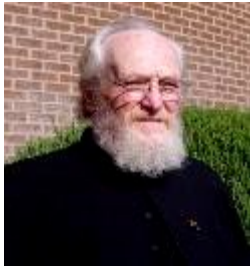


Alleluia. God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son: O come let us worship. Alleluia

Fr. Robert's Remarks



FR ROBERT MANSFIELD, SSC
VICAR GENERAL

Greetings, The Lord be with you!

Each year at Whitsuntide, I find it a joy to reflect on the Anthems proposed on page 204 of our Prayer Book (see page 4 of this issue. The Lesson appointed for the Epistle ends with “we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.” The Anthems begin with the Psalm verse drawing attention to the fact that “he hath done marvellous things.” The Anthems go on to express some of those things.

I commend them to you as the basis of a series of meditations in this season.

May God Bless you and keep you!

More next month,

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Fr. James Chantler: A Sermon for the Sunday after Ascension Day



FR. JAMES CHANTLER

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Our Book Of Common Prayer's title for today is The Sunday After Ascension Day but we do well to remember that today is also the Sunday before The Day Of Pentecost. On Thursday we celebrated Our Lord's glorious Ascension and now we look forward to the fulfilment of Christ's promise concerning the gift of the Comforter which we heard on The Fourth Sunday After Easter (St. John 16 : 5-33). In ancient times this Sunday was commonly called 'Expectation Sunday' and the days which followed were known as 'Expectation Week' as the disciples sensed that the Church would soon embark upon her sacred mission. It is important to understand that the Ascension of our Lord did not mean that Christ had left His followers alone or that He had disengaged from the world; for we are never alone. Since Pentecost the Church has gone forth in concert with her exalted King and Great High Priest who empowers the Church by the operation

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of the Holy Spirit which, along with the Holy Ghost, is another name for the Comforter Christ promised us.

What will happen when the Comforter comes and how He will operate in the Church is what today's Gospel (St. John: 15.26 - 16.4) is about, so let us examine today's Gospel. Jesus says "When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father": this tells us that we are going to receive strengthening or fortification. We see the biblical meaning of the word comforter in its root: 'fort'. When we comfort someone who is ill or distressed and they are strengthened, or when we are comforted it is the Comforter who has given us (the Church) strength to persevere in GOD's service in difficult times.

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The Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost) is not only our Comforter but also the Spirit of truth sent to reveal the truth to those who seek it and to ensure that it is interpreted; maintained; and passed on by the Church. The Holy Spirit then is our teacher as He was sent to 'testify' or bear witness to Christ who is "the way and the truth and the life" (John 14.6).

Remember too what we learned on the Fourth Sunday After Easter, that the Comforter is also our guide : " when He, the Spirit of truth, is come He will guide you into all truth." Without this guidance we struggle with discernment of the truth and stumble when communicating with people such as Pontius Pilate who asked our Lord "What is truth ?" (John 18.38)

In today's liturgical Gospel Jesus makes it clear to His disciples that they would meet with violent opposition from the world. In His love for them, and in His mercy, He warns them so "that ye should not be offended" and by this He means that they won't stumble or falter or be taken by surprise. They, and believers in every age, must be motivated by love but be prepared to be hated. The word 'martyr' comes from the Greek word 'martu' which means witness and the connection between witnessing and persecution, and even death, is obvious. Christ tells them that their persecutors will think they are doing GOD service : remember even St .Paul (when he was Saul) was a persecutor of Christians thinking that he was doing the will of GOD ! In modern times we are seeing this happen though many persecutors today deny the existence of GOD. We, dear brethren, could never discern the truth, or witness to it, without the strengthening; teaching; and guidance of the Holy Ghost. May we always be giving praise and thanks to Christ our Lord and King for sending the Comforter to us so we may "both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also have grace and power to faithfully fulfil the same". (BCP p.123) Amen.



Bonnie's Reflections: Clouds



BONNIE IVEY (& LAD)

In New Hampshire, on October 22 of 1844, followers of Baptist preacher William Miller gathered to await the Second Coming of Christ. On that day, according to Miller's extensive calculations of dates and scriptures, The Lord Jesus Christ would return to earth on a cloud, just as he had ascended after his Resurrection.

He would arrive, accompanied by angels, and carry the faithful away to Heaven. In preparation, many had sold their property, using the funds to further publicize the prediction. Farmers had left their crops unharvested, as there would be no need for earthly food.

Nothing happened.

The day is now listed in reference books as "The Great Disappointment". The downcast disciples of Miller were publicly shamed, mocked in the press, and some were subjected to violence. A man in Toronto was even tarred and feathered for promoting this belief. Several churches were vandalized or burnt. Some remaining followers of Miller kept their hope, eventually forming the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Afterward, writer O.J.D. Packard wrote that Jesus was "sitting on a white cloud and must be Prayed Down." A modern writer commented, "Maybe we're slightly embarrassed by a story that sounds like Superman flying off into Space."

The Ascension of Christ certainly does not "get the love" which the secular world gives (although somewhat grudgingly) to Christmas and Easter. There are no Chocolate Clouds in the candy aisle, nor canned music about the Ascension urging us to buy presents.

Why did Jesus publicly, visibly ascend? After his Resurrection, he had already appeared to many of his believers. He commissioned his Apostles to travel and evangelize, but first, he told them, they must receive the Holy Spirit for this work. The Spirit would be with them, and within them. "I will not leave you orphans," he told them. His unusual and public departure would leave no false hopes that Jesus was still somewhere to be found, and sought out, in preference to receiving the teaching and ministry of his Apostles.

Therefore, he could not simply walk away, drive off in a chariot, or otherwise disappear over the horizon. Even sailing off in a ship would not do. Every form of transport would lead to the false conclusion that he was still to be found. He could not vanish into thin air because that would give the impression that he was never a real physical being. He could not sink into the ground; that was the

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realm of superstition and spiritualism.

In both the Old and New Testament there are examples of clouds appearing as an indication of God's presence. Scriptures describe such clouds as being different from those in the atmosphere. They are not natural clouds, subject to wind. A cloud led the Children of Israel daily during their migration through the wilderness. In 2 Chronicles 5 we read the description of the dedication of the new Temple. When the priests began to sing about the mercy of God, a cloud filled the place "so that no man could stand to minister", causing the participants to fall on their faces in awe. We read that when Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him to pray on a mountain, they witnessed Moses and Elijah appearing in a conversation with Jesus. Then a cloud enveloped them, and they heard a voice come from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son. Hear him!"

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Jesus himself refers to clouds which will be seen at his coming again, as the Son of Man, in power and great glory. (Mark 13:26, Luke 21:27, Matt. 26:24)

Now we, his followers, have lives to live as we wait for his coming again. Like the Apostles and the first believers, we must bear witness to Jesus in our daily lives by loving and serving others. How to obtain the grace to serve him in these tasks?

"O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen"



Whitsunday Anthems

O SING unto the LORD a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things. *Psalm 98. 1.*

Christ, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, / hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. *Acts 2. 33.*

And because ye are sons, / God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. *Galatians 4. 6.*

We all, with open face / beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, Are changed into the same image from glory to glory, / even as by the Spirit of the Lord. *2 Corinthians 3. 18.*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.



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Cameroon*



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South Sudan*



*Republic
of Kenya*



Rwanda

Congo.

On April 23rd, Bishop Steven wrote, ‘Through this email I would like to send you a briefing for the Inauguration ceremony of the Vocational Training Centre. The ceremony was presided over by The Right Reverend Dr Steven Ayule-Milenge, Ordinary Bishop of the Anglican Catholic Church, Diocese of Congo. Surrounded by 6 Priests and a Deacon with a Lay-leader. Almost all Parishes and Missions were represented at the ceremony except the Saint Marc Evangeliste Bunyakiri Parish and the Saint Agathe Ikoma Walungu Mission. The Saint Augustin Nyalushozi Parish was represented by its Vicar because the Parish Priest was in mourning. 120 Christians participated in the Mass, Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge preached and presided over the Eucharist. After the Mass he cut the ribbon of the large entrance door to the Guest House and the Conference Room where Christians and guests shared the Buffet meal prepared by the Union of Mothers of the Holy Trinity Pro-Cathedral Bukavu at the Conference’s Room.

We are very grateful to our partners and friends who allowed us to have the building on 6 levels or floors. God bless them all.’

As the month started, Bishop Steven was admitted to hospital in Bujumbura, Burundi for urgent sur-



gery to remove a cyst. This meant being driven by his almoner from Bukavu to Bujumbura, the road through hills and deep valleys, dropping down into the valley and along the northern edge of Lake Tanganyika, crossing the border with Burundi, and into Bujumbura. That journey, of 143kms (89miles), would usually take 4 hours, 45 minutes, but on that day, it took 10 hours, because heavy rains had caused Lake Tanganyika to flood the road across



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the border.

The good news is that the surgery was successful, Bishop Steven has been discharged from hospital, and has been driven home to Bukavu by his Almoner, Révérend Anatole Biringanine Kuburhanwa.

Congo East.

It is hoped that the Appeal will be able to assist Bishop Mmokywa Mtundu in the provision of courses for his Ordinands as they prepare for ordination. He advises us that there are four to the Priesthood, and one to the Diaconate: we hope that, with your support for the Appeal, we can enable this essential training will enable these men to bring yet more faithful people to a strong faith in Jesus Christ:

Augustin Byarurema

Bitu ASaba

Walumbua Esale

Bicingini. Mcwale

Ordinand Diacre

Lubungo Makongola pierre

Kenya.

Bishop John has written describing flooding in Nairobi, and across Kenya: ‘The rains in Kenya are so torrential and no part of Kenya has been spared. As a church we have been affected though neither severely nor fatally. For instance, my daughter with her university team left Nairobi on Monday this week for a mission at Marsabit Northern Kenya. They were scheduled to return yesterday on Friday, Marsabit is too remote without telephone network. However, she managed to call (by climbing some trees on a hill) and informed me that their return trip has been cancelled indefinitely. Because the only bridge and some few others that connect the area with the rest of Kenya have been swept away. All seasonal rivers in the area have flooded. Unless evacua-



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tion is done, they shall wait until the bridges are repaired and rain to subside.

The government yesterday postponed the opening of all primary and secondary schools indefinitely. Most of our members at Good Shepherd, Korogocho have relocated to higher grounds as directed by the government and are either living with friends or other church members. The mission leaders there Bonface and Monica are helping by providing lunch daily at the church for the children whose families have been displaced.

I myself have minimised movement by car and almost confined indoors but only leave the house cautiously. Indeed, as we speak outside rain is still heavy.

We thank God that we have not suffered fatality directly, but we feel for those who have. Your prayers are appreciated.



The ACC, Diocese of Kenya

The Anglican Catholic Church (www.anglican catholic.org).
On TRINITY IX Sunday 28th July 2024,
at Resurrection Church, Kayole,
Nairobi, from 10:00 am, shall launch the
ACCK -KISWAHILI PRAYER BOOK.
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God Ordain Bonface Kamande Kariuki to the office of Deacon.

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On May 10th, Bishop John also sent this notice for a significant event on July 28th, Trinity IX, the launch of the ACCK Kiswahili Prayer Book. Keep them in our prayers!

Bishop John, with his Archdeacon, has committed support for Ednah Muniyivah Kyalo as she starts her course at the PCEA Kikuyu Hospital School of Nursing. Bishop John had written that he 'had ex-



pressed the need for the Diocese to have assistant nurses to take care of the elderly members in our diocese.' It is hoped that Ednah, the Archdeacon's daughter, will be the first of many.

Rwanda.

Father Chadrack has been undergoing the fever and discomforts of a malaria attack, so has not been able to travel to the parishes, but he has sent photographs of the work on the church in Ramba. (see photos next page)

We can see that, when completed, the church will have almost doubled in space, able to accommodate many more at Mass.

It makes me reflect on the very different situation in Canada, as well as in much of Europe, where many churches are closing their doors, The Book Ecclesiastes ends with: 'Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.' (Ecclesiastes 12.13-14)

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Cameroon.

Bishop Alphonse writes this week, that whereas others have too much rainfall, Yaoundé has been too dry: ‘Good day to you! Here we have great difficulty with a very dry season, so the ground is hard and the sun and the heat have destroyed everything we had sown. Famine is raging in all families. If possible, you can donate \$250 to us, we can manage by buying some food.

Our well and pump machine are broken. For the past three months, we have been drinking water with difficulty and non-drinkable water. This in the long run may cause us disease, and we ask for your support and support to repair and buy other machinery and work so that our well still supplies us with drinkable and drinking water.’

Unfortunately, we have not been able to send funds, after recently sending funds, \$800.00, for the medical care of his sons after their recent accident, falling from a motorbike taxi. The Bishop will receive funds from the SPMS next week.

However, the repairs to the water pump system will be required. The cost of this still needs to be assessed. In the meantime, the family have to use bottled water, the health centre cannot function, and the flush toilet no longer flushes - all of which could lead to disease, as Bishop Alphonse says. Keep them in your prayers...



How to support these churches:

There are no deductions from money received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, Congo, South Sudan, Rwanda or Kenya. Administrative costs, eg, money transfer fees, are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

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BASIL THE GREAT: The Works of the Holy Spirit

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TO EVERY
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The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them, and make him realise that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.

The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith.

Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works. The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive him. To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.

The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself.

As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.

From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations - we become God.



From the Parishes

St. John's, Parry Sound



Fr. Robert and Joyce Mansfield of St. John's, Parry Sound, ON give thanks for a life together as they have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 11, 2024.

The celebration will continue as they get together with their three adult children and their families later in the month.



FR. ROBERT & JOYCE WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY A FLOWER GARDEN NEAR THE FESTIVAL THEATRE IN STRATFORD. (*ROMEO AND JULIETTE* WAS THE FEATURE OF THE DAY IN THE THEATRE.) A GREAT DAY!

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Our 2024 Synod is scheduled for October 7-10. Found in the *Prayers At The Opening of A Session of Synod* is the hymn *Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire*. It is commended for prayerful use in the period leading up to Synod.

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:
2. Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:
3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This my be our endless song.

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



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