

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sunday, July 14, 2024

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Canon Pinder Commemoration Day

The Right Reverend Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, Bishop

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7:45 am Service • Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which is the red book in the pew rack.

The Word of God

Greetings and Announcements

The Opening Acclamation

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The Collect for Purity

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Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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Glory Be to God on High

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The Collect of the Day

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The First Lesson

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The Psalm (*said in unison*)

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The Epistle

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The Gospel

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The Sermon

Vacation Bible School Presentation

A Moment of Silence

The Nicene Creed

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A Litany for the Commemoration of Canon Pinder

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

(*Ephesians 5:2*)

The Offertory

The Offertory Prayer (*said by all*)

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

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Administration of Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors (*said by all*)

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

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Blessing

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Dismissal

Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.

The Collect

Almighty and compassionate God, you kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant, Nelson W. Pinder, to provide bold leadership, manifested in non-violent action, with faith to combat the sin of racism. Inspire us to continue the cause of civil rights for all. Give us the grace to respect the dignity of every human being, for your Love's sake, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-7

**The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?**

**the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**

**Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

**And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**

**One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days

of my life;

**To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.**

**For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:35-40

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HAGIOGRAPHY

Nelson Wardell Pinder was born in 1932 in Miami, Florida. He grew up in the Liberty City neighborhood of Miami, was baptized and confirmed at Miami's historic St. Agnes Episcopal Church. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, Pinder earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Bethune-Cookman College as well as a Master's Degree in Education from Florida A&M University. Inspired by the example of young Episcopal priests working in urban ministries in Montgomery and Tuskegee, Alabama, he said, "Yes" to God and attended Nashotah House Theological Seminary, Nashotah, Wisconsin.

In 1959, Fr. Pinder was called to Orlando and began his ordained ministry as the first full-time priest of color at The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist where he was designated Rector Emeritus on his retirement. Upon his arrival at the Orlando airport he was denied a cab. While he awaited a segregated cab, for Blacks only, he was denied a cup of coffee. At this point he would later say "I knew this was a great opportunity for me for great missionary work."

During the 1960s, his organizing and participation in sit-ins and protests to advance the civil rights movement in Orlando earned Fr. Pinder the reputation as the "street priest" or "hoodlum priest." He could have also been called the "Traveling Priest" as he would for several years conduct morning mass at St. James Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach, then drive the sixty plus miles to a second service at St. John the Baptist in Orlando. His role in leading and mentoring young people during the 1960's lunch counter sit-ins are chronicled in the 2007 play "Pinder's Kids," written by Orlando local playwright, Barry G. White. Many people in Orlando would later say that his training of these young people in the principles of non-violent protest may have single-handedly prevented devastating riots that racked many other cities throughout the nation.

In 1969, Fr. Pinder was installed at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, as a Canon of the Diocese of Central Florida. He was assigned to The Awareness Center, an experimental ministry dealing with street people, the homeless and civil rights. Fr. Pinder served The Episcopal Church nationally as vice-chairperson of the Joint Commission on the Church in the Small Community, vice-chairperson of the National Commission on Social and Specialized Ministries, as well as the 15th National President of the Union of Black Episcopalians. In addition to having served as the 2010-2014 Chaplain to the Order of the Daughters of the King©, Diocese of Central Florida, Fr. Pinder was most recently the Order's Province IV, Assistant Chaplain. He received nearly two hundred awards and honors including Honorary Doctorate of Divinity, Virginia Theological Seminary; Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Voorhees College; Preachers Hall of Fame, Morehouse College; and is in the First Class of Florida Religious Hall of Fame. On April 9, 2010, the Pinder's Kids monument was dedicated at Parramore Heritage Park, Orlando.

In a 2022 interview with the local press, looking back on his career in what was once one of the most segregated cities in the country, Canon Pinder said, "So I felt that God has prepared me for this mission... a lot of people looked at me and thought I was crazy. White and Black thought I was crazy. Some of them thought I was going to be run out of town. Some of them told me you're going to get killed. I said you know I'm not 33 yet. My boss was 33 when he died. I've got a little time yet left."