



# Saint Marker

St. Mark's strives to be a community of healing, fellowship and inspiration, sharing love with joy in Jesus Christ and challenging all to life anew.

May 2006

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## Bishop's Letter

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Bishop Gulick has asked that clergy in charge of congregations read the following letter to their congregations.

The Sin of Racism: A Call to Covenant  
A Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church  
March 2006

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

We, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, acknowledged the painful reality of the consequences of racism in the 1994 pastoral letter "the Sin of Racism." In that letter, we stated "the essence of racism is prejudice coupled with power. It is rooted in the sin of pride and exclusivity which assumes 'that I and my kind are superior to others and therefore deserve special privileges.'" We issue this new pastoral on the pervasive sin that continues to plague our common life in the church and in our culture. We acknowledge our participation in this sin and we lament its corrosive effects on our lives. We repent of this sin, and ask God's grace and forgiveness.

When Jesus entered the synagogue in his first public act of ministry (Luke 4), he read from the prophet Isaiah. The vision proclaimed is known as the desire of God, the peaceable kingdom, a society of justice and shalom, or the city set on a hill. It is an icon of what God intends for all creation – that human beings live in justice and peace with one another, that the poor are fed and housed and clothed, the ill are healed, prisoners set free, and that the whole created order is restored to right relationship. That vision is our goal and vocation as Christians.

The fundamental truth undergirding this vision is that all are made in the image of God. It is in our diversity that we discover the fullness of that image. If we judge one class or race or gender better than another, we violate that desire and intent of God. And when our social and cultural systems exacerbate or codify such judgments, we do violence to that which God has made. Racism is a radical affront to the good gift of God, both in the creation described in Genesis, and in the reality of the Incarnation. Jesus came among us to bring an end to that which divides us, as Paul so clearly identifies in Galatians 3:28, "in Christ

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## Worship Schedule

### Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

### Sundays

Holy Eucharist  
8:00 am and 10:00 am

### Weekdays

Morning Prayer  
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am

Healing Service  
Tuesday 10:00 am

### Reconciliation and Other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

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## Highlights

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there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female."

Whenever individual or community behaviors work against God's vision, we have promised to respond in ways that will serve to heal: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will with God's help (BCP p 305)." God has created us with skins of many colors, God has created us in thousands of tribes and languages, and none is adjudged more godly than another. It is our behavior that gives evidence of godliness, not the color of our skin.

The world has witnessed the evil of institutionalized racism and classism in the United States in the aftermath of the hurricanes of 2005. The poor and persons of color were often served last -- or not at all -- while wealthy and privileged residents had greater resources to escape the immediate danger of the hurricanes and begin the process of rebuilding. We are all shamed by the sin of racism in the reality of inequity in housing, employment, educational and healthcare opportunities, and the disaster response.

This House of Bishops, meeting in Hendersonville, North Carolina on 21 March 2006, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, commit ourselves as bishops to discern and confess our own prejudice and complicity in the pervasive sin of racism, to confront it, and make amends for it in intentional ways every time we gather as a House. We ask the Holy Spirit to empower the House to fully live into this covenant, and we invite the members of this Church to covenant with us, in the following actions personally, corporately, and globally. With God's help, we will:

- renew our commitment to the 1994 pastoral letter, "The Sin of Racism"; take responsibility to expose, dismantle and heal those situations of injustice based on racism;
- seek forgiveness for our lack of charity and consciousness in recognizing those situations which degrade the image of God in our neighbors;
- make amends for our undeserved position and benefit as a result of unjust situations both now and in the past;
- empower all members of God's human family, that they may live into the fullness of what God intends;
- encourage the larger church to continue and expand its work of education, spiritual formation, and anti-racism training, that all might discover the riches of God's diverse creation, especially in those who differ from us;
- advocate for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, our respective dioceses, the parishes which comprise them, and our governments, as well as our own households, that God's desire may become increasingly evident for all of humanity;
- recruit and empower people of all races and ethnic origins as leaders in our church, and as members of all boards, agencies, commissions, and committees;
- dedicate equitable resources for all races and national origins in the funding of theological education for all ministries, lay and ordained;
- advocate for continued response to the sinful legacy of slavery; expose situations of environmental racism and classism which poison and threaten the poorest among us, and seek justice for those communities; and
- advocate for compassionate care of the stranger in our midst, and demand just immigration policies.

Having entered into covenant with each other to root out the sin of racism in very specific personal and corporate ways, we, the bishops of the Episcopal Church, invite all members of our Church to join us in this mission of justice, reconciliation, and unity. This is an expression of our commitment to the fundamental covenant each of us entered into at the moment of our baptism.

May God give us the will to do this reconciling work, and the power and grace to accomplish it.

We ask that this pastoral letter be read in all churches as soon as possible.

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## Senior Warden's Corner

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“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.” 1 Chronicles 24:14

If you have not seen the new Children's Chapel on the second floor, I urge you to do so. The design is outstanding and the scale ideal for the age group served. The service is both participative and audio-visual which appeals to the youngsters and succeeds in familiarizing them with what happens in the “big church”.

This was one programming vision made possible largely by special gifts and bequests in addition to the work of dedicated volunteers, including David Boone, Carlile Crutcher and Jeannie Park. There are many more fertile ideas for needed program improvement that would be possible with greater ongoing financial commitment by all of us.

Tithing is an important spiritual practice although not “well known” in the Episcopal Church. Each of us can recall what caused us to make our initial financial commitment to the Church and to remember the journey taken to where we are presently. It is a very personal thing, but I would like you to know what started Lola and me on this road.

At a former parish while in our early 30's with three little ones and making do with one income, giving to the church was not a priority. A recounting by Phil Arderly (one of the “elders”) of his journey to tithing at a stewardship service made a lasting impression. He spoke of his and Anne's early years when the Biblical tithe was not possible, but how important it was for them to establish the objective and commit to follow the path faithfully. I'm not stating it in spiritual terms, but it's a real “feel good” experience year after year.

We are called to set our objective and return to God a fair share of what He has given us. Please think about it and pray about it.

-Lyle Spalding

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## Thanks...

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To the following people who gathered on Saturday, April 1, to clean and spruce up St. Mark's grounds:

Alex Campbell, Jr.; Alex Campbell, Sr.; Peter Campbell; Keith Christenson; Cissy Dendy; Geoffrey Dendy; Gayle Dorsey; Dorothy Durning; Edgar Eaves; Mary Beth Ellis; Janie Estes; Elisabeth Hawkins; Kurt Ludwig; David Mac Cool; Cindi Richards; June Richards; Norman Rohleder; Susan Schueler; Scott Shafer; Joe Straughan, Jr.; Joe Straughan, Sr.; and Frank Wood.

To Joe Straughan, Sr., for doing the touch-up painting in Langley Hall.

To all those who made the Easter Saturday breakfast and parade a success:

Peter Campbell who stuffed all of the Easter eggs for the annual hunt--and the people who provided the candy, stickers, etc.

Meredith Downey, Ken Rohleder and Jimmy Stewart who prepared the delicious Easter Saturday breakfast;

All the adults and children who participated in and helped with the Saturday breakfast and the Easter parade;

To the many volunteers who facilitated the Wednesday Night Lenten Soup suppers and the Agape Dinner;

To the numerous volunteers who participated in “Emergency Craft Nights” for the Dr. Seuss float preparation;

To Doreen Fraser who prepared the delicious hot cross buns;

And last, but not least, to the altar guild who prepared our worship space; the choir and guest musicians who enhanced our worship; and the acolytes, chalice bearers, lectors, intercessors and ministers who led us through the liturgies of the season.

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## Graduation

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Graduation time is here, and we would like to acknowledge all our graduates - elementary school, middle school, high school, college, and graduate school. Please submit the name and school of the graduate for recognition in the June St. Marker.

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## Newcomers' Breakfast

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There will be a Newcomers' Breakfast on Sunday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Dreher Room. All persons who have begun attending St. Mark's in the past year (or consider themselves newcomers) are cordially invited and encouraged to join the staff for this special gathering. We want to have an opportunity to become better acquainted with you and also provide you with an opportunity to learn more about St. Mark's. Persons of all ages are invited, and childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers as needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

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## ECW News

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The May ECW day trip will be Wednesday, May 10. We will be going to Holly Hill Inn in Midway, KY. After lunch we will have the opportunity to shop the shops of Midway. We will carpool from St. Mark's at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up in the Information Center by Monday, May 8, if you plan to join us.

The Spring UTO Ingathering will be May 28. Be looking for your UTO envelope in the mail. Let's make this another tremendously successful ingathering for St. Mark's.

There will be no ECW meetings until October. Please watch future St. Mark's for more information.

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## Youth Sunday

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All children and youth are invited to participate in this year's Youth Sunday, which will be held on May 21. Please contact Marti Taber if you would like to be part of the service. We need musicians, acolytes, ushers, greeters, element bearers, intercessor and lectors.

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## Teacher Recognition

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Join us Sunday, May 21, as we honor our wonderfully dedicated Sunday School teachers. We are blessed to have such a large group devoted to our Education Department. The reception will be immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please come to show your support of them.

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## Dr. Seuss Vacation Bible School

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Vacation Bible School will be held July 24-28. Anyone interested in helping with this year's program please come to our VBS Kick-Off meeting Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.

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## Post-Derby Potluck Dinner

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The Evening Women's Group will be hosting St. Mark's Annual Post-Derby Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Debbie Freeman (521 Vineleaf Drive). All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend; newcomers are especially welcome.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center and indicate what type of dish you will bring (entrée and beverages will be furnished). Directions from the church to Debbie's home are available. Should you have any questions, please contact Debbie.

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## Lemonade on the Lawn

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Beginning Sunday, May 28, and continuing through Sunday, September 3, parishioners and visitors are invited to Lemonade on the Lawn following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will gather on the front lawn and enjoy lemonade and cookies as well as fellowship with one another.

Volunteers are needed on these Sundays. Please sign up in the Information Center if you would like to assist. Instructions will be mailed to volunteers the week prior to their chosen date.

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## Congratulations...

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To Phil and Kathy Scherer on the March 30 birth of their grandson, Edwin (Winn) Phillip Scherer V (son of E.P. and Abby Scherer).

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## Summer Camp

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All Saints' Camp is open to all children grades 1-12.

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Although this is an Episcopal Camp and each camping session ends with a celebration of Holy Communion, they welcome children of all faith backgrounds and will respect differences of beliefs and customs. Take a friend and enjoy a great camp adventure.

Listed below are the dates, fees and registration deadlines for this year's summer camps. Anyone interested should pick up a registration form in the parish office or contact Marti Taber. Scholarships are available.

Senior High Camp (grades 9-12) June 18-24  
\$270.00 Registration Deadline June 10

Grades 1-4 Camp July 2 – 6 \$216.00 Registration  
Deadline June 17

Grades 5-6 Camp July 9 – 14 \$264.00 Registration  
Deadline July 1

Grades 7-8 Camp July 16 -21 \$264.00 Registration  
Deadline July 8

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## Baptism

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The next date for baptism at St. Mark's is the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 4. Please contact Marti Taber or the Rector if interested.

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## E-Mail

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If you have not yet signed up to receive e-mail communications from St. Mark's, there is a sign-up sheet in the Information Center. Often circumstances arise that need to be shared with the parish in a timely fashion. Please be sure to differentiate between small and capital letters; and also be sure to notify us of any change of address.

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## Reminder

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There will be no Saturday evening service on May 6.

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## Parish Register

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### Marriage

Edith Crutcher & Darren Bush  
(April 1, 2006)

### Transfer In

David Arnold  
(from Christ Church Cathedral)

Carl Wright  
(from St. Francis in the Fields)

Susan Wright  
(from Gray Hawk Reformed Church  
Gray Hawk, KY)

### Baptism

Jacob Holman  
(April 16 - St. Mark's)

### Confirmation

Meredith Downey

Janie Estes

Emily Fritz

Samuel Lord

Sara Lord

Connie Mendel  
(All confirmed April 15 - Christ Church Cathedral)

### Reaffirmation

Edgar Eaves  
(April 15 - Christ Church Cathedral)

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# Parish Life

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## Birthdays

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|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Jason Gray         | May 2  |
| John Dawson        | May 3  |
| Cindi Richards     | May 4  |
| Kathryn Taber      | May 4  |
| Desi Nisbett       | May 4  |
| Dan Mehling        | May 5  |
| Cissy Dendy        | May 5  |
| Carolyn Markham    | May 5  |
| Lila Ludwig        | May 5  |
| Gary Davenport     | May 5  |
| Ginnie Taber       | May 6  |
| Ethan Moore        | May 6  |
| Tom Tate           | May 11 |
| David Arnold       | May 12 |
| David MacCool      | May 13 |
| David Boone        | May 16 |
| Erin Hower         | May 18 |
| Alex Campbell, Jr. | May 19 |
| Peter Campbell     | May 19 |
| Mason Walthall     | May 21 |
| Ann Ronald         | May 21 |
| Mary Frances Muir  | May 23 |
| Tyler Fairleigh    | May 24 |
| Dora Rohleder      | May 24 |
| Sofia Magee        | May 25 |
| Fran Reagan        | May 26 |
| Robert Boone       | May 27 |
| Mollie Ronald      | May 28 |
| Layne Michler      | May 30 |
| Alex Campbell, Sr. | May 30 |
| Bill Gossman       | May 30 |

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## Prayers for Healing

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Prayers are offered for a portion of the following list at each service on Sunday and the entire list at the Healing Eucharist on Tuesdays:

Verna Rothenburger, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Eric Elliott, Polly Wood, Katherine Trentham, Kit Davis, Debbie Mattingly, Becky Hamlin, Rob Auerbach, Marlene Will, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Jeff Tafel, Lillian Yeager, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Gloria Helm, Tom Vogt, Moyra Skidmore, Rita Gildehaus, Nina Babcock, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

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## Anniversaries

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| James & Claudia Shaughnessy | May 8  |
| Matthew & Molly Schad       | May 9  |
| Peter & Ann Ronald          | May 15 |
| Dan & Jenny Mehling         | May 19 |
| David & Nancy James         | May 21 |
| Erik & Sara Marvin          | May 25 |

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# Parish Prayer List

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## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

May 7 - Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya  
May 14 - Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea  
May 21 - Pray for the Church of the Province of Melanesia  
May 28 - Pray for the Anglican Communion

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
Louisville, KY

## Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish  
The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries,  
especially Second Presbyterian Church

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

### Week of May 7

◆  
David McDaniel  
Scott Mendel  
Connie Mendel  
Harry Mercer  
Debby Mercer

### Week of May 14

◆  
Bob Micou  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
Rob Mitchell  
Robert Muir  
Mary Frances Muir

### Week of May 21

◆  
Virginia Van Zandt Miles  
Herbert Miller  
Stephanie Miller  
Sarah Murrell  
Kirk Neidhardt

### Week of May 28

◆  
Desi Nisbett  
Gwen O'Dea  
Tim O'Dea  
Katy O'Dea  
Tim O'Dea, Jr.

## Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,  
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far  
off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may  
seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold;  
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming  
of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At Morning Prayer each weekday, we pray for the Church around the world including members of our parish. If you are unable to join us for Morning Prayer, please remember those listed above in your personal devotions this month.

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May Altar Flowers and Candles  
are given to the  
*Honor and Glory of God...*

**Flowers**

- May 7 By Betty Sherrill in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee Hirst, and her brothers, Robert Hirst, Jr., and William Hirst.
- May 14 By Alice Covell in loving memory of her mother, Katherine Shaw Covell, and the man she married and loved, the Rev. Charles Van Orden Covell.
- May 21 By Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robert Muir, Jr., in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robert Muir, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey Burkholder, Jr.; and Mr. James Ramsey Burkholder III.
- May 28 By David and Nancy James in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James II and Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Ziegler; and her brother, Dr. Ed Ziegler.

**Candles**

Eucharistic Candles by June F. Richards in thanksgiving for her daughters, Kandace Stroup and Cynthia Richards.

Five Branch Candles by Anita Poynter in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Adkins.