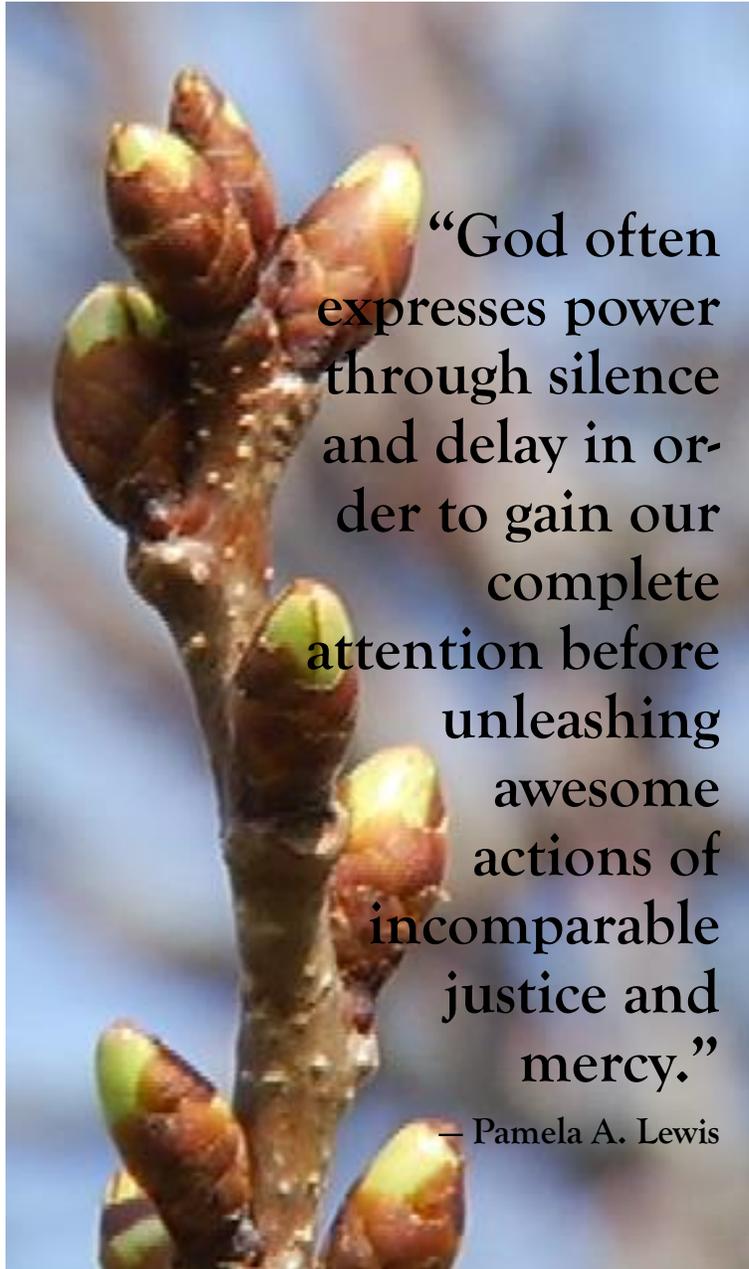


Sunday, Jan. 6

EPIPHANY



“God often expresses power through silence and delay in order to gain our complete attention before unleashing awesome actions of incomparable justice and mercy.”

— Pamela A. Lewis

8:00 AM	
CHALICE	JANET CUSACK
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ACOLYTE	BETH MAISONET
O.T. LECTOR	JANET CUSACK
N.T. LECTOR	BEVERLY BAILEY
INTERCESSOR	LISA DENISCO
USHER	LISA DENISCO
USHER	GAIL LICHWICK
10:30 AM	
SUBDEACON	MARLENE PRESLEY
M.C.	RICK SCOTT
THURIFER	CLAIRE NEWQUIST
CRUCIFER	DAVID BROKAW
ACOLYTE 1	DAYSHA WHITE
ACOLYTE 2	BUBBA WHITE
O.T. LECTOR	LORRAINE WITKOWSKI
N.T. LECTOR	LIZZY ORTEGA
INTERCESSOR	JOE BARRETT
USHER	JOE BARRETT
USHER	TORRY GUARDINO



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THE WEBPAGE IS IN CALENDAR FORM—JUST CLICK ON THE DATE AND YOU WILL SEE THE READINGS FOR THAT DAY.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2019.html>

The solution will be published in next week's *Epistle*

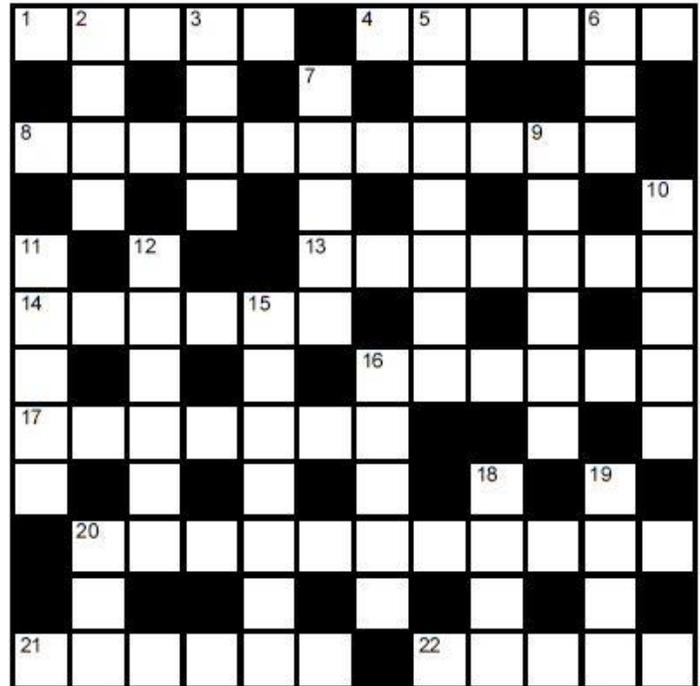
QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD XXII

Across

- 1 Candle sight (5)
- 4 Product of farming (6)
- 8 Lois for example (11)
- 13 Serpent for example (7)
- 14 Nephilim, Rephaim etc. (6)
- 16 Land of milk and honey (6)
- 17 Considers (7)
- 20 Sect in Revelation (11)
- 21 Shrub (6)
- 22 Talks to God (5)

Down

- 2 Ancient harp (4)
- 3 Herb (4)
- 5 One of the Herods (7)
- 6 Malchus lost his (3)
- 7 Hebrew measures (5)
- 9 Miracle worker (6)
- 10 Water holes (5)
- 11 Greek gathering place (5)
- 12 Old prophet (6)
- 15 Commotion (7)
- 16 A promised son and heir (5)
- 18 Heavenly body (4)
- 19 It's a sin (4)
- 20 Negative (3)



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Weekly Bible Study Returns this Sunday!

Rhonda Sarrazin is will be leading a Bible study on "Women in the Gospel of Luke" following the coffee hour after the 10:30 Eucharist for the four Sundays in January. Join us for one or for all of the series.

If you have questions, see Fr. Victor.

Upcoming Events

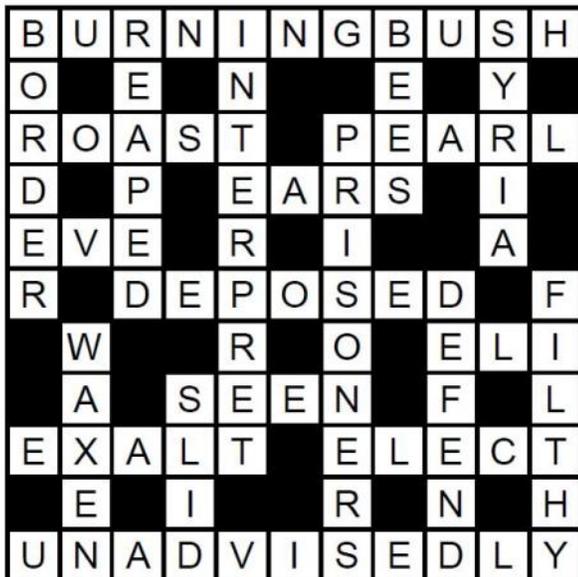
Sunday, Jan. 6
 8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II
 Bible Study follows 10:30 Mass Coffee Hour

Wednesday, Jan. 9
 10:00 am: Healing Mass – all invited

Sunday, Jan. 13
 8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II
 Bible Study follows 10:30 Mass Coffee Hour



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Last Week's Puzzle Solution

Across: 1 Burning bush, 6 Roast, 7 Pearl, 8 Ears, 9 Eve, 10 Deposed, 14 Eli, 15 Seen, 16 Exalt, 17 Elect, 18 Unadvisedly.

Down: 1 Border, 2 Reaped, 3 Interpret, 4 Bees, 5 Syria, 7 Prisoners, 11 Defend, 12 Filthy, 13 Waxen, 15 Slid.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk



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Coffee Hour Fellowship

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Remember, we have some coffee hours in which we get by with cookies. When you see something yummy on sale, call one of us to see what Sunday is available. Or, find a fellow parishioner and do a Coffee Hour together.

Donations of funds or supplies are always accepted gladly, and if you don't feel up to the task of hosting a coffee hour, you may make a monetary donation and we will happily shop for you.

Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the Parish House Boardroom on January 17th starting at 7:30 pm.

All are invited to attend!

To read the highlights of the October 18, 2018 Vestry meeting, click here.

To read the highlights of the September 20, 2018 Vestry meeting, click here.

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Expansive Language Rite II, Provisional Text



If you followed the news out of the Episcopal Church's General Convention (last July) you are aware that a resolution was passed calling for a revision of the Book of Common Prayer. If you remember the discussions and debates that led to our current BCP of 1979, you will also remember that it was not an easy process or conversation. Great love and intensive work went into producing the 1979 prayer book and it was no light or easy decision for the 2018 convention to call for another revision. Before I get into the details, perhaps it would be valuable for me to share a little background on why our church would do a revision of the prayer book at all.

Early in the 20th century, Benedictine monks and other scholars began looking at ancient texts that had been lost and were rediscovered, (for example, the Apostolic Tradition and the Didache) describing Christian liturgical worship and practice. This inspired other research into the historical development of how we worship. Out of this work came an awareness of how much Christian worship had changed through the Middle Ages into the modern era. It inspired a desire to return to the more ancient forms and the ways they addressed local needs with appropriate flexibility.

A couple of examples of things discussed at that time are turning the altar around to face the congregation and using the local language and dialect in regular worship. There was also a call to reinvigorate lay ministries and the ministry of deacons.

Scholars and leaders from many Christian denominations were involved in these conversations. By the mid-1960s, the Roman Catholic Church made their formal change through the work of what is called the Second Vatican

Council. The work and discussions in the Episcopal Church came to its culmination with the prayer book of 1979.

For us, some concerns remained and came further into prominence as we struggled through our mutual discernment on inclusivity and welcome.

1, Although an effort was made to avoid the use of "sexist language," (as it was understood at the time) the forms of address for God are highly male centric and references to female biblical figures left out of some prayers. This has been the conventional practice for centuries, but it is not theologically accurate or pastorally appropriate.

2, Past conventions have approved a new rite for the marriage of same gender couples and published them as supplements to the BCP, raising the pastoral question: does this really demonstrate inclusion? Is the fact that certain rituals are not in the BCP indicate an ongoing attitude of second-class membership? For that matter, why have two separate rituals at all? Why not one ritual for all marriages?

These and other ongoing concerns have been discussed around the church for years and came to their focus at the General Convention of 2018. The process towards a new revision of the prayer book will probably take a decade and one step in that direction is a provisional text for Rite II Holy Eucharist approved for trial use by General Convention. This text hopes to provide a more "expansive language" experience for our worship and the deeper experience of inclusion for all who participate.

In doing this, General Convention calls upon parishes and dioceses to experiment with this ritual, reflect on the experience and ultimately pass feedback on to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Worship. Because of the high value we of Grace Episcopal Church place on both beautiful liturgy and inclusion, it seems most fitting that we try this provisional ritual on for size, reflect on it together and have that reflection to pass on as this churchwide dialogue goes forward.

The Epiphany season, from January 6 through March 3 seems the perfect opportunity. It is long enough for us to get very familiar with the small but important changes and have opportunities for our own roundtable conversations. In addition, it's a short enough season that the conversation does not have to get stale or tiresome.

We can then return to the 1979 BCP for Lent and Easter.

~Fr. Victor