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## Blessing of the Animals

**Father Hart, Portland** – **Father Canda, Westcliffe**



## A Homily for the Feast of Christ the King, 2023, by Bishop Donald Ashman



In the 1953 War-Drama-Love movie ***From Here to Eternity***, an army bugler, Private Robert Pruitt is stationed at Schofield Barracks on the island of Oahu in December 1941, less than a month before the Japanese attack which brought America into World War II. Because Pruitt was also a boxer (and a good one), the commanding officer (a bad one), Captain Holmes, wanted Pruitt to fight on the regimental boxing team. When Pruitt refused (because he had once unintentionally blinded another boxer), Holmes makes his life miserable. When Holmes' cruelty is finally unmasked, he is brought up before the commanding general who gives Holmes the choice of resigning his commission or facing a

court martial. During their conversation, the general tells Holmes that the first thing an officer learns in command school is to take care of his men; but the sooner Holmes is out of the army the better, because taking care of his men is the first thing Holmes seemed to have forgotten.

And that is the lesson found in the Feast of Christ the King which we celebrate today because Jesus came into this world to teach us to take care of each other which we accomplish as his soldiers and servants when we help *to bring in a kingdom universal and everlasting; a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of sanctity and grace; a kingdom of justice, love and peace.* We became soldiers for Christ at our confirmations and so we are part of an army but not an earthly army which (I once heard) fights for money, slaves (people to dominate) or some other loot; rather we are a

heavenly army which lives the Beatitudes and those Trinitytide Parables for our King, so that we might help change the world by what the world sees in us. We are an army fighting with the Lord to set our brothers and sisters free from the chains of their sins.

We like to think that there were *the good old days* for the church and much of this is because, from the 1920s to the 1960s, our churches were full and growing (they certainly were when I was raised in the 1950s). But the truth is that moral decay has always eaten away at the foundations of the Church. In the Renaissance and Age of Enlightenment (not to mention the horrible wars of religion), science and reasoning were misused to enshrine humanism and the idea that mankind was the measure of all things; that if humans were just wise enough and smart enough, humanity might perfect itself. Well, the French and Russian Revolutions put that foolishness to bed; not to mention the unbelievable blood bath of the First World War. So wise Church leaders saw that this secular humanism was not the answer.

So a forward thinking Pope Pius XI in 1925 instituted the Feast of Christ the King which emphasized the true kingship of Christ, so desperately needed by sinful men and women as a response to the growing modernism, secularism, and nationalism infecting the world and Christianity. The Feast began in the Roman Catholic Church but (over time) has been adopted by many other churches including Anglicans, Lutherans and Methodists. And never more has it been necessary to call upon our king, our Lord Jesus Christ, than in today's society, pot marked by craters of war and terrorism, selfishness and greed; crime and lawlessness. Captain Holmes is a poster child for the cruelty and self-centeredness of the modernism that has been infecting the world ever since the serpent told Eve that, if she ate the apple, she would be like a god.

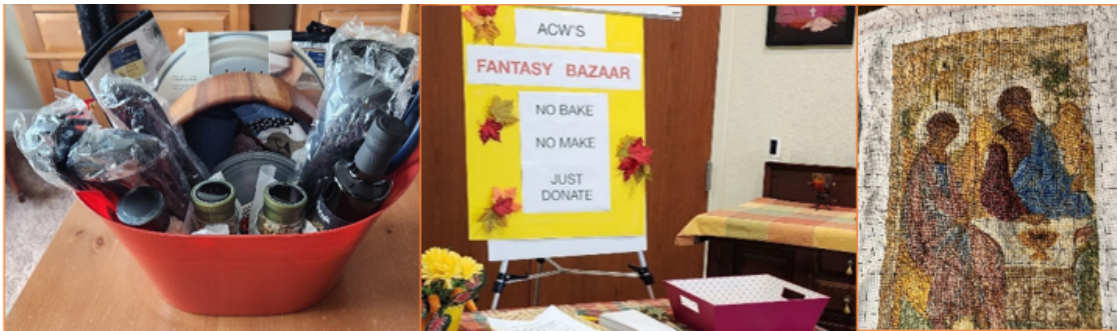
Now consider the true kingship of Christ as defined in the Gospel. Although implied, Jesus is not portrayed as a *King over all worlds* or that *All kings shall fall down before him* or that *His dominion is an everlasting dominion*, but rather (bloodied and condemned before Pilate) Jesus gives his spiritual soldiers their marching orders. Pilate asks Jesus if he is the King of the Jews; to which Jesus replies: *Yes, you said it*. So Pilate wants to know what Jesus has done to be condemned to death. And Jesus answers mystically: *My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now my kingdom is not from hence*. Pilate (still thinking secularly like Captain Holmes) doesn't understand any values beyond the here and now; and asks Jesus if he is a king. And so Jesus tells him about the duty of truth which, (for his soldiers) transcends time: *Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth;*

*everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice. So, don't eat the apple. Take care of your brothers and sisters. Honor the King.*

## ACW Notes, November 2023

### **West – Gillian Golden**

The year is almost over, and yet it seems that it just began! Our thoughts turn to Advent, and the new church year. Some churches have Christmas bazaars as fund raisers. If your church is having a Christmas event, please send pictures for us all to enjoy! St. Luke's Church in Redding, CA made this great basket to be auctioned by Life Light, a local Crisis Pregnancy organization as a fund raiser. They are also having an ACW No Bake, No Make, Just Donate fundraiser at the church.



Carol Karcher has now completed 2/3 of her cross-stitch rendering of Rublev's Trinity which will be available with the ACW Drawings at the 2024 Synod in Walnut Creek. An amazing accomplishment, as she has had several medical problems, including shoulder surgery! Those churches that have ACW meetings, or indeed any ACW member can start thinking about small items for the Welcome bags at Synod, as well as items for the Drawings . It is never too early to start, and Synod is early next year, April 15th to 20th! ACW-DWS is also planning another Ultimate Fundraiser.

### **Southwest – Ranees LesCallett**

November is a time of thanksgiving. When I was growing up, thanking God was an important part of our prayer life and it still is today. My grandmother taught me to bake. I learned symbolism from her, to see God in all his creation and in everything we create. To continually thank God for his Grace and Glory. She told stories while we baked. This is what I learned about the apple and God, while we baked apple pies. The apple is a blessing by God. It is one of the healthiest fruits to eat. But cut the apple in half from the middle, and see the star shape



the seeds create. Seeds represent life, and star shape reminds us of the life in Christ we are given. 1 Peter 1:23 “For you have been born again, not a perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” *Editor’s Note: the “apple” in the Garden of Eden was probably a type of early peach; But of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die (Genesis 3.3)*

Later in life I learned how the apple represents the Trinity of God also. The apple has three parts, the core of the apple, the flesh of the apple, and the skin of the apple. Each part of the apple is distinctive and yet it is the sum of these parts that make the whole. The Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost are individually distinct and yet they are one.

Just like the outside skin of an apple protects the inside of an apple, God protects us. The flesh of an apple gives sustenance. Jesus was made flesh, and the words of Jesus give us spiritual sustenance. Matthew 4:4 “Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” The Holy Spirit is represented by the seeds. Like seeds of the apple sprouting trees which give new apples, the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith and we spread our faith and share Gods good news. We use Granny Smith apples for the apple pie. They are a bit tart which compliments the sugar used and they bake well maintaining their shape. So, roll up your sleeves and bake with me.

### Homemade Apple Pie Recipe

PREP TIME: 30 minutes

COOK TIME: 1 hour

COOL TIME: 30 minutes

TOTAL TIME: 2 hours

SERVINGS: 8 slices

SERVINGS: 1 double pie crust

Crust Ingredients

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

7 tablespoons cold butter cubed

7 tablespoons shortening cubed

$\frac{2}{3}$  to 1 cup ice cold water

1 large egg beaten

Crust Instructions

Combine flour and salt in a large bowl with a whisk.

Using a pastry cutter (or two butter knives, cutting in a criss-cross motion), cut the cold butter and shortening until the mixture resembles the size of peas.

Add ice cold water a tablespoon at a time to one area of the dough and mix with a fork. Move to one side of the bowl and continue adding water just until dough is moistened (you don't want it to be sticky). Once mixed use your floured hands to fold over the dough a couple of times quickly but gently. Divide into two balls.

Roll one of the balls into a 12" circle on a lightly floured surface. Gently roll the dough onto a rolling pin and unroll over a 9" pie pan. Cut the edges so you have about 1/2" overhang. Crimp the edges and blind bake.

### Blind Bake Instructions

Preheat oven to 425°. Poke the unbaked pie crust with a fork 6 -7 times evenly spaced. Line the unbaked pie crust with parchment paper and fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake pie crust for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the crust edges start to turn lightly golden brown.

Remove the pie crust from the oven. Remove the pie weights by grasping the parchment paper from the corners and lifting carefully up and out. Return to the oven and cook an additional 5 minutes to get the bottom of the crust cooked. Let cool while making the filling.

### Filling Ingredients

6-7 cups apples about 2 pounds  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

### Pie Instructions

Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Peel the apples and cut them into quarters. Remove the core and slice the apples 1/4-inch thick.

In a large bowl, combine the apple slices with lemon juice, sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg, and toss well. Set aside.

Roll out half of the pastry dough into a 12-inch circle. Line a 9-inch pie plate with the dough and fill it with the apple mixture.

Roll out the remaining dough and cover the apple filling. Pinch the edges to seal, trimming any excess. Style the edges as desired by crimping or pressing with a fork.

Cut 4 to 5 slits on top of the crust to allow the steam to release. Whisk the egg with 2 teaspoons of water or milk and lightly brush over the crust. Bake at 425°F for 15 minutes. Then, reduce the temperature to 375°F and continue baking for 35-40 minutes more, or until the crust is golden and the apples are tender.

Remove from the oven and rest for at least 30 minutes before serving. We like to have French Vanilla ice cream with our pie.

## EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

October Twenty-Ninth, Feast of Christ the King



Bishop Mitchell and bishop Ashman presided at the confirmation of Christian Crain (middle above)

All Saints' - Tulsa OK  
Feast of Christ the King - October Twenty-Ninth





On his visitation to All Saints, Bishop Hansen celebrated the Eucharist and confirmed Hillary Torres, the daughter of Father Jaime Torres, a good priest shepherding a good and faithful flock.

Saint John the Baptist Omaha NE  
November Fourth



Saint John the Baptist Anglican Church in Omaha, shepherded by Father Richard Andrews and Deacon Ron Reno, worships at our Lady of Mercy Chapel at Saint Mary's College in Omaha. Note that the nave still has the quire stalls built sixty or seventy years ago. A treasure preserved.

*Saint James ~ Denver  
November Fifth*





The Mass was celebrated for a full church by Bishop Ashman with Father Dan Canda as lector, Deacon Michael Ruffino as Deacon of the Mass and Daniel Canda as acolyte.

At 11:17 a.m. on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, one of our oldest veterans of the Anglican Province of Christ the King, Mrs. Mary Ellen Feagin, went to be with our Heavenly Father. Deacon Rick Gregory immediately went to the family and prayed with them.

Mary Ellen went back to the earliest days of the old Diocese of Christ the King; she was a founding member of Saint Bartholomew's WA where presided over the Altar Guild (it had to be perfect!!!) and served on the Standing Committee for more than thirty-five years.



Bishop Peter Hansen said that she had attended our Synods from the beginning. Bishop Morse once said: *When we say the "Our Father" we repeat the words, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." The saints are men and women who lived with a sense of eternity, rather than with a sense of time. The*

*saints are not remote figurines, but practical and realistic.* Thus continues Mary Ellen Feagin.

## 2024 Ordo Kalendars



**Churchman's Ordo Kalendar**  
For use with  
Book of Common Prayer (1928)  
and  
American and Anglican Missals

January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
✠	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	St. Basil the Great	St. Ignace of Loyola	St. Elizabeth	St. Agnes, Virgin	St. Stephen, Deacon	St. Epiphanius
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	St. Basil the Great	St. Ignace of Loyola	St. Elizabeth	St. Agnes, Virgin	St. Stephen, Deacon	St. Epiphanius
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	St. Basil the Great	St. Ignace of Loyola	St. Elizabeth	St. Agnes, Virgin	St. Stephen, Deacon	St. Epiphanius
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	St. Basil the Great	St. Ignace of Loyola	St. Elizabeth	St. Agnes, Virgin	St. Stephen, Deacon	St. Epiphanius
28	29	30	31	✠	✠	✠
The Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany	St. Basil the Great	St. Ignace of Loyola	St. Elizabeth	St. Agnes, Virgin	St. Stephen, Deacon	St. Epiphanius

The 2024 Ordo Kalendars are prepared and are still available for ordering. The Ordo Kalendar conforms to the 1928 Prayer Book and both the American and Anglican Missals and is in full color and edited for Church use by Father Matthew Weber of Saint Ann's Chapel in Palo Alto. There is space on the front of the Kalendar where a parish may, if desired, insert a picture, its name and other information after receiving the Kalendars.

The Ordo Kalendar is of invaluable use to clergy and altar guilds alike. It helps determine the color for the day, whether the day is festal or ferial and a guide to whether the Gloria in Excelsis and/or the Nicene Creed is required. The same applies for proper prefaces.

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