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FROM THE RECTOR

Forget Dom Gregory Dix, typos shaped our liturgy

THE trouble with being a two-finger typist is that one tends to make rather more typing errors than are tolerated at secretarial school. These typographical mistakes of mine drive some people crazy. I know because they've told me so. But try as I might, I seem quite incapable of preventing them.

It is, however, comforting to know that typographical errors are quintessentially Christian. They have afflicted Christian writings from the very earliest days. I can't recall whether there is a spelling error in our earliest example of Christian writing: a portion of St. John's Gospel, which dates back to between AD 90 and AD 125. It is written in Coptic and even though it is only a fragment, it wouldn't in the least bit surprise me if it didn't contain at least one spelling error.

Certainly, our oldest almost complete Bible is positively full of them. It is called the Codex Sinaiticus because it was discovered by the 19th century German Scriptural scholar Professor Konstantin von Tischendorf at St. Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai.

"Codex" is a Latin word for "book," as opposed to "scroll." This codex was copied in the first half of the fourth century, and, despite its venerable age, it is a perfectly horrible example of the copyist's art.

There are some reported 5,000 serious errors in the New Testament alone, and many thousands more in the Old Testament and Apocrypha.

Why were Christian scribes so bad at their jobs?. The answer is probably lies in the fact that Christian scribes were free people. Most secular scribes were slaves, and those who made an unacceptable number of "typos" faced the uncongenial prospect of being shipped off to certain death in the lead mines.

As the 18th Century sage Dr. Samuel Johnson once observed: "Depend upon it, gentlemen. The prospect of hanging in a fortnight wonderfully concentrates the mind."

In any event, Christianity's rich tradition of typographical errors has stayed with us right down to the present day. Indeed, our beloved Anglican liturgy is, in part, shaped by it.

Look at your Prayer Books and you'll see that no instruction "Let us pray" precedes the opening prayers in the Holy Communion service. Consequently, some folks listen to these prayers standing, while others kneel. But no matter which practice they follow, each imagines himself to be strictly in the purest Anglican tradition.

Actually, this liturgical eccentricity is not the product of some profound theological insight. It came into being thanks to a careless 17th century printer, who omitted to set: "*Priest*: The Lord be with you. *Answer*: And with thy spirit. *Priest*: Let us pray."

It was probably the same careless typesetter who left out the lower case "i" which was to have appeared three times after each stanza of the Kyrie Eleison. Thus:

Lord have mercy upon us. iii
Christ have mercy upon us. iii
Lord have mercy upon us. iii

These three little "i's" mean repeat three times.

This how the Anglican Communion comes to use its unique three-fold Kyrie Eleison while most other branches of the church catholic still use the ancient nine-fold version.

Priests used to be expected to put things right by saying the portions were left out: And some of us do, indeed, invite our congregations to pray at the beginning of the Eucharist and even give the "Salutation" before the *Sursam Corda*.

But as for that long nine-fold Kyrie, many of us figure the Holy Ghost knew what He was doing when the printer dropped those three little "i's." Never look a gift horse in the mouth! **GPH**

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Ahh, Spring!

The last threat (we hope) of heavy snow passed us by and signs of spring are appearing in the form of crocuses and daffodils growing taller by the day. And so our thoughts turn to - what else? - Garden Party.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24th through March 31st

PALM SUNDAY: 8 AM Holy Eucharist
9 AM Sung Eucharist
11.15 AM Choral Eucharist

HOLY MONDAY: 6 PM Holy Eucharist
HOLY TUESDAY: 6 PM Holy Eucharist
HOLY WEDNESDAY: 6 PM Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 PM
Choral Eucharist & Stripping the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY - 12 NOON
The Seven Last Words From The Cross
3.30 PM Children's Way of the Cross
6 PM Communion of the Presanctified

HOLY SATURDAY
7 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

EASTER DAY
8 AM Holy Communion
9 AM Choral Eucharist
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt for Children 7 and under)
11.15 AM Choral Eucharist

Believe it or not, in less than eight weeks there'll be dancing around the Maypole in the parish church yard.

To make it a success once again we need your help.

And one very important way you can help with the Garden Party is to buy/sell ads for our Program.

Ads can be personal messages or advertisements for local businesses. So if there are local businesses you frequent often, such as your hairdresser, veterinarian or neighborhood pharmacy, bring them an information sheet and encourage them not only to attend but also to support the Garden Party through the purchase of an ad.

Want to send a personal greeting to a friend? Consider a personal ad in the Garden Party program.

Information sheets with the prices and details are available at the back of the church. Please pick one up.

A second way you can help is to once again rummage through your closets, attics, basements and garages for items appropriate for our jumble table. We all have lots of those things we thought we couldn't live without but have been forgotten in a box somewhere. Dig them out and drop them off in the parish hall for the jumble sale.

And don't forget books, CDs and DVDs for the book table. There must be someone who covets your copy of Tiny Tim's Greatest Hits.

Anne Hawkins' Retirement Party

COME celebrate Anne's retirement on Saturday April 6th, 2013. The party will take place at Rosa and Jim Halbert's home, 7929 Ruxway Road from 5 to 7 PM. Maps and directions will be available closer to the date. We are asking you to bring an Hors D'oeuvre, salad or dessert. Please RSVP to either Rosa at 410-825-1592 or Donna Szper at 410-252-1499. See you there!

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Fr Guy✠, Ray✠, Kathleen, Michael, Finton, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael,

FINAL LENTEN STUDIES SOUP SUPPER - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 6.30 PM

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

PALM SUNDAY

Being March 24th, 2013

8.00 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.15 HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

The Gospel: St. Matthew 27:1-54

FOR YOUR MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 24, 97

The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

The Second Lesson: St. Mark 11:1-11

Rosina Donna, Diane, John, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, Lynn, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Ray, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary

Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee, Emily, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Maxine, Ann, Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Joanne, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Fran, Carol, and Suzie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Hope, JoAnn, Larry, Aaron, Hope, Tom, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Stephen, Rachel, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes

FOR REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Maurice, Lindsay

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Pamela and Family, Kim and Family

Easter Flowers for St. Stephen's Altar

Here is a selection of beautiful spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter. Please make your choice and return this form to the church office with your check by Wednesday, March 27th. Flowers may be taken home after the 11:15 am service.

Lilies Small elite 6" 4-6 blooms @ \$10	_____ # of plants	Field Azalea @ \$15	_____ # of plants
Hydrangeas Four plus Blooms @ \$20	_____	Hyacinths @ \$10 (6"pot)	_____
Daffodils @ \$10 (6"pot)	_____	Tulips @ \$10 (6" pot)	_____
Your Name:.....		My gift is made IN HONOR OF,	
IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR (Please Circle)			
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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11.15 am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist)

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

COLLECTS FOR Passion Sunday and
St Patrick, Bishop of Ireland

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*

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Almighty God, who in thy providence didst choose thy servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of thee: Grant us to walk in that light that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

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