

St. John's Episcopal Church



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Eagle

*"Have you not known, have you not heard
those who wait for the Lord shall mount
up with wings like eagles."*

Isaiah 40:28,31

SOME SAID IT THUNDERED

The 12th chapter of John recounts a prayerful conversation Jesus has with the Father on the day before he is crucified. There we hear Jesus pondering turning back from the path that will lead to certain death and being reassured by the voice of God. The voice is said to have been such that the crowds around Jesus heard it, some saying that the voice thundered.

Jesus has many opportunities to turn away from his purpose but he always finds a way to continue. This passage from John helps us understand that his abiding relationship with his Father and God's guiding voice carry Jesus through these times of decision. Jesus' suffering on the cross began with crucial moments of choice. And we are told that a clear spirit of discernment is attained in those moments. The big event of the crucifixion was a long series of little events, all permeated with God's graceful presence.

The big decisions in our lives are best approached in smaller steps. Generally, if we keep doing the next right thing and devote ourselves to prayerful awareness, the big decisions we face have a way of falling into place. Big decisions are usually a series of smaller decisions, each of them very important.

Most times life allows us to inch forward. Rather than great big leaps, life usually allows for steps. We move into situations instead of being thrust into them, most times. As we take those smaller steps, there is the opportunity for us to monitor how things are developing. We take a step and feel if the ground under us is steady and then we take another step. It's pretty important, however, to remember to check our footing. If we are paying attention we can tell if the ground ahead is shaky or has obstacles that should be avoided. Rarely is the path a series of steps all straight ahead. Usually there is some steering to do, some feeling our way forward. Take a step, listen, take another step, listen....

When John's gospel tells of the thundering voice, there is some assurance that the same voice which guides Jesus is there to guide us too. Certainly Jesus' ability to listen was heightened beyond ours, but the events leading up to the crucifixion do not highlight the superhuman powers of the Christ. They get all their meaning from God the Father who is doing the leading. God leads us in a similar way. The voice is there for all of us, that's how big the voice is.

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THE LESSONS:

Acts 10:34-43
 Jeremiah 31:1-6
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-18
 Matthew 28:1-10
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

THE COLLECT:

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sometimes the situations we enter and the decisions we make need some adjustment along the way. As we move forward, committing ourselves to prayerful listening, we come to know how those changes need to be made. God is not just the goal of our decisions, God is the ground under our feet as we move, the wind at our backs, and the spirit that beckons us. We do not make the decisions alone.

Make your decisions. Each day there are many things to choose. Devote yourself to listening as you choose. God is present in the moment now. The resurrection assures us that God is with us right here to lead us into all that will be required of us.

Yours faithfully,
Robert C. Wisnewski, Jr.

Streaming Services

St. John's will offer Morning Prayer Monday-Friday at 8:10am and Compline Monday-Friday at 9:00pm. All of these services will be offering on the St. John's Facebook page via Facebook Live

Sunday Morning Prayer & Evening Compline

Morning Prayer performed in the chancel with a sermon will be offered by both Facebook Live and YouTube, every Sunday at 10:30am.

Compline will be offered at 9pm on Facebook Live

If you would like to watch any of the services via Facebook, it is easier to access if you have a Facebook account.

The Sunday morning service of Morning Prayer is also live streamed via YouTube. You do NOT have to create a YouTube account to view the service.

The link to the St. John's Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmontgomery/>

The link to the St. John's YouTube page is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS2K0pViHs7eS7-lhghifHQ>

JOY AND CONCERN

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Glenn Price, Christopher Marshall, Sarah Stone, Jim Thomas, Karen Jarrell, Eddie McDowell, Shirley Price, Florence Jordan, Joe McGough, Cynthia Hill, George Wakefield, Frances Condit, Johnny Smith, Delia Cerpa, Marilyn Pickett, Linda Hutchinson, Sandy Marks, Katie Keller, Mary Nelms Parsons, Betsy Cannon, Eleanor Jones.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Rob Ludington, Barry Green-Burns, Gloria Hudgeon, Mary Linger, George West, Randy Rushton, Phil Dotts, Doris Thornton, Tommy Oliver, Ruth Jones, Karen & Angelo Pacheco, Acra Hackney Samuels, Margaret (Marty) Hackney, Ed Sellers, Tom Broadhurst, Ricky Hatfield, Willie Fred Gamble, Monica Powell, Chase Pickett, Al Perkins, Debbie Steindorff, Pam Litel, Aaron Hines, Daphne Oliver, Dawn Damato, Dottie Campbell, Scott Bradford, Mary Steindorff, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Carlson, Paula Hamm Roberts, Kim Barnhart, Lavada Spears Persons, Charles Colvin, Cookie Zibilich, Charlie Smith, Clemmon Barlow, Chuck Holley, Sandy Lynn Stevens, Masha Kloberg, Andy Silverman, William Hardwick Ray, Meredith McLemore, Elizabeth McLemore Baker, Ernie Reddick, Vaughan Dozier, Jennifer Passineau, Raye Gregory, Richard Burk, Bob Capra, Gillian Flory.

Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.

Holy Week Schedule

Services Available on Facebook Live and YouTube

(Recordings on www.stjohnsmontgomery.org)

Maundy Thursday – April 9

6:00 pm – Evening Prayer, Sermon, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 10

12:05 pm – Good Friday Liturgy and Sermon

6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Easter Day

10:30 am – Morning Prayer and Sermon

FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmontgomery/>

Youtube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS2K0pViHs7eS7-lhghifHQ>

Recordings of those Sunday services will be posted on our website.

Please contact Robert with any pastoral needs or concerns: 334-312-0347 or robert@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY

10:30 am Morning
Prayer with Sermon

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

8:10 am Facebook
Live Morning Prayer

9:00 pm Facebook
Live Compline

St. John's Faithfulness

Required Weekly

\$35,556.41

Received Sunday

\$30,719.10

Required to Date

\$497,789.74

Received to Date

\$539,156.07

Keeping Pledges

Current

During the time in which St. John's is closed to group gatherings and public worship, our expenses continue. You can mail your offerings in using your pledge envelopes and adding a stamp. You also can use Bill Pay through your bank or instruct your bank to do an automatic draft. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in your stewardship.

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es, both children
AND adults!! All
Mite box money
will go
to Common
Ground

Monday Noon Bible Study via Zoom

The Monday 12pm Bible study will be offered via the streaming service Zoom. It is a free service and easy to use.

An email will be sent out each week to all that would like to join, with a link to the Zoom meeting.

If you would like to participate in the Bible Study, please let Robert know, and he will add you to the weekly email. His email address is robert@stjohnsmontgomery.org