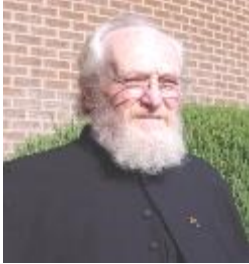


Fr. Robert's RemarksFR. ROBERT MANSFIELD,
SSC

Greetings, The Lord be with you!

In July, the Africa Appeal was sent out through our normal distribution channel without the *Traditional Anglican News*. At that time I wrote, "For reasons related to my personal health, there will be no issues of the Traditional Anglican News in July or August. It is hoped that the TAN will return in September." Well, gratefully, we are back. It appears that my health has improved sufficiently for that. Thank you for the prayers offered on my behalf.

Earlier this year, I came under the conviction that I needed to be praying more for our Canadian government. I am grateful that I have used our 1962 Canadian Book of Common Prayer since before it was officially promulgated in 1962. We started using it in draft form in the late 1950s. In Sunday School and in our Confirmation Classes, we were encouraged to look at the different parts of the Prayer Book so that we could have a sense of the book and the various services and be able to find prayers appropriate to a topic at hand. One section of the

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Fr. David Marriott, SSC: Holy Cross Day

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'O God who dost gladden us this day by the festival of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.'

This is the first line of the collect for today, Holy Cross day.

It is really quite a remarkable sentence, and marks what to me seems to be a remarkable feast day in the life of the church.

What is the cross, other than it is the instrument of torture on which Jesus, and so many others died a miserable and horrible death? Death by crucifixion was slow and long drawn out; death by slow suffocation, after enduring agony of nails through hands and feet, the pressure from the muscle torn shoulders becomes too much to bear, and as the body slumps down, the diaphragm can no longer function, so breathing becomes very difficult and strained. The body becomes oxygen deprived; the mind becomes confused and befuddled, leading to a gradual lapse into unconsciousness and coma, prior to death. And of course, if you manage to endure longer, the guards will come and break your legs, so that you cannot support your body any longer, and the suffocation process is accelerated.

Death by crucifixion was authorized and public torture, so why would anyone, ever, be led to exalt the cross? Why would anyone ever be gladdened by such a festival? How can you think

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well of the very instrument on which Our Lord was tormented and died?

For the answer, I want to quote the Preface sentence which at Mass we would hear before the consecration prayer; ‘Because by the wood of the cross, Thou hast wrought the Salvation of the race of man: that whence death arose, thence life might also rise again: and that he who by a Tree was the vanquisher, might also by a Tree be vanquished’.

Let’s consider that sentence:

The prophets foretold that the Saviour would be raised up: their listeners looked for the great ruler, the descendant of the last great warrior who built their kingdom, David: who would rid them of their tormentors, their occupiers, and their troubles. They did not see the other meaning of the word: that Jesus would be raised up literally, on the cross. But that in the deeper meaning of this prophecy, that this raising up on the cross mirrored the second raising up, that he would not only be physically raised up to die, but that he would then be raised up in fact, to life, thus defeating the death imposed by human frailty and wrong-headedness, following evil choices and led by the temptations of Satan.

Thus, in this second raising, from the dead, Jesus showed us that he has defeated death, and that He thereby shows us the Way, the Truth and the Life, open for us to follow in his footsteps, defeating death and gaining through him eternal salvation.

Therefore, this cross which we now exalt is become far more than the instrument of death and pain but has become the visible and outward symbol of our salvation, in that on the Cross, Jesus, sinless and unspotted, died for our sakes, for the redemption and forgiveness of our sins, yesterday, today and tomorrow, as in true penance, we ask God for forgiveness. He gives us His gift of His life, so that we might join with Him in the company of angels and sit before the Heavenly Throne in heaven above.

In the crucifix, we remember and should always remember His supreme sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. In the Cross, we can remember and understand the glory of the resurrection, and the message of hope that this has for us. So that the Cross, though stained with blood, sweat and suffering, brings hope and reassurance to us, that there is more, much more, to look forward to: through suffering comes joy.



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Bonnie's Reflections: Paul the Guardian



BONNIE IVEY (& LAD)

Truthiness is a word that came into use in recent years, meaning “having a kind of believability mainly based on one’s feelings instead of facts.” The word may be new, but the Church has always had to resist false teachings. St. Paul was dealing with this trouble when he wrote his warning to the newly established congregation at

Corinth.

In II Corinthians chapter 11, he addresses them, describing himself as being like the guardian of an innocent young girl who is engaged to be married to a worthy man. Someone is attempting to seduce her by filling her head with false ideas in an attempt to lead her away from her real destiny. This imagined girl represents the Church, who is called to be the Bride of Christ.

Who is the seducer? Paul is concerned with “false apostles” who are undercutting his authority. They had been well received in Paul’s absence, having pleasing manners and appearance. They promoted the relaxing of moral rules while introducing false beliefs.

They had encouraged the people to pray to angels rather than God. Members were being attracted to “spiritual” secrets and thrills rather than the daily task of serving God and neighbour. This led to a breakdown of relationships in the congregation. A member of the church is “shacked up” with his mother-in-law. The false apostles have split the church. Feelings are running high.

Paul responds to this crisis by writing “to answer them that glory in appearance and not in heart”. He lists some of his experiences and labours in contrast to those he mocks as “Super Apostles” who have neither experience nor authority. The Second Letter to the Corinthians should be read with this background in mind. His critics call him a poor speaker, uneducated in the trendy Greek Art of Rhetoric, or dramatic public speaking. But this second letter to the Corinthian congregation is both a wake-up call and a warning. He WILL come to Corinth, and he WILL deal with church discipline. The truth is at stake. Eternal souls are at stake. Paul also points out that as usual he will not ask the congregation to pay his expenses, leading one to guess the false apostles made some money off the Corinthians.

Truth is under attack, always, everywhere. Like the Corinthians we must learn discernment in a whirlwind of battling news networks, books, and preachers of Truthiness. Pilate asked Jesus, in their encounter on Good Friday, “What is truth?” Did he ask with irony, sarcasm...or despair?

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We don't know. But we do know that Jesus taught this; "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light. No one comes to the Father but by me." The Truth is a Person.

He also promised to send the Holy Spirit to empower and teach his disciples. "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance." One of the gifts given to believers by the Holy Spirit is Discernment of truth. We need to pray for this daily, living as we do in a sea of conflicting reports in print and on screen.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn was an award-winning Russian writer in the days of Communist Rule. He criticized leader Joseph Stalin in a private letter. It was intercepted and Alexander was put in a prison camp for 8 years. While incarcerated, he recovered his faith in God. Afterward he wrote:

"Do not lie; do not surrender to the lie; do not spread lies."



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Cameroon*



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Rwanda

Kenya.

Bishop John Ndegwa has sent us a comprehensive report on this year's Leadership Summit, held on July 24th at Resurrection Church in Kayole, Nairobi. As I read this, I see a clear commitment, dedication, and much hard work that has gone into what is a true resurrection of the Diocese, bringing ever more people to a closer relationship with Our Lord and Saviour.



1 In August 2024, the Church shall be 18 years old. Many have contributed to the wellbeing of this Church, many have been persecuted. In recognition of the same, the Church shall hold **Celebration of pioneers of the diocese (pod) and the launch of our Kiswahili Book of Common Prayer (BCP).** The launch

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of the Kiswahili BCP will mark the celebration of bravery and spiritual endurance of those who withstood the persecution for the sake of the church during great turmoil and uncertainty, without whom by the help of God; the Church couldn't be here today. Some will be celebrated posthumously; others at their deathbeds, while others have retired from city to rural life. This occasion, apart from rekindling the 18 years journey of steadfastness, will have a lifelong impact in the lives of the pioneers and their families. It will also boost the mission of the current church by learning from the past sacrifices made by others. A committee established to oversee this process shall meet on Saturday **23rd September 2023**, for orientation of their roles and familiarization with the terms of engagement, which will apart from launching **The Pioneer's Day** and **unveiling the BCP** will include the establishment of a **solemn museum (Library)** which will act as a centre for preserving the historical events, relics, antiques and memorials of the church. This may also be a helping factor in reviving the Kenya Anglican Catholic Men Association (KACMA) which was once a vibrant missionary body

2 For the next 5 years, while the Church shall limit her activities only to the growth of existing missions without an attempt to open new ones, **upgrading liturgical and social services, supporting mission leaders** through the Vestment and Laundry project as well as **farming activities** shall remain priority.

3. The **microfinance scheme** of the church shall remain autonomous from but a project within the Church. It will be sustained through saving by members and, hopefully, contribution from potential individuals carefully selected outside the church, who shall be considered through reference by active church members.

4 The Church under **Saint Anectus School** which is duly registered will run the '**School learning Materials project**' for ACCK students. Every year there are students who transit from primary to secondary schools. One of the needs they always have is for writing materials for the 12 subjects they study. The church shall be giving these students a set of 12 ACCK labeled exercises books and pens in gift form. They shall serve as ambassadors of ACC through the printed materials. This will spread the endeavor of the church extensively.



5 The youth accepted to venture into **Labeled materials ministry**. Most of the youth in Korogocho do graffiti and artistic work in the village as seen in this photo done on the walls of Good Shepherd Church. With a high rate of joblessness, the youth resolved to start an art home industry at Church of good shepherd. If they can commit themselves to painting and printing T-shirts,

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handkerchiefs, gift wrapping papers, artistic pieces, books and calendars, so as to minimize idleness among themselves, they may as well earn an income.

6 The church is in the process of forming a **diocesan choir**. The aim of the choir is to perform in Mass at Resurrection Church, Kayole, in special occasions organized by ACCK missions in Kenya and to participate in diocesan related functions such as weddings, funerals and other occasions as a tool of evangelism. *(Choir in partial uniform photo is attached above)*

7 The **ordinations** of 3 deacons that was supposed to take place this year was postponed to next year, probably August 2024. This is in order to give the Church an opportunity to facilitate for one of the candidates who is to be joined in **Holy matrimony** this year. The Church has taken the role of facilitating for this Sacramental undertaking because it is the first in ACCK history, an example to other postulants, a precedent for the church as well as an opportunity to showcase the sacredness of the Church. We are meeting every Saturday and Sundays to assist in the planning of the dowry presentation and wedding. We shall hold a fundraising on **Saturday 19th August 2023**, the dowry day shall be **26th August 2023**, while the wedding day shall be a Saturday in November to be confirmed. The benefits of the whole process will be evident when the whole process culminates.



Fr. David: ‘Many of you might wonder what a ‘dowry’ is, which used to be common in Britain and Europe, but which has long disappeared: here is what Wikipedia has:

‘A **dowry** is a payment, such as property or money, paid by the bride's family to the groom or his family at the time of marriage. Dowry contrasts with the related concepts of bride price and dower. While bride price or bride service is a payment by the groom, or his family, to the bride, or her family, dowry is the wealth transferred from the bride, or her family, to the groom, or his family. Similarly, dower is the property settled on the bride herself, by the groom at the time of marriage, and which remains under her ownership and control.^[1]

Dowry is an ancient custom that is already mentioned in some of the earliest writings, and its existence may well predate records of it. Dowries continue to be expected and demanded as a condition to accept a marriage proposal in some parts of the world, mainly in parts of Asia.^{[2][3][4]} The custom of dowry is most common in strongly patrilineal cultures that expect women to reside with or near their husband's family (patrilocality).^[5] Dowries have long histories in Europe, South Asia, Africa, and other parts of the world.^[5] (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dowry>)

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South Sudan.

Bishop Garang has sent us a new report on the dreadful situation in Aweil, where the fields that have so often been flooded are now dry, with the additional risk of fire. In 1971, there was a grass fire close to the town in Saskatchewan, and those in town who were able went out to try and control it, with shovels and spades: but we were healthy and well fed – we have all seen the photos of people in the Diocese of Aweil – for them it would be disastrous.

And as Bishop Garang writes on the 27th August, refugees from Sudan to the North continue to try and escape the vicious war raging in their region, heading south across into South Sudan. The Appeal is very thankful that Bishop Garang knows that the scale of the problems exceeds our ability to have any impact, but that we encourage those who might be able to consider this situation which is often absent from the news...



‘I went to the Diocese on 6th August, and I came back from South Sudan on Monday this week. I had gone to see the situation of starvation in the Diocese. The starvation situation is still very bad and there is still a high need for relief food for the starving population. The needs for the refugees and returnees are still unmet and their numbers are still increasing with new arrivals because the war in Sudan is still going on. This year there is no flooding because the rains were minimal, and the crops are not doing well in most parts of Diocese and the country at large. The Diocese and the country at large is experiencing drought which has caused the crops in the farm to dry and there are wildfires burning the drying crops. People were hoping that by next month they would be harvesting and be relieved from the starvation.

But this is not the case, and the future looks very dire because of the expected crop failure. There is no hope that there will be any harvests and therefore the cycle of starvation and dependence on food donations will continue. We need to pray for God's intervention and make the needs of the starving population, returnees and refugees known to people and organizations who can be of assistance. Thousands of lives are at risk from starvation



and malnutrition among adults, mothers and children and thousands of lives may be lost due to starvation if there are no interventions to assist them. It is my prayer and hope that God will touch the hearts of the people you will be talking to so that they can give generously for the affected starvation victims. May God continue to bless you and the donors for their concern



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and continued support. Attached are pictures of the drying crops and some farms on fire.’

Congo.



Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge has sent these photos of a church without any walls: it is Saint Augustin Nyalushozi Walungu. I see that there is a good roof, against the heavy downpours common in the DRC. We are hoping to send fund for the Parish of St. François d’Assise in Mosho and would welcome funds for the walls: in Walungu, the bricks they have

already gathered, the labour they will supply, so it may be possible.

We also need to find the funds for the school fees for the three children in Bukavu, so that they can get back to school as soon as possible. Due to the situation here in Canada, with limited donations received, regretfully we were unable to meet the deadline last month.



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- Thursday 4:10 pm: “Calling and Forming Healthy Clergy” by Abp. Chad Jones and Fr. Glenn Spencer

All sessions will be held in the Seminole C room of the DoubleTree. For more details, or to be notified of future updates, see

<http://www.continuingforward.org/jointsynods2023>

We also commend the Evening Prayer being hosted Wednesday by the ACC Diocese of the Holy Trinity. It will be followed by a discussion of mission and evangelism, including their Remnant Mission vision for spiritual formation. For more information, see their website at <http://www.thedht.org/jointsynods2023>

Church Planting

We are planning to host a social event for those active or interested in planting a Continuing Anglican parish. Please email jwest@thedht.com for more details.

Fr. Robert's Remarks

Prayer Book that I have always appreciated begins on page 37 and is entitled *Prayers and Thanksgivings Upon Several Occasions* and one prayer that I have used regularly is that *For the Parish*. It is #9 on page 44.

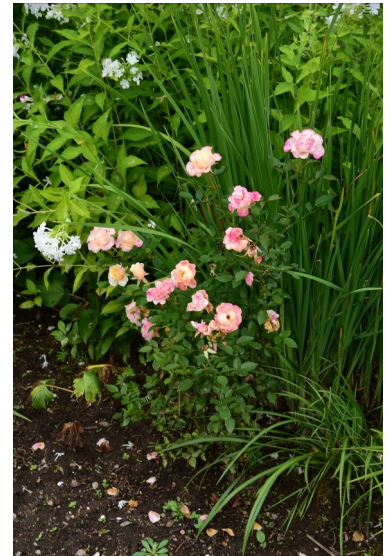
When I was young this prayer was used regularly by Parish Guilds as an opening prayer at meetings. For my own use, I have had no qualms about adapting and substituting the words ‘this District and this parish’ in place of just ‘this parish’. It seems to be ‘springboard’ sort of prayer. Sometimes it can take quite a while to pray it. Each petition acts as a springboard to further thoughts.

Another prayer that I have appreciated is *The Bidding Prayer* on page 62. The notion, as the rubric at the beginning suggests, that one ‘may omit any of the clauses, or may add others, as occasion may require’ caught my sense of humour. Really, though, what the rubric seemed to be saying was, you may use this prayer as it is written, or you may leave things out and add other things, as long as you end with the prayer that Jesus taught us—the Our Father with the doxology. The following statement “There may be short periods for silent prayer after any of the clauses” caught my attention too. At some point I came to understand that silent prayer need not always have to be with words formed in my mind; it could be a presenting of myself to God—like Isaiah in Isaiah 6. 1-8—and a listening to God. Prayer does not always have to be like a coffee shop drive-through where one presents a request and then goes through and pick it up, paying with a gift card. It can be a listening to what God may want me to do or, perhaps, to repent of doing, depending on the circumstances.

Now back to praying for our government. Beginning on page 48 are a series of prayers *For the State*. The first prayer *For the Queen* (which now need to be adapted to *Our King* reminds us that our leaders and heads of state are persons. (Corrector tape is great for fixing the Prayerbook in this regard. I still end up with *Elizabeth* from time to time, particularly where I have not corrected it.) With my proclivity for adding names, I have no problem with adding Justin Trudeau’s name in prayer #24 for the Prime Minister and personalising it as ‘Justin Trudeau, the Prime Minister of this Dominion’.

No doubt, I could go on about the many other prayers or services in the BCP, but I shall stop there for now—though there might be the possibility that I shall return to this topic again in the future.

I do want to mention a resource for those who are just learning the Prayer Book. Br. Nicholas Lawrence, TDC, a Franciscan Third order colleague of Fr. Byron Woolcock, created an Index of Prayers and Thanksgivings in the Book of Common Prayer (Canada 1962). A PDF is posted on our website under <Resources> on the menu bar at <https://traditionalanglican.ca/>



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[resources/62prayerindex5thed.pdf](#). Br. Nicholas Lawrence continues to revise and update the Index. The current edition is the 5th and includes references to King Charles following his Accession and Coronation. This current edition is a very useful topical index of 33 pages which I commend to your use.

On October 9th, we celebrate our National Thanksgiving Day in Canada. The Collect chosen for that day is

O MOST merciful Father, we humbly thank thee for all thy gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for life and health and safety; for power to work and leisure to rest; for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of men; but above all we thank thee for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(This Collect also serves as the Thanksgiving for Family Prayer on the very last page of the Prayer Book)

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

More next month. **R+**



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