

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

A reminder! We have resumed office hours. For the present, the office hours, by appointment, are from 11 AM to 1 PM. Please reserve your time—either for discussion with Fr. Gaston or for quiet time alone in the St. Mark's sanctuary—by calling Katie at 330-499-2662 or by emailing her at office@stmarks-canton.org no later than noon tomorrow, Friday, May 22. Please recall also the limitations we will observe for the time being:

- (1) You may make an appointment for 30 minutes or for 1 hour.
- (2) Only two visitors may visit at a time—though exceptions can be made for members of the same family. All visitors must wear masks. Fr. Gaston will wear a mask also.
- (3) Discussions with Fr. Gaston will take place in the library, which will be sanitized following each visitor. No one should enter the church office.

We look forward to the time when these limitations will no longer be necessary.

Today is Ascension Day. We will hear the account of this event from Acts (1:6-14) as our first reading on Sunday. We will recall then that moments before Jesus ascended the apostles were still clinging to a concept of messiahship that had little in common with Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. A long-standing expectation was of a grand military and political victory that would expel the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's international authority. On Sunday I will preach on this "disconnect" between grandiose hopes and Jesus' example that the apostles would have to resolve if a church were to emerge from their experience.

The “rest of the story” (as Paul Harvey used to say) will follow in our lesson. The apostles appear to be stunned by Jesus’ ascension. “Two men in white robes,” i.e., angels, bring them back to their senses with a pointed question: *‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?’* The “two men” might have added, “You have work to do.”

And they will do it. They return to Jerusalem, where they meet together in “the room upstairs where they were staying.” And they devote themselves to prayer. As they pray to God with one another they become the nucleus for our church. I will have more to add on Sunday. See you then—via YouTube, of course.

Fr. Paul

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Read This Week's
Lessons

[An Interview with Brynn and Connor Pelger](#)

How old are you?

Connor-5, I will be 6 May 19th
Brynn- 8, well I’m going to turn
8 in two months

What is your favorite thing to do with your parents?

Connor- snuggle
Brynn- play tennis

Tell us something about yourself we wouldn’t otherwise know.

Connor-I like video games
Brynn- I have at least 20 baby dolls

What do you like most about St. Mark’s?

Connor-everybody there we know



Brynn- the people

What's your favorite show or movie?

Connor-superheroes, Avengers actually

Brynn- movie: Furry Vengeance and t.v.: family matters or saved by the bell

What's the first thing you're going to do when quarantine is over?

Connor-try to beg my mom to go to my friends

Brynn- go see all my friends

If you had to pick a character from a Disney movie to be, who would you pick?

Connor-this is a hard one, Mickey

Brynn- Princess Jasmine or Ariel

Which food do you think is the most disgusting?

Connor- I have a lot so I don't know, maybe peas

Brynn- I will try anything, but milk is disgusting

If you could go anywhere right now, where would you go?

Connor- on our Disney cruise or to see Dude Perfect

Brynn- On a girls trip with my mom and grandma or Florida to see my grandparents

Who do you nominate for the next interview?

Zeke Gordon

A Note from Mr. Bob Morrison:

A name that keeps cropping up every time I'm writing about hymns is Canon Winfred Douglas. A "canon" is a clergy person working under the supervision of a Dean at a Cathedral. [Our rector was Dean in Cleveland for two years recently.] Douglas was born in Oswego NY right after the Civil War in 1867. (His wife was the daughter of a Civil War General and the first female physician in Colorado.) His health was never robust, and in attempts to avoid pneumonia and TB, he moved to Denver where he had considerable influence in Episcopal circles. He was a musician, linguist, priest, and poet with a love for Gregorian chant which he learned first-hand from the monks of Solesmes on the Isle of Wight plus other studies in England, France, and Germany. He worked with Rachmaninoff on the English

translations of the Russian master's sacred compositions. He lived for a while with Hopi and Navajo Indian tribes. He authored a host of books. [One of his volumes is offered for sale on the internet for \$952!] He established what turned out to be the oldest continuing religious music conference in the US. He wrote program notes for the Denver Symphony.

Returning to the east coast, he lived in a cabin he called St. Dunstan's in Peekskill NY and it was on the train from NYC to his cabin that he wrote the hymntune St. Dunstan's to which we sing "He Who Would Valiant Be." He edited The Hymnal 1916 and 1940 and, although he died at age 77 in 1944, there are 17 entries in the 1982 book which are mostly harmonizations of his. Truly a Renaissance man. It is said that he wrote an organ composition in the evening of January 7, 1944 and passed away the next day. But the way I remember this man is from a workshop I attended some years ago where the clinician was dealing with hymn-singing. He said, "Canon Winfred Douglas was once asked what the proper tempo of a hymn should be, and the good Canon said, 'Well, the fast hymns should be fast, and the slow hymns, slow.'" So there!

Prayer Concerns

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

Family and Friends: Mike

Cochran's (friend of Gordons'), Olivson Family (friends of Violands'), 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), Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), 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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