

March, 2011



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Canticle

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CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU

From the Real Presence Team...

In anticipation of the Real Presence launch on Sunday, March 13, at 6 o'clock in the evening, the Real Presence Planning Team shares the following thoughts.

Just as the familiar Comfortable Words of the old Prayer Book invite, "Come unto me, all ye who are heavy laden, and I will refresh you", so this new evening liturgy is trying to reinterpret the familiar in perhaps a new way for the people of the 21st century, "Come out of the wilderness of our day-to-day lives into the Real Presence of Our Lord."

I attended a service at St James' in Jackson, Mississippi, similar to the new one which is being planned at the Cathedral with few expectations. I encountered a hushed, unhurried service which took its arms and enveloped me in a whole new way. Much of it, though unfamiliar, fed me spiritually in a way totally different from our usual morning traditional services. It is my hope that members of the community in New Orleans may similarly encounter an hour of the Real Presence of Our Lord apart from our busy, fractured daily lives.

- Travers Koerner

Although I truly love the traditional liturgy, I am really looking forward to encountering Jesus in a service that evokes a sense of pilgrimage.

- Julio Figueroa

Jesus said "Come and see" when asked where he was staying. I am very excited about "Real Presence" the new six o'clock Sunday service. I look forward to a new experience.

- Marie Louise Spangenberg

"I have had somewhat of an awakening just in the planning of this unique and special worship opportunity. Too often I find myself believing that what I already have is all there is; that change is not possible or welcomed. This opportunity to communicate with others in the developing of this special service has enlightened me and provided an excellent opportunity to question and reflect."

- Jay Miller

"Interactive" describes Real Presence as our goal is striving to be a highly sensory experience in celebrating liturgy.

- Bill Soileau

"And the LORD said to Moses, 'My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.'" (Exodus 33:14) The Real Presence invites us to an oasis in the midst of our dusty journeys, a place of rest and refreshment in the presence of the LORD.

- Deacon Priscilla Maumus

Although my travel schedule has not allowed me to attend meetings, I have had the privilege of attending other churches using new liturgy and sending that information to our group. Experiencing these new liturgies at other churches has brought me to a deeper understanding of why "real presence" adds a broadened sense of Episcopal worship at Christ Church Cathedral.

- Edwin Freddie

My hope for Real Presence is that it will provide a meaningful spiritual outlet for those whom the broader Church has failed in the past. I hope it will provide a vehicle for those whose spiritual yearning is deep but directionless.

- Jesse George

To me Real Presence is an opportunity for people to more fully explore the mystery of faith. It is an alternative to traditional worship in which parishioners are encouraged to participate and be a part of the service.

- Cathy Schieffelin

**LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)**

March 6

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

March 13

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 20

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 27

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42



Church Office Schedule

March 7 (Lundi Gras) -
The office will close after the
12:15 PM service in the Chapel

March 8 (Fat Tuesday) -
Office Closed

*No 12:15 PM service
Happy Mardi Gras!*



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VESTRY

2011

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2013

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2012

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The Canticle

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Please decide which method is best for you and then let us know your preference by either calling the church office 895-6602 or e-mailing suzettefollette@ccnola.org. Many thanks for your help.

Submissions for the Canticle are always welcome.
The **deadline** for articles is the middle of each month.

Items for the April issue are due March 15 by noon.

Please e-mail submissions to lauriebailey@ccnola.org

Sunday bulletin announcements should be submitted

before noon on Tuesdays to lauriebailey@ccnola.org and copied to suzettefollette@ccnola.org

An Invitation for You!

Hermes Parade Party Fundraiser

Stuart Hall

Friday, March 4

Sixth Street Doors to Stuart Hall Open at 5:30 PM

All are invited to the annual Hermes Parade Party Fundraiser the Friday before Mardi Gras! Doors to Stuart Hall (6th Street entrance) will open at 5:30 PM for pre-parade festivities. Back by popular demand, the menu is spaghetti & sauce, salad, bread and King Cake. Beverages will also be sold. Tickets are \$6 per person (all you can eat!), plus \$1 for soft drinks/bottled water, \$3 for beer/wine and donations for coffee.

This annual event is a fund-raiser that benefits Heifer International. There are three beautiful parades that night, so come out, have a great meal, catch some beads and raise money for a worthy cause. Stuart Hall will remain open until 9 PM for continued fellowship and clean bathrooms. Hope to see you there!

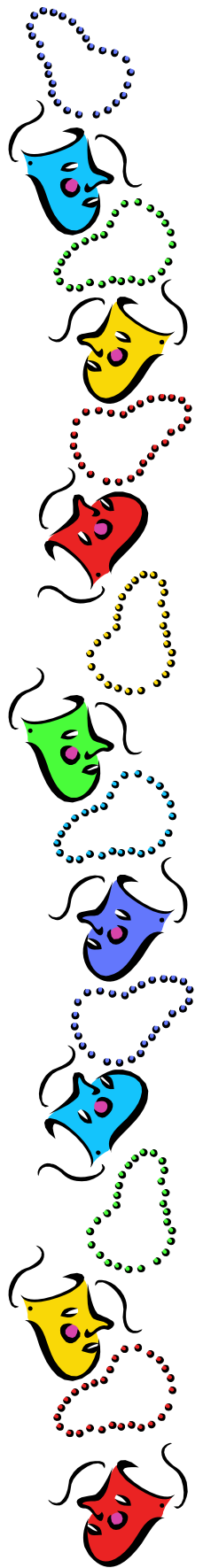
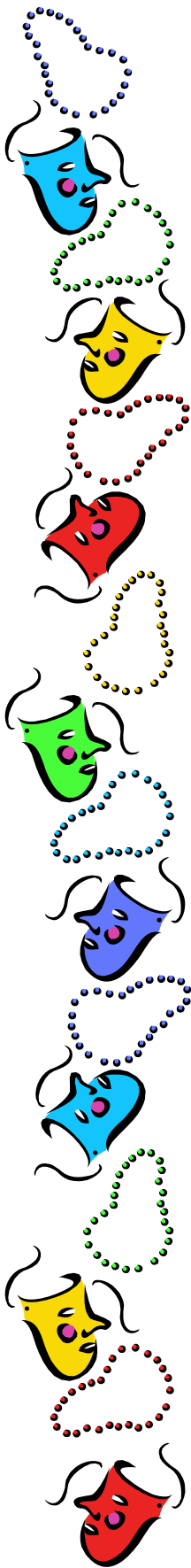
We need your help to make the party a success.

Please sign up to bring uncooked spaghetti (before noon as it has to be cooked in the afternoon), a crock-pot of your favorite spaghetti sauce, "heat and eat" garlic bread, a bag of salad mix, a King Cake, some soft drinks or wine. Sign up sheets are posted in the back of the cathedral and chapel as well as on the main bulletin board leading to Stuart Hall and in Stuart Hall.

Volunteers are needed to fill a variety of jobs.

See the sign up sheets for a complete listing. If you would like to underwrite the cost of the event, donations will be gladly accepted. Just note Hermes parade on your check. Thanks for your support!

A limited number of parking passes are available that evening for workers on a first come basis. Contact Laurie Bailey at lauriebailey@ccnola.org or 895-6602 for details.





Ash Wednesday Services
Holy Eucharist with the
Imposition of Ashes
March 9

7:30 AM ~ Chapel

12:15 PM ~ Cathedral

6 PM ~ Cathedral

The Ash Wednesday liturgy speaks to people of all ages so begin Lent as a family if you have children at home. Children experience Mardi Gras with their families, let them experience our memorable Ash Wednesday service as well. Parents are encouraged to bring children of all ages to this service. Take a moment before you arrive to let them know what to expect - ashes placed on their foreheads in the shape of a cross.

Child care is provided for both the 12:15 PM and 6 PM services for our youngest children.

FILL A MITE BOX
DURING LENT

A beloved tradition of Lent is to make a special Lenten offering of money gathered in a mite box; you may have done this when you were a child. Well, mite boxes are for adults, too!



Our Lenten Offering is sent each year to Heifer International which provides animals and the knowledge to care for them to people in need around the world. Heifer has projects across the globe including ones here in Louisiana. Each year our money is sent to support a specific project.

Mite boxes can be found in the back of the cathedral, chapel and in Stuart Hall. Please pick up a mite box, put it in a prominent place in your home and fill it with loose change or folding money during Lent. There is a printed sheet of suggested daily donations (5 cents for every milk product in your home, etc) so be sure and pick that up as well. We gather hopefully very full boxes on Easter Sunday. Fill as many as you can during the forty days of Lent!

Pick up a Lenten Devotional Booklet so you will have it on Ash Wednesday. Copies are in the back of the Cathedral, Chapel and in Stuart Hall.

TUESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Tuesday evenings during Lent we will gather in Stuart Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. for a Lenten Program. The focus for this year is learning more about Islam. Toward the end of the series we hope to meet with a local Imam.

Please bring a Covered Dish (main course, salad or side dish) to share. Let's try to limit the sweets - it is Lent, you know!

We will meet on March 15, 22, 29, April 4 & 12.

Childcare for younger children can be requested by contacting Laurie Bailey at lauriebailey@cccnola.org or 895-6602.

AN INVITATION FOR ALL

"Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting... I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word." BCP, pg. 265.

This invitation is part of our Ash Wednesday service. It is an invitation for all of us; no matter our age or station.

There are many things one can do to accept this invitation. Giving up something, say a favorite food or activity, is one option. However, Lent can be much more than just giving things up; one can add something to one's life instead. Doing something extra, regularly attending an additional worship service or Sunday School, reading a devotional booklet, working on a service project, and reading the Bible are all options.

There are weekday services in the Chapel at 12:15 PM Monday - Friday and 9:30 AM on Saturday - add one to your schedule (you'll be out in less than an hour). Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the back of the Cathedral, Chapel and in Stuart Hall - pick one up and read it everyday. Use a Mite Box to collect money for Heifer International.

Whether you give something up, add something or do both, you and your family are invited to observe a Holy Lent.

2011 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Four parishioners have been nominated by the Nominating Committee as candidates for the 2011 Vestry election to fill Vestry terms which will run from March 2011 until March 2015. Members of the Nominating Committee are Les Bradfield, chair; Alan Brackett; Jennifer Buckley and Jan Carr. The nominees to fill the three positions are James (Jim) Buck, Dick Moreland, Lisa Sibal and William (Bill) Soileau. Eligible voting parishioners will vote at the parish annual meeting on March 13, 2011. Below are statements from each nominee.

A list of qualified voters will be posted shortly on the parish bulletin board. Qualified voters are those members of the parish who are at least 16 years of age and have made financial contribution of record during the six months preceding the annual meeting. The annual meeting will begin in Stuart Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, March 13, 2011.

In addition to the candidates named by the Nominating Committee, any qualified voter who is at least 18 years of age may be nominated by petition submitted to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Les Bradfield, not less than 20 days before the annual meeting. The petition to place such a name in nomination must be signed by 10 qualified voters. Any questions regarding eligibility to vote, candidates' statements, or any other related election issues should be directed to the Secretary of the Vestry, Jennifer Buckley at cwlaw@bellsouth.net.

James (Jim) Buck

I moved to New Orleans in the fall of 1976 and attended Christ Church Cathedral occasionally. Over the years I attended some classes but never got too involved with any activities of the church. Just prior to the Cathedral's Bicentennial in 2005 I became a docent on Monday mornings. I am currently the docent on the first Sunday of the month, and other times as needed.

I attended Purdue University earning a B.S. in history, and St. Louis University earning a Masters in Social Work. When I moved to New Orleans I worked for the Department of Corrections as a Social Worker and later as Program Manager. I am currently retired.

I am on the Christian Formation Committee, the Care Team, Paper Products Collection for the New Orleans Mission, and assist with the Choir School on Mondays. I serve as a Eucharist Minister on weekdays and now volunteer in the front office so Suzette can go to lunch.

Dick Moreland

Dick Moreland, a native of New Orleans, spent most of his working life in Washington, DC. He retired from the Import Administration in 2002, after which he worked as a Senior International Trade Consultant for Shearman & Sterling, LLC. After he left Shearman & Sterling in December 2006, Dick returned to New Orleans.

Dick has been active in various capacities and churches since he became an Episcopalian in 1975. He served as Senior Warden at Grace Church, New Orleans, and as Vice-Chair at St. Nicholas Mission, Darnestown, Maryland. Dick was also a Licensed Chalice Bearer at St. Luke's, Bethesda, Maryland, and at St. Nicholas.

Since joining Christ Church upon his return to New Orleans, Dick has been involved with the Disciples of Christ in Community, the Christian Formation Committee, and last summer's Art Camp. He has also been a Lay Reader and Sunday School Teacher.

Dick is married to Vicki Pierce Moreland and they have three grown daughters living in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions. He recently became a first-time grandparent, and is inordinately proud of that fact.

Lisa Sibal

I have worshipped at Christ Church Cathedral since 1993, and my husband and I were confirmed at the Cathedral in 1994 prior to our marriage. I currently serve on the Finance Committee.

Since July 2005, I have been the Director of Advancement at St. Martin's Episcopal School, where I am responsible for all fund raising (including Annual Giving, Planned Giving, Capital Campaigns and Major Gifts), alumni relations, marketing and communications.

Prior to working at St. Martin's, I served as the Executive Director of the Parkway Partners Program in Central City and prior to that, I practiced law for seventeen years (at Adams and Reese and Luker, Sibal, & McMurtry).

I grew up in New Orleans, attending St. Martin's Episcopal High School in 1977. I received a B.A. in American Government from the University of Virginia in 1981 and a J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1985.

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My professional and community activities have included the Association of Fundraising Professionals (President 2007); Council for a Better Louisiana (Leadership Louisiana Class of 2001); the Young Leadership Council (President 2001); and I served on a committee of development professionals who assisted in the start-up of the Jericho Road development office in 2009.

By serving on the Vestry, I hope to contribute my expertise and experience in fundraising as well as strategic planning. I live with my husband John in Faubourg St. John. I have two step-children and four (soon to be five) grandchildren.

William (Bill) Soileau

As a boy, I was a devoted acolyte and interested in becoming a seminarian. From a very large Roman Catholic family, however, I was of one “orientation” that was incompatible with Catholic cannon law so I stayed away in protest of the dogma.

A surprise occurred 3 years ago when I attended the funeral of a gay activist at St. Annas. The eulogy was about the 35 years that this couple had shared and that New Orleans was a much better place as the result of their work for the gay community. I never thought I’d ever hear such words coming from a pulpit. This peak of interest began a two years journey attending various Episcopal churches, studying history, polity, Lambeth conference, and the Bishops’ conference in Anaheim. Lyn Gladney invited me to CCC and Jan Carr pulled me by the arm into a warm welcome that genuinely continues and now we pray every morning in thanks that we have found our spiritual home.

I mention “We”. My most sacred relationship is that with my partner of 26 years. Kyle practices law in Covington and I’ve practiced Chiropractic 22+ years a few blocks away by Touro Inf. on Prytania St. We were received and confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral last April with the support of about 20 of our Catholic family in tow.

Since then I have served as acolyte on Mondays, love studying in EFM on Wednesdays, working on the new liturgy Real Presence, and now Steve Smith has me smoking up the place on special occasions. Also, I am becoming actively involved in the New Orleans chapter of Integrity. It’s a wonderful national interest group for the LGBT community and our National Executive Director Max, is from St. Annas. Likewise, if I may assist any one with any questions, please let me know. Our ministry is to reach out to Gay Christians expressing God’s love and to let them know there truly is a spiritual home where they are welcomed and their uniqueness is celebrated.

Civically, I’ve been most active in AIDS awareness and fundraising. I have served on the Board of Trustees of NO/ AIDS Task force as well as Halloween’s in New Orleans, a production fundraiser for Project Lazarus, an AIDS Hospice. I have been a mentor for the secondary school kids in Junior Achievement and have served as Chiropractic Health Adviser to several Health Clubs. I am a very spiritual person and have great faith and testify to the end result of such faith. Spoiling my 30 nephews and nieces is my love. My most sacred philanthropy is the AIDS Memorial Quilt - The Names Project.

CCC is a blessing to our community and embodies tremendous religious freedom in our state of Louisiana. It would be a highly distinct honor to serve on Vestry.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, March 13, following the
10:00 AM Worship Service

Please plan to be a part of the cathedral parish family as we gather for lunch and our Annual Parish Meeting on March 13. Vestry members will be elected and reports heard.

COFFEE HOUR CLASS

The Coffee Hour Class is an adult offering that meets from 11:30 to about 12:15 PM in the Martin Room. Listen for the announcement that calls people to class. You are more than welcome to take refreshments with you into class. The Nurturing

Center remains open during class so parents may attend. Watch the bulletin announcements for upcoming topics which include: Psalms, Dreams and Holy Week. We will not meet on March 6 or 13.



Celebrate Your Baptism!

It is good to remember one's baptism with a special celebration or by simply saying a prayer. In an effort to help us all remember our baptism, we print a list of baptismal anniversaries monthly. Like the birthday list, our records may not be complete. If the anniversary of your baptism isn't listed, please call the church office and let us know the date.

Parents, a baptismal anniversary is a great time to celebrate with your children. Pull out pictures, their baptismal candle or towel and talk about what happened on that special day.

Jack Anderson 3/5
Robert Barrios 3/26
Joseph Bisso 3/26
Julian Figueroa 3/31
Jean Fischer 3/31
Scott Frost 3/12
Alice Hopkins 3/22
Tim Kirkpatrick 3/29
Pamela McCall 3/3
John Henry Schoenbrun 3/22
Christina Thompson 3/24



Christian Yoga

Mondays at 5:45 PM

Relaxing yoga moves are followed by stretching and breathing exercises ending with a bible meditation.

No prior experience or mat needed.

Enter off St. Charles Avenue
(office door)

Good Shepherd atrium
(end of hallway)



No meeting on Monday, March 7

THE DEAN'S TEAM

A behind-the-scenes look at the work of the Cathedral staff.

Suzette Follette
Parish Secretary and Wedding Coordinator



Question: Who would you turn to if you needed advice on any of the following topics: a wedding at the Cathedral or on a Cruise Ship; building a wall - then painting it with a faux finish; cooking for a large group; creating a woodland trail; construction safety and health; historic preservation and restoration; pottery; floristry; or cake decorating? Answer: Our very own multi-tasking Parish Secretary, Suzette, who has expertise in all of the above.

This busy mother of three boys, has a BFA from Louisiana Tech and an MFA from the Universidad de Madrid, and became a full time member of staff in 2008. As the owner of her own company, Andraste Enterprises of Arabi, she previously oversaw the renovations to the Cathedral kitchen and bathrooms, and the redecoration of the Martin Room. She continues to work on the rebuilding of her own home and that of her parents, both of which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, and is active in many civic groups in her community.

Suzette is usually the first to greet Cathedral guests in person or on the phone. She keeps the Master Calendar of events, handles all mailings, including the monthly Canticle, and coordinates weddings. She has put in place detailed systems and procedures to simplify her many tasks – a skill honed early in her work as a trainer for Oreck Corporation and Home Depot. When asked for a “secret” about herself, Suzette admitted to jumping 6’3” in high school, second only to a future Olympian. We are so glad you landed in the front office Suzette.



Thanks to all who continue to donate disposable cups and plates. The Mission anticipates feeding 22,000 meals to hungry men, women and children and providing 72,000 nights of safe shelter for needy people in the next twelve months. If you wish to do more for the homeless and hungry, you can donate online at

www.NewOrleansMission.org. Your gift will be used to care for people in need all year long!



Important Upcoming Dates

March 4, Friday ~ Hermes

Parade Party

**Sixth Street Doors open at
5:30 PM**

**Fund Raiser for Heifer
International**



March 6 ~ Parade Sunday

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist 1928 - Chapel

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Cathedral

No Sunday School, Coffee Hour or 6:00 PM service.

March 7 ~ Lundi Gras

Parish office closes after the 12:15 PM service.

March 8 ~ Mardi Gras Day

Parish office closed. No 12:15 PM service.

March 9 ~ Ash Wednesday

**Holy Eucharist with the
Imposition of Ashes**

7:30 AM - Chapel

12:15 PM - Cathedral*

6:00 PM- Cathedral*

** childcare provided*



**March 13 ~ First Sunday
of Lent**

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Annual Parish Meeting

Real Presence at 6 PM in Cathedral

Coffee Hour Ministry



Keep up our reputation
for surpassing hospitality
by volunteering for Coffee

Hour. Please check the sign up sheet in Stuart Hall and grab a date before they are all gone! You can always work with a couple of friends and host together to defray the cost. Or perhaps you don't want to provide food but you could help with setting the food out on the tables; that's a ministry as well. For additional information/volunteer, contact Kathy Boyd, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com.

Hosts for coffee hour for the end of January and February: Page Berry, Sue & Wyatt Blankingship, Jennifer Buckley, Troy Buttone.

Please note there will be no coffee hour on February 27 and March 6 due to parades on St. Charles Ave.

Many thanks to all!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group will meet once in March. We will gather on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6 PM. See you there!



We wish a very Happy Birthday to all those born this month. If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please call the church office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year.

Oakland Adams III
Katie Barrios
Abbie Carlson
Jacqueline Crabtree
Kyle Del Hierro
Debbie-Lee Delerno
Ellen Dollacker
Michael Dollacker
Kaili Dyson
Peggy Edwards
Daphne Fahrenholt
Amanda Figueroa
Bob Finley

Jean Fischer
Charles Franklin
Emma Gruchy
Puttee Holladay
Charlie Kellum
Mary Koppel
Sarah LaBauve
Zachary LaBauve
Philip Lazich
Louise LeGardeur
William McCartney IV
Ashley Miller
Matthew Nichols

Mimi O'Leary
Allee Parker
Richie Parker
Pam Ricciardi
Jennifer Rowland
Milton Seiler Jr
Marie-Louise Spangenberg
Nancy Brinker
Robert Sullivan
Ryan Thompson
Chuck Wallace
David duPlantier

PRAYER POSTURES

LOTS OF PEOPLE have been told that, in the Episcopal Church, we stand to praise, sit to listen, and kneel to pray. The standing and sitting parts are mostly right, but the kneeling part, not so much.

IT WAS THE VICTORIAN ANGLICANS who got us into kneeling for everything. They thought the Church should always be marked by decorum and uniformity, so they made up rules for everything. People were told to sit, stand, and kneel on cue, to be absolutely quiet, and never to do anything spontaneous or personal--an approach that convinced a lot of people that worship is tedious and unpleasant. To this day, more than a century later, people worry about lighting the candles in the wrong order, or about omitting something, or about doing something everyone else is not doing. So not kneeling for some things makes some people feel that they are being disrespectful or irreverent, or that the Lord is going to put a mark by their name in his book.

A GLIMPSE OF HISTORY is helpful here. The REAL rule about prayer in our tradition is that our postures should be appropriate--sometimes kneeling, sometimes standing, or sitting, if necessary--and that they need not be uniform. In the early Church kneeling was forbidden during Easter as being inappropriate for the redeemed People of God. In medieval times, people mostly stood, kneeling only for special parts of the service, such as the consecration of the Sacrament. During the sixteenth century Reformation some tried to figure out the posture of the apostles at the Last Supper--but dropped the inquiry when they discovered that they might have been lying down, as people around the Mediterranean did at formal meals. In the eighteenth century, many people stood up to pray, kneeling only at special times. Old pictures of worship show all kinds of postures.

WHEN WE REVISED The Book of Common Prayer in 1976, we honored our authentic tradition by showcasing variety and flexibility. For the Prayers of the People in the Eucharist, no posture is suggested, but many people stand because we are praying together as the holy people of God: we are not spectators or supplicants begging for a favor. For the Great Thanksgiving, the directions say, "The people stand or kneel." Either is appropriate and acceptable, and it's fine if some do one thing and some another. Although at the Cathedral we mostly kneel to receive Communion, the prayer book doesn't suggest a posture, and, in some parishes, people stand up.

WE NEED ENOUGH COHERENCE to let the Eucharist be a corporate act, but we need enough flexibility to let everyone participate in appropriate ways, so that worship is at once corporate and personal.

William Morris+

Real Presence
6 PM Sunday, March 13
Come and See



Second Harvest Food Bank
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

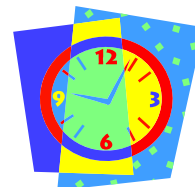
Fill the Wagon!

Let's fill our red wagon on Sunday morning with high protein food items for the Food Bank. Non-perishable canned items like peanut butter, soups/stews, canned fruits/vegetables, canned meats (chicken, beef, ham), tuna fish, chili, cereal, hot cereals (grits, oatmeal), beans, juice, rice, pasta, & shelf stable milk.



*Daylight Savings
Time Begins
Sunday, March 13.*

*Be sure and set your
clocks forward one
hour before you go
to bed on Saturday
night!*



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
Colossians 3:16-17

We are very lucky at Christ Church Cathedral to enjoy the talents of a superb organist, as well as those of many professional singers from the New Orleans area and beyond. Many take for granted the gift of music with which we have been so greatly blessed, simply because we hear it every week. As I approach my tenth year in the cathedral choir, I fear that many members of our congregation view our choir simply as a return on an investment, and not as a continuation of a long-standing and vital tradition; one which carries on what is regrettably a dying art while teaching others to carry it into the world.

Yes, many of the members of the cathedral choir are paid professionals. This is not unusual for churches of many different faiths and denominations. In Reform Judaism for example, Cantors are actually members of the clergy who lead song and service. Many Roman parishes employ cantors to lead the singing of the psalm, gospel acclamation and mass parts. Indeed, many parishes in our very own Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana employ paid singers to lead sections of their choirs. Cathedrals are a bit different; not only in scope, but in the tradition and mission that guides them.

In the early Church, the Canons of a Cathedral Chapter were usually responsible for all music and liturgy, while choirs made up of local school boys and monks usually sang the daily offices and the Sunday mass. Things began to change however upon the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII during the reformation. With monks largely unavailable, and with music becoming more complicated, cathedrals began looking to professional musicians to fill the void. These professional men of the choir became known as Vicars Choral, vicar in this sense being derived from the Latin for “vice”, meaning assistant or representative and not indicating an ordained member of the clergy.

The practice of employing such professionals spread and is now most commonly seen in Anglican cathedrals, collegiate churches (like King’s College, Cambridge), and larger parishes (like St. Thomas, New York City). The title of Vicar Choral, while still used, is more likely to be seen today as “Lay Clerke (or clerk)”, or rarely “Gentleman of the Choir”, since the title “Vicar” is more commonly associated with clergy in modern times. Lay Clerks today can also be female (mostly outside England) and are sometimes un-paid volunteers with professional training, like myself. In the choir here at Christ Church Cathedral, we take full advantage of the large pool of professional singers in our area to retain the best Lay Clerkes possible, all of whom must be fluent in a large amount of choral repertoire as well as excellent sight-readers, while also possessing inherently good musicianship.

The 20th century brought about a new type of stipend earning singers to the Anglican Tradition, that of the Choral Scholar. The tradition of hiring students from a college to sing in the choir began at collegiate churches like King’s College, Cambridge and New College, Oxford. Music students or any student who could prove exceptional musical skill were paid a stipend to sing in the college’s choir. This tradition spread to cathedrals and larger parishes located near institutions of higher learning. Today, Choral Scholars can be found in almost every choir that employs professional musicians. Choral Scholars have the same responsibilities as the Lay Clerkes in terms of when they sing, and yes they are often paid the same amount. However, Choral Scholars are given the extra task to learn the repertoire and skills the Lay Clerkes are expected to already possess. Many Choral Scholars are selected for terms of no more than two to four years, after which they leave university and head out into the world; along with the great tradition of Anglican Choral music they have been taught.

At Christ Church Cathedral today, we employ both Lay Clerkes and Choral Scholars as part of the cathedral choir, continuing these long-standing traditions. Our Scholars come to us as excellent singers, but are taught the fine art of Anglican Choral music over their years here, taking it to many places throughout the world. Former Choral Scholars of our choir can be found in Chicago, San Antonio, New York, London, and Paris, while others have been admitted to prestigious graduate schools of music like the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins, Rice University, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University of Chicago and others.

Yes, the choir of Christ Church is an excellent return on investment for our congregation, but that is only the outward and visible product of a tradition dating back centuries. Christ Church Cathedral continues to do its part in preserving the art of Anglican Choral Music, arguably the best in the world, by teaching it to others, and sending it out into the world. As we continue in the future, the addition of treble children from the Choir School will fulfill the “trinity” of any cathedral choir and continue our call to spread the good news through song.

Ryan Garrity

Choral Scholar 2002-2006

Lay Clerke of the Choir 2006-Present

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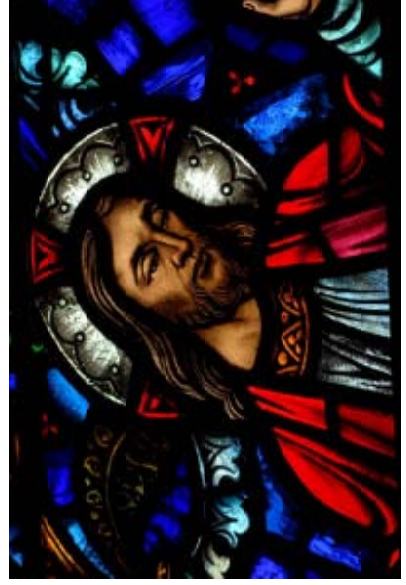
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