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Trinit-E News



Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to
restore people to unity
with God and each other
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

This is an article written by a classmate of mine from seminary. I submit this article to you as a way of understanding a historical event that happened 50 years ago. Whether you agree with his experience or not doesn't matter. What does matter is that you try and understand the experience of those who were there, 50 years ago.

Marching, singing, and hope: 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday

It is with an incredible mix of emotions that I write this on the day after my family and I participated in the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. On that day in 1965, 600 people marched across this very bridge, to protest denial of equal access to voting to our African-American brothers and sisters. They were brutally attacked with billy clubs and tear gas by troopers and posse members. In three days of these marches, some black protesters were even murdered by whites. With my wife Elizabeth, my son Trey, and our daughter Ruby, I marched in solidarity with our African-American contemporaries, crying out that we've come a long way from those days, but the struggle is not over. It's not over by a long shot.

We left with great anticipation from St. Monica's in Cantonment and proceeded to the march. I didn't know what we'd see or hear. I expected to see mostly black faces there, but I wasn't prepared for just how under-represented we whites were. We parked about half a mile from the bridge and out of the thousands we saw in the first quarter mile walk towards the bridge, we saw only one white face other than our own. That was disappointing. As we neared the bridge we could see that more whites, but I couldn't help but ask, "Where are the whites? Why aren't they here? Do they think justice is a black issue only?"

We neared the front of the procession, getting there just in time for the march to start, and as it did, we moved along with the crowd. It was like a wave of hope washing over that bridge. The cacophony of sound was a mixture of hymns and chants. "We are not afraid," they chanted. "No justice! No peace!" they railed. "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. It was one beautiful chorus of hymnody and hope, pain, sorrow, joy, and the need for justice and equality. It was beautiful chaos, humanity at its best, scattered yet one, seeking and striving and calling out, and all of it was going on under a banner of love.

(Marching, cont.)

We marched along, caught up in this groundswell of emotion and unity, and noticed people ahead of us stopping, turning around and guffawing, quickly grabbing their phones and taking pictures of what was behind us. As we turned, we could see just what they were amazed by---people, in the tens of thousands were still streaming over that bridge! It was a mass of bodies, writhing together like a ribbon of humanity, flowing out of Selma and into the world. We were a quarter mile away and still they came. There was no one color there. All the colors bled into one. It was just people, being and loving and hoping and remembering. Together. Together. And together.

It's important that we remember things like Bloody Sunday. Injustice isn't the issue of just one race. It's all of our issue. It's important that we take our children to marches like the one in Selma. We need to show them the past so that they can be the future, a future where their children can look back and say, "I can't imagine a time like that." They deserve to live in that world, a world where the banner of love flies and all march under it. God help us to make it so, for them, and for us. Amen.

Anthony MacWhinnie is priest-in-charge of St. Monica's, Cantonment.

Top 10 Reasons to be an Episcopalian

(from the comedian Robin Williams, who was an Episcopalian, on an HBO special)

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female God created them; male and female we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is color-coded.
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All of the pageantry - none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.

And the Number One reason to be an Episcopalian:

1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

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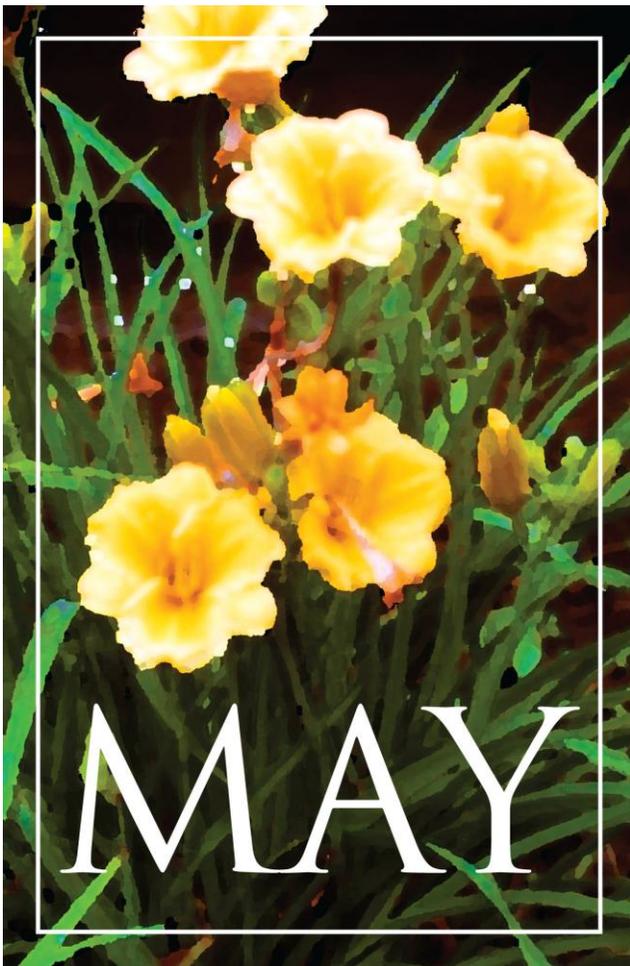
Thank you to Roger Busbice for the submission.



A prayer for Mom

A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he'd prayed about the matter. "That's good," she replied. "If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he'll help you."

"Oh, I didn't pray for help behaving," said the boy. "I prayed for God to help you put up with me."



MAY BIRTHDAYS

01 Lisa Parsiola	18 Lindsay Blair
01 Paul Webster	20 Isabella Lodrigue
03 Jane Webster	22 Dez Kapp
03 Elizabeth Blatt	25 Kay Raymond
08 Griffin Rogers	25 Robert Bell
09 Bo Blair	27 Doyle Dennis
10 Wayne Rink, Jr	30 Catherine Parsiola
10 Douglas Osborne	31 Irving Blatt
12 Barbara Bell Berry	

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

22 Rhonda and Doyle Dennis



Please Pray For: Georgia, Frances and Bob, Ara May, Glen, Ellen and Wayne, Nancy, Cathy and Barry, Elizabeth, Jeanette, Ed, Jackie, Judy, Frances, Fr. Roy, Rose, Emily, Debby, Debi, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda

Congratulations to New Police Chief

James “Bo” Blair was recently appointed by Mayor Grizzaffi to fill the position of Chief of Police for the City of Morgan City. Bo is the husband of Heather Raymond Blair, and the son-in-law of Mike and Kay Raymond. May the guidance and protection of our Lord be with him and with all the members of the department as they diligently work to keep our community safe.



Ministry Schedule May 2015

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
CELEBRANT/ OFFICIANT	Fr. Travers Koerner	Fr. Doug Lasiter	Fr. Don Brown	Fr. Doug Lasiter	Fr. Doug Lasiter	Fr. Travers Koerner
PREACHER	“	“	“	“	“	“
SERVER(S)	Sean Dennis	Tim Cheramie	Sean Dennis	Currie S	Tim Cheramie	Sean Dennis
CHALICE	Tim Cheramie	Tim Cheramie	John Stork	David Webster	Tim Cheramie	Charles Parsiola
LECTOR	Roger B	Irving Blatt	Elizabeth Blatt	Jane Webster	Mary H	Judy Weber
INTERCESSOR	Judy Weber	Mary Hughes	Elizabeth Blatt	Jane Webster	Elizabeth Blatt	Lisa Parsiola
GREETERS	Peggy Coats Ray Kunst	Ray Kunst Ed Bell	Drew Mauro Ben Mauro	Ray Kunst Ed Bell	Doug Osborne Debi Busbice	Peggy Coats Ray Kunst
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hughes	Cathy Broussard	Judy Weber Jennie Rogers	Jane Webster Roy Mellish		Mary Hughes
VESTRY ON DUTY	Roger Busbice	Veeder Bell	Peggy C	Lisa Parsiola	Tim Cheramie	Mary Hughes

HE Holy Eucharist
 AA Alcoholics Anonymous

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 A.A. 6 p.m.	2
3 9:30 H.E. Fr. Travers CPC Sunday	4	5 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	6 Choir 5 p.m. A.A. 8 p.m.	7	8 A.A. 6 p.m.	9
10 9:30 H.E. Fr. Doug	11 Vestry 6 p.m.	12 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	13 Choir 5 p.m. A.A. 8 p.m. HE 6 pm	14	15 A.A. 6 p.m. ECW Annual Gathering, St Matthew's	16
17 9:30 H.E. Fr. Brown	18	19 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	20 Choir 5 p.m. A.A. 8 p.m.	21	22 A.A. 6 p.m.	23
24 9:30 H.E. Fr. Doug	25	26 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	27 Choir 5 p.m. A.A. 8 p.m. HE 6 pm	28	29 A.A. 6 p.m.	30
31 Trinity Sunday 9:30 H.E. Fr. Doug						

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9:30 AM

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Our Vision

Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.

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*Be completely
humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing
with one another in love.*

EPHESIANS 4:2, NIV