

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CA  
THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
October 4, 2009

Welcome to St. Bede's Church. We're pleased that you have chosen to worship here today. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book or fill out the card in the Visitor's packet, and join the congregation downstairs in the parish hall for refreshments after the service. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The rest rooms, nursery and classrooms are located downstairs off the parish hall.

The primary theme today in today's Gospel is marriage. Here we are not to think simplistically of the varied forms of the human institution of marriage found in different periods of history. We are instead focused on the biblical understanding of God's will for marriage as a union between two people which creates a new, complex personality out of the two. Jesus' disapproval of divorce is clear and uncompromising. We may note that, in the words of Prof. Reginald Fuller, "It is often the current institutionalized form of marriage that many people are really rejecting, not marriage as intended by God."

Today we begin four weeks of readings from the Book of Job. Today's introduction takes us to God's court and a discussion between God and the Satan. In this early book, the Satan (a title, not a name) is a part of the divine court whose role seems to be the testing of humans. God challenges the Satan to test his righteous servant Job, sparing only his life.

In our second reading, we begin reading the Letter to the Hebrews. This early Christian work seems to have been intended particularly for Jewish Christians to assist them in understanding the work of Christ in images familiar to them. In today's passage the full humanity of Jesus and his suffering and death are explained as essential to his role of redeeming all humanity, as illustrated by quotations from the psalms.

We find in our worship that the Christian message is a call to put aside the conventions of human society and to take up the new life of God's kingdom. That new life calls us to rethink all aspects of our ways of living, even our views of marriage. Those who live in committed lifetime relationships must be certain that what they seek is the relationship God wills and not simply the conventional understanding of the world. Our worship together is the clearest sign that we are responding to God's call to be different from the world even as we live in it. A gathering of people which welcomes everyone to a common table is not conventional. It is a sign of God's kingdom.

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The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno is the Bishop of Los Angeles

The Very Rev. Canon James Newman is the Rector of St. Bede's Parish & Dean of Deanery 3

The Rev. Vicki Mouradian is the Curate • Associated clergy: The Revs. Giles Asbury & John Hancock

Mr. Frank Basile is the Director of Music

Canon Annette Graw is the President of Deanery 3, Diocese of Los Angeles

Mr. Reed Wilson & Mr. Michael Mullins are the Wardens of this Parish

Lay Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles: Annette Graw, Edmonde Haddad, Wes Hartley, Ruth Nicastro

- *Nursery care is available downstairs. We also have speakers in the patio should your child wish to go outside*
- *You are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.*
- *If you wish a pastoral call, please see a member of the Clergy or the Vestry member on duty.*
- *Items to be included in the bulletin must be at the office by the preceding Tuesday morning.*
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## INTERCESSIONS

◆ We pray for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Jon, Chester & Sergio, our bishops, and James, our Dean & Rector, for Vicki, our Curate; for Frank-Joaquin-Tom-RoseMarie-Michael & Jeannette, our lay staff & for the clergy & people of St. Andrew's with St. Agnes in Romford, England. We pray for Lauren, Richard and all Missionaries of the Church. We pray for reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church & the Diocese of Los Angeles. In our parish, we pray for the AIDS ministry & those who minister with the N.Y.A, St. Joseph Center, the OPCC and the Daybreak Center & with our NYA scholarship students Jasmine, Teresa, Dayana, Rebeca & Alex..

◆ [ANGLICAN CYCLE: Diocese of Swansea & Brecon - (Wales) The Rt Revd John Davies;

◆ DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: *World Mission Companions: The Diocese of El Salvador: Iglesia San Francisco de Asis (Lourdes, La Libertad); Congregations: St. Francis (Los Angeles, Norwalk, Palos Verdes Estates, San Bernardino, Simi Valley); Schools: St. Mark's School (Altadena) Arcadia Episcopal Preschool (Arcadia); Agencies: Diocesan AIDS Ministries; Institutions: Episcopal Camp at Wrightwood; Religious Communities: Society of St. Francis, Third Order; Widows: Lydia Wilkins.]*

◆ We pray for Barack, our President; Arnold, our Governor; and the mayors of our cities. We pray for peace in the world and remember all those serving their countries at home and abroad, especially Jay and those we name ...

◆ We remember the **ill & those in need:** Marlowe, Dulcie, Michael, John, Nabila, Edmonde, Harriet, Fr. John, Elsie, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Frances, Peggy, Rita, Steven, David, Charles, Will, Kelly, Dan, Eileen, Caleb, Dennis, Max....

◆ We remember those who have **died:**

◆ The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of her mother Louise T. Van Orden by Annette Graw.

◆ The **Sanctuary lamp** is lighted this week to the glory of God ...

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### WEDNESDAY:

Jonah 4.1-11; Ps. 86.1-10; Luke 11.1-4

### SUNDAY – Pentecost 19/Proper 23:

Job 23.1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

## CLERGY SCHEDULE

(available for office appointments or confessions)

Canon Jim

W: Noon-10 pm; Th: 9am-2 pm; Sa: 3-6 pm

Mthr. Vicki

M: 6-9 pm; T: 9 am - Noon; W: 3-9 pm

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BEDE'S

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	2 pm	Concert: L. A. Recorder Orchestra
	6 pm	Evening Prayer
Monday	7 pm	Sisters of Bede
Tuesday	9 am	Breakfast & Bible
Wednesday	9 am	AIDS Ministry
	7 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Forum: Holy Land w/Vicki
Saturday	6pm	Party of Parties
Sunday	8 & 10	Holy Eucharist
	9 am	Choir rehearsal
	9.45 am	Nursery & Ch. School
	6 pm	Evening Prayer

[refreshments: 8: Vestry; 10: Vestry]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The *Homecoming Quill* & **October Calendar** are available on line and in the narthex rack.
- The **Party of Parties** is NEXT SATURDAY .. Get your tickets TODAY!!!
- **The Rev. John-Francis Friendship** will be our guest next weekend.
- The **Refreshment sign-up lists** is needs hosts after: 10/18 (8 a.m.) and 11/22 (10 a.m.).
- **St. Bede's AIDS Ministry:** Oct. 7, 9 am at St. Mary's; details: Jeannette Young (398-6925).
- **St. Joseph Center** food collection TODAY.
- **Bookworms of Bede** will discuss: 10/19- *The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver 11/16- *Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich

## SERVING TODAY

**Vestry Member on Duty:** Dean Pace  
**Counters:** Samira Tamer & Ruben Scott

**Celebrant & Preacher (8):** The Rev. Vicki Mouradian  
**Assisting (8):** The Rev. Canon Jim Newman  
**Lay Assistant (8):** Dennis Winston  
**Lector (8):** Gina Turella  
**Greeter (8):** Nancy Mills  
**Refreshments (8):**

**Presiding (10):** The Rev. Canon Jim Newman  
**Assisting & Preaching (10):** Rev. Vicki Mouradian  
**Music Director (10):** Frank Basile  
**Vocal Section Leaders (10):** Anita Van Tellingen; Cynthia Rothschild; Ben Enright; Joe Montgomery  
**Lay Ministers (10):** Akani Fletcher, Sharon Arthur, Christoph Dugré, Janet Fox, Phyllis Morrison, Reed Wilson  
**Greeters (10):** James Raef, Reed Wilson  
**Healing Chapel (10):** Sharon Arthur  
**Refreshments (10):** Daphne Moote & Amy Dugré