

THE QUILL

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FROM THE HEAD SACRISTAN

Floral spectacular at St. Bede's

The bells were ringing to welcome Easter morning and set before us was a gorgeous floral setting. Soaring branches of peach blossoms and unusual and familiar flowers greeted the congregation. Who did this spectacular floral arrangement? It was done by our own Barbara Pace, who has worked in the floral industry. St. Bede's is so fortunate to have Barbara as one of our sacristans. She has this special gift of how to put it all together. She also did the floral arrangements for the credence table and the chapel altar. Her husband, Dean, our new vestry member, was busy cleaning up and young son Wyatt and his friend, Clio, were busy putting away all the kneelers. What a crew! Also helping that day were, Nancy Holly, Joyce Matlack, Janet Fox and new sacristan, Marta Quiroba. Ina Klem and Barbara Sands are also sacristans. Another new sacristan is Rea Crane, who will begin training soon. Phyllis Morrison and Jean Dahler bake Eucharistic bread. Jean also takes care of all the linens, as well as mending or any sewing. Joelle Underwood has served with the Altar Guild for

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BISHOP CARRANZA TO ORDAIN GIOVAN KING

God willing, the Rt. Rev. Sergio Carranza, Bishop Assistant of the Diocese of Los Angeles, will ordain Giovan Venable King to the Sacred Order of Deacons in a choral Eucharist here at St. Bede's on Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m.

Giovan has turned in her final papers to the Examining Chaplains and met with them in late April (but as this article was being typed). Previously, the Standing Committee made her a Candidate for Holy Orders. As a previously ordained person (in the Congregational Church), she was eligible to be ordained as soon as the final clearances were given.

Just to remind everyone, Giovan has degrees from Dartmouth (B. A. in Music), Harvard (M. Div. in Theology), Stanford (J. D.) & Virginia Theological Seminary (D. Min.). She has been an ordained minister in the Congregational Church for 23 years and she has been in our ordination process since 2003.

Giovan is currently serving as Chaplain to Pilgrim School which is attached to First Congregational Church of Los Angeles. Following her ordination to the Diaconate, she will remain as Deacon on the staff of St. Bede's with Canon Newman continuing as her Mentor Priest (a canonical requirement).

A reception will follow the ordination in Luther Hall. The entire congregation is cordially invited to the service.

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THIS MONTH

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May Birthdays &

Anniversaries

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Giovan's Ordination

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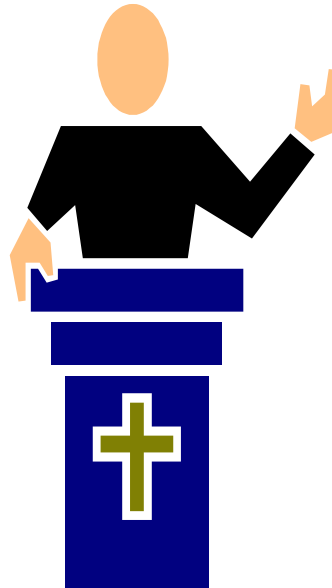
Dear Friends in Christ:

Well, we celebrated the **Lessons and Carols of the Apocalypse** on Sunday, April 15. I am thankful for the work of the choir, the readers, Reed Wilson's research and the seer named John. It strikes me that it would make a better evening musical event and I hope we do it as such in three years.

We continue to study the Book of Revelation for all of the month of May. In June, we will return to complete the study of the *Heroes of the Old Testament* with Amy-Jill Levine.
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As you read this, I am on the east coast attending a seminar at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA, entitled, **"Retirement with Grace for Clergy"**. Now — don't either worry OR rejoice! I am not doing anything right now — except attending this seminar.

One reason that I decided to attend this year is that



the Dean of the Seminary, the Very Rev. Martha Horne (a friend of mine) is retiring this year. I wanted to see Dean Horne before she leaves the seminary.

A second reason is that it will give me something to ponder when I reach several important dates in the next few years:

- 2008—my 30th ordination anniversary
- 2010—my 20th St. Bede's anniversary
- 2015—my 65th birthday

Will I retire sometime in that time frame? — well, maybe. That is up to the Holy Spirit. So, don't buy the stamps for the Search Committee just yet.

I might note that some of the most active members of the parish have flourished since they retired from their remunerative work. I am inspired by people such as Phyllis Morrison, Jeannette Young, Marian Leng, and many more.

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May 20 is an exciting day for St. Bede's. It is the day that we celebrate the life of **the Venerable Bede**, patron of our Parish (that is, the notable man after whom our parish is named). We have traditionally had some kind of a lamb dinner following a choral evensong. This year, the Friends of Music has commissioned Adrienne Albert to compose a new choral setting which will be premiered that night.

I will be creating several culinary experiences for which there will be a **free will offering**. Lamb — Cheesecake — other possibilities — come and taste!

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Congratulations to **Giovan King** who will be ordained to the Diaconate by **Bishop Carranza** here on Saturday, May 26. We hope that you can all come out for that service.

In Christ,
Canon Jim Newman+ Rector

VITAL STATISTICS

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, Lois, Jean, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Fr. Howard, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Jeff, Sandy, Kelly, Dan, Ergun, Don, Caleb, Dennis

Visitors to the Parish:

Harold & Dolores Finley, Tom & Shannon Ruth Ferguson, Sarah Martin Lopez, Curtis Houlihan, Susan Green, Diane Simons, Tom & Olive O'Brien, Tim Cole, Bernard Robert O'Brien, Rev. Rod & Jan Welles, Canon John & SaraJane Thies

Baptism:

Cameron Jack Merrill Wilson — April 8

Marriage:

R. Eric Weber & Catherine Mary Banker — April 21

May Anniversaries:

05/04 Pammela & Andrew Jackson
 05/12 Kyle Ferstead & Kelly Robertson
 05/30 Tom & Giovan King

May Birthdays:

05/10 Joe Hartley	05/10 Seth Neilson
05/10 Kelly Robertson	05/10 Jeannette Young
05/11 Anjali Schultz	05/17 Jerry Hornof
05/18 Roger Jayne	05/23 Wesley Hartley
05/24 Argola Haynes	05/24 Bill McDonald
05/24 Danny David	

VESTRY TO SERVE ON SPECIFIC SUNDAYS

Junior Warden Reed Wilson has organized the Vestry members, each to serve as the “point person” on a specific Sunday. They will make the announcements that day and serve as an additional greeter, a person to answer questions or to point someone in the right direction to get questions answered. The initial assignments are:

(4/15: Tom Elliott, 4/22: Don Shaw, 4/29: Liz Mobler)

5/6: Jerry Hornof
5/13: Mike Mullins
5/20: Dean Pace
5/27: Alice Short
6/3: Kathy Hartley
6/10: Reed Wilson

SACRISTAN'S COLUMN

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several years and she will be leaving us soon for New Orleans. Her work has been a special gift and we wish her well in her new job at Loyola University.

We are asking for help with this special ministry, the Altar Guild. We need more people as we would like to work in pairs, which makes the load easier. Men are welcome as well.

Michael Gallagher is also a sacristan. He takes care of the Sanctuary Lamp and does many other needed tasks around the church. Please contact Jeannette Young or Father Newman if you would like to help.

NEW MUSIC FOR MAY EVENSONG

The Roman tradition's greatest contribution to the history of Western music has been the Mass; the Lutheran tradition's greatest contribution the repertoire of Lutheran chorale tunes. Anglicanism has also made a great contribution to the literature, but it is less well known outside of the Anglican liturgical setting: this is the Magnificat/Nunc Dimittis pair, settings of the two great canticles traditionally sung at Evening Prayer. Thousands of these settings, grand or intimate, celebratory or meditative, deeply comforting or profoundly disturbing, have been written for Anglican cathedrals and parish churches since the Reformation. These settings have become liturgical staples for choirs throughout the Anglican Communion, but especially in England and the United States.

Since the changes to the liturgy in the 1979 American Book of Common Prayer, this tradition has been less lively in the United States than it once was. There have been relatively few settings written for the revised language of the ICET texts. The restoration of the Phos hilaron as part of the Invitatory sequence has led to the need for a new repertoire, usually unrelated to the traditional settings of the canticles. **The Friends of Music at St. Bede's**, in its own small way, has sought to remedy this situation by from time to time commissioning the composition of new settings of the Evening Prayer service, integrating all three texts.

Our first commission, in 1999, was from composer Alex Shapiro. Alex approached the assignment with great creativity, expressing the ideas of the texts in instrumental music. Parish music director Frank Basile took a stab at the second commission in 2001, writing in celebration of Rector Jim Newman's tenth anniversary. The results of our third commission, from Los Angeles composer **Adrienne Albert**, will be heard at **Evening Prayer on May 20, 2007**, at the celebration of our **Patronal Feast**. About this music and about music in general, Adrienne says, “Music is the universal language that knows no boundaries or barriers. It can transport us to foreign lands, inspire new thoughts and open places in our memory banks. It is a reflection of the inner soul, and it is always in my heart. When there are no words to describe one's emotions, I am grateful to be able to speak through my music.” You can learn more about Adrienne from her website, adriennealbert.com.

MAY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

May 6 — Easter 5 (Canon Newman)
Acts 11.1-18; Ps. 148; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13:31-35

May 13 — Easter 6 (Mthr. Haynes) Acts 16.9-15;
Ps. 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 *or* John 5.1-9

May 20 — Easter 7 (Canon Newman) Acts 16:16-34;
Ps. 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

May 27 — The Day of Pentecost (Canon Newman)
Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8.14-17;
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

WEEKDAYS

5/2 (Athanasius of Alexandria): (AH)
1 John 5.1-5; Ps. 71.1-8; Matthew 10.22-32

5/9 (Gregory of Nazianzus): (JN)
Wisdom 7.7-14; Ps. 19.7-11; John 8.25-32

5/16 (Ascension Day—eve): (JN)
Acts 1.1-11; Ps. 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53

5/23 (Wednesday/Easter 7): (JN)
Acts 20.28-38; Ps. 68.28-36; John 17.11b-19

5/30 (Ember Wednesday): (JN)
Exodus 19.3-8; Ps. 15; 1 Peter 4.7-11; Matthew 16.24-27

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SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

Hosts:

5/1 I. Klem, L. Jennison 5/8 J. Dahler, A. Haynes
5/15 – NO CLASS (voting) 5/22 J. Young, R. Miller
5/29 J. Newman, R. Jayne

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation
5/2,9,16, 23 & 30

VIA MEDIA

Introducing the Episcopal Church
May 13, 20 & 27

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY: the Revs. Giles Asbury & John Hancock

INTERNS: Giovan King & Mike Olsen

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

VERGER: Michael Gallagher **HEAD SACRISTAN:** Jeannette Young

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

VESTRY

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Senior Warden Reed Wilson ('08) — Junior Warden

Tom Elliott ('09) Kathy Hartley ('09)

Liz Mohler ('08) Michael Mullins ('09)

Dean Pace ('09) Don Shaw ('08)

Alice Short ('08)

Joelle Underwood — Clerk Mike Olsen—Treasurer

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('09)