

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, August 2, 2020



Miss Karen presents Jesus is King on Palm Sunday



Miss Lori gets ready to open a Parable



The anatomy of a Godly Play story – Second Creation: The Falling Apart



The Good Shepherd & World Communion



The Story of Jonah



The Parable of the Mustard Seed



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Godly Play: The stories go on

When it became apparent last spring that the break in our regular pattern of worship and discipleship was going to be much longer than we had initially anticipated or hoped, our Children's Ministry team kicked into gear. With some ingenuity on the part of Godly Play storyteller Karen Brust, and support from her fellow team members Lori Cornett and Judy Baird, we've been able to continue to bring Godly Play stories to our children in pre-school through upper elementary school via video.

Godly Play explores the wonder of God's movement in our lives through sacred stories from Scripture, and the sacraments and liturgy of the Church. For the past 17 weeks—beginning on Palm Sunday, April 12, with the story of "Jesus is King"—our children have learned how the disciples came to know Jesus in a new way following his death and resurrection; heard some of the parables he told while teaching his followers about the Kingdom of God; and explored the connection between the Parable of the Good Shepherd and Holy Communion.

Stories are told using multi-sensory materials, and a period of wondering together about the stories follows. Without the opportunity to gather with their classmates and get some hands-on time with the story materials, we've encouraged parents to watch the story videos narrated by Miss Karen and Miss Lori with their children, and engage with them in the "wondering time" that follows.

We hope parents have discovered, as we have, that their children bring to the wondering time a unique perspective, and sometimes a different response each time the stories are told as they discover their place in them. One of the questions we frequently ask is "I wonder what part of this story is about you?" Oftentimes profound ... and sometimes a wee bit silly ... their responses are always deeply honored.

The videos are available on our "Young Saints at St. Andrew's" YouTube channel. Because Godly Play

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Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba, his wife Beatrice, and the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Province of Uganda.

Henry Stanley, British explorer and journalist, met King Mutesa, the Kabaka (king) of Buganda (a central Ugandan tribe) in April 1875. After sharing the simple story of Christianity with King Mutesa, the king became very enthusiastic about Christianity and asked Stanley to write a letter to Queen Victoria of England, appealing for missionaries. The letter was published in *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper in England on Nov. 15, 1875.

So, two years later, eight Anglican missionaries from the Church Missionary Society arrived in 1877. The Christian faith was originally preached only to the immediate members of the court of King Mutesa, Kabaka (king) of Buganda. King Mutesa's successor, King Mwangi, became increasingly angered as he realized that the first converts put loyalty to Christ above the traditional loyalty to the king. Martyrdoms began in 1885. Mwangi first forbade anyone to go near a Christian mission on pain of death but, finding himself unable to cool the ardor of the converts, resolved to wipe out Christianity.

Among the early martyrs of Uganda was English Bishop, James Hannington, the first Anglican Bishop of the Eastern Equatorial province (of Africa). Bishop Hannington approached the Buganda Kingdom from the East. Unfortunately, unknown to him, there was a Bugandan belief that its enemies would approach the kingdom from the eastern route. So, the Kabaka (king) sent warriors to meet this encroaching enemy. Before they killed Hannington on Oct. 29, 1885, he is reported to have said, "Tell the Kabaka (king) that I die for Uganda." These words are inscribed on his tomb at the Namirembe Cathedral.

On June 3, 1886, King Mwangi ordered the killing of 26 of his pages—13 Anglicans and 12 Roman Catholics. Today, June 3 is set aside as a public holiday to commemorate the Martyrs of Uganda. Thousands of people from all over East Africa travel to the site of the martyrdom to remember their courage, sacrifice, and testimony ... even unto death. (Anglican and Roman Catholics have separate shrines for the Martyrs of Uganda. As a sign of increasing ecumenical cooperation, when Pope Francis visited Uganda in 2015, he made pilgrimages to both shrines and dedicated a plaque at the Anglican shrine.)

These early Christians were martyred at Namugongo. Their martyrdom produced a result entirely opposite of Mwangi's intentions. The example of these martyrs, who walked to their deaths singing hymns and praying for their enemies, so inspired many of the bystanders that they began to seek instruction from the remaining Christians. Within a few years the original handful of converts had multiplied many times and spread far beyond the court. The martyrs had left the indelible impression that Christianity was truly African, not simply a white man's religion. Most of the missionary work was carried out by Africans rather than by white missionaries, and

Christianity spread steadily. Uganda now has the largest percentage of professed Christians of any nation in Africa. Ugandan missionaries were spreading the Gospel outside the country by as early as 1893.

Renewed persecution of Christians broke out again in the 1970s by the military dictator, Idi Amin, who had Islamic sympathies. The Christian resilience in the face of brutal torture and death demonstrated the continued influence of the Namugongo martyrs and the deep, vital, and abiding faith among so many who had been influenced by the East African Revival. Among the thousands of new martyrs, both Anglican and Roman Catholic, was Janani Luwum, Archbishop of the (Anglican) Church of Uganda.

Today, there are 37 dioceses and 36 percent of the 30 million people of Uganda are Anglicans, and 56 percent are 18 years old and younger. (*Source: Church of Uganda web site.*)

Please pray especially for ongoing evangelism, youth ministries, and ecumenical cooperation.

Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. Christopher Peterson and the people of St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Covington, Kentucky.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Marlene Hawkins; Kevin and Jenny Marinov; St. Andrew's Small Groups; and our Youth Ministry and leaders.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)

Sunday, August 2 — A.M.: Psalm 81; 1 Samuel 22; Romans 3 P.M.: Psalm 83; Nehemiah 13:1-22,30-31; John 6:41-71

Monday, August 3 — A.M.: Psalm 84; 1 Samuel 23; Romans 4 P.M.: Psalm 85; Hosea 1; John 7:1-24

Tuesday, August 4 — A.M.: Psalm 86, 87; 1 Samuel 24; Romans 5 P.M.: Psalm 88; Hosea 2; John 7:25-52

Wednesday, August 5 — A.M.: Psalm 89:1-18; 1 Samuel 25:1-19,23-25,32-42; Romans 6 P.M.: Psalm 89:19-51; Hosea 3; John 7:53—8:30

Thursday, August 6 (Feast of the Transfiguration) — A.M.: Psalm 27; Romans 7; Mark 9:2-10 P.M.: Psalm 80; Hosea 4; John 8:31-59

Friday, August 7 — A.M.: Psalm 90; 1 Samuel 26; Romans 8:1-17 P.M.: Psalm 91; Hosea 5; John 9

Saturday, August 8 — A.M.: Psalms 92, 93; 1 Samuel 27; Romans 8:18-39 P.M.: Psalm 94; Hosea 6; John 10:1-21

Next Sunday, August 9 — A.M.: Psalms 95, 96; 1 Samuel 28; Romans 9 P.M.: Psalms 97, 98; Hosea 7; John 10:22-42

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Pentecost 10 (Proper 14) • August 9

First Reading: Jonah 2:1-10(5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Romans 9:1-5 (11:15 a.m.)

Psalm 79 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 (11:15 a.m.)

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 (All)

St. Andrew's looking for 100 YouTube subscribers

We were able to livestream our 9 a.m. worship service on YouTube last Sunday without issue, and the 11:15 livestream has not been an issue. So unless we have further problems, we'll be continuing with YouTube as our livestreaming service. Our Tech Services Ministry is asking you to consider subscribing to our YouTube channel.

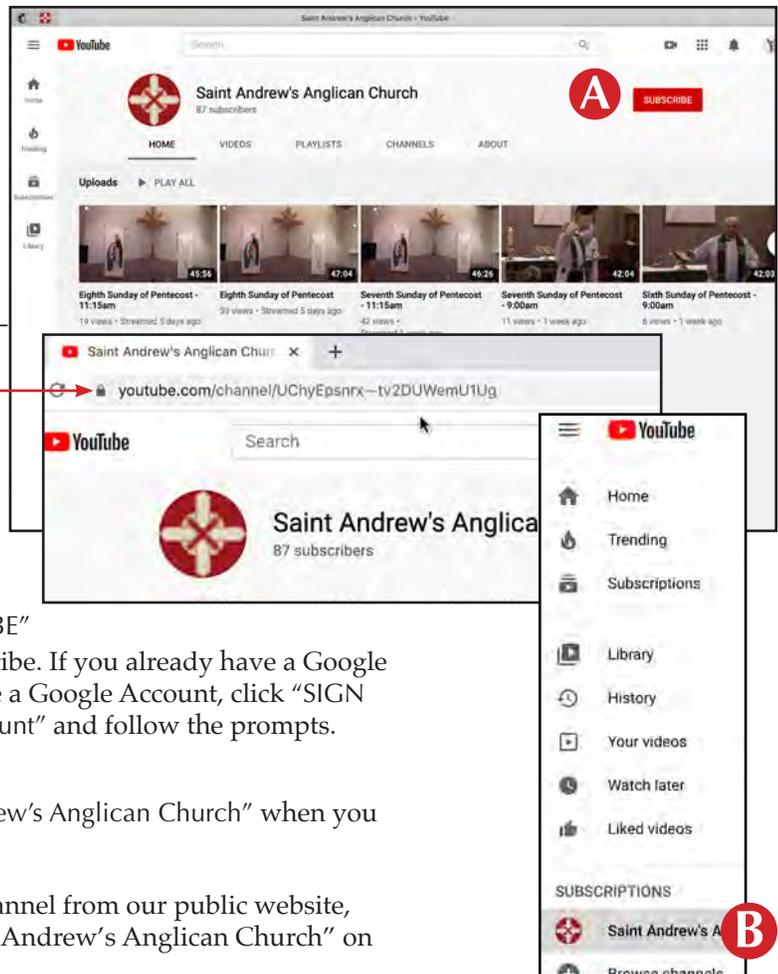
We currently have 87 subscribers, and once we reach 100 we'll be able to have a custom URL—much like we have with our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages—instead of the gobbledygook pictured in the address bar of the screenshot at right.

This will facilitate communications, and as a subscriber you'll be able to more easily find our videos. This should also help when you wish to view our videos on Sundays following the livestream, as they'll show up in your Subscriptions feed.

To subscribe, [click here](#), then click on the red "SUBSCRIBE" button. **A** You will need to sign in to YouTube to subscribe. If you already have a Google Account you can sign in with that account. If don't have a Google Account, click "SIGN IN," then choose "Use another account" >> "Create account" and follow the prompts. Google Accounts are free.

Once you've subscribed you'll simply click on "St. Andrew's Anglican Church" when you go to youtube.com to go directly to our channel. **B**

As always, you'll also be able to link to our YouTube channel from our public website, standrewspolaris.org, and by searching for us by "Saint Andrew's Anglican Church" on the YouTube app on your mobile device.



Godly Play

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stories are copyrighted, however—and more importantly because some of the videos feature children from St. Andrew's reading the Scripture lesson or leading the Lord's Prayer—the videos are not listed to the general public. We provide a link to each week's video in "The eNet." Log in to the Member Connections for a index of all of the stories.

Along with the videos, we've provided resources for parents to use as they're discipling their children at home.

During August we'll be focusing on some of the healing miracles of Jesus, and in the fall we'll delve into the Old Testament stories of God's interaction with his people throughout history that paved the way for the salvation of the world. Parents, watch for an email from Miss Karen with the details!

Midweek prayer service resumes

The Midweek Prayer Service is back on the calendar! All are welcome to attend this service, which is held in the Sanctuary at noon every Wednesday. Prayer is offered with special intention for our parish, the city, the state, the nation and the world, as well as for individual prayer needs.

Those attending the service on Wednesday are asked to maintain recommended guidelines posted at the church for social distancing, and are asked to wear face masks and to sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the building.

While we've been on hiatus from our regular schedule of services and activities, members of the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries have been praying from their homes at noon on Wednesdays. If you're unable to come out for the services on Wednesday, you may wish to continue this practice.

The Wednesday service follows the order of service for Midday Prayer, which begins on Page 33 of the Book of Common Prayer. You may download a copy of the BCP from the "St. Andrew's E-Net" group on the Member Connection.

Have a prayer request?

You may email your prayer requests to prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org, or fill out the online form on our website, standrewspolaris.org, under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu. You don't need to log in to submit a prayer request. Alternatively, you may call the Parish Office at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, and we'll pass your requests along to the Prayer Chain.