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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



On April 28th James Cone passed away. Most of you have probably never heard the name, but he was—and through his writing will continue to be—a driving force

in the development of Black Liberation Theology, particularly as seen from the eyes and mind of a black man forged in the midst of the struggle for civil rights in the United States.

I was blessed to have the opportunity to take one of his classes while I was working on the Master of Divinity in New York. *Black Theology* was the name of the course, and it started the development of my own theological thought around the issues of human division and discrimination. With that as my basis, I continue to develop my thoughts around the theological implications of inclusivity, diversity and equity.

This is a wonderful trinity of words, with each representing an essential peace of what the puzzle of human relations should be, but on their own

they can easily lead to misinterpretations and complacency. Until a year or so ago, I had fully embraced the idea that in every human community an extra effort should be made to ensure that they are both diverse and inclusive. When I first heard someone use the term “equity” in regard to the dynamics of group interaction, I was leery of the use of a financial term to express a state of human relations. As an accountant and a black person, my mind wandered into visions of one person owning another. I thought about slavery, human trafficking, and dowries.

The best synonym to explain the meaning of equity in the context of human dynamics is parity. So, while inclusion and diversity invite the participation of the entire gamut of the spectrum of humanity, equity means that all voices and perspectives have the same level of influence and presence. Among other things, equity moves us away from tokenism and silent partnerships into true relationships among equals.

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PRIDE POTLUCK

On Sunday, June 24, we celebrate Pride month with a festive potluck after the 10:00 am service. Bring something you've made or bought and feast with your St. Paul's family.



PRESIDING BISHOP CURRY, THE REV. JIM WALLIS ISSUE LETTER ON RECLAIMING JESUS DECLARATION

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

June

Bottles of juice

July

Bottles of juice

August

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Rev. Jim Wallis of Sojourners have issued the following letter to church leaders about the [*Reclaiming Jesus Declaration*](#).

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are writing to you as church leaders: specifically in your roles as heads of denominations, local bishops, regional executives, or heads of national faith-based organizations.

Many of you have already heard about the declaration called [Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis](#), which has been commended to the churches by a group of elders from across the traditions of our Christian families. Conceived and discerned during an Ash Wednesday retreat, written and prayed over during Lent, announced to some colleagues and a few publications at Easter, it will finally be launched to the churches at Pentecost--when the early Christians took their faith to the streets in the public square. Those who have come together did so on the basis of relationships more than formal representation, are all in their sixties or seventies, and are either current or former heads of churches or church organizations.

The declaration, as well as a summary version that has been published in both church and secular publications, are [here](#). And we also want to draw your attention to a short but moving video [here](#) with several of our elders speaking to the need to reclaim the name of Jesus in a time such as this. That video was just released and in just over a day has been viewed by almost half a million people because, we believe, there is a great hunger in the churches and beyond for an alternative faithful Christian voice to what many people are hearing or not hearing at this historical moment.

What we have now heard from many current heads of communions, bishops from many parts of the country, and leaders of faith-based organizations is that they would like to “sign on” to the statement the elders have made. The elders, who have decided to stay together, have met to ponder that question and decided that any other church leaders, of any age or leadership position in the churches, are welcome to sign on IF they are willing to send the Reclaiming Jesus declaration and video to all the pastors in their denomination, or to the diocese, region, or district where they have leadership responsibility. That is because this is not just a statement, but the beginning of a process of discernment, prayer, reflection, and action that we believe--and have been told my many others--our churches and their pastors urgently need. We believe the declaration and the resources we have created to support it, including a study guide available on [the website](#), are “discipleship tools” for the churches that we are commending as elders.

Your names and titles will be added to a “sign on” list when you tell us you are willing to send Reclaiming Jesus to all the pastors of local churches that you have responsibility for, as it is pastors who most need to have and use this tool for faithful discipleship. So this is an invitation to SIGN and SHARE. You can sign on to the declaration by emailing your name, title, and affiliation here: jsimpson@sojo.net

Also, as a reminder, we previously invited you to join us for the service and vigil taking place here in Washington, DC, on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 pm Eastern, which will be held at the National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, Washington, DC, 20005. Following the service we will lead a candlelight procession to and prayer vigil at the White House. You can find [more details about the service and vigil here](#). We encourage you to share the event details with your churches and networks and encourage them to join you—either in person or by watching the live stream of the service.

We have come together out of our deep concern and calling regarding the “soul of the nation” and the “integrity of faith” as we put it in the declaration. If you resonate with that concern and call, we would love for you to join us and share this with as many pastors as you can.

Blessings,

The Rev. Jim Wallis
President & Founder, Sojourners

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

CHURCH DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE PACIFIC GRADUATES



Father Wilson with our CDSP graduates Tamra Tucker & Kim Brittain, May 2018

2018 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson – *Rector*
Alice Brilmayer
Senior Warden
George Strait
Junior Warden
Irene Plunkett
Clerk
Sandra Anderson
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2018
Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Sandra Anderson

Class of 2019
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett
Will Cowart

Class of 2020
Ben Clausen
Allison Sass
Dylan Versteeg

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates
Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates
Pamela Buckingham

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN JUNE

Sunday, June 3, The Second Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

4 p.m., Evensong

This short Anglican service combines the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy.

With Chapel College Men and Boys Ensemble. Christopher Kula, Director.

Sunday, June 10, The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Eucharist with Guest Choir

It is with great joy that we will be welcoming Allen Temple's Men's Chorus to St. Paul's during our 10:00am service on Sunday, June 10. Please join us for this wonderful celebration.

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Sunday, June 17, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

4:00 p.m., Concert

San Francisco Choral Artists: More Pianos Than Bathtubs: America's Music



It's true! One hundred years ago, there were more pianos than bathtubs in American homes. Join us around the

piano for a cozy evening of music-making in the parlor. With nationally acclaimed American music specialists Brian Thorsett, tenor, and Teresa McCollough, piano, we'll revisit a time when every living room was filled with music, and sight-singing was part of the American school curriculum. Music by Foster, Billings, MacDowell, Parker, spirituals and shapenote hymns, folk songs, work songs, and play songs. More info http://www.sfca.org/concert_programs/pianos-bathtubs-americas-music/

Sunday, June 24, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

8 p.m., Compline

Gregorian chant, polyphony, and candlelight, in the church. Music of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria. Compline, a service of psalms and prayers, has been sung 'at the close of day' in monasteries, convents and churches for many centuries and is one of the best-loved services of the Church. It has been re-instituted in response to the renewed interest in plainsong (Gregorian Chant) and contemplative prayer. There is no sermon.

With St. Paul's Compline Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director.



Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.

The deadline for each edition is the 25th of the month previous to publication.

Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: halice@pacbell.net.

SUMMER CHOIR

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? During the summer months, St. Paul’s vocal choir is on break and we will feature an all volunteer choir during the summer months of June, July and August beginning June 3 and ending on September 2. The choir will be singing hymns and the service music. Rehearsals will be at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you are interested, don’t be shy, contact St. Paul’s music director Christopher Kula at musicdirector@stpaulsoakland.org.

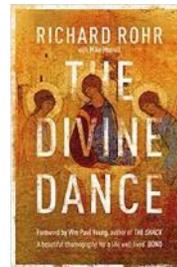
MEN WHO WANDER

Men who Wander will gather on Wednesday, June 20. Come join other testosterone bearing parishioners for fellowship and the exploration of our city’s pubs and microbreweries. This month we will be meeting at Drake’s Dealership located at 2325 Broadway Ave, Oakland, CA 94612.



WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women who Wonder will meet on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm in the Chapter Room. We will finish reading the *The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr. We will have a simple supper; feel free to bring something to share. If you are reading the book on your own and would like to join the discussion, please join us.



DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL’S

Using your Smartphone, scan this QR Code to make a digital offering to St. Paul’s Church. Your donation will be processed through SPEC’s PayPal account.



SAVE Stands-Ins against gun violence

SAVE (Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere) Oakland is taking a non-violent stand against the rampant murders in our community by having “Stand-Ins” from 11a.m. – noon near where a person was recently killed. Please contact Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, if you would like to participate.

Contact Save@Truevine-Ministries.com to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

BONIFACE, ARCHBISHOP OF MAINZ, MISSIONARY TO GERMANY, AND MARTYR, 675-754

WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :
<http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule>

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.



Boniface is justly called one of the “Makers of Europe.” He was born at Crediton in Devonshire, England, about 675, and received the English name of Winfred. He

was educated at Exeter, and later at Nursling, near Winchester, where he was professed a monk and ordained to the presbyterate.

Inspired by the examples of Willibrord and others, Winfred decided to become a missionary, and made his first Journey to Frisia (Netherlands) in 716—a venture with little success. In 719 he started out again; but this time he first went to Rome to seek papal approval.

Pope Gregory the Second commissioned him to work in Germany, and gave him the name of Boniface. For the rest of his days, Boniface devoted himself to reforming, planting, and organizing churches, monasteries, and dioceses in Hesse, Thuringia, and Bavaria. Many helpers and supplies came to him from friends in England. In 722 the Pope ordained him a bishop, ten years later made him an archbishop, and in 743 gave him a fixed see at Mainz.

The Frankish rulers also supported his work. At their invitation, he presided over reforming councils of the Frankish Church; and in 752, with the consent of Pope Zacharias, he anointed Pepin (Pippin) as King of the Franks. Thus, the way was prepared for Charlemagne, son of Pepin, and the revival of a unified Christian dominion in western Europe.

In 753 Boniface resigned his see, to spend his last years again as a missionary in Frisia. On June 5, 754, while awaiting a group of converts for confirmation, he and his companions were murdered by a band of pagans, near Dokkum. His body was buried at Fulda, a monastery he had founded in 744, near Mainz.

*Almighty God, you called your faithful servant Boniface to be a witness and martyr in Germany, and by his labor and suffering you raised up a people for your own possession: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your Church in every land, that by the service and sacrifice of many your holy Name may be glorified and your kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

EVELYN UNDERHILL, 1845-1941

The only child of a prominent barrister and his wife, Evelyn Underhill was born in Wolverhampton, England, and grew up in London. She was educated there and in a girls' school in Folkestone, where she was confirmed in the Church of England. She had little other formal religious training, but her spiritual curiosity was naturally lively, and she read widely, developing quite early a deep appreciation for mysticism. At sixteen, she began a life-long devotion to writing.

Evelyn had few childhood companions, but one of them, Hubert Stuart Moore, she eventually married. Other friends, made later, included such famous persons as Laurence Housman, Maurice Hewlett, and Sarah Bernhardt. Closest of all were Ethel Ross Barker, a devout Roman Catholic, and Baron Friedrich von Hügel, with whom she formed a strong spiritual bond. He became her director in matters mystical.

In the 1890's, Evelyn began annual visits to the Continent, and especially to Italy. There she became influenced by the paintings of the Italian masters and by the Roman Catholic Church. She spent nearly fifteen years wrestling painfully with the idea of converting to Roman Catholicism, but decided in the end that it was not for her.

In 1921, Evelyn Underhill became reconciled to her Anglican roots, while remaining what she called a "Catholic Christian." She continued with her life of reading, writing, meditation, and prayer. She had already published her first great spiritual work, *Mysticism*. This was followed by many other

books, culminating in her most widely read and studied book, *Worship* (1937).

Evelyn Underhill's most valuable contribution to spiritual literature must surely be her conviction that the mystical life is not only open to a saintly few, but to anyone who cares to nurture it and weave it into everyday experience, and also (at the time, a startling idea) that modern psychological theories and discoveries, far from hindering or negating spirituality, can actually enhance and transform it.

Evelyn Underhill's writings proved appealing to many, resulting in a large international circle of friends and disciples, making her much in demand as a lecturer and retreat director. She died, at age 65, in 1941.

O God, Origin, Sustainer, and End of all your creatures: Grant that your Church, taught by your servant Evelyn Underhill, guarded evermore by your power, and guided by your Spirit into the light of truth, may continually offer to you all glory and thanksgiving and attain with your saints to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have promised by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen



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Services

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SUNDAYS

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist
4 p.m. Evensong
(First Sundays, Oct.-June)
8 p.m. Compline
(4th Sundays only)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(with Healing prayer on
the 1st Wednesday of the
month)

A hymn comes to my mind: *there's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea*. One of the greatest obstacles to equity (parity) is equity (money & property), as there seems to be a constant fear that if we create room for the other then there is less for us. The contrary is true, there is so much abundance in God's creation that even if a few have much, there's still enough for everyone else to have what they need. This reality doesn't only apply to material things, but also to human individuality and all its expressions. God's mercy is wide enough to capture, embrace, and bless them all fully and equally.

There is plenty of room at God's table, and as God's people we are invited to

open the tables of our lives and hearts with that same sense of plenty. Our life in diversity and inclusion must allow others to claim their own blessedness, instead of us offering our view of what ought to be sufficient for their happiness.

Happy pride month.

