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A Lenten Pastoral Letter



Dear Friends in Christ:

We all are aware of the rapidity of change in so

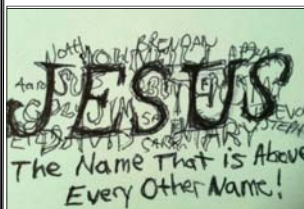
many aspects of our lives. In our own generation that has become more evident than in any other era of history. The development of the microchip has transformed communication beyond our wildest imagination, and information that even at the start of my ministry would take weeks to circulate now takes mere seconds as we hit "send" on our computer screens. These computers no longer are restricted to our desks, or even our laps, but are in our purses, pockets, and with the school books of our children. And there are those who predict that even these books soon will be replaced by electronic gadgets.

We now find ourselves with such a flow of instant "knowledge" that we have no choice but to be selective in what we read and especially in what we save. We also have to make decisions as to what we share and how we do it. There is an ongoing danger of overload, since unlike our computers, there is a very definite limit as to what we can absorb and retain.

Long before this age though, the compilers of our calendars realized that it was necessary to build in a season which by its nature would involve slowing down, taking time to reflect upon the price paid for our salvation and how we should be responding. Their obvious choice for such an exercise was to use that period in the life of Jesus when he went into the wilderness to reflect upon his coming ministry and what it would

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Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God?





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involve.

While the Imposition of Ashes has become quite popular in our Ash Wednesday liturgies, even for parishes that normally would not be using such practices, it often happens that the real themes of self-denial, fasting and penitence, are as short lived as the smudge of ash on the forehead.

Modern liturgical trends have done much to emphasize the joy that comes with being a follower of Jesus Christ, but often they divert us from the realization of the constant necessity of self examination, repentance, confession, and renewal in order for that real sense of joy to be complete. When we realize what we were, where we are, and what, through the Grace of Christ we may become, then, and only then, do we get a glimpse of what it means to be part of the new life.

As we plan our way forward in our young Diocese, which we call the Anglican Network in Canada, we must see ourselves as that householder in **Mathew 13:52** who takes out of his treasure things new and old. Let us rejoice when we can take both our old hallowed traditions and the new expressions of them, and combine them in our mission to bring Christ to a world that often seems so topsy-turvy. This must begin with each individual member “catching the flame” before we can begin to spread it to others. May I suggest that we use this

season of Lent to concentrate on doing exactly that.

During Lent I always like to dwell on a small portion of scripture or a hymn and repeat it at least once every day during the season. I believe, as we bath our souls in this truth, the Holy Spirit will soften the hardness of our hearts and unfold new spiritual riches. This year you might like to share with me the words of one of the verses of a moving hymn by Elizabeth Clephane:

*Upon the cross of Jesus
My eye by faith can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of his glorious love,
And my own worthlessness.*

It is my fond prayer that this sombre season will be a rewarding time for us all, and as the flame is re-kindled, may we approach the Joy of Easter full of new zeal and determination to share our message, “not only with our lips, but in our lives”!

Your Bishop and fellow pilgrim,

The Right Reverend Donald F Harvey
Moderator, Anglican Network in Canada

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth”

Helping women build a future

A PROJECT OF YOUR REACH OUT COMMITTEE

Two of our projects, one in Peru and one in Asia, are designed to help women and their families escape poverty. The projects support small savings and lending groups comprised of impoverished women by providing capital and business training. The women are able to establish micro-businesses to support themselves and their families. Pastoral care by the local Anglican churches and the Biblically based curriculum encourage spiritual transformation as well. Both projects are conducted in partnership with Five Talents and the local Anglican diocese and/or Mothers Union. Our local partners in both projects are established in the communities and have good track records in offering and managing microcredit programs.

The project in Peru targets two areas of extreme poverty: Huancavelica, one of the poorest areas, and also a slum area in Lima. Many suffer from chronic malnutrition and lack adequate housing, clean water and sanitation. Most have migrated from rural areas and are uneducated; only 15% can read. Often women can't find employment.

Many of the women who will benefit from this project are single or abandoned mothers who have families to support. They have the skills to earn a living but need a loan to set themselves up in a micro-business. In addition to providing working capital, the project also allows members to receive training.

Our partner, Five Talents International, is working with the Anglican Church of Peru (a missionary diocese in the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone) and the Ecumenical Church Loan Fund of Peru to implement these projects.

In Asia, the well established Mothers' Union has run a small-scale, highly successful savings and loan program for impoverished Mothers' Union members for several years. Now, with ARDFC's support and the expertise of Five Talents, they will be able to expand the program, offering women in poverty in four additional dioceses the opportunity to achieve economic independence and stability.

Although only a small percentage of this predominantly Buddhist area is Christian, the Anglican Mothers' Union is active and flourishing. Savings and loan associations offer education, business and skills training, income-generating activities, savings initiatives and ongoing support. Five Talents currently works with dioceses in 11 developing countries throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion, promoting the formation of savings groups, making small loans and providing business skills training as a way to create jobs and help whole communities.

Mary Krucker for Reach Out



"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"



Darci Kovac: Mission Partner At McMaster University

The Navigators is an international movement to bring the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom to the nations. Navigator staff walk with people through life experiences and point the way to a loving relationship with Christ. In turn the new Christian learns how to pass the Good News along to others. (2 Timothy 2:2)

Currently there are over five thousand staff internationally, representing over sixty nationalities, serving in one hundred and four countries and speaking one hundred and fifty two languages. In the early 1960's the Navigator ministry came to Canada. There are now over a hundred Canadian staff serving here and abroad in both campus and community ministry.

Darci Kovac has recently taken over from her husband Chris as Navigator staff worker at McMaster and is one of St. George's eight mission partners. She and other staff provide a large group meeting weekly for Mac students and several social events.

January 16th - 20th, the Navigators participated in the Veritas Forum, an event to engage students and faculty in discussions about life's hardest questions and the relevance of Jesus Christ to all of life. The theme for this forum was Freedom. Other evangelical groups on Campus as well as several Hamilton churches joined with the Navigators to produce this event. From Sunday to Friday the program included campus wide worship, a performance of the Gospel of Luke by actor Bruce Kuhn, a panel of four speakers discussing freedom, a presentation on the reality of human slavery today, followed by Chris Kovac presenting freedom through the Gospel. A relaxing Coffee House on Friday ended a blessed week. The impact on student lives was profound and follow up continues.

Darci thanks the people of St. George's for their partnership in the ministry of Navigators at McMaster.

Pam Bales for Reach Out

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Our Talents

“We are easily tempted to use our ‘limitations’ as an excuse to sit on the sidelines, for not doing the things that God has enabled us to do!” These are not my words, I read them recently, but they did set off a train of thought.

Too many of us make the mistake of burying our talents, either to keep them “safe”, or because we lack the confidence to use them. Talents are meant to be used for God’s glory, or for the more mundane use of the community.

You may be more than talented in music and feel that you can enjoy it amongst family and friends in the safety of your home, or, you can join the church choir and help them, or even the town choir. The gift doubles if you can bring it to others, to share and develop. Mr A. Einstein, a gifted musician by all accounts, irritated his fellow musicians by not “coming in on the beat”; he could not count, but it did not stop him. He remained an enthusiastic musician; also his theories of the Cosmos were revolutionary. He was a genius in fact, a gifted man.

We often lament our limitations, we may not have the gift of speaking boldly or praying in tongues, but we can offer to make refreshments, even come a little early to church to hand out bulletins or books, to open a door or to help people in, or to put others at ease. All of us can move forward by seeking God’s will and guidance in finding what our talents are. St Paul said “having the gifts differing according to His grace, that is given to us”, “to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.” [Luke 19:26]

Be open to Bible study; there are riches here, much to be learned, fellowship even, there are wise leaders among us. The Lord has liberally placed them among us for the common good. Once I knew a man, a gentle soul; he came to our church many years ago and offered his services to the Rector as a prayer person or lay reader; he was willing to be of service, eventually he became a warden. Others of us in our community spotted his talents as a person of prayer and Bible knowledge, a leader in fact. Many of us gained much from his leadership, not only in friendship and wisdom, but also in our own journey of faith. His own evaluation of himself was “I’m a bean counter”. A modest man and humble.

St Paul wrote to Timothy, “Neglect not the gift that is in thee”; St Paul was writing specifically to Timothy to assert that what is ‘given’ must be used. Be a good servant was the watch word.

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At different times in life, different talents seem to emerge; we are not static beings. Perhaps you are asked if you could fill in somewhere and your interest may be caught. The Lord loves a cheerful giver; not all stewardship requires money. Some of the best times of my life have happened because I was given a challenge, or a push I simply could not refuse. Sometimes “a still small voice” spoke, and gave me ‘direction’. He, the Lord of all, has the best surprises in store for us.

Talents are not always obvious to the one looking; so ask, seek and find; do not become too comfortable with your “limitations”. If we listen, and act, our next step on the journey could be the most rewarding.

Blessings,

Annette Harris

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The Blessing

GOD IS GOOD ! *ALL THE TIME !*

Everyone can recognize blessings. Right ? These are the good things that happen to us. I think that few, if any, would disagree that these are God's love in action, which is a good definition of blessing.

But none of us is immune from bad things happening to us, things we would just as soon do without. God, who is perfect love and perfect goodness, does not bring any evil on us. Such things are part of this fallen world and have been ever since Adam and Eve bowed to temptation, allowing sin to enter God's pristine creation. God has promised never to leave us or forsake us, and He cannot lie. So, we can count on Him being right there with us all through the bad times. He has promised that when the path of our life takes us through deep waters He will uphold us to keep our head above the water and, when we face fiery trials, the heat will not burn us, it will only melt our "dross" so as to purify us. God enters fully into the bad situations alongside His people to produce good out of them for us, as He has promised in His word. God's "good" is not always evident to His people, nor can it be. For example, how can one "see" growth in faith? Yet, I believe that one of the (many) ways God uses these challenges in our life is to grow our faith in Him. Besides, we see life through a narrow slit while God works to the grand panorama of His wonderful plan for His creation and, individually, for His children. He always works out what is best for us. Truly, this too is God's love in action and, by definition, a blessing.

I have always loved the old hymn whose chorus features the words "Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

When we also consider the blessings received by others, we realize that God's blessings are innumerable. I was given to understand (in a rare "Wow!" moment) that, while they bless us, our blessings are really manifestations of God's one GREAT BLESSING – His never-ending perfect love for all who are His children. That immeasurable single blessing is manifested both in the good things and through (not in) the bad things that befall us. It is forever unbroken, embracing us through our every circumstance good or bad, which sets us free to rejoice in the Lord always.

ALL THE TIME! GOD IS GOOD !

Don George



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Sunday School News

We have been so pleased with the Sunday school program this winter. We have 28 children on the role and have been averaging 15 children a week in Sunday school. The children and the teachers have been settling in to our new room and our new curriculum. Ask your children what they have learned in Sunday school and help them with their memory verses. You will be amazed as you watch your child grow in Christ.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to check out the Kid's Zone on the St. George's web site. Not only does it offer games for kids, but also Parent Cues to help support at home what the children have learned in Sunday school.

Our Sunday school teachers are enthusiastic and we are so thankful for each of them and their commitment to the children. As our Sunday school continues to grow, we are always looking for new teachers and helpers. Whether you have been on the team in the past and would consider re-joining us, OR, whether you have never done this before but think God could use you to touch the lives of these children, please contact Shelley Loveless or Lesley Harris.

From now until June the Sunday school offering is being directed to the Anglican Relief & Development Fund Canada. We are supporting the Peru project designed to help women and their children escape poverty by providing working capital and training to start micro-businesses. Please continue to provide an offering for your child to bring to Sunday school so that together we can support this project.

We are all excited about our new facilities next year. The Sunday school has had a lovely doll house donated for the new building. The children will love it. If someone has the penchant for decorating, and would be interested in painting and decorating this doll house for next year, please contact Shelley Loveless.

For grades 2-6:

March Theme -Rooted "Standing Strong In God's Truth"

March Memory Verse- "Never tire of doing what is right." 2 Thessalonians 3:13 NIV

April Theme-Puzzled "Believing there is a bigger hope"

April Memory Verse- "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33b, NIV

Shelley Loveless

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth"

sometimes it causes me to tremble

Are you shocked that Judas was willing to betray Jesus for a miserable thirty pieces of silver?
Are you shocked that Judas would choose to betray Jesus with a kiss?

Are you shocked that, oblivious of Jesus' warning that He was about to be betrayed to His enemies, his disciples were arguing over which of them was the greatest? Jesus, Himself, took water and a towel and stooped down to wash each man's feet.

Are you shocked that Peter, James and John, could share the Last Supper with Jesus, could sing a hymn together with Jesus, could witness Jesus' praying for them, could hear His urgent caution, "pray that you may not enter into temptation", and then go out to Gethsemane with Jesus and fall asleep, leaving Jesus on His own to cry out to the Father?

Are you shocked that not one disciple stood by Jesus when He was arrested? Every single one fled.

Are you shocked that Peter could declare his readiness to die with Jesus and that his courage could collapse so swiftly when he was challenged by a servant, a servant girl even?

Are you shocked that the chief priests and their associates spat on Jesus, and that they struck Him?

Are you shocked that Jesus was taunted and cruelly abused by the guard of the high priests, and then by Herod's men, and then by Pilate's soldiers? He was flogged; He patiently endured a mocking crown of twisted thorns and kingly purple robe; He was blindfolded, struck and spat upon.

Are you shocked that the Council of the chief priests deliberately sought out people to fabricate evidence against Jesus?

Are you shocked that the chief priests would deliver up Jesus to Gentiles?

Are you shocked that people unthinkingly were persuaded by the chief priests to call for a murderer to be released and Jesus to be crucified.

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Are you shocked that Pilate would declare Jesus innocent three separate times and then condemn Him to be scourged and crucified? He ignored his own conscience and His wife's most unusual warning, "have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

Are you shocked that the chief priests, the scribes and the elders stood around the cross of Jesus mocking Him? "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now if he desires him. For he said, I am the Son of God."

Are you shocked at Jesus? Jesus deliberately set his face to go up to Jerusalem to fulfill what had been spoken. Jesus Himself knew that all these atrocities would happen to Him and He foretold these events: "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise" [Luke 18: 31 – 33].

Jesus Himself took care that nothing would prevent that Last Supper from taking place, nothing would interrupt or interfere with important teaching that He still needed to give His disciples. Jesus, that last night knowing what was ahead, had his heart set on preparing his disciples. He said, "one of you will betray me." He said, "Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat." He said, "pray that you may not enter into temptation."

He instituted the Lord's Supper of bread and wine and taught its meaning in remembering Jesus' sacrifice and in pointing forward to His Coming again and the fulfillment of the Lord's Supper in the kingdom of God: "And He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" [Luke 22:19]. "And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom'" [Matthew 26: 27-29].

Jesus spoke about heaven and about coming back to get them [John 14]. He said, "I am going to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."

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Jesus spoke promising the coming of the Holy Spirit. “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him.”

Jesus gave them the command, “love one another.” Jesus taught them their calling. They were to be witnesses for Jesus. “I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.”[John 15:16] He said that without Him they could do nothing. “Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing”[John 15: 5] He said, “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness because you have been with me from the beginning.”[John 15: 26,27].

Jesus foretold persecution. “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” [John 16: 33]. And he prayed for his disciples. [John 17]. These were precious hours, those last hours with Jesus before his arrest. And nothing could interfere until Jesus completed this.

Then, after all that, in Gethsemane, Jesus watched, wept, and cried out in obedience to His Father. His sweat fell like great drops of blood. An angel from heaven strengthened Him.

Jesus stood silent before his enemies, except that to the high priest’s direct question, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” Jesus declared, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”[Mark 14: 61,62].

Who else but Jesus would stand silent before his enemies? Who else would heal the ear of the high priest’s servant? Who else would pray, “Father, forgive them?” Who would be thinking of his mother and from the cross be providing for her care. Who else would turn in saving grace toward the thief on the cross. Who else but God’s Son would endure the cross despising the shame. Who would lay down his life for his friends and for their salvation. Who else but Jesus could demonstrate such love to us who are wholly undeserving. Who else but the holy Lamb of God could bear the sin of the world and in return offer his own righteousness.

“Sometimes it causes me to tremble!”

Editors



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Shriving & Lent & Ashes

Shrove Tuesday - the Eve of Ash Wednesday like every Eve [All Saints; Christmas; New Years] has become bigger and bigger over time, masking the real, significant, important following day.

‘To shrive’, to confess one’s sins to a priest on the day before the solemn season of Lent begins, became a yearly tradition so that one’s soul would be cleansed of all sin enabling one to enter the penitential season so that one could receive Holy Communion on Easter day which was required of all Christians.

The custom developed in England of feasting on pancakes and sausages and making merry after being *shriven* on the Eve of Lent—*one last big blow-out*—using up all the goodies, sweets, rich foods and meats, that would be given up for the forty days of Fasting and Abstinence during Lent. And I suspect it came about for two reasons: 1st, from the Jewish tradition of having to give up all things containing yeast for the week long feast of ‘unleavened bread’ which begins with Pesach, ‘Passover’, on its *Eve*, the day the lamb was sacrificed, so its blood could be over them when the angel of death came through Egypt, finally convincing Pharaoh that Jehovah was God of All!!

In Exodus 12:8: God told Moses, *You are to eat the meat (of the sacrificed lamb) roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast . . .* then, when you get to the Promised land, each year at Passover to remember (v15) *For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel.* (One Jew who became a believer in Jesus described remembering the ‘terrible ordeal’ when he was young boy of having to forgo his cheerios and twinkies and cupcakes, which were gathered up and sold to the O’Briens next door.) 2ndly: because without refrigeration things could not be kept so they had to be used up.

So, confessing sins and using up perishables became **MARDI GRAS** ‘*Fat Tuesday*’ with its wild, colorful celebrations which we see today in New Orleans and in Rio’s ‘Carnival’. It’s one big blast before settling down to the ‘restrictions’ of ‘Lent’ if we remember that at all.

. . . and so we come to **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT . . .**

LENT comes from the OE, Anglo Saxon *Lenct*, for *Spring*. The vernal fast of the Christian church as observed in preparation for Easter by Greek, Roman and Anglican churches. The original fast was for the forty hours Jesus was in the tomb from Friday afternoon until Sun morning as recorded by Irenaeus

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AD 195, Bishop of Lyons. This grew to be a period of 40 days from Ash Wed to Easter Eve. These forty weekdays were devoted to fasting and penitence in commemoration of Jesus in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Chrysostom, 347-407, recommended a daily Pascal fast which like a Jewish fast, lasted from day-break to the appearance of the first 3 stars, but he insisted on 'good works' and 'alms giving' as well. Cassian, AD 420, commented that the observance of Lent was not 'primitive'[not in the early church]; i.e. it grew like Topsy.

Our present form of Lenten observance dates from the late 9th c with the emphasis on Jesus' forty days in wilderness and was formalized in the church by Pope Celestin III, in 1191, when the 'Ash Wednesday' ritual of Ashes solemnly led into the season of fasting and abstinence before Easter.

This first day of LENT, is called '**Ash Wednesday**' because of the penitential symbolism of having ashes rubbed on one's forehead in the form of a cross to set the tone of reflection and meditation for the season of forty days leading up to the annual remembrance of Jesus' death and Resurrection.

Ashes, historically, have been a sign of humiliation and penitence; a sign of publicly declaring one's condition of sinfulness and repentance before both God and one's neighbour.

But, the whole idea of reminding ourselves of our sinful unworthiness before our creator had become a fashion symbol—which is why *many Evangelical churches shun the ritual - see Art XXII p 707, BCP: 'fond things vainly invented,'* for when you say that you got your ashes! *That's it . Done! Now let's get on with life!* If that's all that Ash Wed. means, **it is sin, an idolatry.** We have taken the symbol of something meaningful and made it an end in itself . . . man's folly - time after time!

When Job lost all his children and then all his worldly wealth and then was afflicted with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head, he took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it *as he sat among the ashes.* When Jonah finally went to Nineveh, and proclaimed God's word to overthrow her, EVERYONE in the city from the king to the beast of burden was covered in sackcloth and *sat in ashes.*

Ashes remind us, Gen. 2, that we were created from the dust of the earth and though we spend our lives trying to be better than others, chasing after success, that is also our end. We return to the dust. So, on Ash Wed, ashes are 'rubbed' into our forehead with these words; *Remember man that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

Ashes, then both signify and remind, but they also INVITE. They invite us to repentance. They invite us to turn BACK to God and to receive new life in Christ Jesus.

Remember Jesus' words in the synagogue in Nazareth quoting from Isaiah 61:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because he has anointed me to preach good tidings . . .



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Well it is that the Isaiah passage continues *"to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning."*

So my dear St. George's people: let Ashes be not just a reminder to turn back but also to move forward in a new beginning, a beginning of a new season of intimacy with Jesus that takes us through silence, meditation, and a longing to abide in his presence, *into a season of joy and resurrection. Hallelu Yab!*

Peter Parent

Ah, Holy Jesu

"And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against him."

Luke 22: 63 - 65

We should notice, firstly, . . . the shameful treatment that our Lord Jesus Christ underwent at the hands of His enemies. We read that the men who held Him, "mocked" Him, "smote" Him, "blindfolded" Him, and "struck Him on the face." It was not enough to have taken prisoner a person of most blameless and charitable life. They must needs add insult to injury.

Conduct like this shows the desperate corruption of human nature. The excesses of savage malice to which unconverted men will sometimes go, and the fierce delight with which they will sometimes trample on the most holy and the most pure, almost justify the strong saying of an old divine, that "man left to himself is half-beast and half-devil." He hates God and all who bear anything of God's image about them. "The carnal mind is enmity against God" [Romans 8:7]. We have probably a very faint idea of what the world would become if it were not for the constant restraint that God mercifully puts upon evil. It is not too much to say that if unconverted men had their own way entirely, the earth would soon be little better than a hell.

Our Lord's calm submission to insults like those here described, shows the depth of His love towards sinners. Had He so willed, He could have stopped the insolence of His enemies in a moment. He who could cast out devils with a word, could have summoned legions of angels to His side, and scattered these wretched tools of Satan to the winds. But our Lord's heart was set on the great work He had come on earth to do. He had undertaken to purchase our redemption by His own humiliation, and He did not flinch from paying the uttermost farthing of the price. He had undertaken to drink the bitter cup of vicarious suffering to save sinners, and "for the joy set before Him He despised the shame," and drank the cup to the very dregs [Hebrews 12:2].

Bishop John Ryle: Expository Thoughts on the Gospels. St. Luke. Vol 2

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*Service of Ordination of
the Rev'd
Garth Vanstone Hunt
January 29, 2012*



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*Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou
offended, that man to judge thee
hath in hate pretended? By foes
derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought
this upon thee? Alas, my treason,
Jesu, hath undone thee!*

*'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied
thee; I crucified thee.*

*Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep
is offered; the slave hath sinned,
and the Son hath suffered;*

*For man's atonement, while he
nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.*

*For me, kind Jesu, was thy incarna-
tion, thy mortal sorrow, and thy
life's oblation; thy death of anguish
and thy bitter passion, for my sal-
vation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesu, since I cannot
pay thee, I do adore thee, and will
ever pray thee, think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving, not my
deserving.*

Johann Heermann, 1630 A.D.

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