



THE CHIMES

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

May 2007

Sunday Readings

May 6 Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

John 13:31-35

Revelation 21:1-6

May 13 Easter 6

Acts 16:19-15

Psalm 67

Gospel John 14:23-29

Revelation 21:10, 20-22:5

May 20 Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 67

John 17:20-26

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

May 27 Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Worship Schedule

7:30 am	Traditional Eucharist
8:45 am	Child Care, 2nd floor
9 am	Bible Study
10 am	Choral Eucharist & Children's Programs

Late and Sad News

Our dear friend and former rector and bishop,

The Right Reverend Robert Wolterstorff

died on April 25.

See page 7 for more information.

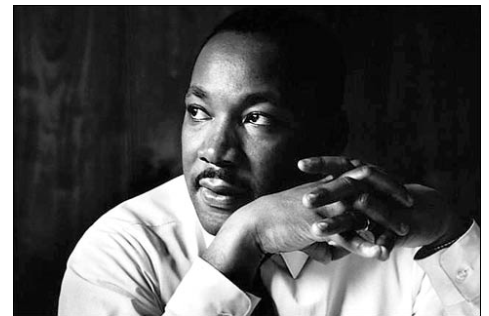
MAY WE TAKE COMFORT

Dr. King's words at an earlier, horrid murder

As we try to deal with all our feelings and thoughts about the tragic murders at Virginia Tech, we may be able to take comfort from words that come to us from the past. In September 1963 a church in Birmingham, Alabama was bombed, killing four African-American girls. At the funeral, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke. His words on that occasion may bring peace and comfort in our own day. While his larger context was the racist hatreds in the South, the human context of his words had to do with the grief and sadness of parents who had lost their children. This is an excerpt from his sermon on that occasion.

"These children—unoffending, innocent, and beautiful—were the victims of one of the most vicious and tragic crimes ever perpetrated against humanity. . . .

"May I now say a word to you, the members of the bereaved families? It is almost impossible to say anything that can console you at this difficult hour and remove the deep clouds of disappointment which are floating in your mental skies. But I hope you can find a little consolation from the universality of this experience. Death comes to every individual. There is an amazing democracy about death. It is not aristocracy for some of the people, but a democracy for all of the people. Kings die and beggars die; rich men and poor men die; old people die and young people die. Death comes to the innocent and it comes to the guilty. Death is the irreducible common denominator of all men.



"I hope you can find some consolation from Christianity's affirmation that death is not the end. Death is not a period that ends the great sentence of life, but a comma that punctuates it to more lofty significance. Death is not a blind alley that leads the human race into a state of nothingness, but an open door which leads man into life eternal. Let this daring faith, this great invincible surmise, be your sustaining power during these trying days."

"Now I say to you in conclusion, life is hard, at times as hard as crucible steel. It has its bleak and difficult moments. Like the ever-flowing waters of the river, life has its moments of drought and its moments of flood. Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons, life has the soothing warmth of its summers and the piercing chill of its winters. And if one will hold on, he will discover that God walks with him, and that God is able to lift you from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope, and transform dark and desolate valleys into sunlit paths of inner peace.

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Eastertide: Time for Celebration of New Life

By The Reverend Eleanor Ellsworth

“Thanks & Good bye” from the Reverend Julia Christian

Dear Friends,

First of all, THANK YOU!!!

I cannot begin to tell you how much your cards and expressions of appreciation have meant to me. I've been privileged to share your lives these past five years - the joys and the sorrows - and I thank you for inviting me into those special times of your lives. We've celebrated so many wonderful occasions together - baptisms and weddings, simple joys and special honors. We've also endured the painful parts of life together and found faith and hope in spite of sadness or hardship, and I thank you for your trust during those difficult periods.

I thank you especially for your presence and your service, in all the ways you offer yourselves to St. James, in all the aspects of making Sunday worship happen, in service and charity support, in various classes and programs, in pastoral care ministries, as leaders and as participants in ministries, in rejoicing together in our fellowship, in being present and enlivening our community of faith, thank you. I have found so much joy in your presence in all our different ways of gathering. Our times together have been lively and loving - truly a sacramental way of living together.


Finally, thank you so much for your generosity and kindness to us. The "purse" I received will make our upcoming trip to England and Greece very much more fun! We also loved having the chance to visit with you all at the barbecue following church on our last Sunday and at the other farewell events. We send our deepest gratitude to all those who contributed to those occasions with scrumptious food and treats.

Al and I will carry you all in our hearts as we move into our new adventure in the desert. We will not say "goodbye" because we fully expect to see you all again sometime - in this life or the next. Whenever you come to the desert, we

As your Priest for Church and the World Ministries, back “on duty” since March, I celebrate the new life of this parish. I had the privilege of serving on the Interim Team with Fr. Ron Jaynes as your Priest-in-Residence for Church and the World Ministries for 18 months. I celebrate that time because it gave us an opportunity to learn about, reflect and act upon some critical areas of need in our world. It gave us time to learn and pray about how we can make a difference in the world.

St. James has been doing this—making a difference—in different iterations since its beginning a century ago! Now it is time to re-focus our attention on how we present ourselves to the world as a community of God. We have new opportunities as a church community, armed with an invigorated Vestry, a committed and faithful new Rector, a splendid staff, and cadre of volunteers to worship God anew and follow the commandment of Christ to love God and our neighbor.

I ask all of us to think and pray about the call to serve others as Christians during this celebratory time. How we approach the world and serve our neighbors far and near will create the legacy of St. James in the next 100 years.

There are several outreach projects and initiatives, both on-going and new. If you are interested in learning more about how to be involved in Church and the World/Outreach ministries, please contact me at Church at 858 459 3421 ext. 105 or by email at e.ellsworth@sjbts.org. 

**Save Sunday, June 3rd
@ 9 am
Your participation is
Important.**

hope you will call us and let us know how the Good News of God in Christ continues to sustain you. Our new address is 78-482 Bent Canyon Court, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203. Our new phone number is 760-469-5500. And who knows - you may just see us slipping into one of the pews to enjoy the beauty of St. James once more from time to time.

May God continue to be with you and bless you all with love, and joy, and peace,

Julie

May 27th is Pentecost...a day of great celebration of the ways in which the Holy Spirit of God continues to work in our lives and through our Church. On June 3rd, the following Sunday, please consider making your plans to come to the Adult Forum from 9:00-9:45. Young people are also encouraged to come.

There we will begin the season of Pentecost with a presentation and discussion of the Millennium Development Goals and how our Church is responding to the challenges articulated by them. Your participation is very important in how we at St. James work within the parameters of the Millennium Development Goals.

Eleanor+

Ministry is the Act of Serving

How can we serve and respond in a time of personal tragedy or disaster?

By Garth M. Howe

The Episcopal Church has been using the moniker for quite some time now of "We're Here for You". We live into that on a daily basis. It defines who we are as Christians and how we act and react within our world; especially in times of personal tragedy or disaster.

Serving those whose lives have been disrupted is the very act that Jesus commended in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus ministered to people He met each day. The miracles He performed were answers to the needs of those with whom He came in contact. There were times that He ministered to the masses with miracles, but most of His miracles were performed for individuals with specific needs.

We live in a complex world today, with such great needs all around us, it's not easy to determine or know where to start. But, we know that individuals are won to the saving grace of Jesus Christ one person at a time.

One way to start is to be prepared. We must plan for and train our members to work with individuals caught in a crisis. We must also plan and prepare for the disasters that can affect our community and our families.

We at St. James are in a unique position to respond to individual needs in ways that no other organization or group can. We can demonstrate the love of Christ as we meet the needs of victims in the time of disaster. Even spontaneous reaction to a disaster in or near the church community can be helpful if it is coordinated with disaster relief agencies' response efforts.


We are blessed with a facility that

perfectly fits the needs as a local disaster relief center. The American Red Cross has toured our facilities and has approved us as a certified relief center. We are now just waiting on the final paper work.

In September 2006, the Katrina and Beyond Task Force of the Diocese of San Diego, chaired by our own Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth, offered an introductory training program on disaster preparedness. Those of us who attended received certification from the American Red Cross as having completed their preliminary volunteer training program.

In May, your clergy and staff are attending a mandatory training session where we will be certified in CPR, Basic First Aid and in the use of our AED. You'll be hearing soon about a church-wide training as well.

The rest is up to us. We need to be prepared to live into our role as Christians in the world. We need to be trained on how to respond to disasters to the wider community as well as to our immediate families. Are you prepared?

For more information on how to be prepared, please check the American Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.org/>. If you are interested in helping coordinate or attend a St. James disaster training program or would like more information on our upcoming CPR/First Aid/AED training, please call me at the office or email me at admin@sjbts.org. 


Garth M. Howe, Pastor for Ministry Development, and St. James disaster liaison to the Diocese of San Diego


Education Position Available at St. James

St. James by-the-Sea is seeking a lay person to fill the part-time position of Pastor for Children's Ministries.

In summary, this individual should feel the call to guide and support the ongoing creation of a Sunday School in which children from birth through 5th grade can gather each Sunday in a safe and caring environment in which they can learn the Christian faith and the stories of scripture and the church.

Applicant must have a background in education and knowledge of child development theory, familiarity with the practices and worship of the Episcopal Church, ability to supervise and motivate a staff of paid and volunteer teachers, possess excellent communication skills, be highly organized and willing to work in a team environment. The salary for this part-time (15 hours per week) position is \$20K per year.

Letters of interest and resumes should be forwarded to Garth Howe, Pastor for Ministry Development at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037, emailed to admin@sjbts.org, or faxed to (858) 459-7431. 



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A Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese of San Diego

The Rt. Reverend James R. Mathes, Bishop of San Diego

March 27, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have now returned from our meeting of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. After a few days of rest and reflection, I write to share with you my thoughts on this meeting.

In a word, the spirit of this meeting was extraordinary. Our days were framed by worship and sharing of Eucharist together. We were guided by our chaplains, the Rev. Canon Carol Wade of the National Cathedral, Brother Geoffrey Tristram from the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and Brother Jude Hill from the Society of St. Francis in San Francisco. As in the past, I sang in the Bishop's Choir, which continues to be a holy place for me—both worshipful and creative. In the midst of this prayerfulness, bishops from all but four dioceses participated in sacred conversation, in new learnings, and took council for the church. It was a particular blessing to be joined by the Primate and bishops of Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico for the entire week. Throughout the meeting, we focused on three principal topics: the Millennium Development Goals, the Primates' Communiqué, and the draft Anglican Covenant.

The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, professor at Episcopal Divinity School, reminded us of the connection between God's mission, the Church's Mission, and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). In his address to the House of Bishops, Professor Douglas asked and answered the critical question regarding the MDG's,

So why should we Christians care about the Millennium Development Goals? We should care about the MDG's because God wants us to. We should care about the MDG's because they are one way by which we as Christians can join with God and with each other in the restoration and reconciliation of the world. We should care about the MDG's because they help us to be more faithful participants in God's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ

In our consideration of the MDG's, we focused particularly on seventh goal, "ensure environmental sustainability." I was privileged to offer one of the four workshops with Archbishop Carlos Touché-Porter, Primate of Mexico, and Bishop Kirk Smith, Bishop of Arizona. Our workshop examined issues of environmental sustainability along the Mexican-United States border, including immigration issues, attendant economic concerns, and environmental concerns. As we focus on border concerns in our diocese, my preparation for this offering to the House of Bishops has made me even more aware of these significant ecological concerns, especially as they relate to water use, sewage, and endangerment of habitat. It is my hope that our congregations can become increasingly engaged in the MDG's as another way in which we faithfully participate in the reign of God.

We spent considerable energy and time discussing the

Primates Communiqué of February 19, 2007. As I wrote to you before the House of Bishops, I went to this meeting holding in tension my own deep desire to maintain communion with our Anglican brothers and sisters and wariness about what seemed like a piratical ultimatum. My feelings were shared by most others in the House of Bishops. Guided by our Presiding Bishop's open and non-anxious spirit, we allowed that tension to remain and be shared without an attempt at quick resolution. Rather than try to answer the demands of the Primates that make certain commitments regarding same sex-unions and consents to bishops living in same-sex partnerships, we continue to ponder this demand and unanimously have invited the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates Standing Committee to meet with our full House of Bishops before the imposed September 30, 2007 deadline.

The greatest concern of the House of Bishops was regarding what has been termed the "Pastoral Scheme." The Pastoral Scheme includes a proposal made by the Presiding Bishop for a Pastoral Vicar who would serve dioceses which did not feel able to accept the ministrations of the Presiding Bishop. The Primates' proposal goes beyond this. In particular, it sets up a Pastoral Council which would include Primatial oversight from outside of the Episcopal Church. The vast majority of bishops believed that this scheme was highly problematic, and if implemented, injurious to the Episcopal Church. I am persuaded that that is indeed the case and joined my fellow bishops in declining this innovation. Because the Archbishop of Canterbury had requested nominations to the Pastoral Council by March 16, 2007, it was necessary for us to state clearly that this would not be a possible solution under the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. I commend to you the three Mind of the House resolutions linked at the end of this letter.

As we await this anticipated opportunity to meet with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates Standing Committee, the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops will be developing a teaching guide for consideration of both the Primates' Communiqué and the proposed draft Covenant for the Anglican Communion, which should be available by late May. While I am aware that summer is not the optimal time to engage in a time of teaching and new learnings, I believe that the people and clergy of the Diocese of San Diego should commit to this enterprise for our own growth and as an offering to the wider church.

The third major topic considered at the House of Bishops was the draft Anglican Covenant. The Covenant is related to the Primates Communiqué in that it was presented first to the Primates at their February meeting. We received two presentations regarding the Covenant from the Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner and the Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb, both of whom served on the drafting committee. Fortunately, we have more time to consider

the Covenant. It is expected that each province of the Anglican Communion will engage this draft.

So, what does this all mean for us in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego? I think it means that we will continue to have people of differing perspectives on a whole host of issues including Biblical interpretation and human sexuality. I welcome this as stimulating and truth-seeking diversity. Some will seek out this church because this is who we are. Others may find this level of diversity uncomfortable and seek another spiritual home. As a diverse community, the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego will move forward guided by our Strategic Plan and joining with others around the planet proclaiming Christ and ministering to all in His name.

As for our place in the Anglican Communion, I do not know what the future holds. What I believe the House of Bishops affirmed was our own understanding of ourselves as the Episcopal Church, which is a part of the Anglican Communion. We stated both our boundaries and our openness to others. This self-differentiation is precisely what will allow us to be a healthier church as we continue to engage with the rest of the Communion in mission and ministry, including some places that are more contentious. Because communion is a gift from God, I believe that God will work through us to build up our Anglican fellowship and communion. It is my fervent prayer that we will find a way forward that will focus on our shared mission.

Finally, let me share with you some reflections on our Presiding Bishop. As the Rt. Rev. John Howe, Bishop of Central Florida, said in a letter to his diocese, "Katharine Jefferts Schori has done a stunning job in leading this meeting." I agree completely. She was balanced, peaceful, clear, and Godly. We are fortunate to have her as our Presiding Bishop in these times.

We will continue to move forward our mission as a diocese "to share the love of Jesus Christ through our words and actions, and to reconcile all people to God and each other." This work includes building communion with our global partners as we minister with our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya, the Diocese of El Salvador, and the Diocese of Western Mexico.

In April, May and June, I will convene five Town Hall Meetings across our diocese so that we can continue to be in conversation. I hope that we can dream about our own mission and ministry and hold these global questions in an appropriate perspective.

Faithfully,


The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes
Bishop of San Diego

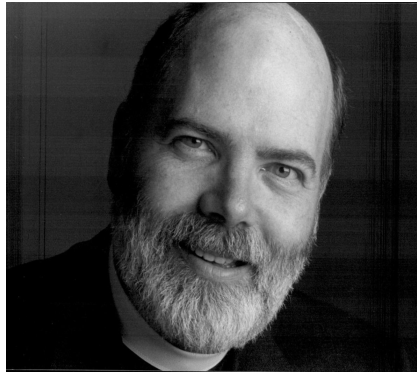
Relevant Links: Draft Anglican Covenant; Primates Communiqué; Mind of the House Resolutions; A Message to God's People from the House of Bishops

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"And so today, you do not walk alone. You gave to this world wonderful children. They didn't live long lives, but they lived meaningful lives. Their lives were distressingly small in quantity, but glowingly large in quality. And no greater tribute can be paid to you as parents, and no greater epitaph can come to them as children, than where they died and what they were doing when they died. They did not die in the dives and dens of Birmingham, nor did they die discussing and listening to filthy jokes. They died between the sacred walls of the church of God*, and they were discussing the eternal meaning of love. This stands out as a beautiful, beautiful thing for all generations. Shakespeare had Horatio to say some beautiful words as he stood over the dead body of Hamlet. And today, as I stand over the remains of these beautiful, darling girls, I paraphrase the words of Shakespeare: Good night, sweet princesses. Good night, those who symbolize a new day. And may the flight of angels take thee to thy eternal rest.


God bless you."

**Perhaps we can substitute "sacred corridors of higher education" to connect King's funeral sermon to the tragedy at Virginia Tech.* 



How to Contact the Rector

Randal's normal schedule is Saturday through Wednesday. He is in the office Monday through Wednesday, off (sometimes successfully) Thursday and Friday. Saturday is held for weddings and as a preparation day for Sunday, although he does take appointments on Saturday as well.

In an effort to streamline communication with Randal, we've put a couple of new systems in place. His randal@sjbts.org email is going to be previewed by Garth. Garth will immediately respond if he can and after regular consultation with Randal, will then respond to all emails. If you would like to send Randal a private email (for his eyes only), please send your email to rbg.pastoral@sjbts.org. Randal's telephone extension is 106 and can be reached through the church office. If you would like to make an appointment with Randal and cannot reach him directly, please contact Chris McCormack, Minister of Parish Services at extension 107. 

Garth M. Howe, Pastor for Ministry Development

WHERE WAS GOD???

By
The Reverend Maryanne Lacey


That is the question many people ask during times of tragedy, violence and untimely death. It was asked after the unimaginable events at Virginia Tech. Where was God? Why did He let it happen? Why didn't God do something to prevent or stop the person responsible for cutting short the lives of so many young people and their professors? Why, we ask. Why?

We do not know why the young man was filled such rage that destroying others was the way he chose to express it.

We do know where God was then and now. For God does not make bad things happen-God does not prevent natural disasters, or planes flying into buildings, or a young man from causing so much shock and sorrow. Rather, God reaches out to us through others, our community, our church, neighbors, friends, and family. God speaks to us through others with words of comfort; through those who sit with us, listen to us, cry with us, and pray with and for us. That is where we find God.

God is with us during the good times the bad times, and all the times in between. We were never promised a life without pain and suffering, but God has shown us through the life of, and the rising of our Lord Jesus, that there is victory over violence and death, and a peace that passes all human understanding can be ours through faith and belief in Him.

Here at St James we have several opportunities to serve as the arms, feet and love of God through Stephen Ministries, Lay Eucharist Visitors, and several other caring ministries.

As Pastor for Caring Ministries I invite you to join me in reaching out to our community who are alone, homebound, or in need, so not one of them will ever have to say, "where was God?" 

“Lunch Bunch” May 16

The new Executive Director of the Episcopal Community Services, Lesslie Keller, will be the speaker .

Mrs. Keller brings with her a wealth of experience in finance and administration from the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and other non-profit organizations. Mrs. Keller, who has been a CPA for over 20 years, is a delightful speaker, and it will be a real privilege to hear of the new and positive changes made at ECS.

Lunch will be served by the Girard Gourmet at noon in the Van Schaick room and all members of the parish and their guests are welcome. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00 per person. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 858 459 -3421.

Newcomers Brunch May 20th

What/Who: Newcomers Brunch for all those that have been visiting with us since January 1.

Where: Van Schaik Room

When: Sunday, May 20th, following the 10 a.m. service.

Why: An opportunity for newcomers and prospective members to visit with our staff and lay leadership. There will be time for socializing, a brief program, and a tour of the St. James campus.

Contact: Parish Office at 858 459 -3421



Free Event!

Mother & Daughter Brunch

May 6 @ 11:30

The Daughters of the King Brunch for all mothers and daughters will be held in the Van Schaick Room on Sunday, May 6th right after the ten o'clock service. This is a free brunch.

RSVP by May 4 to Sharon Demery—619 448-1565 or Pat Franco—858 456 -2916. We would love to see all of you ladies there!

Women's Dinner Group-May 8th

The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth will speak on Tuesday evening at 6 pm on **“Women's Ministry and the Episcopal Church.”** The cost of the dinner is \$15. Child care is available by prior reservation. Please RSVP to the office at 858-459 -3421.

Just a Reminder...

June 6th at 6 pm is The Men of St. James Dinner with **Bob Jackson, “Part 2”** - the last dinner before summer. \$14 for dinner. RSVP to David Fast at 619 994-7868 by 9 pm June 4th.



Notes of interest

LAST OPPORTUNITY!!

Join the St. James by the-Sea Centennial Pilgrimage Tour of the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

May 18—20.

Call Zeke Knight at 858 271 -8999.

A grateful & special THANK YOU to the generous individuals who donated a total of \$600.00 towards the cost of replacing the stolen microphones.

House-swap possibility?

Seattle-area Episcopalian wishes a house trade. We offer a house in greater-Seattle area with easy access to Seattle, Puget Sound, Lakes Washington & Sammamish, and the Cascades, in trade for 3+ bedroom house in La Jolla/San Diego. Our desired time frame would be a week or ten days in August. Please contact Rachel Endicott at rendicott@comcast.net if you're interested.

You're Invited!

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF SAN DIEGO
PICNIC FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS
Saturday, May 12, 2007,
11:00 - 3:00**

Diocesan picnic for all congregations to celebrate our diversity as we work together as ONE diocese.

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC:

Bring your own food, non-alcoholic beverages, tableware and lawn chairs. Meet in Balboa Park, (Across from the Cathedral between El Prado and Quince)

Bring the family! There will be games and activities for children.

Please contact the diocesan office if your congregation can provide multi-cultural entertainment.



**“Knowing the Bible”
With
Father Waddy
Sunday @ 4–5 pm**

**Join in any time! Come when
you can!**

The course will continue, Sundays at 4-5 pm in the Van Schaick room, to June 10. Then a break for part of the summer. You do not have to attend every session, as each one has a new program. So far we have covered the period from Abraham to Solomon. Also each Sunday there is a section based on Professor Stephen Cox' wonderful book, THE NEW TESTAMENT AND LITERATURE. He traces the 'DNA' of the New Testament through works as different as Pilgrim's Progress, Hemingway's OLD MAN AND THE SEA, T.S.Eliot, and Sinclair Lewis' ELMER GANTRY. For 'dessert' each week there is a surprise. Example: SATAN'S GUIDE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, dramatic readings by the class from BIBLE DRAMA. Come and join us!

**Sunday Bible Study @
9am**

The Easter season continues in Bible study as we work with the readings selected for this season, and it is a most amazing season! Join us as we move through what has been known as the "great fifty days" (or a "week or weeks"—49 is close enough to fifty for us), a time of celebration and understanding of the very hard work that lies down the path of trying to take the message we have been given out into the world. The work we are doing seems so important that our readings temporarily drop what most of us grew up calling the Old Testament (the "Hebrew Bible" in more religiously correct language), replacing the old Testament readings with readings from the Acts, a story of the early church and its remarkable leadership. We welcome all to join us on an engaging time together. (The season ends with on May 27 with Pentecost--50 days after Easter; remember the pentagon, a figure with 5 sides?).

In Thanksgiving and Memory

The Right Rev. Robert Munro Wolterstorff

Rector of St. James by-the-Sea, 1957-1974
First Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, 1974-1982
Born to Eternal Life April 25, 2007



Bishop Bob was Rector of St. James by the Sea from 1957 to 1974, when he was elected first bishop of San Diego. After retiring, he returned to the parish he loved, taking his part as an active but circumspect friend of the people and clergy of our parish.

His years as Rector covered the high water mark for the Episcopal Church's membership and attendance. They also included the tumult of the civil rights movement, the beginning of prayer book revision, and the transformation of the church that would come to include women in all positions of leadership.

His generosity in friendship and his long years at St. James made him the relatively easy choice to be the first Bishop of the new Diocese of San Diego as the southernmost part of California separated from the enormous Diocese of Los Angeles.

Bob was a highly organized and detailed administrator, set high standards for those who worked with him, and was a diligent pastor and parish caller. Never one to mince an opinion, he also had the virtue to love learning and to want to continue growing spiritually. Over the whole of his life, including into his eldest years, he was open to change, quick to bless, and tolerant of nearly everyone.

Over the past twenty-five years Bob returned to the fellowship of St. James, which he so loved. The feeling was reciprocal. He graciously received the ministry and support of the church when his wife, Helen, died. He graciously offered affection and support to those friends he had known in his own pastoral ministry in our parish.

On Easter morning Bishop Bob made his final parade into the beauty of the eucharist, taking his place as one of the elders of the gathered church, wearing his mitre as a reminder of the continuing ministry of the apostles in our day. The following week he had a minor heart attack, and the complications from that further weakened his body. On the morning of April 25 he died peacefully in his sleep in the company of family members.

Thank you, God, for our dear friend and companion, Robert, an example and guide for faithfulness in this life. Rest eternal grant to him, O Christ, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randal" with a small flourish at the end.

A Diocesan Funeral for Bishop Wolterstorff is scheduled at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, May 3 at 10:30 am. The Cathedral address is 2728 6th Avenue. The entrance is on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Nutmeg Street. Tel: (619) 298-7261

Continue to check back to www.sjbts.org, where we will post information on the Requiem and Memorial Eucharist for Bishop Bob at St. James by -the-Sea, with following reception. Please contact Chris McCormack if you could volunteer as part of the planning team. Chris is at 858-459-3421, ext. 107, or office@sjbts.org.



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Bishop's Town Hall Meetings

In April, May and June, I will convene five Town Hall Meetings across our diocese so that we can continue to be in conversation. I hope that we can dream about our own mission and ministry and hold these global questions in an appropriate perspective.

Faithfully,

Meetings in the San Diego Area

April 25	7:00-9:00 p.m.	St. Paul's Cathedral
May 31	7:00-9:00 p.m.	St. Andrew the Apostle, Encinitas
June 5	7:00-9:00 p.m.	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Temecula

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