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John 6:35

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

*Pastoral Ponderings . . .**Spring, 2010*

Have you ever seen a hazelnut in its shell? It is small and round with an eye like a buckeye. When I picked one out of the basket offered me, at first, I thought it was a buckeye. Well, I mused, several graduates of Ohio State are attending this conference with me; maybe they influenced the basket of buckeyes. But, no, the objects were hazelnuts, small and round. I have eaten some in mixed nuts; but I haven't experienced many in the shell. I wondered why I was being given one at the beginning of my CREDO experience.

The answer became quite clear as I listened to the first reading of our evening worship. It came from the writings of Julian of Norwich. Julian, it seems, had also been given a hazelnut. As it lay in her hand she remarked: What can this be? Her first response was exactly the same as mine, I was surprised and pleased. Julian of Norwich is very special to me, for in a dark time during my journey into ministry Bishop O'Neill quoted from her as I struggled: *"All will be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well"*. The reading that I heard during Compline at CREDO came with these words.

As Julian examined the hazelnut, she determined three things. This hazelnut was of God and it was made by God. And, this hazelnut, made by God, was loved by God. Lastly, the hazelnut is preserved by God. Thus, that which God has made is loved by God and preserved by God. All things, all manner of things, which come from God hold the same properties. Thus, I came this evening to understand why Bishop O'Neill had used the quote from Julian; for I am created by God, loved by God, and preserved by God. Truly, I could not have doubts about God's intention for me in ministry. All will be revealed as God plans. My ministry will be carried out by God's design. I need not have worried for as Julian came to understand, God answers all questions and doubts. If God can raise Jesus from the grave, so will I receive what I need for my ministry? Julian describes God as declaring: ***"I may make all things well, and I can make all things well, and I shall make all things well, and I will make all things well. and you will see for yourself that every kind of thing will be well..."***

May I leave this thought with all of you who read my words? God has made you. God loves you. God will preserve you, even if you die! Death is not the Final Frontier. Jesus has proven that. The Final Frontier is the realm of opportunity which we will share in Christ when he returns for us. And then, All Shall Be Well!

Blessings,

Father E.J.

Notes from Nancy . . .

We begin the merry month of May right in the middle of the Easter season, which begins on Easter Sunday and ends at Pentecost, 7 Sundays later. We all know that Christmas and Easter are great celebrations of the Church Year, but did you know that Pentecost is considered to be the year's third major celebration? The first two commemorate the birth of the earthly Jesus and his resurrection from death 3 decades later. What does Pentecost celebrate? It is considered to be the birthday – the beginning – of the Christian Church.

Pentecost (which means 50 days in Greek) was one of three festivals when Jews were encouraged to come worship in Jerusalem, if possible. It marked the 50th day after the Exodus from Egypt, when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. And, at that time the first fruits of the grain harvest were brought to the Temple in thanksgiving. That may explain why the followers of Jesus were "all together in one place" in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit came down on them that day, and "tongues of flame" appeared above their heads. They were able to speak so that people from many lands could understand them, and 3000 became followers of "The Way" of Jesus.

Red is the liturgical color of Pentecost, representing the power of the Holy Spirit. That Sunday is one of the few in the Church year when you will see the altar (and the clergy) adorned in red. You are all invited to join the celebration by wearing something red that day, May 23, as we ask the Holy Spirit to come to us at All Saints', to sustain us in our role as the Church, the Body of Christ.



On the lighter side...

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car. The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

Your going to love the Dad's reply:

To this his father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

We Wish the following a Very Happy Birthday!

Catherine Evans	5/15	Tom Larison	6/15
Bob Cutting	5/16	Pat Tomozzi	6/23
Heidi Pankow	5/27	Barbara Wright	6/23
Elizabeth Moncrieff	5/29	Alane Larison	6/27
Doris Tallmadge	5/30		



Reminder: Saturday Breakfast, May 8th, Pancakes, 8-10 am
Watch for updates for summer breakfast schedule.

***DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

RAY AND I ARE SEMI-MOVED INTO OUR HOME IN DALLAS, OR. QUITE A FEW BOXES LEFT TO UNPACK. WE DEFINITELY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF MORE STUFF BEFORE MOVING. THERE ARE GOODWILL FACILITIES IN EACH TOWN IN THE AREA SO WE HAVE A LOAD FOR THEM. TOOK ONE CAR LOAD OF CLOTHES ETC TO THE WOMEN'S SHELTER TODAY. NEW ADDRESS: 801 SE LYNCET LANE, DALLAS, OR. 97338. PHONE NO: 503 623-2308 (HOME), RAY'S CELL: 970 208-4783, CLO'S CELL: 970 208-5132.

THERE ARE SEVERAL DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS IN SALEM. HOPE TO GET OVER THERE TO PLAY SOON. WE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE ONE HERE IN OUR "CERES GLENN" BRIDGE PLAYERS BUT NO DUPLICATE. AS FOR THE WEATHER, IT COULD NOT BE NICER. HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 11 DAYS AND HAVE HAD TWO LIGHT SHOWERS - ONE DURING THE NIGHT. OUR YARD IS LOVELY WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT FLOWERS BLOOMING. YESTERDAY MORNING, WE HAD A COVEY OF QUAIL PARADING ALONG THE TOP OF OUR SIDE YARD FENCE. WHAT A SIGHT!!! WE FEEL WE HAVE MADE THE RIGHT MOVE. VERY NICE TO BE NEAR SOME FAMILY. MISS ALL OUR DEAR FRIENDS IN BATTLEMENT MESA AND ELSEWHERE, BUT HOPE WE WILL SEE YOU ON OUR DOORSTEP WHEN AND IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA.

SINCERE REGARDS,

CLO AND RAY

***Marc and Marion Kneepkens send their blog address for your reading enjoyment:

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Dear Partners in Mission,

I recently spent 2 weeks in Haiti, in the community of Deschapelles where Hopital Albert Schweitzer is housed. While I obviously had many experiences during my time there, a uniquely pleasurable one came on the weekend. Plans to hike to two trees overlook with some other visitors didn't go as planned and it became a solo hike for the sunrise. As I neared the overlook, two Haitian ladies were going to the same place and we started chatting in my weak Kreyol. On arriving, they split up and took their postures of prayer. The sun was just behind the mountains with cloud cover to delay the sunrise and make it more spectacular at the same time. I took my initial set of pictures then assumed my position for devotions. After awhile, one of the ladies started singing and the chorus sounded easy enough that perhaps I could learn it. She began a moving meditation and singing, coming near where I was sitting. It took some effort to communicate that I wanted to learn her song, but we achieved the understanding and the lesson began. Singing together to the Lord was a bonding time for us. We continued to try to communicate as others arrived to pray, praise and worship the Lord. When I learned they planned on several hours there, I said my farewells and returned to the hospital grounds, singing my new song as I went, greeting the others heading up the trail to join the event. A couple of days later I met her as I walked along the canal road with others. We shared a quick hug and greeting before continuing on, but she is one whose picture I don't require to remember her, though I have one.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and for my work here in the Dominican Republic. I will continue working at the clinic but am working to expand into the nearby nursing home some as well. May God bless and guide you in all you do!

In Christ,

Cathy

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