you are doing - I am especially thankful for our staff and advisors as well as the great multitude of faithful servants who work so hard for the Kingdom among us. On this day, the Church remembers a great hero of faith – Athanasius of Alexandria was a brave servant of Christ who was not afraid of being unpopular with men in order to be faithful to Christ. He was also a man of prayer who was always encouraging the Church to be bold and persistent in prayer. He once said “Christians, instead of arming themselves with swords, extend their hands in prayer.” Let us extend our hands in prayer, that our heavenly Father might extend our ministry and enable us to reach the world around us with the transforming Gospel of Christ.

Faithfully yours, Father Bob

Sunday, May 3, 2020



This is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** and is also recognized as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The **Collect** for the day is: “O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. This Collect and our **Gospel reading, John 10:1-10**, remind us that, **as sheep of the Good Shepherd, we have an active role in hearing His voice and following Him**. We are to be listening intently, no matter what else is going on in our world,

so we can hear the voice of Jesus, calling and directing our lives in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Even as we use Good Shepherd Sunday as a time to pray for our clergy and all those who shepherd our Lord's flock, it is also a time to look at our own lives, and how we can be good shepherds to those around us. Each of us touches the lives of others and has the opportunity to be a good shepherd for them. As we grow our prayer lives and our time in God's word, we become more sensitive to the move of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to be responsible members of the body of Christ and witnesses of Jesus with every person with whom we engage, in all of the contexts of our lives throughout any given day. This is how we hear the Lord and we follow Him, no matter what our situation in life.

National Day of Prayer



PRAY GOD'S GLORY *Across the Earth*

HABAKKUK 2:14

The **2020 National Day of Prayer** will be **Thursday, May 7th**. The theme for this year comes from the book of Habakkuk. You may find a great deal of information about this important date on the website: www.nationaldayofprayer.org including details on a national broadcast from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. CDT, available on GOD TV, Daystar, Facebook Live, Moody Broadcasting and more.

Sunday, May 10, 2020



The **Fifth Sunday of Easter** is also **Mother's Day!** Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. We celebrate all of our TAC Women as godly people who demonstrate the caring, giving, and nurturing

associated with being 'motherly' - in their families, in their workplaces, and in their daily lives. We also want you to know that your gift will be waiting for you when we are able to gather together once more, and we are providing a picture in the meantime.



The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis

wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". The commercialization of this holiday brought her tremendous sadness, and she worked tirelessly to return the day to its original intent.

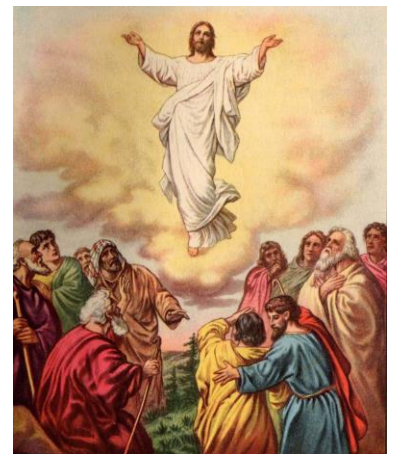
Sunday, May 17, 2020



This is the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, also known as **Rogation Sunday**. Traditionally, Rogation Days refer to the **three days before Ascension Day** on which **the litany is sung (or recited) in procession as an act of intercession**. They originated in Vienne, France, in the fifth century when Bishop Mamertus introduced days of fasting and prayer to ward off a threatened disaster. In England they were associated with the blessing of the fields at planting. In the United States they have been associated with rural life and with agriculture and fishing. **The word *rogation* comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God, especially for protection from calamities.** The **Collect** for this Sunday is: "O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." **Amen.**

Ascension Day - Thursday, May 21, 2020

The **Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ**, also called Ascension Day or Ascension Thursday **commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven**. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, along with the feasts of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost. **Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter.** The **Collect** for this day is: "Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." **Amen.**



Sunday after Ascension Day – May 24, 2020

The **Sunday after Ascension** is also known as the **Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea**, the council which formulated the original Nicene Creed. The **Collect** for this Sunday reflects our longing for the upcoming Feast of Pentecost: "O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.” **Amen.**



Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2020 is **Memorial Day**, originally known as ‘Decoration Day’. This federal holiday is a **day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America**. The “National Moment of Remembrance” resolution was passed in December, 2000 asking that at 3 p.m. local time,

all Americans “voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.”

The church office will be closed this day.

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – The Feast of Pentecost

The holy day of Pentecost, which is **celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks**, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (2:1–31). It is **also known as Whitsunday**, literally ‘white Sunday’, probably with reference to the white robes of those newly baptized at Pentecost. The **Collects** for this feast day are:



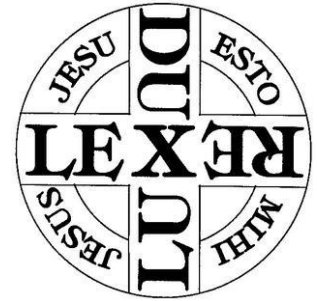
“Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” **Amen.**

or

“O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” **Amen.**

The OSL Corner

by Tom Ryan



The Order of St. Luke the Physician is an inter-denominational, international ministry for healing of body, mind and spirit.

The Easter Season is a wonderful time to remind ourselves that as Jesus performed his healing miracles He did so with great humility, even as He hung on the bloodstained wood of a Roman cross. The Cross continues to remind us of the following:

...God loves us, tenderly.

...God's love for us motivated Him to become one of us at the Incarnation.

...God's love for us motivated Him to die for us at the Crucifixion.

At the Cross, Jesus Christ gives us the example of His great humility.

You can have moralism or religiosity without a cross, but you cannot have a cross-less Christianity.

Sometimes it's difficult to picture someone's face in our mind, but it's oh so easy to picture the Cross.

Happy Easter Season!

Austin Street Center Ministry



Members of our team delivered lasagna and green beans for the shelter staff to warm up for the folks at Austin Street on Wednesday, April 29th, the fifth Wednesday. We want to thank you, our dear TAC family, for your faithfulness to help feed our

homeless over these years. We couldn't do it without each one of you doing what you do. What a Terrific Team we have at TAC!! Hopefully, we will be able to prepare and serve together in July.

There is so much the shelter needs during this difficult time. If you are able to donate any amount, please send a check to the address below (or see the article below for another option for giving to ASC):

Austin Street Center
2929 Hickory Street
Dallas, TX 75226

May God bless you! Love Sharon, Sue, & Susan

North Texas Giving Day

This message comes from our own Sue Hesseltine, Executive Director of **Our Friends Place**: "The impact of COVID-19 has created uncertainty for all of us, but this is an especially challenging time for young women who experience abuse, neglect, poverty and homelessness. 100% of our young women are feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. They lost their income, can't return to school, or both. Now, our young women need your help like never before. On **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**, you can help the

young women at Our Friends Place.



Communities Foundation of Texas, United Way, and the Dallas Cowboys have teamed up to present [North Texas Giving Tuesday Now](#). Today through May 5, this emergency campaign will gather our community

together to support nonprofits and the people we serve.”

There are also other non-profits supported by our church which are a part of North Texas Giving Day, such as Austin Street Center. You can find a complete list of agencies on the North Texas Giving Day website.

Please donate as you are able!!!

Status of TAC Vacation Bible School 2020

With the future of group gatherings uncertain in terms of time and logistics, it has been **decided to postpone VBS as it was scheduled for the week of June 15th**. The leadership will continue to plan, and we thank all of those who had already volunteered to be involved. We will keep you posted on further decisions.



Bishop's Well Water Project Extended



Please be reminded that we are **still supporting our bishop's Well Water Project. Once we are able to gather again, we will take your change or any other donations** you would like to make and forward our gift to the bishop to help continue this vital work in Africa.

Special Donation Opportunity

This opportunity is still possible through most of May. **If you have used shoes to bring to the church, contact Anne at 214-458-5953 to set up a drop-off time** so that she may put them in the church building. These shoes turn into help providing therapy dogs to special needs children. Thank you for your support!



A Message from Archbishop Foley Beach

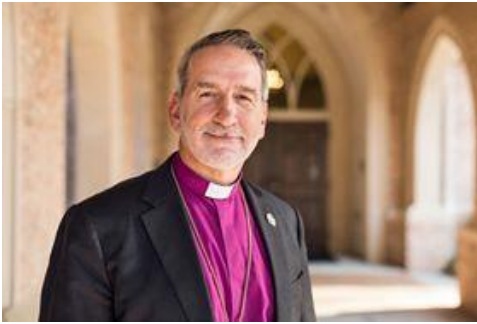
April 23, 2020

Dear Friends,

I received a note recently from one of our Matthew 25 Initiative workers who is on the front lines serving Covid-19 victims. She wrote:

“I am struggling with the weight of grief and guilt. What am I supposed to do when I know those we serve are hurting so badly?”

I was really moved by this personal, heartfelt lament. I am so proud of these people. You would be



too. I have been told, however, that much of this work could end without immediate financial help. Let me explain how you can help real people in real ways. The Matthew 25 Initiative is a network of Anglican ministries and leaders that serve some of the most poor and under-resourced people in North America. There are about 100 of these outreach efforts in the US and Canada connected to our dioceses or congregations. These ministries support shelters, food banks, diaper pantries, and counseling centers. They are led by lay people and clergy.

Some work in the inner city. Others are rural. These brothers and sisters in Christ are amazing, and truly needed today. Not everyone can quarantine. **The homeless have no homes to go to, and our ministries are continuing to serve them while taking extra precautions to lessen the threat of infection.** This critical work and these necessary precautions come with a financial cost. If these significant financial needs are not met, the work is going to grind to a halt in these terrible times of pandemic. [It is our goal to raise \\$200,000 to help in this effort.](#) This work is so important because it is the work of Jesus along the margins of our society across North America. To many, this may not seem like a lot of money when our government and leaders are talking about billions and trillions of dollars, but this is a lot of money for these workers. This money will be a direct aid that will go to support real people on the front lines of this vital work.

I don't know how else to say it except to say it boldly: **I need your help to pray and give.**

One person heard about this genuine need and has already committed to give \$100,000. Every dollar we raise together will be added to this lead gift and matched in the field.

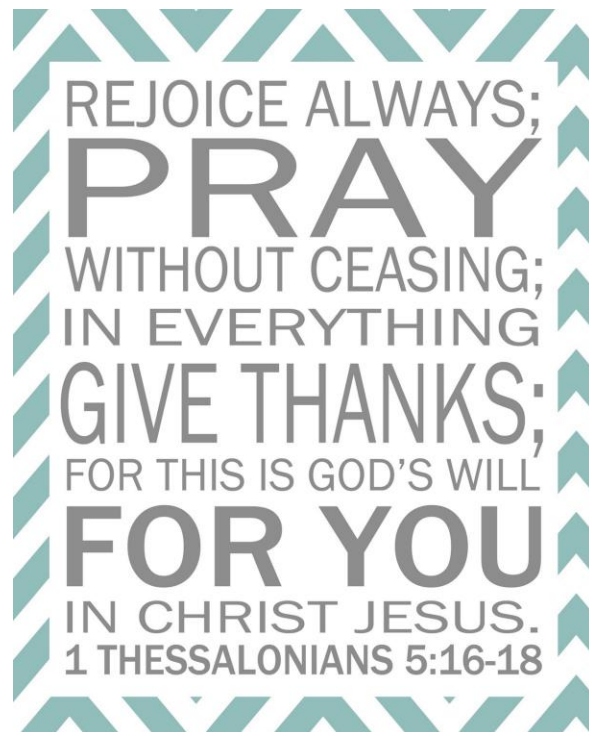
[Can you help us meet this goal of \\$200,000 for Covid-19 pandemic relief?](#)

As we raise aid for these ministries, I will be sure that it is sent to support the workers in the Matthew 25 Initiative. Please give to meet this need; it is truly urgent.

In Christ,

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

Archbishop and Primate, Anglican Church in North America



May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 B – Lou Ann McNeely
3 Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday	4	5	6	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9 B – Kenneth Craddock
10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day A – Bill & Pat Thorogood	11	12 B – Gabriel Barsoum and Jean Howk	13	14 B – Sally Barkley A – Rob & Tonia Lawler	15 B – Dorothy Neighbor	16
17 Sixth Sunday of Easter/Rogation Sunday	18	19	20	21 Ascension Day	22 A – Brandon & Zanna Wallace	23
24 Sunday after Ascension Day/ Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 B – Emily Thomas	29	30
31 Pentecost Sunday/ Whitsunday						

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