



Morning Star

Volume 24, Issue 9

10 November 2008

This Week Around Wycliffe

- **Tues Nov 11th @ 11:00 a.m. - Remembrance Day Service in the Chapel**
- Six Nations Visit - Nov 15th
- AD Pizza Night - Nov 16th

Official Class Times

- 9:05-10:55 a.m.
- 11:10-1:00 p.m.
- 2:05-3:55 p.m.
- 7:05-8:55 p.m.

Coffee Hour

10:50-11:10 a.m.

COMMUNITY DINNER:

Community Dinners take place on Wednesdays following Holy Eucharist. This is a free event for the whole family. Please sign up before Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. on the list provided at the Front Desk.

On the third day he rose from the dead - Annette Brownlee

In past weeks, in these reflections on the Creed, my colleagues have raised the question of propriety. Joe Mangina asked the question of what Mary is doing in the Creed. Fleming Rutledge posed the same question about Pilate. Certainly implicit in John Bowen's reflection last week is the question, what is hell doing in the Creed and what is Christ doing in hell?

And the answer is certain: to show the full reach of the power of his resurrection. In the fifth century John Chrysostom preached about just this:

Christ has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom; he has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh.

When Isaiah foresaw all this, he cried out: "O Hades, you have been angered by encountering him in the nether world." Hades is angered because frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked, it is angered because it has been destroyed, it is angered because it has been reduced to naught, it is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and lo! It discovered God; it seized earth, and behold! It encountered heaven; it seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished, Christ is

risen and the demons are cast down, Christ is risen and the angels rejoice, Christ is risen and life is freed.

Each time we say the Creed we know how its narrative unfolds, and thus know what Mary, Pilate, hell, the church and the communion of saints are doing in it. All find their place because of this third day and this day only. This stumbling block of a story is salvific—and worth reciting-- only because death and hell could not hold Christ. Christ's resurrection save us and it also locates us. Just as this line of the Creed is the hinge which makes this strange assortment of people and places hang together into God's salvation history, so it

(Continued on page 2)

This Wednesday At Wycliffe

- 2:00 - Marbecke Chapel Team - Conference Room, Wesley Chapel Team - Chapel
- 3:00 - Wednesday Event in Principal's Lodge
- "The Debate" - Resolved: N.T. Wright has a Deficient View of the Second Coming - Debaters: Ryan Klassen, David Turner, Robert Hong
- 4:45 - Holy Eucharist
- Homilist - Bishop Bird/Officiant - Chris Seitz
- 6:00—Community Diner - Refectory

Editorial (cont)

(Continued from page 1)

also gives us our place in God's on-going history of salvation. This third day, when Hades is mocked and held captive, frees us from death's chains and gives us our place.

And what is that place?

Simply to stand, against all the forces of evil that still rail against God. To stand. To stand firm. And no more. Any more is Christ's to do, not ours. And he has already done it, on the third day.

I have always been struck by the end of Paul's letter to the Ephesians and the marvelous evocation of putting on the full armor of God. All that hardware, all the work to get it on and keep it on—wrapping truth around our waist, strapping on righteousness as a chest protector, stepping into and lacing up the gospel of peace as running shoes. Figuring out how to hold onto the shield of faith and to wear the helmet of salvation and, finally, how to carry at all times the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. All this apparel for one purpose, Paul tells us, so we may stand in the evil day. For, this is our place, only to stand in the face of evil, not to conquer, and God has given us every spiritual blessing—the whole armor of God—so we too, in our day, may take our place in salvation history.

The rest is Christ's to do and he has done it.

*O death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?
Christ is risen and you are
abolished, Christ is risen and the
demons are cast down, Christ is
risen and the angels rejoice,
Christ is risen and life is freed.*

ATTENTION STUDENTS

*The meeting originally scheduled for
Monday, November 10th @ 7:00 p.m.
has been cancelled due to a scheduling
conflict.*

It will be rescheduled soon.



Book Review

Timothy Keller's new book, [The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism](#) is an excellent book that all theological students and priests should read and have on their book shelf. Written in an apologetic style, it is [Mere Christianity](#) for the postmodern world. Drawing on his many years as a Presbyterian Minister in the heart of Manhattan, Keller makes a strong argument for faith in an increasingly faithless world.

In the first half of the book, Keller dissects seven of the major arguments against God and Christianity. In each section, he shows that people come to questions about faith from their own mindset, which is rooted in some sort of faith or moral compass, even if it is relativistic pluralism. The second half of the book then presents the Gospel

and the reasons for faith in God and in Jesus.

Although Keller has been preaching and growing a church in Manhattan for the past two decades, his beliefs are orthodox and his church is very traditional in its approach to worship. His passion is clearly for the Gospel.

What makes this book a true gem, is that he brings to the table his own struggles with faith and how he came to faith, as well as a deep background in current philosophical thought. This allows him to carefully and methodically strip away arguments of non-believers and present a new reason for Jesus.

This book will help people when confronted with hard questions, and need a new way of explaining to people who Jesus is.

Christine Curley-Peterson

News and Notes

SIX NATIONS VISIT

The Trinity-Wycliffe faculty-student visit to the Anglican churches of the Six Nations Reserve, originally scheduled for September but cancelled because of a funeral on the reserve, has been rescheduled to Saturday November 15. We'll meet at the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford at 10:00 a.m., and finish at Ohsweken at 3:00 p.m. after prayers and a light meal. Carpooling will be arranged for those interested. Please rsvp to alan.hayes@utoronto.ca

ISRAEL: "Israel was one of the highlights not only of my time at Wycliffe, but of my Christian walk". This sentiment, expressed by Sarah Peake, is shared by many who have taken advantage of the opportunity of the Wycliffe trip to Israel. If you are interested in coming this year (Feb. 12-26), there is still some space, but not much time left to make a final decision. Please see information at EmmausOnline.net. Follow the link to 'Tours' and find the Wycliffe trip, where the schedule, payment information and many other pieces of information can be found. Please contact Ann Jervis a.jervis@utoronto.ca for further information.

Til We Have Faces

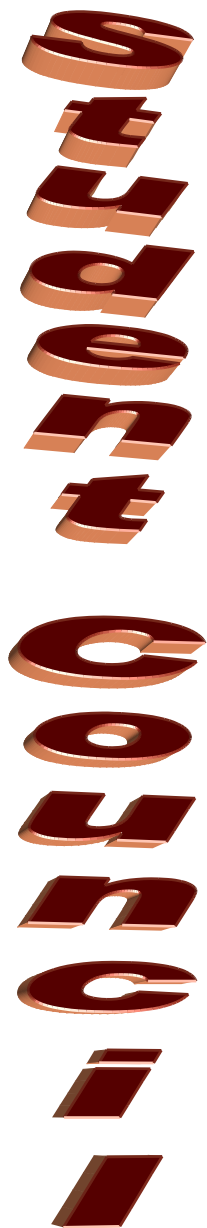
An Exploration of the Human Countenance and the Sacred Art Exhibition and a Dialogue of Art, Theology, and Science
 Tuesday, November 4 (4:15-8:00) & Wednesday, November 5 (7:30-9:00)

Exhibition on the Art of the Face—October 27 - November 14 - TST Building
 Exhibition Opening - Tuesday, November 4—4:15-6:15

Panel on the Face in Art, Theology, and Science –Tuesday, November 4—
 6:30-8:30 @ Charbonnel Lounge, St. Michael's College

MENU

	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
LUNCH	Beef Barley Soup	Navy Bean Soup	Vegetable Soup	Cream of Cauliflower	Canadian Split Pea Soup	Tuna with Apples
	Beef Taco Supreme	Pasta Primavera	Pea meal Bacon & Tomato on a bun	Macaroni & Cheese	Debasing Sausage	Soup
DINNER	S&S Meatball over Fried Rice Vegetable	Med. Lemon Chicken Veggies & Rice	Roast Beef, Potatoes & Vegetables	Salisbury Steak Sautéed Onions & Peppers	Chicken & Veggie Fajitas	Veal Cordon Suisse Pasta & Tomato Sauce
	Brownies	Carrot Cake	Butter Tart	Apple Pie	Fruit Cocktail	Ice Cream



How great would it be to have St. John of the Cross speak to you about prayer while seated next to you on your commute to school? How great would it be to learn about prayer from Richard Foster as you ride the subway home from school. Imagine having John Wesley tell you about his day as you sit in your room after supper. There are numerous other spiritual masters waiting to spend time with you, just check out the new audio collection in the Spiritual Formation library in the Prayer Room on the second floor.

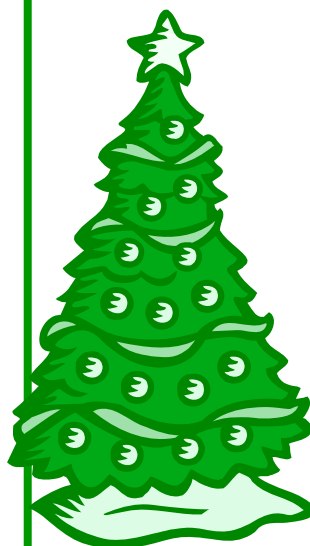
Are you interested in Celtic Prayer? What about "New Monasticism" communities? Want to learn more? There will be a meeting of people who would like to explore the Northumbria Community experience and Celtic Daily Prayer. The meeting will be Sunday, November 23rd at 5:30 p.m. for discussion and prayer at Chris Roth's apartment. There will be someone who has been a part of the Northumbria Community for quite some time who will be present to discuss the experience with us. Contact Chris Roth if you would like to drop by christopher.roth@utoronto.ca.

New Orleans Mission Trip - February Reading Week

Interested in going? Talk to Peggy Scott or Rich Clark.

The entire Wycliffe Community is invited to the Advent/Christmas Event Friday, November 28th! This event starts at 5:00 p.m. with a lessons and carols service, followed by a lovely dinner at

6:00 p.m. and at approximately 7:15 p.m. the Talent Show begins. Be on the look out for sign-up sheets for both the dinner and the Talent Show. **EVERYONE MUST SIGN UP FOR DINNER.** We look forward to seeing you there.



ELLEN MARY KNOX SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available at the Front Desk for the Ellen Mary Knox Scholarship. Deadline to submit completed applications is November 14th, 2008. Applicants must be Anglican students studying theology at Wycliffe College for ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada. The executors of the Ellen Knox estate will evaluate the applications and contact the Scholarship winners.

Please forward your completed application to the Principal's Office for his comments and that office will submit the applications.

Answers to Comprehensive Exam Questions in History

- Alan L. Hayes

#5. Early Christian Persecutions

3rd Year M.Div. students at Wycliffe recently sat a comprehensive examination in the history of early Christianity. The exam contained eleven questions. This is the fifth in a series of short essays on the topics involved.

Most students did a good job explaining why early Christians were targeted for persecution and why so many of them were willing to face it. The first part of the question is particularly easy: Christians were persecuted for most of the same reasons that any unpopular minority is persecuted. More telling is why the Christian martyrs faced persecution with patience, confidence, and even joy.

The very first generation of Christians was already regarded as a threat to society, as we see in the Acts of the Apostles:

- ◆ They rejected the established religion (Acts 19:26).
- ◆ They traitorously honoured “another king” (Acts 17:7).
- ◆ They subverted the economic status quo; they were bad for the business of idol makers, pagan prophets, and religious functionaries (Acts 16:19, 19:25).
- ◆ They challenged the familiar social order, “turning the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).

Add in a couple of late second-century sources — a narrative of martyrdoms in Lyons in 177, which Eusebius wrote into his *Ecclesiastical History*, and a literary attack by a pagan named Celsus, known through a later Christian response — and we can

see further reasons for persecution:

◆ Christians, like (other) Jews, are exclusive, anti-social, and peculiar, and they don’t value mainstream culture.

- ◆ They sometimes choose their leaders from among slaves, social outcasts, and the poorly educated.
- ◆ (As seen from Lyons,) they’re unassimilated middle-easterners practicing a foreign religion.
- ◆ They have irrational ideas amounting to superstition.

A heroic minority of Christians marched to martyrdom with assurance. Why? For an answer we might turn to the narrative of the martyrdom of Perpetua of Carthage, well known to Wycliffe students of church history.

- ◆ The Christian faith is true, and Christians can’t honourably say it isn’t.
- ◆ Martyrdom is a second baptism, assuring those who die with Christ that they will rise with Christ.
- ◆ Persecution is the vocation of Christians, as Christ clearly taught.
- ◆ The Holy Spirit pours blessings of many descriptions onto martyrs.
- ◆ The Christian community

pulls together to support martyrs.

Do not pity Perpetua; she felt privileged to be called to martyrdom, and in her final encounters in the arena she was even spared the sensation of pain.

Once we appreciate the motives of the persecutors and the motives of the persecuted, we might move towards a fuller analysis of the deeper social dynamics at work in persecution. I’ll mention just one writer, who happens to be an extremely important influence on the current archbishop of Canterbury. The French anthropologist René Girard maintained that violence is central to human society, usually in the form of violence perpetrated by individuals against one another, but, in times of crisis, in the form of the sacrifice of a scapegoat, where society unites to exterminate the one guilty victim. In its scapegoating, society seeks to protect and renew itself, but instead it defeats itself. Girard was led to Christian faith when he embraced the truth that Jesus Christ, scapegoat and victim, was wholly innocent, was in fact God. Girard argued that in Christ’s crucifixion God stripped away illusion and myth, revealed the truth of the human condition, and brings you and me to repentance and resurrection. If Girard is right in this, it follows that the martyrdom of a Christian is the re-enactment of the event that revealed the triumph of God’s love and truth over the world’s hate and delusion. Thus the persecution of the Church reinforces the Gospel. Since today Christianity remains the world’s most persecuted religion, this is a teaching of great hope.



You've Got Mail!

Did you know that every student has a mailbox at Wycliffe? They are located near the coat racks just before entering the Administration wing.



Please remember to check your mailbox each time you are in the College as there is often time-sensitive information put in them. Check the list for your name and box number—then check the box under your number for your mail! Thanks!

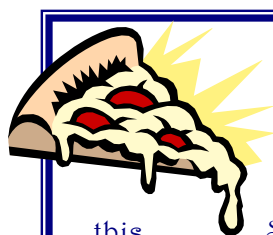
Anglicanism - A Gift in Christ

All students are invited to register for the upcoming conference - Anglicanism: A Gift in Christ - November 25-27 at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street. The conference is an excellent opportunity to hear gifted theologians and speakers on various topics of theological, biblical, liturgical and missionary significance: New and Old Testaments, Hymnody, Christian Witness in the Muslim World and the Parish as the Centre of Christian renewal.

Featured speakers include: N.T. Wright, Jo Bailey Wells, Edith Humphrey, Josiah Idowu-Fearon and our own Principal, George Sumner. In lieu of the Wednesday Event on November 26, all students are strongly encouraged to attend the conference sessions and Eucharist.

Full details and registration available in the Admissions Office. Speak with Megan Enns or Sarah Peake for more details.

For bursary information please speak to Karen Baker-Bigauskas in the Principal's Office.



ADVANCED DEGREE

STUDENTS and their

families are invited to a Pizza Night at the Principal's Lodge

Sunday, November 16th. Please

this
RSVP to Karen in the Principal's Office by Thursday to confirm numbers - 416-946-3521 or karen.baker@wycliffe.utoronto.ca

In addition to Morning and Evening Prayer, we will hold a brief Remembrance Day service in Founders' Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

It will end at 11:11 a.m. when the canons from Queen's Park will reverberate against the Chapel windows.

Coffee Hour in the Reading Room will follow.

We encourage you to come for a minute of silence, prayer, and thanks for those who have served and sacrificed for this great land.

Annette Brownlee+, Chaplain

A Conspiracy of Faith on the Margins of Empire.

The Ordinary Radicals

Friday, November 14th @ 7:00 p.m. - Bloor Cinema - 506 Bloor Street West

Tickets: \$10.00 through www.empireremixed.com

For more information talk to Brian Walsh in the CRC Office.

Chapel This Week

Date	Time	Officiant/Homilist	
Mon. Oct. 13	MP - 8:30 a.m.	Chelsy Stevens	1. Peter Kennedy; 2. Chris Roth
	EP - 5:30 p.m.	Liz Sipos	1. Nathan Brinklow; 2. Nathan Brinklow
Tues. Oct. 14	MP - 8:30 a.m.	Annette Brownlee	1. Peter Kennedy, 2. Mark Regis
	EP - 5:30 p.m.	Katie Silcox (O) Kevin Love (H)	1. Leslie Gerlofs; 2. Jennifer Cheong
Wed. Oct. 15	MP - 8:30 a.m.	Ephraim Radner (O) Ian Martin (H)	1. Liz Sipos; 2. Mary Barclay
	HE- 4:45 p.m.	Chris Seitz (O) BP Michael Bird (H)	1. Mary Barclay, 2. Leslie Gerlofs; Cantor - Chelsy Stevens; Server - Liz Sipos; Sub-deacon - Sue Channen; Intercessor - Deanne Patchett; Greeter - Leslie Gerlofs
Thurs. Oct. 16	MP - 8:30 a.m.	Terry Donaldson (O) Merv Mercer (H)	1. Chris Roth
	EP - 5:30 p.m.	Chelsy Stevens	1. Mark Regis, 2. Mary Barclay
Fri. Oct. 17	MP - 8:30 p.m.	George Sumner	1. Katie Silcox, 2. Karen Baker-Bigauskas
	EP - 5:30 p.m.	Chris Roth	1. Liz Sipos, 2. Chelsy Stevens

Luther Chapel Team will meet in the Chapel & Wesley Team in the Conf. Rm @ 2:00on Wednesday

October/November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Single Student Pizza Night	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 WE - Debate	13 MP - M. Mercer	14	15 Six Nations Visit
16 AD Pizza Night @ Lodge	17	18	19 WE - Charlie Pinches - Ethics Board AGM	20 MP - A. Hayes	21 2008 Medical Ethics Lecture	22 Fresh Expressions Conf
23	24	25	26 WE—ACI Conf. at St. Paul's Bloor Street	27 EP—Archbishop Idowu-Fearon	28 Christmas Party & Talent Show	29
30	1 December	2	3 WE - Anglican News	4 MP - George Sumner	5	6