

This Week at St. John's

May 20, 2007

About the Readings

Acts 16:16-34

Through the exorcism of a slave girl, Paul announces the message of “salvation,” the deliverance from subjection by evil spirits that Greeks sought through their mystery cults. But, motivated by fear of the gospel’s threat to property rights, the girl’s owners charge that Paul and Silas have violated the law that forbade Jews to proselytize Romans. Paul and Silas are stripped, beaten and thrown into jail. Set free by an earthquake, they do not flee, thus keeping the jailer from suicide and effecting the conversion of the jailer and his family.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

This final reading from Revelation sums up Jesus’ titles and promises. He shares the Father’s title of Alpha and Omega, first and last. He is both root and offspring of David and the “morning star” identified with the Messiah. He brings to those who deserve it the reward of access to the holy city. The last of the seven blessings is pronounced upon those who, not only in the end-time but as an ongoing process, “wash their robes,” maintaining the purity of their baptismal promises. The final coming of Christ should be constantly anticipated in the individual and corporate crises of life. The repeated divine affirmation “I am coming soon” is answered by the human response, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

John 17:20-26

Chapter 17 is often called the “high priestly prayer” of Jesus in the sense that, like a priest, he offers intercession on behalf of his people. The prayer describes the union between the Father and the Son, given to the disciples so that they may share that union. It is, therefore, revelation as well as intercession. Jesus prays for himself, for the disciples and for future believers.

*(Commentary from *Living the Good News: Leader's Guide for Adults*)*

Announcements

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John’s this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

Child care is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their marriage by David and Kim Westervelt.

Paintings, photographs, and writings inspired by the Drury trip to assist with the New Orleans recovery effort are on display at the Keyes Gallery, 229 S. Market, until the end of May.

This show features the work of students Sophia Parker and Chris Beckman, as well as work by Lydia Seifner, Mick McCulloch, and Jacque Tygart, all of whom participated in the service project this January.

Profits generated from the sale of works in this show will be donated to the Recovery Efforts of EDOLA, the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana (New Orleans), with which the Drury team worked for four days during the January trip

About The Episcopal Church

House of Bishops: Part of the two-house legislature of General Convention that meets every three years to set church-wide policy and budget. All diocesan, suffragan, coadjutor, assisting, and retired bishops are members of the body, which also meets periodically between General Conventions.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we celebrate Anglican Communion Sunday.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Anne's Church, Lee's Summit, the Rev. David With, Interim Rector; the Rev. B. Chari Mynatt, Deacon.

Birthdays

May 21 Katie Morse
 May 23 Janet Swearingin
 May 24 Christopher Berry
 May 25 David Allred
 Jack Hogan
 Josh Brandon-Vicory
 May 26 Ben Patterson
 Jerry Rolufs

Anniversary

May 21 David & Kim Westervelt

Faithful Departed

May 16 Lena Hancock Bristow
 May 20 Connie Nowak
 May 21 Daisy Cravens
 Fred Smith Lines
 May 22 R. Fred Schweitzer
 May 24 Robert Ewing, Jr.

Prayer Requests

Trudy	Larry
Terri	Maxine
Charles	Dee
Darryl	Karol
Gladys	Mary
Ruth	Norman
Becky	Lauretta
Josh	Jason
Bill	Kathy
David	Ronnie
Louis	Richard
Tony	Carmon
Pricilla	Harry
Ella	Susan
Norman	Jude

Calendar

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
May 20	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(7 of Easter)	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung)
		<i>Brotherhood of St. Andrew Golf</i>
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
May 21	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
May 22	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
May 23	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
May 24	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(Jackson	12:00 p.m.	Mass and Anointing
Kemper)	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday		
May 25		
(The Venerable		
Bede)		
Saturday		
May 26		
(Augustine)		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass— Rite I
May 27	10:30 a.m.	Mass— Rite II (sung) (incense)
(Pentecost)		

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are re-submitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

You are perhaps familiar with the Greek legend which tells about King Midas who asked for and received what he wanted the most, which was the power to turn everything that he touched into gold. For a moment, we might be envious of that ability. However, when the things that we touched, such as our children, food, and drink turned to gold, we would quickly discover, as Midas did, that the Midas touch is a curse. In much the same way, Jesus tells us that the "love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). With an improper attitude toward money, money, rather than being a blessing for good, is a curse.

What is your legacy to God's church?