

This Week at St. John's

June 3, 2007

About the Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading recounts Isaiah's call to be God's prophet. In a vision of the Lord enthroned amidst the divine council in the setting of the temple at Jerusalem, Isaiah experiences the sacred, transcendent otherness of God, which was what Jews meant by holiness. Holiness was God's unique characteristic. Confronted by God's holiness, Isaiah is overwhelmed by a profound sense of the sinfulness that alienates not only him but all the people from God. He is cleansed with a coal from the altar. Thus he is prepared to proclaim God's word to the people, overcome their sinfulness and open the way to God's salvation.

Revelation 4:1-11

In chapter 4 John starts to see things the way God does from heaven. From this viewpoint, he will see how God will first judge and then save all creation. Heaven is the majestic throne room where God is constantly worshiped. John describes God in images drawn from Ezekiel's vision of God's movable chariot-throne and lightning and thunder like on Mount Sinai. The four living creatures, as in Ezekiel's vision, are associated with the ark of the covenant, God's footstool on earth, and the movement of the Spirit. They lead the heavenly court in an acclamation of praise to God the creator.

John 16:5-15

Jesus warns the disciples of his impending death and of persecution to come. Yet his death is described as a return home to the Father. Thus he tells them that it is to their advantage, for only then can he send them the Spirit. Jesus' death will bring the promised Advocate—the Spirit of truth, who will lead the disciples into an ever-deeper understanding of Jesus' revelation. Like Jesus, the Spirit will not speak out of a separate authority, The Spirit will glorify Jesus, as Jesus did the Father, by revealing him to people. Through the inspiration of the Spirit, the mission of the disciples will be one with that of Jesus.

(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 Fred & Marilyn Moon.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the United Thank Offering. A total of \$251.75 was collected.

About The Episcopal Church

Thurible: Vessel for incense, consisting of a metal pot with holes in its lid suspended from a chain. The chain allows the pot to be swung gently, releasing smoke through the holes as the incense burns. It is carried in processions and can be used to cense the Gospel Book, the Altar, the celebrant and eucharistic ministers, and the congregation. The term is derived from the Latin word for "incense." Also called a censer.

Intercessions This Week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the diocese of Oji River in the province of the Niger, Nigeria; and for the Rt. Rev. Amos Amankechinelo Madu.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Church, Lee's Summit; the Rev. Mark McGuire, Vicar; and for The Congregational Development in the Urban & Suburban Context.

Birthdays

June 4 Annina Besore
Nikki Chaffin
June 5 Ruth Geister
June 6 Bettie McAndrews
Paul J. White Jr.
June 9 Fay Ollis

Faithful Departed

June 3 Arabella Braig
Bertha Edwards
June 5 James McCoy
June 6 Zenor Byrum
Arch Price
Ray Woolridge
June 7 Helen Cunningham
June 9 Margaret Bailey Horny

Prayer Requests

Trudy Maxine
Terri Dee
Norman Gladys
Pricilla Susan
Ella Jude
Clara

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 resubmitted. 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.

Calendar

	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
	June 3	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite II (sung)
	(Trinity Sunday)		
	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	June 4	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	June 5	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	(Boniface of Mainz)	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
	June 6	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	(Norbert of Magdeburg)	6:00 p.m.	Mass
		7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	June 7	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
	(Corpus Christi)	12:00 p.m.	Mass and Anointing
		5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	Friday		
	June 8		
	(William of York)		
	Saturday		
	June 9		
	(Columba of Iona)		
	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mass– Rite I
	June 10	10:30 a.m.	Mass– Rite II (sung)
	(2 Pentecost)		

Our society has become more and more affluent. Most households have two or more cars, two or more television sets, cell phones, retirement accounts, etc. Materially we are growing richer. However, in many ways, we are becoming poorer. It is not because we lack money, but rather it's because we are dissatisfied with what we have. We don't enjoy what we have because we have lost appreciation for all of our blessings. No amount of money is able to make us content. First Timothy states, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (6:10). In Christ, we can stop loving money and the things that it can buy and learn to be content.

What is your legacy to God's church?