



APRIL 2021

# The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches..." John 15:5

## WATCH WITH ME!

**O**N the night before Jesus' crucifixion, he went to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives to pray. He knew what lay before him!

"And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down



to the ground" (Luke 22:44). He took with him his three closest Apostles (Peter, James, and John). He said to them, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray . . . My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me" (Matthew 26:36-37). When they fell asleep Jesus told them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation" (Luke 22:46).

As monasticism developed in the early church period and throughout the Middle Ages, they developed the Liturgy of the Hours, seven times of prayer, six during the day and one at 2:00 am. In his book *The Book of Common Prayer: A Biography*, Alan Jacobs said, "The regular prayers of monks and nuns are best understood as attempts by the church to assign some of its members to do what the disciples could not do: to stay awake and pray with the Lord."

As the Reformation of the Church began in earnest in England, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer began to envision all Christians staying awake and praying with the Lord. As Cranmer developed the first Book of Common Prayer he took the monastic offices of Matins (2:00 am) and Evensong and developed Morning and Evening Prayer with the goal of finding "a way to enable ordinary people who had their own

daily work also to pray faithfully, to keep in their own way the vigil the first disciples had failed to keep" (Alan Jacobs).

The Latin prayers of the monks were not understood by the ordinary people who came to pray along with them. In fact, the monks who did not understand Latin, muttered the prayers with no comprehension. This type of prayer became mystical, with little understanding. For many this type of prayer felt spiritual and peaceful (much like Enya's music today), sort of a spiritual background music. The people's prayers may have been genuine, but had no biblical guidance or boundaries. Cranmer's first Book of Common Prayer tried to correct this. John Wesley said, "I believe there is no liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more of a solid, scriptural, rational, piety, than the Common Prayer of the Church of England."

Jesus said, "Watch with me!" Pray with me. Spend time with me. Daily Morning and Evening Prayer is a great way to do just that. The 2019 Book of Common Prayer includes Morning and Evening Prayer (13-16 pages long), including a Psalm and Bible readings. This new Prayer Book also includes the more concise forms of Family Prayer (2 pages long). These prayer offices help guide you beyond the mystical, into biblical forms of prayer. For me, I've found that a balance of mystical/extemporaneous and structured/biblical prayers are most helpful. As we approach the vivid remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, let us remember and practice His words, "Watch with me."

### Our Path of Christian Maturity

Worship Grow Serve

### The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website ([www.faithanglicanchurch.org](http://www.faithanglicanchurch.org)), or calling the church office (755-4848).

## Parish Council Officers

Special thanks to those who served as our Parish Council officers in 2020: James Zachary – Senior Warden, Amy Trippel – Junior Warden, Ron Kirby – Treasurer, and John Scott – Secretary. For 2021 our Parish Council officers are: Jill Amos – Senior Warden, Mike Brown – Junior Warden, Daniel King – Treasurer, and Amy Trippel – Secretary. Many thanks to these for their willing service! Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

## Children's and Youth Ministry News

At our recent meeting of parents, grandparents, and other adults, we decided to focus on our Children's Worship and Acolyte ministries. The following Sunday we had nine children attend Children's Worship! Our Children's Worship leadership team includes Mary Hand, Deborah Glover, Jill Amos, and Peter & Laura Lutrick. Jessica Hearne has agreed to serve as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. Jessica will organize events for our acolytes and Children's Worship kids for an outreach activity which will be held after Sunday worship. Amy Trippel will be providing lunch. Jessica is also teaching our Children's Worship kids songs to sing in "Big Church" during the Offertory. Their first song is scheduled for Easter Sunday. Jessica has reformatted our Facebook Youth Crew page to include the kids. Nice new logo! Many thanks to all those who are serving the Lord through ministry to the kids!



## AWANA April Meetings

April 11th and the 25th at 4:00 PM.

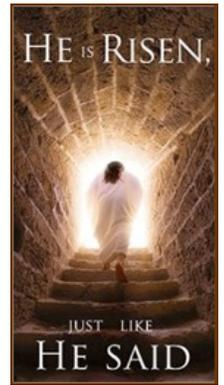
April 18 there will be a lunch and outreach project for Kids and Youth following Worship.

## Good Friday Worship April 10th at 7:00 pm

We will meditate on the cross of Christ, hear the Good Friday Good News proclaimed, and enjoy a special *Shadows of the Cross* presentation, remaining seated. Childcare is available.

## Easter Sunday Celebration-April 4th

Easter – Resurrection Sunday – is our most important celebration of the Christian year. We celebrate Jesus' bodily resurrection. Jesus' resurrection validates His sacrifice on the cross and foreshadows our future natural, yet supernatural, resurrected bodies. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Be sure to invite family and friends for Easter Sunday!



## Reader Ministry

It is a sacred privilege to read the Word of God aloud in public worship. The purpose of the public reading of Scripture is to help the people truly hear "the Word of the Lord." If you are spiritually mature and love God's Word and would like to be a part of this team of readers, contact Father Herb or Sudy Fisher. As you bless others through the reading of God's Word, you, too, will receive a blessing.

### Birthdays

Herb Hand	01	Emily Johnson	18
Bill Gresko	05	Laurabel Hearne	21
Josh Tarver	08	John Lucas	23
Elkins Crawford	09	Lona Maupin	23
Vicki Deason	09	Melisa Knirr	27
Jake Trippel	13	Janice Badgett	29
Larry Wilkes	14		

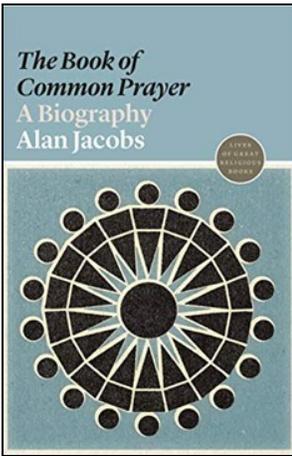
### Anniversaries

Larry & Sherry Wilkes 09



### Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	John White	Sherry Wilkes
Mansell Lancaster	Bill Walsh	Eli Ritchie
Fred Robertson	Larry Wilkes	Jim Pylar
Janie Beth Covington	Jonathan Hays	
Kendall Horne	Deb Jacobs	



Fr. Herb highly recommends Alan Jacobs' book on the Book of Common Prayer. Fr. Herb said, "I learned more about the Prayer Book through this book than I did in three years of seminary!" It helps the user of the Prayer Book understand the origins, background, and structure of the Book

of Common Prayer. It gives the user a broader appreciation of the original Prayer Books and the current ones we use in modern times.

## BAPTISMAL DATES

Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: **April 11<sup>th</sup>** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter) and **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** (Pentecost Sunday). If you are interested please contact Fr. Herb.



## Communications and Evangelism

### Communication

We have made changes on multiple fronts in our Communication areas. We have changed the look and links on our website, as well as updated information on our new class, blessing bags/8<sup>th</sup> Street Mission notifications, AWANA, updated COVID precautions and even a Prayer Request link which directs prayer requests directly to members of the prayer team. We praise God that the request link has brought requests from inside and outside the church. Folks need the Hope that only our Savior can provide.

### Social Engagement

We continue our social engagement with our Live stream FB so those not able to attend in-person are able to participate, get announcements and encourage each other. As Candi and I prepare to return to in-person worship with the last of our vaccinations, we will continue this ministry even though we are in the building. Praise God and a big thank you to Doug Conner who broadcasts our Service, prepares the slides and makes sure the system runs smoothly, as well as Bill Fisher for his technical expertise with the equipment. There is a lot of work that has gone in to making this available. We have attempted to keep you up to date on vaccination availability on our FB Group page, not only for your health, but to be able to have as many people return to worship as quickly as possible. FB is fun but does not substitute for seeing you in person. So, we are praying to see you soon.

If you have not joined the FAC Facebook group page, we encourage you to do so, so you can get the scoop quickly.

### Evangelism

On the Evangelism side, I would like to thank my favorite person and partner of 50 years for leading the team effort, as well as Brad, Henry, Chris, Bill, Janie and our newest member Jessica for their work and input in this area. Our short-term goals have been set, we have obtained follow-up, discipleship materials for new Christians, and will begin Personal Testimony training in the near future, so we can be confident in our ability to share HIS story in our lives to others. We will have one salvation testimony on first Sundays, and the Parrish Council will share with each other each month as we move into this phase. Begin praying now for those who need Jesus and your role as we move forward.

Michael Brown

All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: [laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org](mailto:laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org)

Service Times:  
**Sunday:**  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:00am  
Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays

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## Time to Come Back

If you have been worshipping at home via Facebook Live or have just gotten out of the habit of worshipping, it may be time for you to take off your slippers and put on your shoes, and come back to in-person Sunday worship. The Covid-19 positivity rate has dropped, the majority of the most vulnerable have received their Covid vaccine, and we are still adhering to the CDC guidelines of social distancing and mask wearing. If you are comfortable going to the grocery store, it's likely time to come back for

In-person worship. As helpful as Facebook Live worship has been and will continue to be, there is just no substitute for in-person worship and face-to-face interaction with your fellow believers! Come!!!



Archbishop Foley Beach will be with us on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Confirmation and to share God's Word. Make plans now to attend and invite a friend!

