

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Rector's Ramblings

More than five decades ago, Dom Gregory Dix wrote a book entitled *The Shape of the Liturgy*. In that book, speaking of the command of Jesus to “Do this in remembrance of me,” Dix wrote, “Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need, from infancy and before it, to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth.”

For nearly the last two millennia, the church has celebrated the Eucharist in a form very similar to what we do each Sunday. The shape of the liturgy celebrated by the vast majority of Christians has changed little in that time. Some elements have been moved from time to time, but the elements have remained largely the same.

Although it is helpful to understand a little about the shape of the liturgy, it might be even more helpful to think of the flow of the liturgy. Rather than something static, the liturgy can carry us on a journey so that, hopefully, we do not leave our Sunday worship in the same place we began. Hopefully, the liturgy will carry us deeper into God's kingdom.

There are two main movements in the liturgy. The first is the Liturgy of the Word, in which we hear the proclamation of the scripture. In this movement, we are not listening to a lecture designed to inform us. We are listening for the call of God, inviting us to be made new.

The second movement of the liturgy is our response to God. We repent. We offer prayers. We offer our treasure. And, of course, we offer bread and wine. Then, somehow, God fills that bread and wine with the presence of Christ, and offers Himself back to us.

Over the next several weeks, my ramblings will examine the flow of the liturgy, and the various elements of each movement. For now, when you step through the doors of the church, imagine that you are stepping into a river that will carry you toward the Kingdom of God.

Fr. RJ



Holy Eucharist, June 26, 8 and 10 a.m.

Join us for a reception after services to bid farewell to Bob and Kathy Kennedy

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Wednesday, June 29

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

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NOTE:

Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.



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Summer Picnic &
Friend Sunday
July 24th

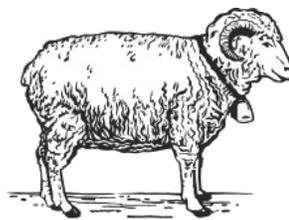


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Bellwether Farm

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experience the farm, fields, and forests of Bellwether Farm, and enjoy farm-to-table meals during the best week of the summer. Traditional camp activities like hiking, canoeing, fishing, swimming, arts and crafts, and games will be

supplemented by farm time, animal time, and cooking classes. Expect singing, goats, vegetables, and life-long friends. Register at bellwetherfarm.com for weeks in late June and July. The entire diocese is invited to support camp through prayer, mail, and practical ways. This document will have updates on ways to help.

Bob's Music Notes

The pastor of my Baltimore church decided to have a week of evangelistic services with an emphasis on prophecy. The affair was well attended and, to enrich the music for these events, I invited a fellow Peabody student, Julia Schnebly, to assist at the piano. This talented young lady was majoring in harpsichord and kindly agreed to come each night during this week to play duets and hymn accompaniments with me.



At the conclusion of the week's services, I sent a request to the trustees for five dollars to reimburse Julia for her carfare. Julia, of course, had volunteered her talents, and I thought the least we should do was pay her transportation cost. Well, another letter from Chairman Strickler: "Your request is refused. We feel that musicians should play for the glory of God and not for worldly gain."



June Birthdays

1 Judy Hixon
3 Carol Popovich, Zeke Gordon
6 Paul Sack
9 Jeff Turner, Tim Turner

17 Evan Jenkins
24 Bruce Schutrum
28 Abi Highman
30 Anne Coen

June Anniversaries

1 Ronald and Joyce Rupp
17 Charlie and MaryAnn Kiesling
20 Beth and Kirk Bletzacker,
Paul and Gail Wetherell Sack
27 John and Sarah Highman

Prayer Concerns

Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes

Family and Friends: Allison Cornell-Hood (Diane Cornell); Baby Finnigan Savage & family & Terry L. (friends of Pam McCarthy); Dan Dennis (friend of John Werren); Dan & Bonnie, Linda Walls & Jimmy Little (friends & son of Sue Little); Bob Patterson, Anne Higgins & Nancy Sauer (friends of Diana Cornell); Lynn McBride (Beth Crowl's father); Bonnie Giammarco & 2 daughters (Gary's cousin Jerry); Lenny Reich (acquaintance of the Hixons); Kahmario Coleman & Stew Hudson (family friend & husband of Jan Hudson); Aurora (friend of the Gordons); Matt Gagnon (assistant principal at Oakwood Middle School); Theresa & Addelyn (friends of Judy Hixon); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & Doug Fulton (friend & brother-in-law of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Tony Donahue & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Sullivan & Guzman families & 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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