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An Oblation Of Thanksgiving
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Serving God,

Helping others, Living hope

The Word becoming flesh and dwelt among us is pre
 How does it feel to sit through a series of sermons for five weeks in a row from the same single chapter of the gospel? Well, fortunately for all of us, we have managed to painstakingly extricate the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John for over a month of this season of Pentecost (and finally made our way to the Gospel according to Mark). It is certainly no easy task for the preacher, or any student of the scripture, nor congregation member to have to subject oneself to this spiritual discipline. Nonetheless, the lessons that we have gleaned from the Ninth Sunday in Pentecost through the Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost provide us all much to reflect and internalize in our spiritual journey. Although iterative, the text for these five Sundays signifies the importance of the subject that has been dealt with—it is a deliberate didactic discourse.

In the beginning of Chapter 6, Jesus was popular, famous, and successful; towards the end of the chapter, Jesus becomes unpopular, not so famous, and perhaps even appearing to be a failure to some. The Jews, who came to Jesus, now started disputing among themselves. Some of the followers left him saying, his teachings are hard and repugnant. The crowd that followed

him and wanted to make him a king deserted him. Jesus was not keen in becoming a socio-political king. John, the gospel writer, makes it a point to depict Jesus as one who is not swayed by popularity, public opinion, or success.

What is scandalous in Christianity is that theology has become incarnational. In particular, epistemology, the ology, and ontology are profoundly Christological in the Gospel according to John. The Jesus in John's gospel uses encrypted language and uses everyday images and metaphors to describe his true identity and his mission in this world. Jesus makes himself known to the world in a cryptic language filled with symbolism. Jesus teaches his followers eternal truth--despite however hard they are to receive and believe.

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sented in Chapter 6, as is bread and feeding. What starts as the feeding of the five thousand, is the true Bread of Life found in Jesus. Likewise, from being the Bread of Life, Jesus moves on to claim that this Bread of Life is from above. The Bread of Life found in Jesus that gives eternal life to the world is his flesh—referring to the sacrifice that he is about to carry out on the cross. Jesus, using the imagery of the bread, claimed that this Bread in Jesus has come down from heaven. This Bread is far better than manna that was given to the Israelites in the wilderness. The language that Jesus uses referring to his flesh and blood as the atoning sacrifice on the Cross, to be received on a personal level as a means of attaining eternal life is also difficult for one to process. Jesus' usage of his own body and blood for consumption is divine mysticism that is not easy to grasp, receive, and comprehend.

However perplexing this holy mystery is, this Divine Oblation of Thanksgiving further harnesses our reliance on God in Christ, in the breaking of Bread and Wine at the Holy Eucharist. It reiterates the fact that we are all members of the same body, whether we worship in-person and receive The Sacrament in one kind (Bread), or virtually through Spiritual Communion. God in Christ dwells among us, and we all share in his one body.

Let us all therefore, celebrate in this divine mystery which makes us all one in Christ, as brothers and sisters, who are not swayed by popularity, fame, or success alone, but in offering our lives as a living sacrifice to God in Thanksgiving for all that been done in our lives. Let us in thanksgiving, continue to seek and receive Christ Jesus: The Bread of Life, The Bread of Heaven, The Atoning Sacrifice, The Holy One of God, The Word made flesh who continues to dwell

with us, among us, beside us, now and for all eternity. Amen.

Pax Christi,

The Rev. Anandsekar J. Manuel +

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Weekly, Wednesdays, 10 -11am

with Fr. Manuel

Zoom in

• Meeting ID: **872 7594 4013**

• Passcode: **786680**

Dial by your location:

• **+1 646 876 9923**



Scripture readings can be found at: • www.resurrectionwillistonpark.org, • scroll down to *Preparing for Sunday* • Open and Read

THRIFT SHOP

Opens Thursday after Labor Day!

Thursdays & Saturdays 10am-3pm

BARGAINS & BLESSINGS

FOR ALL

FOOD COLLECTION

for **St. George's Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Hempstead.**



Hunger never goes away. bring to church on Sundays drop off at church during office hours

Parish Administrator: Patricia Hayes

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Mohun, Paul Servinskas, Fritz

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Liz Weinrich. Clerk: Pat Calvert



VESTRY

MEETINGS



May 17, 2021

• 1st quarter finance balance: \$62,735.06. •

Cement work completed at rectory: \$13,800; will request reimbursement from ECR Endowment fund.

• EMLI info sent out to all requesting financial donations to the Diocese annual fund raiser for Episcopal ministries. • Thrift Shop \$5 bag sale considered. • Searching for Handyman; preparing list of jobs to be done.

• Sajeev's last day at JMC is 6-27-2021; we will present him with a stole from ECR.

The Vestry will not meet during the months of June & July, except in case of emergency.

The next scheduled Vestry meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2021.

August 16, 2021

• 2nd quarter finance report presented. • Account balance: \$62,889.42

• Bishop Franklin's visit 9/12—please attend in person or on zoom.

• Fr. AJ & JC will complete the Safe Church questionnaire.

• Need persons for altar servers, altar guild, and ushers—and other volunteers to fill oil candles, etc.

• **MOVED:** To allow NY Church use of our sanctuary on Sundays from 12-2:30 as of 9/5/2021.

Passed 7-1. Must have Liability insurance coverage. Details for building use to be discussed later September.

- Handyman was paid for repairs and work completed \$455.
- Will lease a new copy machine, continuing with black ink only.
- Replacement of 2 fire doors and leak in undercroft are being tended to.
- Collected food delivered to St. George's.
- **Pat Calvert** moving mid October—new clerk needed. Thank you Pat for your ministry here at Resurrection. You will be greatly missed.

YES/AND

During a recent SKYPE call:

“Nana, Nana! Where are you? I can’t see you!” “I am here, Katherine. It’s just the picture that went out. We’ll fix it.”



I’ve thought about that exchange many times over the weeks. We humans are so incredibly dependent on our senses, on our physical understanding/ interaction with the world. When we can’t see or touch or hear something directly, we are not sure of its validity or even its existence.

The Gospel writers, especially John whose texts we have studied this summer, were very aware of our human limitations. To address this, Jesus speaks through metaphors. Metaphors by nature try to explain the inexplicable by creating an equation with a known, a universal common item. Jesus uses “I am” statements to bring this home to us:

- “I am the **bread** of life.” (John 6:35)
- “I am the **light** of the world.” (John 8:12)
- “I am the good **shepherd**.” (John 10:11)
- “I am the true **vine**.” (John 15:5)

Each of these **familiar** items emphasized a quality of Jesus and his interaction with us. He offered food, light, safety, stability - the human qualities we need to survive and to thrive.

But, when those human senses fail us, we stumble and thrash around. We cry out for help. And if there is no physical response, we sometimes despair.

The mystics called that “the dark night of the soul.”

It is very hard for sense-dependent beings to sit patiently in the dark. We - I - want actions, answers, a plan, a way out! “Where are you, Lord? I can’t see you!”

“Waiting is the yeasting of the human soul. To create newness you have to cover the soul and let grace rise. You must come to the place where there’s nothing to do but brood, as God brooded over the deep, and pray and be still and trust that holiness that ferments galaxies is working in you too. Only wait.

Sue Monk Kidd **When the Heart Waits 1990**

Toggling a button easily restores visuals on a SKYPE call. Toggling the divine button in ourselves takes a bit more practice. Christ became human, became Jesus, to model that for us.

We are blessed with our senses because they give us the world. We are also blessed by “darkness” that allows us to touch our interior, personal spark of divinity, the

Christ-in-us!

YES, we walk, eat, sleep, touch in our physical, material world.

AND, just as Christ assumed physical form to merge divine and human in Jesus, so can we also learn to grow the divine in us. “Where are you, Lord?”

“I am here...in you.”

Amen!

Mary Pat



Anniversaries

September

- 7 Diane & Robert Petraglia
- 8 Rhonda & Colin Kaletsky
- 17 Cynthia & James Robinson
- 21 Elizabeth & Fritz Weinrich

October

- 11 Agnes & Anand+ Manuel
- 11 Karen & Robert Callegari



Birthdays

September

- 3 Ephraim Mohan
- 5 Arpana Susan Manuel
- 11 Audrey Gutkes
- 26 Mary Pat Gannon

30 Helen Niemann

October

11 Joan Betts
15 Karen Lasek
23 Austin Sigamani
26 Kumar Singh



November

4 Jane Colgrove
4 Elijah Mohan
15 Rose Chisolm
25 Michael Lindgren



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
147 Campbell Avenue
Williston Park NY 11596

1st DAY OF Fall

Wednesday, September 22nd



SEPTEMBER

9 Thrift Shop Opens

Thursdays & Saturdays 9am-3pm

20 Vestry Meeting zoom 5pm



OCTOBER

10 Celebration of Fr. Manuel's 1st year anniversary at Resurrection 17 2022

Pledge Appeal 1

18 **Vestry Meeting** zoom 5pm

24 2022 Pledge Appeal 2

31 2022 Pledge Appeal 3

NOVEMBER



1 All Saints' Day

2 All Souls' Day

7 All Saints' Sunday

2022 Pledge Appeal
Collection & Blessing

11 Veterans Day

15 **Vestry Meeting** zoom 5pm

21 Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

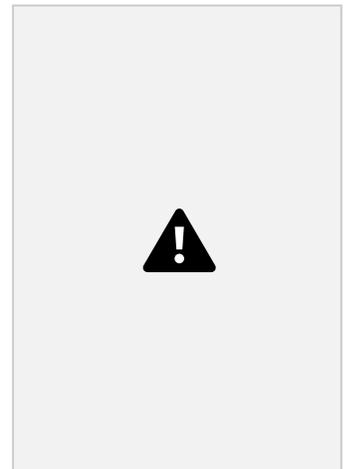
25 Thanksgiving Day

28 First Sunday of Advent

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ADULT STUDY
on the Lord's Prayer

- It is in Matthew and Luke but not in Mark or John.
- It asks forgiveness "for trespasses" or "for debts" or "for sins."
- It combines intimacy and authority.
- It solidifies our position in faith and unites us with each other.



We are "**bold**" when we pray it.

Please join us as we explore the Lord's Prayer. Fall Dates & Times to be announced

Mary Pat Gannon, presenter

