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Christian Hope at Camp Hardtner

I recently returned from a week at Camp Hardtner, where I was the dean for the Mid-High summer session. Part of the responsibility of the dean is to create the theme for the week, develop the Biblical and theological lessons the children hear each day, and create reflection questions to help them dive deeper into their faith.

Our theme centered around Hope, and we used the Survivor TV show as our gimmick. Under this theme, we looked at stories in the Bible such as the Exodus from Egypt, the Wandering in the Wilderness, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection.

In my own conversations with members of Holy Cross, the camp counselors, other priests, and more, I've found that there is a real lack of hope. Every time I've ever asked a roomful of people "What is the Christian Hope?" all I get back are blank stares. It seems that we (the Church) have lost our ability to articulate our hope. And if we can't talk about our hope, how can we ever expect to share it with others?

The more I think about this, the more I'm beginning to think that the "Evangelism Crisis" in The Episcopal Church has less to do with introversion and nervousness and more to do with a lack of catechesis and Christian formation. As 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us, we should always be prepared to give an account for the hope that is within us. And from what I can see, we are not prepared. But we can be.

As I told the teenagers at Camp Hardtner, we believe in a God who is making all things new. This belief in God's unending creativity and cleverness is what we call hope. That God can redeem everything, that God can use everything, both in our lives and in the cosmos, for the glory of God's Kingdom is hope. It's not optimism. It's not a belief that everything will work out in the end. It's faith, as the late Bishop Barbara Harris said, that the God behind us is bigger than any problem before us.



And we're reminded of this hope throughout Scripture. By looking back through the story of salvation, we're able to see how God has saved God's people in ages past so that we can rest in the assurances of God's promise to us. We can also see our hope play out through history, both that of the Church and of our own personal lives.

I've told this story before, but I first visited an Episcopal Church at the invitation of a priest. I never attended that parish again, and to date I've not laid eyes on that priest again, but we are friends on Facebook. Even so, it's because of his invitation that I am a priest today. My former Rector and friend Fr. Whit Stodghill recently shared a story about how his family was invited to St. Thomas when he was a teenager, and how the whole family was confirmed by Bishop Gooden the following Sunday. And now he's been a priest for nearly thirty years.

I'm sure many of you will have stories of how you came to be in the Church and at Holy Cross, and what being here means to you. I would encourage you to share those stories. We live in a world that is longing for hope, and we are called to be a people of hope to share the hope we've found in Christ with a world hungry for a sign that God is still at work in our lives and the life of the world.

During the final Eucharist at Camp Hardtner, I preached a sermon that was basically my story of how I came to be involved in the Church. It's one that I've shared here at Holy Cross many times. After the sermon, we invited the children to come forward to receive unction. One young woman, around fifteen or sixteen years old, was positively verklempt. Tears ran down her face. She spoke in sobs. She was beside herself because for perhaps the first time in her life she heard someone speaking hope into her life.

She wasn't the only one, either. So many of these young people demonstrated not only a deep capacity for the message that Christ offers us, but a deep desire for it as well. We are a people of hope. We are a people of forgiveness. That alone is revolutionary in our society. That sins can be forgiven, that mistakes can be redeemed, that change is possible; these are not fanciful or lofty ideas. They are the basic tenets of Christ's teaching. And they are desperately needed in our world.

So I will say it again. Hope is trusting in God's never-ending creativity, God's ability to make all things new. The Christian Hope is to live with confidence in this and to await the return of Christ. And we see this hope play out across generations and within our own lives. Learn to see it for yourself, because others are counting on you.

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:13-15)

Fr. Garrett Boyte

Calendar for July

Saturdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Sundays	Morning Prayer, Rite II	9:00 am	Chapel
	Parish Choir rehearsal	9:45 am	Nave
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	11:00 am	Nave
Mondays, Tuesdays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Wednesdays	Book Club	10:30 am	Library
	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Noon	Chapel
	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Nave and online
	Bible Study	6:30 pm	Library
Thursdays, Fridays	Evening Prayer, Rite II	6:00 pm	Online
Tuesday, July 19	Vestry meeting	6:00 pm	Library

Children's Sunday School will resume after Labor Day

Prayer List

Steve Abramson	John August Gianforte	Maureen Locke	Catherine Spaht
Stella Rhea Bergman	Austin Gleason	Mim McCoy	Paul Spaht
Ellen Dunlop Belote	Richard Hadwin	Della McCranie	Robert Todd
Mark Boydston	Sandra Hadwin	Michael McKenzie	Cynthia Walker
Nikki Brown	Josh Harrel	Sammy Mears	Louis Wallace
Mary Berth	Mike Hathaway	Jesse Paul	David Walsh
Margaret Boudreaux	Zoe Hathaway	Kelly Rutz	Connie Wiggins
Sara Lou Coyle	Ann-Marie Henderson	Brady Sessions	Bill Wright
John Craig	Kay Hunnel	Mary Ann Shemwell	Mary Wright
Drew Dodson Family	Kay Hunter	Wade Shemwell	Sheryl Wright
Jean Dooley	Elizabeth Ingram	Linda Sirman and family	The people of Ukraine
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar	Peggy Kirkland and family	Angela Smith	Survivors of gun violence
Maggie Fowle	David Lewis	Paul Smith	
Wes Gearhart	Richard Liles	Jay Sokolowski	

We pray for those who serve and are served by Hope House.

We also pray for Camp Hardtner: Mid-High campers, staff,
and counselors Kasidy Law and Hannah Mills

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Calvary, Bunkie, the Rev. Pete Smith (Jennifer); for St. Michael's, Pineville, the Rev. Reinel Castro (Jennifer); for St. Andrew's, Moss Bluff, the Rev. Meg Lovejoy (Gary Clevenger); and for Christ Memorial, Mansfield, the Rev. Margaret Ayers.

Lay Ministries

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: July 24, 2022

Lectors: Robert Henley, David Richard

Prayers of the People: David Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Cecilia Horton, Ginger Paul

Acolyte: Aaron Horton

Ushers: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson

Altar Guild: Ginger Paul, Becky Snodgrass

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: July 31, 2022

Lectors: Ginger Paul, Becky Snodgrass

Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Mahlen, Herschel Richard

Acolyte: Aaron Horton

Ushers: Donna Neal, Steve Snodgrass

Altar Guild: Laura Wilkerson, Mike Wilkerson



Service Music

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: July 24, 2022

Mass: Mathias and Hurd
Psalm 138: Robert Knox Kennedy
Anthem: Now thank we all our God; arr. J. S. Bach
Solo: Priez pour paix (Pray for Peace)—Poulenc
Hymns: 690 Cwm Rhondda; 674 Detroit; 581 (1-3) Cheshire; 397 Nun danket alle Gott
Organ: Prelude in B—Saint-Saëns; Vater unser (The Lord's Prayer)—H. Collum;
Interlude (Three Pieces)—Sowerby; Prelude and Fugue in E—Lübeck

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: July 31, 2022 **Everett and Virginia Richard, strings**

Mass: Mathias and Hurd
Psalm 49:1-11: Responsorial: Tone VIII.2; Old 100th; arr. B. Power
Anthems: O Jesus, joy of loving hearts—Plainsong, Mode II; Adoro devote—anon. French, 1697
Hymns: 427 Laudes Domini; 292 Kingsfold; 307 Bryn Calfaria; 388 Hanover
Organ: Carillon-Sortie—Mulet

Sister Cecilia Horton Takes Her Annual Vows

It took three years of intense study, contemplation, and discernment for Sr. Cecilia Horton, and now she has taken her Annual Vows as a Benedictine Sister. With guidance from Sr. Anna Grace Madden and spiritual support from her bishop, Sr. Cecilia took her Annual Vows at the Benedictine Abbey in Conception, MO, with the Anglican Benedictine community, Companions of St. Luke. Tears of joy and many hugs were shared throughout the oratory with nuns, monks, priests, oblates, and even her son, Aaron Horton, who was in attendance.



Sr. Cecilia answered God's call to be a religious in 2018. "I didn't wake up one morning and say 'I want to be a nun.' No, this call started when I was around fifteen years old, maybe even sooner. At first I thought I was called to be a priest, but my true call became clearer with prayer and meditation. God just kept after me until I did it. And I had help from Priest Mary Richard."

The members of her community, the Benedictines, spent much time in prayer before naming Sr. Cecilia. Saint Cecilia, who lived in the first part of the third century AD, was said to have been a woman who was very close to God, and who prayed often. She spent much of her life preaching and converting people to Christianity. The name "Cecilia" means lily of heaven, contemplation of heaven. Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, musicians, and pipe organs, because Saint Cecilia sang to God in her heart. Sr. Cecilia comments, "When I was a child I used to be terrified of pipe organs. Who knew?"

Saint Cecilia



Sr. Cecilia has been a member of Holy Cross for a little over twenty years. She has served in numerous ministries as well as the vestry, she started a chapter of The Daughters of the King, and she also served on the diocesan council. Sr. Cecilia studied theatre at Centenary College. She has performed in drama and musical theatre before audiences that included Richard Thomas, Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, and other Broadway performers. Her performances have received Honorable Mention by former President Ronald Reagan at the Kennedy Performing Arts Center in Washington, D.C. She later enrolled in Paralegal Studies at Ashland College, and studied Occupational Health and Safety at Bossier Parish Community College. She worked with a local consulting company, where she contracted with the Departments of Defense, Justice, and Labor. Sr. Cecilia enjoys writing fiction and religious works, and reading mysteries. She also enjoys nature and, of course, music. At Holy Cross, Sr. Cecilia is a soloist, psalmist, and cantor.



Sr. Cecilia with Sr. Mary Magdalene



Sr. Cecilia with monks and Bishop

More News from Holy Cross ECW

As if the Holy Cross ECW didn't have enough projects, they are taking on one more. They have agreed to provide some refreshments for different events taking place at the church—baptisms, confirmations, funerals, for example. To prepare for these events, they would like to have a supply of appetizers, casseroles, or desserts to have frozen and ready to use. Anyone who is willing to help out with this project is more than welcome to do so! Check with **Marshall Middleton** or **Tommie Sue Brooks** to find out what is needed. And don't forget:



Holy Cross Pickle-making

The first project they will oversee is the making of the pickles on Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 am in the Undercroft. Volunteers are needed and welcome! Also, if anyone has the wide-mouth pickle jars left over from last year, they ask that you please take them to the church.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, November 5, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. More information will be forthcoming about the need for baked goods and soup. Meanwhile, it isn't too early to gather up new or gently-used items to donate for the bazaar. They include:

Jewelry	Table linen	Scarves	Nicknacks
China	Flatware	Yard art	?????
Crystal	Pictures	Handcrafted items	
Books	Purses	Christmas decorations	



Greetings from Moldova!

Kendall and Will Raymond have been working, teaching, and learning along with the Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, and will be coming home soon. Here's what Kendall has shared so far:

We've been so lucky to have been placed in the facility we travel to daily. We walk about a mile to a trolley bus and then travel for about thirty minutes to our friends. I've never taken public transportation or walked so much! We ought to be in decent shape on our return. We serve meals, clean rooms, and teach English (southern English, by the way!), and Will holds origami classes. He works with the older children, while I work with the little ones. The staff is awesome! Sweet, kind ladies with the patience of saints in dealing with Americans who know not a word of Romanian, Russian, or Ukrainian. They feed us lunch every day, too, all of us together using Google Translate to communicate. It's really rather comical.



Kendall with her kiddos



Will teaching the art of American football



Ladies preparing lunch; Kendall calls them "the real heroes"



Little ones playing with Legos

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Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent **pods**, disposable razors, and personal-size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) Please take your donations to 762 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

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