

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Announcements

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Welcome! This morning, we welcome the Rev. Chris Humphrey, who presides and preaches. Our musician is Sal Page.

Spotlight on Hymnody: Although the text of Hymn 435 (“At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow”) entered our Episcopal *Hymnal* in 1982, it has gained its greatest popularity through matching with Ralph Vaughan Williams’s tune KING’S WESTON, named for a village and manor house near Bristol, England. The author of the text, Caroline Maria Noel, spent her adult years as an invalid, experiencing great suffering. Nevertheless, she wrote we should name Jesus “with love strong as death,” and “with awe and wonder and with bated breath.” Wow!

A prayer for Labor Day: Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Who Knew? The peacock is a symbol of pride (“proud as a peacock”) because of its magnificent tail feathers. But the peacock is also a symbol of the Resurrection, because in ancient lore its flesh was believed to be incorruptible, even if it had been buried for three days. In at least one church, two peacocks hide behind the flower arrangements—symbols of the Resurrection peeking out through the glory of God, as it were.

Nativity is participating in the Church Ecology Project of the University of the South, and they want as many of as we can to take a survey. “The more folks from your congregation who take the inventory, the clearer picture we may have of how worship is functioning,” they tell us. There is a link on the home page of our web site, episcopalboyne.org, or scan the QR code above.



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