



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Instead of continuing with my series of articles on the Ten Commandments, I am devoting this article to some reflection on the Holy Spirit. By the time this article hits the press, we will have celebrated the Festival of Pentecost, when we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles gathered in the upper room and continuing in prayer (*Acts 2:1-4*). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit had been prophesied centuries previously by the prophet Joel (*Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21*). In this prophetic oracle, the principal signs of the Holy Spirit would be the utterance of prophecy and the revelation of divinely-inspired prophetic visions and dreams. The ancient Greeks and Romans relied on soothsayers, the oracles of Delphi, and various means of divination to find out the future. St. Peter's quotation from

the prophet Joel at Pentecost was highly significant since it proclaimed the truth that the key to knowledge of important future events is provided by the Holy Spirit working through the prophetic gifts and ministries He has given the Church.



The Holy Spirit was speaking through the prophets of the newborn Church who were continuing in the heritage of the Old Testament prophets. Of course, the Holy Spirit still speaks through the Old Testament prophets

and their writings recorded in the Bible: The Nicene Creed states of the Holy Spirit "Who spake by the prophets" (page 71, *The Book of Common Prayer*). The Holy Spirit continues to speak through Christians with prophetic gifts and ministries today (whether clergy or lay), as He has done through the ages, but always in accordance with the prophetic oracles, messages, and doctrines in the Bible. In *St. John 16:13*, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself prophesies that the Spirit of truth will lead His disciples into all the truth and reveal to them events that will happen in the future:

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He

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things to come.

This does not mean that the Holy Spirit simply tells the Church the whole of the future in detail, but that, following the direction of the Father and the Son, He shows those future realities to the Church which God has decided the Church should know for the benefit of all the faithful.

Let us look at a few of the instances in the ***Book of the Acts of the Apostles*** where the Holy Spirit guided the Church in its mission. One great example of this guidance may be seen from the Holy Spirit's direction to Philip the Evangelist to go to the road leading down from Jerusalem to Gaza (***Acts 8:26***). By obeying the Spirit's command, Philip met up with the Ethiopian eunuch who was a high-ranking official in charge of all the treasure of Queen Candace of the Ethiopians. Phillip explained to him ***Isaiah 53:7-8*** which the eunuch was reading, and beginning from that passage, shared the Gospel with him, led him to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and baptized him (***Acts 8:32-38***). We do not know what happened in Ethiopia when this eunuch arrived there and started sharing his faith with his countrymen. Perhaps, through the faith of that one convert, Christi-

anity cam to many in Ethiopia at that time.

Another example of the way in which the Holy Spirit directed the course of the Church was when He spoke to St. Peter on the rooftop through the vision of the sheet containing clean and unclean creatures. Through this vision, the Holy Spirit showed St. Peter and later the whole Church that they should preach the Gospel to people of all nations as well as to Jews; that people of all races who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are acceptable to God; and that there is no place for racial prejudice in God's kingdom at all. The Spirit told St. Peter not to hesitate in going with the three messengers whom Cornelius the centurion had sent to summon him to preach the Gospel in his home, and St. Peter's obedience led again to the Church's growth (***Acts 10***).

Then there is the occasion that a prophet by the name of Agabus predicted a worldwide famine (***Acts 11:27-28***) that came to pass in the reign of Claudius Caesar (AD 41-54). The Church was able to organize and send famine relief to the Christians in Judaea, who were badly affected by the famine (***Acts 11:29-30***).

Another important instance of the Holy Spirit's guidance is evident from the Spirit's direction to prophets and

teachers at Antioch who were praying and fasting:

Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:2b, KJV

Their obedience to this instruction of the Holy Spirit and Saints Paul and Barnabas' obedience resulted in St. Paul's three missionary journeys and all the churches he planted on these journeys.

Someone may ask, "How does the Holy Spirit guide the Church today? What means does He use?" If we feel that the Holy Spirit is absent and not guiding the Church, we must make sure that we have not grieved or quenched the Holy Spirit by refusing to hear and obey what He says. In the context of exhortations to maintain kindness and pure speech, St. Paul gives this command:

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30,
KJV

The implication of this verse and its context is that by unkind speech and unkind treatment of others, we can easily grieve the Holy Spirit. In the ***First Epistle to the Thessalonians***, St. Paul gives these commands:

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In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophecies. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

I Thessalonians 5:18
-21, KJV)

The implication of this passage is that by despising prophetic messages that God gives to believers, one is quenching the Spirit. Instead, these prophetic messages need to be compared to the written word of God to see that they do not conflict with it.

The Holy Spirit guides the Church by leading it into all truth and by sanctifying every believer, working in each one to bring all to conform to the character and life of the Lord Jesus Christ. He guides us as we pray, even when we don't know what words to use in interceding for others (*Romans 8:26-27*). The Holy Spirit distributes charisms, or spiritual gifts, to every believer as He wills (*I Corinthians 12:1-11*), and in every believer He works to bring the spiritual harvest, or fruit, of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control (*Galatians 5:22-23*).

To conclude, I pose these questions to you:

1. Are you growing in the fruit of the Holy Spirit?
2. Are you using the spiritual gifts God has given you?
3. Are you listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying through the Bible, the preaching and teaching of God's word, and through the prophetic messages He may decide to give any Christian of His choice?

– *The Reverend Christopher Parrish*

***Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop Foley Beach;

Bishop Richard Lipka;

Canon Michael Penfield;

Father Chris Parrish;

Deacon Peter Vogel; and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Joe Biden; and

Governor

Gavin Newsom;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coasties, guardians, police officers,

firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;

the leaders and people of Ukraine;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Tanya Theiler;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marian;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;

the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko Ikegami;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Frank Capone;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Christina;

John and Heidi Donnelly;

Father Mike Keppler;

Carl;

Patsy Zahrt;

Gary Winiger;

Marie and Wade;

Heather;

Susan; and

Bishop Lipka;

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

This prayer list was current as of May 24th, and the people of St. Luke's will pray for each need until we are notified that it has been met. Please contact Father Parrish to add or remove names. Thank you!



A Prayer for Our Congregation

O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the MDAS Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon Thy Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop Coadjutor for the Missionary Diocese of All Saints that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for Thy people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book Review: Man in White

Browsing discounted audiobooks recently, I encountered one entitled *Man in White*. To my surprise, it was written by the Man in Black himself, Johnny Cash. It had excellent reviews, so I added it to our library.

Man in White is a novelization of St. Paul's life from his persecution of Christians to just before his first missionary journey.. I found that it helped me to see his humanity more fully because it exposed his pride in being a Pharisee, his vengeance against the early Church, his humility at being confronted by Christ, and his determination to obey Christ at any

cost to himself. The book spans only a short period in St. Paul's life, but that brief time is fully described. For me, this story took St. Paul from being



merely a writer of occasionally entangled epistles to a living, breathing, warts-and-all personality. Ultimately, it is a tale of how he turned his very

life into a love letter to our Savior.

In a preface to the book, Billy Graham tells of meeting with Johnny Cash and encouraging him to write the novel. Johnny Cash shares at some length about his own fascination with St. Paul and how he worked for years to research and write a book about his hero. I really appreciated this, because it gave me a chance to see God at work in his life.

I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in learning more about St. Paul and the early Church.

– Kim Vogel

Communication in a Disaster: How Can I Tell My Family I'm OK?

One of the questions I am asked as a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member is, "After an earthquake, how can I let my family know I'm OK?" With all the communications possibilities we have now, from old-fashioned landlines to cell phones and Internet, you might think it would be easy. Unfortunately, it isn't. All the high-tech conveniences have come at the price of resilience. There is a good chance that most of our normal ways of contacting friends and family will not work, or will work at a severely reduced capacity, after an earthquake or other major disaster. Over the next few newsletters, I will discuss the most commonly available communication methods, how likely they are to work, and what can be done to maximize the chance of using each to make contact.

POTS

POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) is what

many of us grew up using. It is essentially unchanged from the early 1900s, when a pair of copper wires connected the telephone in your house to the central office of the phone company where power for the phone was supplied over those wires. That power was backed up by a battery bank and generators. Even if your local power failed, the phone would still work.

Of course, many of us have wireless handsets with a base that plugs into the telephone lines. Some have backup batteries to run the phone if the power is out. Most don't, and few of us test those batteries to be sure they work. To be able to use a POTS line when there is no grid power, it would be best to have an old phone that plugs directly into the phone line. I still have an old Princess phone that I thought would be my lifeline in a power outage.

The problem is the phone companies have been replacing the POTS lines with fiber optic

lines. In my house, we have what looks like a POTS line phone, since it has copper wires coming down from the pole in our backyard. But the copper lines only go as far as the concentrator, where transmission is converted to a digital signal on fiber optic lines. Power at the concentrator is from the local power grid. So, if local power goes down, so does our phone. There may be battery backup for a short time, but my experience this past year is that the phone goes down immediately.

Will a landline POTS work to let you tell your family you are safe? Maybe. It depends on what kind of connection you really have to the phone company, and if you have a telephone that will work when there is no grid power.

What about cell phones? See Part 2, coming soon.

– *Tim Slattery*



Duties of the Laity

This list is reprinted as a reminder to us of our responsibilities as members of the Church. The headings have been added, but the text of each item is just as it appears in the Anglican Church in North America Constitution and Canons, Title I, Canon 10, Section 2. Please visit

[https://
AnglicanChurch.net
uploads/2020/02](https://AnglicanChurch.net/uploads/2020/02)
to read the entire document.

With the help of God's grace, it shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

- 1. Come to Church**
To worship God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, every Lord's Day in a Church unless reasonably prevented;
- 2. Read and Study**
To engage regularly in the reading and study of Holy Scripture and the Doctrine of the Church as found in Article I of the Constitution of this Church;
- 3. Pray**
To pray regularly for their needs and those of others, for the Church and its mission, and for

- 4. Live Righteously**
To observe their baptismal vows, to lead an upright and sober life, and not give scandal to the Church;
- 5. Help Others in Spiritual Formation**
To present their children and those they have led to the Lord for baptism and confirmation;
- 6. Give to the Church**
To give regular financial support to the Church, with the biblical tithing as the minimum standard of giving;
- 7. Forgive**
To practice forgiveness daily according to our Lord's teaching;
- 8. Participate in Holy Communion with a Clean Heart**
To receive worthily the Sacrament of Holy Communion as often as reasonable;
- 9. Follow the Liturgical Calendar**
To observe the feasts and fasts of the Church set forth in the An-

- 10. Maintain Sexual Purity**
To affirm and follow the biblical standards of sexual morality and ethics in Canon II.8;
- 11. Keep Learning**
To continue their instruction in the Faith so as to remain an effective minister for the Lord Jesus Christ;
- 12. Show Love through Service**
To serve their neighbor, sacrificially demonstrating the love of Christ to the poor, the sick, and those in need; and
- 13. Lead Others to Salvation in Christ**
To devote themselves to the ministry of Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel among those who do not know Him, utilizing the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives them, for the effective extension of Christ's Kingdom.



Parish Postings

Our Father adopted another child into His family on Sunday, May 21st, when Marian Taaffe was baptized by water and the Holy Spirit at St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills! Please pray for Marian as she begins her journey of faith. Thank you!



The Vestry will meet following the worship service on Sunday, June 25th. Any interested parishioner is invited to observe.



The Vestry has chosen to collect funds to be donated to the Carter Center as the second quarter Community Outreach Mission project. To learn more about the Carter Center, please visit:

www.CarterCenter.org

If you wish to make a donation to the mission project, please write *Carter Center* on your check memo line or offer-tory envelope. Thank you!

THE CARTER CENTER



Each Friday morning at ten, Father Parrish and Clark Patteson have a brief prayer meeting via telephone. If you would like to join in this prayer group, please let Father Parrish know.



Our Chapel Family continues to support the Downtown Palo Alto Food Closet. You may add your items to the basket in the Chapel Narthex at any time. The Food Closet assists over 200 families each week.

The following staples are needed:

- hearty, ready-to-serve soups with meat
- pork-and-beans
- chili
- meat stew
- canned meat

- canned meat tamales
- canned pasta meals with meat
- peanut butter
- canned yams
- canned peas
- canned beets
- cranberry sauce
- canned gravy
- jams and jellies (in plastic jars)
- dry soups
- hot and cold cereals
- dry pasta
- instant coffee
- tea bags
- juice drinks
- bottled water
- hot chocolate packets
- salt and pepper

Finally, plastic spoons and grocery bags with handles are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!



Your submissions of photos, articles, and news items are always welcome! Please see Kim Vogel if you have questions.

Parish Postings

St. Luke's has four ministries which rely upon items collected from parishioners:

Bubbles Collection

Bridgitte Parrish takes donations of small personal hygiene supplies to make toiletry kits for the homeless.



"Monkey Toy" Hosiery Collection

A group of volunteers at the Los Altos Senior Center meets weekly to make sock monkey dolls which they give to every child under the age of seven who is admitted to Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. In support of their efforts to cheer these sick children, our parish collects clean nylon pantyhose and knee-high stockings with which to stuff the dolls. Please give your donations to Lee Ann Vojvoda.



Pop-top Collection

Lee Ann Vojvoda collects can tabs for a square dancing friend. Collect-

ing just the tab from cans translates into money that is used to purchase wheelchairs for kids at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento. The wheelchairs are given to needy families for their children at no cost to the family. Anyone can help by saving and donating just the tab/pop-top of any can. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful cause, start saving those tabs/pop-tops! When you get a bagful you can give them to Lee Ann.



Empty Pill Bottles Collection

Empty pill bottles with caps (both prescription and over-the-counter) are sent to Matthew 25: Ministries for shipment in medical supply kits to underserved communities worldwide. A collection box is available in the narthex. Please contact Kim Vogel if you have any questions.



In Trinitytide, the Church is prompted to conform her life to the truth set out in the commemorative

seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. As Christians, we are not only to know that our salvation is in Jesus Christ, but we ourselves must also become like Him. Religion is about both belief and practice. The emphasis in Trinitytide is on the transformation of our lives by and through the love of God. The Collects in the period are prayers for divine help and guidance to enable us to bring forth the fruits of Christianity. We seek to understand our faith in a way that shows us how we can become more charitable, compassionate, humble, and patient. The Sunday lessons are concerned with the practical life of God's Kingdom within us, as individuals and among us as a Christian community.

Please pray about how you wish to grow in Christlikeness this Trinity Season and then tell your Chapel Family about your goals by e-mailing them to Kim Vogel for inclusion in next month's *Voices of St. Luke's* column. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

Friday, June 2nd

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 4th

Trinity Sunday
Holy Communion
with Holy Unction
10:00 AM

Friday, June 9th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 11th

The First Sunday after Trinity
The Festival of
St. Barnabas the Apostle
Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Friday, June 16th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 18th

The Second Sunday after Trinity
Fathers' Day
Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Tuesday, June 20th

The Hillside Messenger submission deadline

Friday, June 23rd

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, June 25th

The Third Sunday after Trinity
Office of Morning Prayer
10:00 AM
Vestry Meeting
following the worship service

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 30th

Telephone Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM

Sunday, July 2nd

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
with Holy Unction
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship soon!

**"A place
where the Bible is taught."**



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First, third, and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
(with Healing Service on First Sundays)
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that Holy Communion will be celebrated on Feast Days occurring on second and fourth Sundays.

If you cannot join us physically in the Chapel,
please contact Father Parrish
to be added to each service's Zoom invitation.