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'If It's Not One Thing' ... It's Atonement

'If it's not one thing, it's another!' You've heard the familiar proverb. Well I've been thinking how to apply it to a vexing issue in our religious and national life: the issue of forgiveness.

Have I got good news. (!?) Where forgiveness is too often unthinkable, unattainable, even unacceptable for many of us, there's promising recourse available in atonement.

No baseness or cruelty of treason so deep or so tragic shall enter our human world, but that loyal love shall be able in due time to oppose to just that deed of treason its fitting deed of atonement.
—Josiah Royce, *The Problem of Christianity* (1913)

This postulate cannot be proved true, of course, but human communities can assert it and act upon it as if it were true. Christian doctrine ... takes this same postulate as "a report concerning the supernatural works of Christ" —Kelly A. Parker, "Josiah Royce," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

Wow! What if every one of my dastardly deeds—from careless mistreatment of others to my willful and malicious spite and viciousness—what if they could all be counteracted "in due time" by some "fitting deed of atonement?" What if national sins, communal and collective transgressions and violations of entire populations and classes of people; what if they could also re-emerge as postulated here: as "a report concerning the supernatural works of Christ?"

From our exploitation of workers or neglect of the poor to genocide and every other kind of injustice we could be (we are?) engaged in massive, millennial campaigns of reparation, restoration, and a resulting redemption of our national character and ideals!

Consider this corollary, even more audacious:

Things are not made the same as they were before through atonement, but are in an important respect made better ... [Where] genuine community is restored and all the individuals involved ... emerge as wiser, more resolved servants of their common cause ... "the world, as transformed by this creative deed, is better than it would have been had all else remained the same, but had that deed of treason not been done at all." (Royce 2001 [1913], 180).

Dare we believe despite the implausibility of that claim? Take one people's holocaust or another's; won't my alternative remedies fail: 'If not one thing'—forgiveness in some cases, 'then another'—atonement in other cases? Aren't there cases where neither forgiveness nor atonement suffices?

Rather it's also in such cases that we look to the Cross of Christ as our 'light at the end of the tunnel.' The immensity of that light—the intervention of God co-suffering with us throughout human experience as we declare by faith—suffices to illumine also where other lights go out; where every other illumination is eclipsed by the tragic losses we suffer: the death and destruction of millions, or the loss of one single beloved. As Isaiah 53 still prophesies:

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering ...

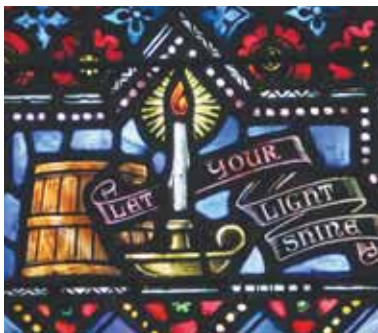
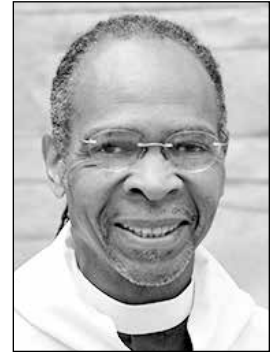
But he was pierced for our transgressions ... the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed ...

After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many ...

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great ... For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

May we do 'Christ-wise' with and for one another, and so propagate the prophecies that follow: "Sing, you barren and desolate ones ... Do not fear, you widows and abandoned ones ... Be comforted and vindicated, all you afflicted ones."

The Rev. Thee Smith
Priest Associate



"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

From this week's lectionary



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PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

TUESDAYS

The Dean's Men's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others. *From June through August the group studies lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday.*

Early Morning Women's Bible Study: 7-8 a.m., Walthour Library. *This group will resume meeting in September.*

St. Veronica's Guild: The guild offers fellowship as members give time, raise funds, and collect goods to support Church of the Common Ground, Holy Comforter Church, Crossroads Community Ministries, Emmaus House, and Rainbow Village. Periodic guild fundraisers benefit other charities in our community and beyond. The guild meets on **second Tuesdays, September -May, at 10:30 a.m. in Lanier House.** Contact Lane Barnum, 678-713-9112, lbarnum6@yahoo.com.

St. Monica's Guild: The guild meets the **second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Gould Room** and focuses on support for and fellowship among mothers of school-age children and younger. Contact Mary Caroline Cravens, 404-869-5686 or marycarolined@cs.com. *This group will resume meeting in September.*

Daughters of the King: The group meets the **second Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. in Mikell Chapel** to offer the Daughters of the King (DOK) daily prayers. After prayers we have a light supper in room 239 or at a local restaurant. All women are welcome. The DOK is a group of Episcopal women who focus on prayer, service, and evangelism. Contact Cathy Hutcheson at 770-451-0907 or jchutcheson@juno.com. *This group will resume meeting on September 9.*

WEDNESDAYS

The Dean's Women's Bible Study: 10:45-11:45 a.m., Room 319. Weekly Bible study is led by Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, and others. *From June through August the group studies lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday.*

Eat Your Word Bible Study: Noon, Room 239. Canon Wallace Marsh leads this bible study. This summer we will be studying the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

St. Elizabeth's Guild: The guild meets at **noon on the first Wednesday of the month in Room 381.** We volunteer in the Cathedral Archives, support the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, and we help with the Cathedral Antiques Show. Contact Carol Clark at 404-233-1591 or caroljclark@bellsouth.net or Lida Askew, 770-435-2455.

Centering Prayer: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Jeannie Mahood at jmahood@stphilipscathedral.org.

THURSDAYS

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Lanier House Chapel. Contact Ann Hickman, mannick@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

St. Clare's Guild: We welcome all mothers of school-age children (elementary, middle, and high school) to join our guild for outreach both as a group and as an activity with our kids. A schedule is posted at stphilipscathedral.org/stclares. Contact Leah Wilkerson at lsawkerson@comcast.net or 404-603-8574. *This group will resume meeting in September.*



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 13, 2014 / Pentecost 5: Proper 10A

Liturgy of the Word

Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

8:30 a.m. Nurturing Center opens

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: The Rev. Bill Harkins
Preacher: The Rev. Thee Smith

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
Celebrant: The Rev. Bill Harkins
Preacher: The Rev. Thee Smith

1:30 p.m. La Santa Eucaristía, Mikell Chapel
Preacher: The Rev. Ricardo Bailey

The Nurturing Center opens at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday for children age four and younger.

Children's Chapel: During the 8:45 a.m. service, an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word is offered in St. Mary's Chapel for children in first through fifth grades and in the Children's Chapel for children three years through kindergarten. Children attending either of these chapel services will process into the Nave at the Offertory to join their parents for Holy Communion.

MUSIC

Sunday, July 13, 2014 / Proper 10A

8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir (Cantoris)

Roland Martin, "Our life is hid with Christ in God" from *Such Glorious Gifts*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Ave verum corpus*

WORSHIP MONDAY-SATURDAY

Daily Office, Year Two

Morning Prayer: 8:45 a.m., Monday-Saturday, Mikell Chapel.

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 p.m., Monday-Friday (Healing on Friday), St. Mary's Chapel.

Evening Prayer: 5:45 p.m., first, second and fourth Thursday, Mikell Chapel.

Centering Prayer: 4 p.m., Thursday, Lanier House Chapel.

Labyrinths: Indoor, 3-8 p.m., most Mondays and Fridays, Child Hall. Call 404-365-1000 to confirm availability. Outdoor, in front of the Lanier House, open daily.

Taizé Service: 8 p.m., third Monday of the month, Mikell Chapel. Labyrinth available at 7 p.m. in Child Hall.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

LAAMISTAD VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our partnership with LaAmistad, afterschool tutoring and mentoring for first-generation American students from Garden Hills Elementary School, will continue to grow this fall. We will offer a full Godly Play session to the children on Mondays from 2:45–3:45 p.m. and an opportunity to integrate the Biblical narrative into their everyday lives through a book study on Wednesdays from 2:45–3:45 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry beginning in mid-August, contact Mary Hunter Rouse at mrouse@stphilipscathedral.org for details. Ideally the volunteers who participate in this portion of our LaAmistad program would be trained in Godly Play, though that is not a requirement. The next Godly Play training will be **July 31–August 2**. Please contact Mary Hunter to register. We are also recruiting tutors for the academic portion of the program to volunteer on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 3:30–5 p.m.



Mary Hunter Rouse

HELP MAKE SANDWICHES THIS SUMMER!

Children, youth, and their families are invited to meet in Room 316 on **July 20 and 27** at 10:10 a.m. for a Godly Play story followed by sandwich making for the SmartLunch/Smart Kids program. We will pack 100 lunches each week to go to children who receive free lunch during the school year.

We also need drivers to deliver lunches on Monday morning (**July 21 and 28**) to Tucker First United Methodist Church between 9 and 10:15 a.m. Please contact Mary Hunter at mrouse@stphilipscathedral.org if you are available to make the deliveries!



2014 SENIOR EYC RAFTING RETREAT: "OUT OF THE WATER"

The Cathedral "Senior EYC," that is 9th-12th grade Episcopal Youth Community, is going rafting **August 23-24!** Before school and sports get too crazy, join your friends for a weekend rafting down the Ocoee River, horseback riding or ropes course, a bon fire and s'mores, relaxation and games, in Tennessee. Come explore what God is speaking to you for the new school year.

Get all the details and the registration form on the Cathedral youth website: www.stphilipscathedral.org/youth. Cost is \$135. Scholarships are available. Registration deadline is **Sunday, August 10**.

PRAYERS

For those who are ill or recovering:

Claudia Bannister
Priscilla Harrison Beale
Catherine Carson
Lawrence Cowart
Bettie Driver
Matilda Dobbs
Terry Dornbush
Mary Elrod
Pat Glomb
Karen Klein
Helen Miller
John Miner
Mary Ann Neale

Debbie Shelton
Ruth Swanson
Julia Alston
Rodger Beatty
Sara Beebe
Bobby Bendlin
Meredith, Adam & Leo
Bugenske
Andrew Clark
Barbara Daniel
Samuel Dedonatis
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Bob Hillegas
Karl Hutzler
Judith Klauba

Pat Krebs
Margaret Winders Kuhn
Chen Ying Liang
Jack Lyle
Toni McGauley
Jan & Dan McPherson
Michael McRae
Robert Ethan Myers
Linda O'Hara
John Thompson
Esther, Ted, Katherine and Ben
Williams
Stephen Williamson

For those who have died:
Thelma Alderman
Elsie Gould

For all those serving their country away from home, for their safe return, and for their families who wait for them

For all expectant parents



SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE CATHEDRAL

On the menu: sausage biscuits (\$2.50), muffins (\$2), cinnamon rolls (\$2), danishes (\$1.50), bagels (\$1.50), seasonal fruits (50 cents) and orange or apple juices (50 cents).

7–9 a.m. in Child Hall

MEMBERSHIP

Births

John Knox Amos, son of Hunter and Britt Amos, brother of Claire Amos, grandson of John and Beckie Amos, born June 6, 2014

Weddings

Mackenzie Hurlston and Matthew Cox, married June 28, 2014
Erin Callahan and Daniel Bara, married June 28, 2014

Deaths

Elsie Gould, wife of Stuart Gould



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If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send your request to Dan Murphy at dmurphy@stphilipscathedral.org.

SUNDAY CLASSES AT 10:10 A.M.

ESSENTIAL BIBLE STORIES (CHILD HALL)

This summer we're focusing on the stories of the Bible. Join us as we look at a different story each week and consider why it is fundamental to the faith and essential to our life in the world today. Each session will be led by a different speaker. On **July 13**, Joe Iarocci will lead the discussion on "The Power of Remembrance" (Luke 22:14-20). The full schedule can be found at stphilipscathedral.org/ofss.

GREEK CLASSES (ROOM 356)

Both *Beginning Biblical Greek* and *Continuing Greek* classes will meet on **Sundays, July 13, 20, and 27**. *Beginning Biblical Greek* is offered on a drop-in basis at 10:10 a.m. *Continuing Biblical Greek* is offered on Sundays from 1:15-2:45 p.m. for anyone who wants to learn the basics of translation. For more information visit stphilipscathedral.org/greek or contact the Rev. Thee Smith at thee.smith@emory.edu.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER LIFESPAN ACADEMY

Active and inquisitive adults aged 55 or better are invited to Lifespan Academy, an enrichment and educational program offered through Lifespan Resources. Class offerings include, but are not limited to, Art History; Technology: Your Partner in Aging; Investing and Finance; Tai Chi, Line Dancing; and Remembrance of WWII, in which soldiers and sailors will share their intriguing war stories. The summer session begins **July 10** and continues for the next six **Thursdays through August 14**. The classes will be held at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. The cost for registration is \$59 and a catered hot lunch is available for an additional fee. For information and registration, go to www.LifespanSeniorResources.com or call 404-237-7307. Lifespan Resources is a non-denominational, nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults.

The Cathedral Thrift House is on the move

The Cathedral Thrift House will move a block north to **1893 Piedmont Road** in August. Your patience is appreciated as parking at the current location is a challenge right now. Your donations are appreciated as well; please keep them coming!

The Thrift House is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Donations are accepted until 4 p.m. daily.

Current location: 1837 Piedmont Road | 404-876-5440

