

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

Who were Priscilla and Aquila—the notables we remember every year on July 8? They were a married couple, tentmakers by trade, who found themselves without a home in 50 AD when the Roman emperor expelled Jews from Rome. They moved to Corinth. That's where they met Paul.

They became Paul's valued associates. We find six references in the New Testament.* James Kieffer notes that in three of these references, Priscilla's name comes first. In the other three, Aquila's comes first. Paul appears "to emphasize that they are being mentioned on equal terms."

Kieffer acknowledges Paul's notorious remark in I Timothy 2:12, "I do not permit a woman to instruct or command a man." But he suggests that we keep Priscilla and Aquila in mind as we try to understand what Paul may have meant. He says, "It is perhaps worth noting that we are told that Priscilla and Aquila, acting jointly, instructed Apollos in the Gospel, and there is no hint in the text that Aquila did all the talking while Priscilla hovered in the background and kept them supplied with sandwiches and coffee." Nicely put!

The collect for their day is as follows:

God of grace and might, who gave to your servants Aquila and Priscilla gifts of zeal and eloquence to make known the truth of

the Gospel: Raise up, we pray, in every country, heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, so that the world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Extra credit to anyone who looks up the references: Acts 18:2, 18, and 26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; and 2 Timothy 4:19.

We hope for good weather on Sunday so that we may worship once again in the Betty Fortney Sanctuary—a bit cooler than last Sunday would be nice! As you probably recall, we had prepared the sanctuary inside the church as an alternative in the event of unfavorable weather. However, because of the sudden spike in the pandemic, the wardens and I decided to postpone any move inside for the time being. If the weather does not cooperate with us, we will stream the service from the sanctuary. We will try whenever possible to make that call on Saturday afternoon. When we revisit the issue later this month, we will make a decision about August. The time for our “meaningful but brief” services will remain the same: 9:00 AM.

Katie and I are looking forward to resuming mid-week office hours next week, on Wednesdays from 10 to 2. You may call for an appointment or simply drop in anytime between 10 and 2. You may use your time at St. Mark’s for private prayer in the sanctuary, to get answers to questions you may have, or to confer with me. We will meet in the library, which will be sanitized following each visitor. Please consider taking advantage of this step in the direction of normalcy.

Fr. Paul



Funeral Services for Ken McPeek will be steamed on our St. Mark's Facebook page Saturday, July 11th at 11:00am. You can view the service [here](#).



Reminder!

If you haven't already signed up for a St. Mark's pen pal, you can still do so today! Get matched up with a parishioner at random by emailing the [church office](#).

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read This Week's
Lessons

Online Giving

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's.



You can add instructions to your donation. (IE: operations, restoration, etc.) If you have questions on this, please contact the [office](#).

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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If you would like a copy of Forward Day by Day mailed to you, please contact the [office](#).

Join us Sunday at 9:00am for Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary in the Woods. We will continue to gather for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Betty Fortney chapel--WEATHER PERMITTING.



If storms are predicted or if the predicted temperature for 9:00 AM is above 82 degrees, we will *stream* the service from the sanctuary rather than open the sanctuary to members of the congregation. Only those involved in leading and recording the service will enter the sanctuary.

Please remember:

- Masks are required. (If you do not have a mask, please visit the table and one will be provided to you.)
- Social distancing is required.
- Some areas are only open to staff.
- Some areas only allow one person at a time.
- If you are ill or feeling unwell, please stay home.

Sunday Live Stream

You will be able to access the live stream by visiting our [Facebook page](#) (an account is not required.) Our video content will be the first posted content in the videos section and should indicate that we are "live".

An Appreciation of Mrs. A, part 3, the poetry of Cecil Frances Alexander-Bob Morrison

And, who can forget Sandi Kaustinen's singing, unaccompanied, "Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child...We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another."

She did a translation of Saint Patrick: "I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ

behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me." This sparkling text occupies five pages in the full edition of our hymnal - so true to her Irish heritage, and set to an Irish tune to boot called "Saint Patrick's Breastplate."

Her writings were aimed mostly at children, such as her first book *Hymns for Little Children* - but there's nothing childish in these writings. Her words can edify adults as well, which reminds me of Hillsdale College's free online course in Classic Children's Literature, the thought being that all of us can learn from "Treasure Island" and "Huckleberry Finn." She used her poems to teach her Sunday School class the meaning of the Apostles' Creed. And the proceeds from the publishing of her poems she directed to the Diocesan Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and the Derry Home for Fallen Women. She was described as "an indefatigable visitor to the poor and sick."

(To be continued next week...)

Paul Welch, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Michele Mellor (friend of David White), Don, Corbin Angeli, Thelma (friends/family of Jan Hudson), Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for 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

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



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