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To Live is to Move

fr Colin Carr tells us that God welcomes the badly brought-up.

Why does the Church get us to listen to the Bible at Mass week by week? Why do we have to hear about Put and Lud and Moshech, which were marginal places even in Old Testament times, and certainly don’t make the headlines - or even footnotes - in our times?

Is the Bible simply an old book which is interesting and instructive to those who are interested in ancient history? The church would not be commending it to us if it were just that: it’s our belief that God speaks to us now through the Bible, in which we hear his Word. So if what the prophets said thousands of years ago challenged the people of their time, it continues to challenge us today; if Jesus divided people in his day by what he said, offending some and cheering others, we need to check out whether what he says offends us or cheers us now.

But first, let’s look at the beginning of the gospel for today: ‘Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.’ Luke’s Gospel and Luke’s other book, the Acts of the Apostles, are full of the idea of journeying. Jesus doesn’t just sit in one place and wait for people to come and listen to his teaching: he himself is moving forward in obedience to his destiny; those who want to hear him must travel with him, and for us that means being willing to move, to be changed, to learn new things.

We can never say of the Gospel, ‘I’ve got it.’ If you say that, you haven’t got it. We dare not be stuck in complacency; nor need we be stuck in self-despising; neither of those attitudes helps us to hear the Gospel.

The whole Bible is about movement - away from Egypt, to the Promised Land, away into exile, back to the promised land; and not only do God’s chosen people get moved: the people of all these foreign places like Put and Lud and Moshech are invited to move, to come to Jerusalem, the place of God’s glory. (They are even promised a chance to minister in God’s sanctuary, which is a pretty shocking idea to the purists). To live is to move - away from our smaller world into God’s bigger world. The fact that we are known as God’s people doesn’t mean that God isn’t interested in other people. God may possess us; we don’t possess God.

So Jesus challenged his hearers not to imagine that just because they had had contact with God through the scriptures read in the synagogue, or had been visited by Jesus as he went round preaching, they were assured of a place in the kingdom: the question was, had they responded to God, and desired a place in the kingdom, like hungry and needy people? Had they desired him, like the people from east and west and north and south, the outsiders who would be welcomed into the feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob simply because they wanted to be there?

We can gain admission to the heavenly banquet on one condition: if we are hungry to be there. Those who think they have a right to be there will get a shock; they have not tried their best to enter by the narrow door, which paradoxically welcomes countless unexpected guests through it; it is the door of humility, of need, of poverty in spirit. Those who have had a good, godly upbringing may think that that is all they require; somehow they’re already in the club, and they needn’t bother to apply. But the fact is that we can only come into God’s presence if we come as needy people who know we have nothing to offer but everything to receive.

Jesus scandalised the well brought-up by showing that God welcomes the badly brought-up too; each has the same way into the heavenly feast: hunger.

fr. Colin Carr lives in St Dominic’s Priory, Newcastle, and is theological consultant to the North East Churches.

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If you have any questions, please contact M’Lis Berry at: meberry@stanford.edu.
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Assistants Needed for Children’s Sunday Morning Religious Ed Program:

Many of the community’s children take part in a Montessori-based religious education program on Sunday mornings. The children range in age from 3-13. Several volunteer assistants are needed to help the full-time catechists as the children work with various materials (books of the Bible, parables, prayer corner, learning the parts of the Mass, etc). Sessions run 8:45-10:20am, being in early October, and break during academic breaks. This is an excellent ministry if you like children and enjoy watching them learn about God and their faith. For info, please contact Teresa, tpleins@stanford.edu.

Labor in the Pulpits weekend:

This year CCAS will participate in the Labor in the Pulpits weekend (August 30th-September 1st). In solidarity with over 165 religious services in Santa Clara County, we will be addressing how immigrant workers have historically supported the progress of our country, both economically and culturally, and how our faith communities played a supportive role in their efforts to protect the workers’ human and workplace rights. With immigration reform being discussed both nationally and statewide, this is a great time for faith communities to show support for immigrant worker rights, for family unity and continue our efforts to secure these rights and protections through immigration reform. We will have more information on personal action steps at a table after Masses today, August 25.

New Choir Members:

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Friday Prayer Group:

“One-Friday-morning-a-month” prayer group meets at Old Union on campus. All are welcome! If interested call Jo Owen (650) 529-1105 for more details.

Health Care Providers:

Consider volunteering at Samaritan House Free Clinic in Redwood City. Samaritan House provides free medical and dental services to low-income and uninsured adults in San Mateo County. You can volunteer as little as four hours a month directly at the clinic or see patients in your own office. Patients would receive free blood work and x-rays as well as most medications free of charge. For more information contact: Jason Wong, M.D. (650) 839-1447 jason@samaritanhouse.com or Melissa Moss (650) 523-0819 mmoss@samaritanhouse.com

Catholic Community Podcast:

You are invited to subscribe to Catholic Cardinal Reflections, the podcast of the Catholic Community at Stanford. We feature Sunday homilies, theological reflections, Newman Nights and the lectures from our class on the Second Vatican Council. Subscribe on iTunes or through catholic.stanford.edu/media/podcast.
Exploring Mind-Body Skills for Stress Reduction:

Vallombrosa Center is offering a Stress Reduction Workshop led by Cynthia McDonald, Ph.D. on Saturday, September 14, 9:00 am – noon. Cynthia McDonald, Ph.D. has over 18 years of combined experience in teaching, mind-body skills coaching, counseling, guided imagery, hypnosis, group facilitation, and spiritual coaching. Treat yourself to the beauty and peace that Vallombrosa provides to help you refresh and renew.

Do you feel anxious? Looking for simple tools to help you manage stress? Spend the morning with us to learn simple and proven techniques that activate relaxation. Cynthia McDonald, Ph.D. provides to help you refresh and renew. The cost for the morning workshop is $25 per person and includes scones and coffee/tea. To register contact Rachel Alvelais, rachel@vallombrosa.org or 650-325-5614.

St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room:
The CCAS is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony’s Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8:30 - 1 PM or a subset thereof, please contact Gary, glover@stanford.edu to discuss and/or have a volunteer position reserved for you. The CCAS serves at the Kitchen every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan your schedules in advance, and let Gary know at least by the Monday before. Jesus reminds us today “The last shall be first…”. Let us help feed those least.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Future dates: (all Saturdays)
- September 7, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
- September 28, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
- October 5, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
- October 26, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
- November 2, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
- November 23, 2013 - 8:30am - 1:00pm
First Reading  Isaiah 66:18-21

The prophet spoke of the Lord’s coming to gather all nations together. They would proclaim God’s glory, bringing offerings to Jerusalem in clean vessels.

Second Reading  Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The author of Hebrews offered encouragement: “Do not lose heart, daughters and sons. The Lord disciplines loved ones. Stand with courage. Hold your head high with hope. God loves you.”

Gospel Acc.  Alleluia: Our God Is Speaking  D Haas

Jesus told the people: “The door to salvation is narrow. Make yourself known to the Lord, so that the door will open for you.”

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory  For Peace  Oosterhuis/Oomen

1) Far too late have I begun to love you; you were there within me, I was outside, and I sought you, seeing blindly just beyond myself; and poured away like water, I took flight from you and I was lost, surrounded by such beauty which is not you.

2) Then you called and cried aloud to me, breaking through the silence of my deafness, Dazzling brightness, you appeared to me, and at once you put to flight my blindness. Drawing deep, I smell your fragrant presence, still I gasp for breath and long for you. Since I tasted you I only thirst and hunger after you. How, with a simple touch, your fire consumes me. Now my heart, aflame and blazing, leaps to you for peace.
Please remain standing during Consecration

Sanctus
Mass From Age to Age  de Silva

Amen
Mass From Age To Age  DeSilva

Lamb of God
Mass From Age To Age  DeSilva

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

Communion  Christ In Me Arise  Trevor Thomson

Communion  Christ Be Beside You  L. Wasson
Community Prayer Corner

8/21/13 - Please pray for V & her family. Her young daughter has been diagnosed with cancer & currently is receiving medical treatment.

Please continue praying for D. She is still not well. Her left knee area continues to bother her, making it difficult to walk.

Also, please, continued prayers for R., her husband & children. They are going thru a very painful & difficult family situation,.

In addition, please pray for OL who is very sick due to complications from his diabetes.

G also needs our prayers. He was recently hospitalized & is now slowly recovering.

Finally, ML's loving husband of many years, recently passed away & she is having a very difficult time with this. Please pray for her.

Lord show your kindness & mercy & let your will be done. Thank you & God bless, MJ

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