

COOP'S Scoops #35 (for real), May 12. 2020

Good Morning, pilgrims! Another new day!



Who says feet and toes can't look nice without a pedicure?

Not my oldest granddaughter six years ago!
Love and Peace signs with flowers send a good message!

HAIR CAN BE A BIT MORE PROBLEMATIC!



(thanks to Caroline)

A WORTHY ZOOM!

I haven't yet succeeded in entering ZOOM for any Diocesan or Deanery resources/meetings. I even have an account, but it keeps sending me to Texas.

However for those who can do such things, Phil Gunyon sent along a masterpiece of ZOOM production. You can watch it at

<https://youtu.be/LpAKcQuFacc> Or just skip the link and google youtube Longest Time Quarantine Edition. Now of course, I just tried that, and it said the video wasn't available, but I'm quite sure it will be on your system. Give it a try. What you will see is a whole lot people, all in different locations, mostly their homes, who generally sing together in a grand choir called the Phoenix Chamber Choir. With just a music tape, they are all singing their regular parts and the result is awesome. They are singing Billy Joel's " Longest Time " with words suited to the Covid time as we are living it. Well, I just tried it again, and it worked fine. Persevere....it's worth it

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Homework Reports:

I've had five additional homework responses to the "the child shall be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" Gospel assignment. Points brought forward included:

1. Innocence, humility, willing dependency, gratitude, authenticity and honesty will be great in the Kingdom of God.
2. Equality and dignity will be for all.
3. Some people believe that our spiritual gifts and talents will remain and blossom in us, and that may involve some folks exercising "leadership", but not as a matter of prestige or power; rather a matter of meek obedience. Others believe there will not be any leaders in the Kingdom....all will follow Christ alone and love will be universal and full. Could be a great discussion for us sometime!
4. In the Kingdom, we will have learned that we are fully accepted and fully loved, and be at peace with that within ourselves. We will finally allow ourselves to be "beloved", just as a child feels nothing but joy when they know they are beloved by their parents. (Thanks, everyone!)

Online Worship Opportunities:

Ascension Day, Thursday May 21st at 9:30am, with Archbishop Anne on Facebook livestream

Pentecost, May 31st, 9am service from St. Luke's Cathedral, Archbishop Anne

Joint Provincial Service at 2 pm May 31st with representatives from other Dioceses participating.

I will send connecting information closer to the dates involved.

Your Scripture for Today:

Matthew 25: 31-40: The Message

³¹⁻³³ "When he (Jesus) finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

³⁴⁻³⁶ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to Me.'

Homily: May 12th is the day dedicated to Florence Nightingale in “For All the Saints”, the Anglican Church of Canada’s compilation of Saints and readings for Saint’s Days. It is easily apparent why the Scripture just read is certainly appropriate for this courageous woman of God.

Florence toiled without limit during the Crimean War (1854-1856). Hearing the voice of God and moved by the Spirit, she organized the first modern nursing service in the British field hospitals in Scutari and Balaclava. The conditions were appalling, the work never ending. She put in her regular time, and teaching time, and healing time, then spent solitary vigils by night in the hospital wards to relieve the suffering of dying and wounded soldiers. The popular press called her “The Lady of the Lamp”, and the “Angel of Scutari”.

Her labours, her entering into so much suffering, had many after effects on her life. She lived for another 54 years, but privately her mind became unbalanced. She deliberately wrecked the careers of several who disagreed with her, believing that her opinions were revealed to her by God Himself. She stopped attending the Church and left all liturgy behind. Nevertheless, when she died in 1910 her amazing toil left her a reputation of mythical proportions. Soldiers always adored her. She is honoured as the founder of modern nursing and the liberator of countless women from their subordinate and passive roles in society. Nursing became a respectable and integral part of medicine.

There is a Collect for Florence Nightingale as follows:

Life-giving God, you alone have the power over life and death, over health and sickness, give power, wisdom, and gentleness to those who follow the lead of Florence Nightingale, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal, but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

I encourage you all to pray this day for all who are caring for the sick and the dying, of every causation....for doctors, nurses, therapists, chaplains, pastoral visitors, clinicians, pharmacists, sanitizing and cleaning staff, cooks, and personal care workers.... For all who enter into suffering that health may be achieved or death become peaceable. We give thanks to God for Florence and for all who serve others as they would want to serve Christ Himself.

Prayer for the Day: “You do it unto Me”

Dearest Lord, may I see You today and every day in the person of Your sick, and, while nursing them, minister unto You. Though you hide yourself behind the unattractive disguise of the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognize you, and say, “Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is to serve You”.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Joke for the Day:

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."



May our gracious Lord keep You near and bless you with His peace!

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