



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



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Rector's Ramblings

Over the recent weeks we have taken a whirlwind tour through some of the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion. We did not cover all thirty-nine, but only those that seem to be most relevant for our



current place in history. I do commend all of the Articles of Religion, and encourage everyone to read all of them while keeping in mind that they were written for a particular situation in the history of the church.

The Historical Documents in the Book of Common Prayer also include a document titled, "The Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral 1886-1888." This document outlined our desire for the unity of the church as well as the qualifications for unity in the church.

The Quadrilateral opens with the statement:

We, Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Council assembled as Bishops in the Church of God, do hereby solemnly declare to all whom it may concern, and especially to our fellow-Christians of the different Communion in this land, who, in their several spheres, have contended for the religion of Christ:

In this opening statement, there is a recognition that there are other communions or denominations that are Christian. Most Episcopalians today would take this as a given. There are some denominations that would not take this as a given. The Quadrilateral outlines the basis for determining what communions or denominations "have contended for the religion of Christ."

Before outlining those determinations, the Quadrilateral states the desires for the recognition of Christian unity. The first statement is:

Our earnest desire that the Savior's prayer, "That we all may be one," may, in its deepest and truest sense, be speedily fulfilled;

As the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams stated, our unity is in Christ alone. Any other source of unity for the church is idolatry. There are members of my family with whom I have a few very deep disagreements. At the same time, we have a common ancestry, and I cannot deny they are members of my human family. There are denominations with which we might have very deep disagreements. However, if we are united in Christ, we must acknowledge that they are our Christian family. The failure to do so is to work against the prayer of Jesus that we would all be one.

Fr. RJ



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24th
Family Eucharist @5:00pm Festive Eucharist @10:00pm

DECEMBER 26th Lessons & Carols One Service @10:00am



St. Mark's
Sunday School
Presents

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

A Christmas Pageant



Sunday, December 19
at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary



Sunday, December 5

Holy Eucharist in person at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Live Stream at 10 a.m.

Bible Study at 9 a.m. between services

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

Wednesday, December 8

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

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Bob's Music Notes

My maternal grandmother birthed twelve children, four of whom died in infancy. The eldest was Helene, who became a surrogate mother for the rest. Reginald, who lived in Albany, invented Megolite, a flashlight that could be used in an explosive environment. Paul used to drive me to Peabody in downtown Baltimore for my piano lesson and eventually became the electrical engineer for Miami Beach. He complained of heart problems but survived well into his 90s. Mason was a businessman and fond of astronomy. Ruth's son Billy became a CPA in Silver Spring MD. Grace Elizabeth, my Aunt Bess, was a gourmet cook. I remember her tomato slices garnished with cucumber. Dorothy was the youngest whose daughter had quite a career as an Army nurse. Anna, my mother, was the "free spirit" of this brood. My father courted her all during his service in WW I. They were married in June 1922.



But two weeks before the wedding, a tragedy occurred. The father died at the dinner table. My mother used to tell me that, at that moment, a little man jumped on her back and never left. This father was a commission merchant in Baltimore harbor, a

broker for foodstuffs, and quite well-to-do. The family lived in a mansion on Park Heights Avenue with servants and two horses. All this changed overnight with the death of the patriarch.

First-born Helene was quite proper. She married Probate Judge James Fearon Bridgens. They lived on Water Street in Lock Haven PA (named for a canal and home of the Piper Cub factory). Aunt Helene showed me the watermark in her house when the nearby Susquehanna River flooded. On one of our visits to Lock Haven my mother greeted Mr. Bridgens with "Well, Judge, have you fed and watered the prisoners today?" His honor was not amused. He said, "I have nothing whatever to do with the prisoners." So, if I say something odd, you'll know where it came from.

December Birthdays

2 David Thorley
7 Kathy Kennedy
12 Al Korosi, Pam McCarthy
14 Gary Mull
25 Christy Thorley
27 Marilyn Thorp

December Anniversaries

13 Wayne and Sandy Paradis
27 Rick and Julie Werren
29 Jane King, Barrie and Marilyn Thorp

Prayer Concerns

Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Cody Hixon (cousin of Bruce Hixon); Addelyn (friend of Judy Hixon); John Fortney (brother of Cindy Brown); Nancy Murphy (daughter of Carol Hayn); Stephanie & Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Darlene & Diana (friends of Sue Little), Silvia Batalla (friend of Gene and Sally Little); Ynette Pysher (Vonda Temerkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & Doug (friend & brother-in-law of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler & Darlene (friends of Sue Little); Sherry, Noah, & Linda Kendrick, (friends of the Kieslings); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison);

Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Chuck Schuerer & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki & Corinna (family of Beth Crawl); Dr. Angela Peters & family (friend of the Kennedys); Terry L., Denny Schafer, Judy Evans (friends of Pam McCarthy); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub's); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman family & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for the specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Prayer requests may be placed on the private Prayer Chain or on the Prayer Concerns list appearing in *The Lion's Pause* and Sunday bulletin or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Unless otherwise instructed, names will be listed as we receive them. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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