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Seeking and Serving Christ in all persons

Holy Eucharist: A Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

—Eucharistic Prayer II (Rite One), Prayer Book, page 342.

The origins of the phrase “sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving” lie in the Reformation. Realizing that the Eucharist is clearly a sacrificial liturgy but refusing to embrace Roman Catholic doctrines about the sacrifice of the mass, some Protestant reformers, including the English Reformers, made use of this phrase to accentuate how the Eucharist is and isn’t a sacrifice. The phrase has the advantage of being clearly biblical. Psalm 50:14 urges us to “offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.” Our older Eucharistic Prayers further distance us from Roman Catholic doctrine by insisting that “He (Jesus) made there (on the cross) a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world.” This was meant to deny explicitly the Council of Trent’s assertion that Christ’s sacrifice at Calvary was offered repeatedly, “in an unbloody manner,” by the priest in the mass.

In recent years, however, there has been a remarkable convergence in teaching on these matters. The Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue has concluded that the Holy Eucharist is not an issue that divides our churches. Movement forward in our ecumenical relationship was made possible by a conceptual distinction. Both churches now more clearly teach that the self-offering of Christ on the cross happened at a specific historical time and place and, as such, is not repeatable. At the same time, by the action of the Holy Spirit, the Eucharistic liturgy makes the death and resurrection of Christ contemporaneous with us—present again in all their saving power. To quote a question and answer from the Prayer Book Catechism: “Why is the Eucharist called a sacrifice? Because the Eucharist, the Church’s sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, is the way by which the sacrifice of Christ is made present, and in which he unites us to his one offering of himself.” (Prayer Book, page 859)

At the same time, the phrase “sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving” has been retained in our liturgy. It constantly reminds us that Eucharist (*eucharistia*) means thanksgiving. It is by giving thanks and praise to God that we are caught up in Christ’s Great Offering. The bread and the wine are symbols of something and someone else. On the one hand, we offer these gifts up. This is a communal act of thanksgiving in response to grace freely given. “And we earnestly desire thy fatherly

goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.” In the Eucharistic liturgy, our action becomes God’s action, and all our weekday, secular activities, at home and at work, are taken up into an incarnate union with the Word. On the other hand, the Eucharist is itself grace freely given, unearned and undeserved. In the Eucharistic liturgy, Jesus himself comes to us and “happens to us” in gifts of bread and wine.

This month, we will gather on Wednesday, November 14, after the 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, to discuss the changes to our liturgy brought about by our new altar and to begin planning for the future. Then, on November 18, after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, the outreach committee will have an extremely important meeting to plan the future of outreach at Good Shepherd. Later in the month, we will celebrate a Eucharist at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, a day which points us to a central dimension of every Eucharist, giving thanks for God’s mercy, grace, and love. May we use these opportunities wisely, to give thanks to God and build up the Body of Christ.

In Christ,



The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector

Save the Dates

Stewardship Ingathering – Sunday, November 11th

Liturgy Forum – Wednesday, November 14th, after 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

Outreach Meeting – Sunday, November 18th, after 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew’s Day Eucharist, Friday, November 30th at 5:30 p.m.

A Note About Diocesan Convention

On the bulletin board upstairs next to Hobson lounge, we have posted relevant portions of an insert from the *Interchange*, our diocesan newspaper, about the 133rd Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, which will take place on November 9-10 in Dayton. This special section contains a message from Bishop Breidenthal, the proposed diocesan budget, biographies of nominees for elected office, and proposed resolutions. According to Good Shepherd's bylaws, the senior and junior wardens (Bob Shelly and Ted Foster) serve *ex officio* as lay delegates, and two additional delegates (Matthew Adeyanju and Ann Shelly) were elected in January 2007 at the annual parish meeting. In the Episcopal Church, delegates do not have a constituency and are elected to vote their conscience, but all of our delegates, including Fr. Carroll, would be happy to hear from you so that they can bring a sense of the concerns of Good Shepherd parishioners to convention with them.

Please note that Bob Shelly has been nominated for Lay Deputy to General Convention, the triennial legislative body that governs the Episcopal Church, and that Matthew Adeyanju has been nominated for Diocesan Council, a senior diocesan committee made up of clergy and lay leaders from throughout the diocese, which helps advise our bishop about the direction of the Church's mission. Dana Carlson spoke in favor of the Ohio Interfaith Power and Light resolution (R07-4) at a pre-convention hearing. In addition, Fr. Carroll has been traveling throughout the diocese in support of four resolutions, three of which he is co-sponsoring and one of which he drafted on behalf of Appalachian Ministries. These are the resolutions urging regulation of predatory payday lending operations (R07-3), endorsing the formation of Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (R07-4), supporting the creation of policy guidelines for environmentally sustainable community economic development (R07-6), and embracing just immigration policies in light of what the Episcopal Church has already endorsed at General Convention (R07-7).

Good Shepherd Supper Club

Here is the basic procedure if your name is underlined for your group for a particular month:

Get in touch with the other members of your group and choose a time that works to have supper club for that month.

Plan to host at your house or you can switch with someone else in your group. Choose a main dish to prepare and ask the other people in your group to bring a side dish or a desert or bread.

If you have someone who can't make it or you have room to entertain one or two more, contact the parish office (593-6877) and see if we have some new people we could invite or invite someone in the parish who aren't currently involved in supper club.

Let me know if you have any questions,
Salley Hyatt - 594-8167

November:

Bruce & Jane Ergood

Geoff & Alex Buckley
Laura Dukes
Twig Kaufman
Anne Braxton

Curt & Terrie Sherman

June Wieman
Bill & Tracey Carroll
Kathleen Sullivan
Carolyn Murphree

Lois Wagner

Allyn & Marsha Reilly
Gifford Doxsee
A J Stack

Betty Larson

Marsha Dutton
Mark & Salley Hyatt
Richard & Phyllis Dean

January:

Mark & Salley Hyatt

Twig Kaufman
Anne Braxton
Allyn & Marsha Reilly
Carolyn Murphree

Laura Dukes

Kathleen Sullivan
Lois Wagner
Marsha Dutton
Bruce & Jane Ergood

Richard & Phyllis Dean

Gifford Doxsee
Curt & Terrie Sherman
June Wieman

Bill & Tracey Carroll

A J Stack
Betty Larson
Geoff & Alex Buckley

March:

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Lois Wagner
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Mark & Salley Hyatt
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A J Stack
Laura Duker

May:

End of the year party, everyone's invited, bring an appetizer, details to be announced.

Central American Outreach Mission

The Church of the Good Shepherd has been involved in Central American Outreach since the 1980's, when the wars in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua created considerable public outcry in the US, as well as carnage in those countries. Several churches in Athens, including Good Shepherd, formed a committee – the Central America Refugee Assistance Committee (or CARAC) – which helped individuals from those countries to live here while they sought entry into Canada.

The old rectory was sometimes used for housing, and an active committee of the church oversaw expenditures and welfare. Before it ultimately disbanded, the committee supported three Haitians here in the rectory (now living in Columbus), and also funded a small water supply project in El Salvador.

Involvement in Honduras began in 1998, post Hurricane Mitch, when Bruce Ergood, a fluent Spanish speaker, surveyed damage there. In 2000, a church team (the Fosters, Jan Gault, Bruce Ergood and Jason Hillard), went to Siguatepeque to help with church construction. The Ergoods returned for three months in 2003, with \$1600 in individual member contributions for a medical clinic in Siguatepeque, as well as eye glasses – and to “fill in” for an injured missionary there.

In 2005, the Ergoods went to El Paraiso in Honduras for three months, at the request of the South American Missionary Society (SAMS), to replace a missionary on sick leave and coordinate US church medical and construction teams active in the deanery. Seeing no local follow-up, they returned in the fall to propose training residents as Community Health Workers, which was enthusiastically supported by the deanery.

In 2006, 37 workers, representing more than 20 villages of 26 to 200 families, were trained and received small medical bags with supplies. Money left has provided year-long “continuing education” for these workers, in subjects such as family planning, lead by the Dean, Reverendo Dagoberto Chacon, and also emergency first aid treatment. Importantly, in a poor area where dirt colors and wood fires are common, funds are provided for travel and food on these all day training sessions. Also important, the money and workers basis for community development within a religious context of peace and social justice. One of the workers is also now employed through ERD funds on a project supplying latrines and alternative to wood based cooking fires.

The Ergoods’ recent 2007 trip has laid the foundation for further development as a partnership in El Paraiso. The Ergoods are considered “members” of the church there, and assist with services with the Eucharist or in music. Other Episcopal Church medical and educational projects in Texas are planning to work with us on expanding and coordinating all our work in this area. There will be a “Honduran health Committee” and an “American Health Committee,” requiring more – but giving more. Deamos Gracias a Dios. (Thanks be to God.)

Jane Ergood

Adult Christian Formation

This month, we conclude our study of Nolan’s *Jesus Before Christianity*. In December, we begin reading Sara Miles’ *Take This Bread*. To order a book contact the parish office (593-6877) before November 20th. the books are available at a discount price of \$17. Since the book is about Sara’s efforts to begin a food pantry, we encourage you to pay \$25 and we will donate the rest of the money to the Athens County Food Pantry.

November Events at Good Shepherd

				1 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	2 5:30 pm – Ultreya	3
4 8 am – HE I 9 am – Chr Ed 10:30 am – HE II 3:30 pm – Youth Group 6 pm – Campus Dinner & Taize service	5 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	6 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm – AA	7 noon – Free Lunch 1pm –Noonday Prayers 5:30 pm – MW 6 pm – Contemplative Prayer 7 pm – CR	8 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	9 133 rd Diocesan Convention, Dayton Glenda out of office 7 pm – Athens Reading Club	10 133 rd Diocesan Convention, Dayton
11 8 am – HE I 9 am – Chr Ed 10:30 am – HE II noon - CR 2 pm – LI 6 pm – Campus Dinner & Taize service	12 Parish Office Closed 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	13 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl @ Doris Green's home 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm – AA	14 11 am – Staff Meeting noon – Free Lunch 1pm –Noonday Prayers 5:30 pm – MW 6 pm – New Altar Public Forum 7 pm – CR	15 7 pm – Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	16	17
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25 8 am – HE I 10:30 am – HE II 2 pm – LI	26 7 pm – Boy Scout Meeting	27 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl @ Julie Nehls' home 7:30 pm – Alanon 8 pm - AA	28 noon – Free Lunch 1pm –Noonday Prayers 5:30 pm – MW 6 pm – Contemplative Prayer 7 pm - CR	29 7:30 pm – Alanon Meeting	30 5:30 pm – MW	

Key Guide:

HE I – Holy Eucharist Rite I

EP – Evening Prayer

HE II – Holy Eucharist Rite II

CR – Choir Rehearsal

MW – Midweek Eucharist

Chr Ed – Christian Education

LI – Lindley Inn Eucharist