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A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Friends,

This collect from Morning Prayer speaks to us in these troubled times in so many ways. It reminds us that it is only in God and through the power of God that we “live and move and have our being.” Such a poetic phrase, such a comfort! We are not on our own. We belong to our Heavenly Father. Remember this as we confront the “cares and occupations of our lives.” There are many to confront in these fearful days: the upcoming Supreme Court vote and election, COVID-19, violence in the cities, the upcoming homelessness crisis if there is not another round of help before landlords are again allowed to evict tenants for non-payment - many of whom are landlords with only a single or a few properties who rely on rental income to pay the mortgage and taxes. When we add our individual “care and occupations” it’s easy to become overwhelmed by it all.

This is a time for faith in our Heavenly Father. We are called to live without fear, but sometimes the best we can do is have more faith than fear. With the father whose son Jesus’ disciples could not heal, we cry out to Jesus, “Lord I believe; help my unbelief.” It’s important to turn to God when you feel afraid because it moves your focus from what you are afraid of to a focus on God. Remember that prayer is powerful, that it is God who will bring human history to its ultimate conclusion, and that God is a God of love.

God be with us,
Mother Julie+

Continuing Education

Today I begin a course on Hellenistic Judaism from the time of Alexander the Great (400 BCE) to the destruction of the second temple (70 CE). It’s offered through the Yale Alumni Academy and is taught by the former Dean of Yale Divinity School, Dr. Harold Attridge. The course is taught on Zoom and runs for 5 Wednesdays.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Room and also on Zoom

9:30 a.m. In-person Holy Eucharist and Zoom Spiritual Communion

Zoom Code/Password for Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. - 835 9000 0245 & 562087

Zoom Code/Password for Worship at 9:30 a.m. - 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Dial 1-646-558-8656

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

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The Bishop is Coming!

All Saints Day, November 1
9:30 a.m.

The service will be on Zoom and led by the Bishop and Chief of Staff. My laptop will be connected to the TV screen in the Fellowship Room so those attending In Person can participate in the service. A time of conversation with Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe follows.

Sunday School Begins This Week!

Shelby Calhoun will lead Sunday School on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Joining Alex Wilson are Abby and Christine Corp, children of Emily and James Corp and younger sisters of Bailey. Shelby will greet the children from 9:15-9:30 and class will be held from 9:30 to the time of the Peace. Welcome back Shelby and welcome to the Corp family.

Tuesday Abbreviated Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

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Thursday Rector's Class: Matters of Faith at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

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