



The Shepherd's Voice

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By Fr. Joe Rees

“Jesus—‘In Our Boat’

“But immediately He spoke to them and said, ‘**Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.**’ And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased.”

-Mark 6:50-51.

Middle of the night, wind and waves, painful headway, hardened hearts; Jesus comes walking on the water. We often have dark nights of anxiety and fear. We often try to go it alone against the winds of the secular world and life's challenges. We often strive under our own power to make headway to accomplish our goals. We often forget our Savior is near to us, just for the asking, to help in times of need. The question of this passage for me is... 'Is my heart hardened to things that the Spirit wants to bring to me every day to know Jesus' plan for my life?' Jesus speaks: 'Take heart'--it is I.'

Perhaps Jesus is saying more here. He's saying to each of us to stop and take time to be with Him...to open our hearts to Him. After all, He was willing to go out of His way (... "He meant to pass them by") to get into the disciples' boat...get into their lives of fear. It was 'their' boat and they were set out on 'their' course without Jesus. But Jesus has compassion...saw them in trouble...and goes to them and gets into 'their' boat. Immediately, the wind ceased, they were able to make the way forward...with Jesus. Have you invited Jesus into your 'boat' lately?

We each have a boat of our lives. We really want to get to that place we design and desire that is the right and best place for us. If we invite Jesus into our boat perhaps the winds against us will cease too. If Jesus is in our boat He may say steer here or go there, which may or may not be the place 'we' thought 'we' were suppose to go. But, if we surrender the tiller to Jesus, He'll take us to that

God-designed place with God-blessing purpose that brings us God-inspired joys far better than any 'best' we might dream for ourselves.

We are about to launch a new boat at Grace Anglican. Yes, we're sending some folks off this Sunday, commissioning them for a new work of planting a church at the Oasis Chapel of the Christian Healing Center in Vista. We pray the waters will be smooth, that the winds will be light, and that Jesus will be in their boat to make it His to steer and land on the right shores. We're praying for Fr. Tim and Katy Laundrie as they have received the call to lead this crew to establish another place of worship for people to come and engage with our Lord Jesus Christ. We are behind them, supporting them, and they will in essence be Grace 'East' on another shore. Fr. Tim is ready and able. He's calling the new plant "The Branch of the Cross" which is near and dear to him. He will start the first service there on August 12th at 10:00am. We're praying Jesus is at the helm and steering Fr. Tim and others to reach out to a new community and bring them healing, love, and more blessing and anointing of the Spirit. We will ask God's blessing upon them this Sunday and commission them for this new start in Vista.

If you feel called to join them in this church plant, give Fr. Tim a call. We're hoping to seed the new congregation with about 10 of our members to get it started. Perhaps Vista is closer to you or you want a smaller more intimate setting. The chapel is all ready to go with 50 seats so this will be a great way to start another church. Grace will rent from the CHC for \$500/month and this church plant will be ours, administered by your vestry, and supervised by your rector. Yes, we're launching a boat but we know Jesus is at the helm!

“Take heart, Jesus is at the helm! Do not be afraid!” Pray with me and pray for the crew of this new boat that Grace is launching.

With Faith in Jesus to guide us,
May God bless you,
Fr. Joe

Sunday Servers this week...

July 29, 2012	9 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Service	10:15 a.m. Service
First Reader	2 Kings 2:1-15	John Lipnicke	Trish Snider
Psalm Reader	Psalm 114	Choir	Fiona Kilby
Second Reader	Ephesians 4:1-16	Myrna Lipnicke	Petey Seibold
Intercessor		Mitch Dubski	Fiona Kilby
Lay Euch. Ministers		Joy Rosendale, Doug Hall	Chris Kilby, Cline Handy
Acolytes		Mitch Dubski	Fiona K. (C), Zachary J. (T1), Caitlin B. (T2)
Welcomers		Paula Sholly	Paula Sholly, Judi & Bill Collins
Ushers		Jackie Lansing, Dick Sholly	Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, JR Fox, April Knowles
			JR Fox
Healing Ministers		Rudy Theobald & Jan Simon	Sarah F, Michael M, Petey S, Judy T
Counters			Cline Handy & Michael Murphy

Usher Training
Tonight
July 24th at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to be an usher, this is a great time to learn what you need to do. We need more people to volunteer for this service to the congregation.

Healing Prayer Service

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 p.m.

This Sunday we will celebrate

Fr. Tim and Katy Laundrie

As they leave us to begin
the new church plant in Vista.

Join us at 9:30 am for refreshments and fellowship

Sunday at Grace

8:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist Service

9:30 a.m.- Fellowship

10:00 a.m.- No Sunday School

10:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
Service with Worship Team

Stand Up for Kids

Our youth group will start
preparing food for the
homeless teens at 2:00
p.m. at Grace

Readings for Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-15

Psalm 114

Ephesians 4:1-16

Mark 6:30-44

We are using the English Standard
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary
from the Book of Common Prayer (Year B)

This Week at Grace – July 24- July 31, 2012

Tues. July 24

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study -Revelation

4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis

Wed July 25

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thurs. July 26

7:00 a.m. – Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Clergy Meeting

10-Noon Play Group

11:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist – Oasis

Fri. July 27

Fr. Joe's Day Off

Sat. July 28

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

Sun. July 29

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship – Celebrate Fr. Tim & Katy

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service/ Worship Team

Mon. July 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Tues. July 31

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study at Grace

2:00 p.m. Youth prep. Food for Stand Up for Kids

4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis

Weekly – There are over 25 small groups meeting during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of all the groups or you can find the list on our website: www.graceanglicanchurch.com.

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.

B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of the Book of Revelation.

Everyone is welcome.

Save the date!

July 24 7:00 p.m. Usher Training

July 28 Men's Bible Study

July 31 Stand Up For Kids

Aug. 3 Healing Prayer at Grace

Aug. 8 Soaking Prayer

Aug. 14 Scentsy Candle Party/Fundraiser for
Family Friendly Ministry

Aug. 18 9-3 Men's Cursillo Team meeting

Sept. 15 Diocesan Convention

Sept. 19 Vestry meeting

Sept. 20-23 Men's Cursillo

Sept. 27-30 Women's Cursillo

Oct. 3 Healing Prayer

Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 10 Soaking Prayer

Oct. 17 Vestry meeting

Nov. 10 2:00 p.m. – Helen Fritz Memorial Service

Nov. 12 Mike Endicott – OSL Healing Conference
At Grace Anglican Church