



All Saints' News

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Island Women's Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, March 12

Our next Island Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 12th at the Baptist Church on Butler Avenue. All women are welcome, whether from any church or no church!

Our February prayer breakfast offered super decorations, delicious and pretty food and an excellent program. All who came had a most wonderful time. The speaker, Kesha Gibson Carter, is involved in the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Coastal Georgia. Hopefully, we can find a way to become involved also.

Submitted by Carole Immel

Lenten series begins on Wednesday, March 8

A special Lenten series at All Saints' will continue through every Wednesday in Lent. Beginning at 6:30, we will walk the Stations of the Cross, then enjoy a soup dinner followed by a Lenten series study. As you plan your observance of Lent this year, please consider taking advantage of this Lenten opportunity.

Mardi Party

What fun, good food, a terrific piano player, fabulous decorations and a great group of folks gathered on Fat Tuesday, February 28! About 65 folks to include 12 children participated, bringing in collections of approximately \$600 that will benefit our sister church, St. Andrew's in Lake Charles, Louisiana, which suffered very badly in Hurricane Katrina.

Our hall and kitchen were all cleaned up by 8:45, ready for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Thank you for your good work!

Submitted by Br. Jamie Maury

...and the Fun Continues...

There's still time to sign up for the Sunday Singing Soiree on March 12 at Lamar and Doug Webb's home at Eagle's Nest. The fun begins at 4:00 with food, fellowship, wine and song with Dianna Rogers playing the grand piano, and all for a donation of \$10 to the ECW! Please call Louise or Lamar to RSVP.

The Great Litany

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we use The Great Litany, which is an extended prayer for a wide variety of needs set in responsorial style. In the early Church, it was associated with long processions asking for God's mercy and protection for the crops. Processional litanies were first used during the late fifth century on the three days before Ascension. Eventually the form was adopted throughout the Western Church and prescribed for use on days of special devotion, especially those of penitential character. This processional prayer was greatly expanded during Medieval times and became known as the Litany of the Saints because it included a large number of bids invoking the prayers of saints. It is, therefore, particularly appropriate that we use it at All Saints', and we are blessed by the canting of Stuart Liles.

The Litany of the Saints underwent major revisions by Martin Luther in Germany and Thomas Cranmer in England during the sixteenth century.

In Liturgical terms, a Litany is an intercessory prayer including various petitions that are said or sung by the leader, with fixed responses by the congregation. The form was used as early as the fifth century in Rome. The Litany was the first English language rite that was prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556), and was first published in 1544. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) titled the litany, "The Great Litany," distinguishing it from other Litanies in the BCP. It is found on pages 147 -154. Cranmer modified an earlier litany form by consolidating certain groups of

petitions into single prayers with responses. The Litany's use in church processions was ordered by Henry VIII when England was at war with Scotland and France. It was printed as an appendix to the eucharist in the 1549 BCP. It was used in each of the three ordination rites of the 1550 ordinal, with a special petition and concluding collect. The 1552 BCP called for use of the Litany after the fixed collects of Morning Prayer on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The 1928 BCP allowed the Litany to be used after the fixed collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or before the Eucharist, or separately.

The Great Litany may be done before the eucharist, or after the collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately. The BCP also includes a Litany of Penitence in the Ash Wednesday service; a Litany at the Time of Death; a Litany for Ordinations, which is also used in the Celebration of a New Ministry; a Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church; and a general thanksgiving in the form of a Litany of Thanksgiving. There also exists a Litany of Healing in a public service of healing and a Litany for the Church in the service for the founding of a church.

The Great Litany may be said or sung. The officiant and people may kneel or stand, or it may be done in procession. Because of its penitential tone, it is especially appropriate during Lent. The Great Litany includes an invocation of the Trinity; a series of deprecations which seek deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; a series of obsecrations which plead the

power of Christ's Incarnation, life, death, and resurrection for deliverance; prayers of general intercession; the Agnus Dei; the Kyrie; the Lord's Prayer; a versicle and response based on Ps 33:22; a concluding collect; and the grace. The Supplication (BCP, p. 154) may be used at the conclusion of the Great Litany, taking the place of all that follows the Lord's Prayer.

Good Lord, deliver us.

The Great Litany is also especially appropriate on Rogation Days, and that order calls for the Great Litany to begin as the procession enters the church. It adds petitions for favorable weather, productive lands and waters, and God's favor for all who care for the earth, the water, and the air.

† *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Come Ye Apart Awhile... and experience contemplative living

A retreat at Honey Creek March 24-26, 2006.

"Having the life you want by being present to the life you have." Mark Nepo

We all experience contemplative moments in our lives, where we feel one with God or nature. We all know how beautiful it feels to be "taken over" by the beauty of life. These moments are rare however, because our lives are complex and busy as never before in human history. The more we can achieve in a day, the better we can "multitask" and the busier we keep, the more we are accepted in society as successful and lovable human beings. We are preoccupied with the past and the future, but we rarely live in the present moment. But the present moment is the only time when we can encounter God. God revealed himself to Moses as "I AM" and not "I was" or "I will be". If we only knew how to be present to the beauty of our lives as they are, we would lead much happier lives and be able to live more deeply into our faiths.

Contemplative living will bring us closer to God, ourselves, and our neighbors, and will enrich our lives in a multitude of ways.

This retreat will focus on the moments in our lives where we have felt the presence of God; we will learn from these moments what the essence of contemplative living is all about. We will learn about contemplative eating habits, improve our ways of communicating with each other and God and increase our ability to live in the present moment. We will learn and practice contemplative prayer combined with body postures and experience the beauty of mind and body relaxation.

As always, we will use visualization, meditation and creative materials to get into closer intimacy with God and each other.

Please bring a blanket/yoga mat, a sacred object and a journal

The spiritual director for the retreat will be Father Liam Collins and the retreat leader will be Bettina Schuller. Please contact Emily Rollinson at Honey Creek HoneyCreekGA@aol.com or call 912-265-9218 for cost, more details and registration.

Sunday Bulletins get a New Look

If you like the look of our new Sunday bulletin, take a moment to thank Nancy Luke and Philip Thompson. They are the designers and webmasters of our web page, and now they have generously donated their layout and design skills to create a more informative and aesthetic format for our Sunday bulletin. The design is still under development to accommodate a Mission Statement forthcoming from the Vestry. If you have any feedback, please contact a member of the Vestry... and they are listed on the new bulletin.

Integrity Meets

The next gathering of Integrity GA will be at Christ Church, Dublin, Sunday, May 7th, 4-6 PM. We will begin with Evening Prayer and a homily, followed by "Conversation Time" facilitated by Stanley Rich. The meeting and a snack will follow. Please RSVP that you will be attending. If there are specific topics you would like discussed in the meeting, please send those so they will be listed in the agenda. Spread the word and bring a friend. Phone or email Jamie Maury for additional information.

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