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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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2017 ANGL Synod



Above, Marty Scott, St. Andrew's Outreach Team coordinator, poses with one of the ordinands and his wife at the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes' 2017 Synod in Fort Wayne, Ind. at the end of April; at left, Fr. Ron Baird chants the Litany for Ordination at the service.

Clockwise, from top, are Cherie and Chris Bryant, who represented St. Andrew's as delegates to Synod; Deacon Ernie and Candy Tracy; and Mother Nanci James, in the procession at the ordination service. Also attending from St. Andrew's were Fr. Wil Verhoff and Deacon Becky Spanos.

Rogationtide: What seeds are we planting?

By Fr. Ron Baird

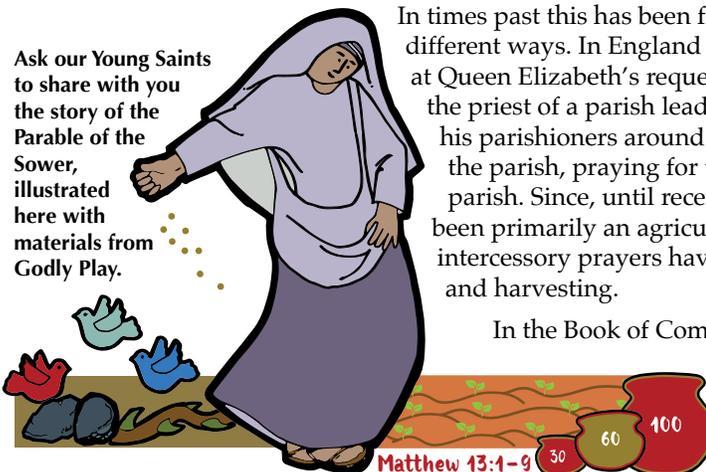
How many of you remember celebrating Rogation days? Rogation days are the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day, this year May 22-24. The meaning of these days comes from its name. Rogare is Latin for "ask." These days were set aside as days of intercessory prayer. On these days we "ask for God's assistance for our labors."

In times past this has been focused in two different ways. In England in 1559, Parliament, at Queen Elizabeth's request, ordered that the priest of a parish lead a procession of his parishioners around the boundaries of the parish, praying for the needs of the parish. Since, until recently, our world has been primarily an agricultural world, these intercessory prayers have focused on planting and harvesting.

In the Book of Common Prayer 1979, on pages 258 and 259, you will find three prayers (one for

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Ask our Young Saints to share with you the story of the Parable of the Sower, illustrated here with materials from Godly Play.



'22:6 Parenting' a resource for family discipleship

In Deuteronomy 6:7, Moses highlighted four key times of the day during which parents were to instruct their children: "when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

TwentyTwoSix Parenting takes those four key times and shapes content for parents to use to disciple their children in a resource that Tally Whitehead, director of Christian Formation, shares today. TwentyTwoSix Parenting is a subscription-based online tool that provides morning prayers, drive-time games, dinnertime stories, and bedtime questions to help you engage in meaningful conversation as a family and explore the imagination of your children.

Also included every week is a Bible story and memory verse that follows the theme for the month. Pick up an information sheet about this resource from Tally today!

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Sixth Sunday of Easter · May 21-27

Sunday, May 21 — A.M.: Psalm 105; Numbers 24:1-19; Romans 6:1-14 P.M.: Psalm 106; Deuteronomy 6; Luke 10:38—11:13

Monday, May 22 (Rogation Days) — A.M.: Psalm 107; Deuteronomy 7:6-13; Matthew 6:5-18 P.M.: Psalms 108 & 109; Deuteronomy 8; Matthew 6:19-34

Tuesday, May 23 (Rogation Days) — A.M.: Psalms 110, 111, 112 & 113; Deuteronomy 11:8-21; Luke 5:1-11 P.M.: Psalms 114 & 115; 1 Kings 8:22-43; James 5:1-18

Wednesday, May 24 (Rogation Days) — A.M.: Psalms 116, 117 & 118; Joel 2:21-27; John 6:22-40 P.M.: Psalm 119:1-32; Song of Three Children (Daniel 29-37); Matthew 28:16-20

Thursday, May 25 (Ascension Day) — A.M.: Psalm 119:33-72; 2 Kings 2:1-15; John 17 P.M.: Psalm 119:73-104; Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14; Hebrews 1

Friday, May 26 — A.M.: Psalms 119:105-144; Judges 2:6-23; Hebrews 2 P.M.: 119:145-176; Judges 3:12-31; Hebrews 3

Saturday, May 27 — A.M.: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 & 125; Judges 4; Hebrews 4:1-13 Psalms 126, 127, 128, 129, 130 & 131; Judges 5; Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Sunday, May 28 — A.M.: Psalms 132, 133, 134, 135; Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:36-53 P.M.: Psalms 136, 137 & 138; Jeremiah 31:1-13; Ephesians 5:1-14

Next Sunday's Lectionary · May 28 (Sunday after Ascension Day, Year A)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-14

Psalm 47 (BCP 650)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Bishop Christian Ebisike and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ngbo, one of the 161 dioceses in the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

The Church of Nigeria counts over 18 million baptized members and continues to be the fastest growing member church in the Anglican Communion. Anglican worship in the area later to become the Diocese of Ngbo began in 1916 with the arrival of a Nigerian-born cleric and missionary. The diocese itself, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, was created when the Diocese of Enugu was split into three dioceses in 2007.

The diocese exists in a primary rural and low lying area that has seen considerable civil unrest and conflict. In the Nigerian Civil War of 1967-1969, many parishioners were killed and most of the churches destroyed, damaged and /or looted. Despite those depredations, the diocese grew. Once relative peace was established, the diocese established evangelism as her primary goal and the church thrived. Some unrest continues in the area.

In September 2010, Bishop Ebisike was kidnapped when his car was stopped at a roadblock. Thankfully, he was released the next day. In recent weeks, the bishop has called for government intervention as nomadic Fulani (primarily Muslim) herdsmen have been accused of slaughtering many Christian and other settlers in the area.

Please pray especially for a lasting and just peace, for on-going evangelism, and for the very vigorous youth movement.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Fr. Joe Boysel, Fr. Bryan Hollon, and the people of Holy Trinity, Hudson, Ohio.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Kevin and Jenny Marinov; John McGuirl; our Young Lambs class; and our Garden Ministry.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

The road to victory in your spiritual life is paved with repentance. "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." (*Psalm 51:17*) "Should God then reward you on your terms, when you refuse to repent? You must decide, not I; so tell me what you know." (*Job 34:33*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

Flower sign-up board now posted in Gathering Area

A sign-up board for those who would like to place flowers at the altar to honor the memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event such as a birthday or anniversary, is now up in the Gathering Area. To donate flowers, simply check the board to make sure the date you'd like to contribute flowers on is available, and write your name, along with the information you'd like to appear in the bulletin, next to the date. You should sign up at least a week in advance to assure that the flowers are delivered in time. Please note that there are no flowers at the altar during Advent or Lent.

A suggested donation to cover the cost of flowers delivered to the church is \$50, but other amounts are also welcome. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's with "Altar Guild Flowers" in the memo portion, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Altar Guild Flowers."

Rogationtide

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each day) concerning intercession at Rogationtide. These three intercessions focus on the needs of our day: The labor of all people in the planting and harvest; for commerce and industry; and for the stewardship of God's creation and gifts to us. Take a moment to say one of these prayers for each Rogation day.

Beyond the intercession for our own needs, one of the parables that Jesus told (illustrated on the front page with materials used by our children in Godly Play) points to our need to plant and sow the seeds of faith. Anglicans are often somewhat reluctant to be evangelists, yet that is exactly what we are called to be. Perhaps our reluctance comes from having been put upon by some overzealous convert ourselves.

When we plant a seed, we can nurture it, tend it, care for it, pray for it, and even love it; but we cannot make it grow. Only God makes things grow. We are called to be planters and sowers, nurturers and carers. We are not called to convert someone. That job belongs to God!

The question we need to ask ourselves this Rogationtide is not how many souls have we brought to Christ, but how many seeds have we planted and cared for?