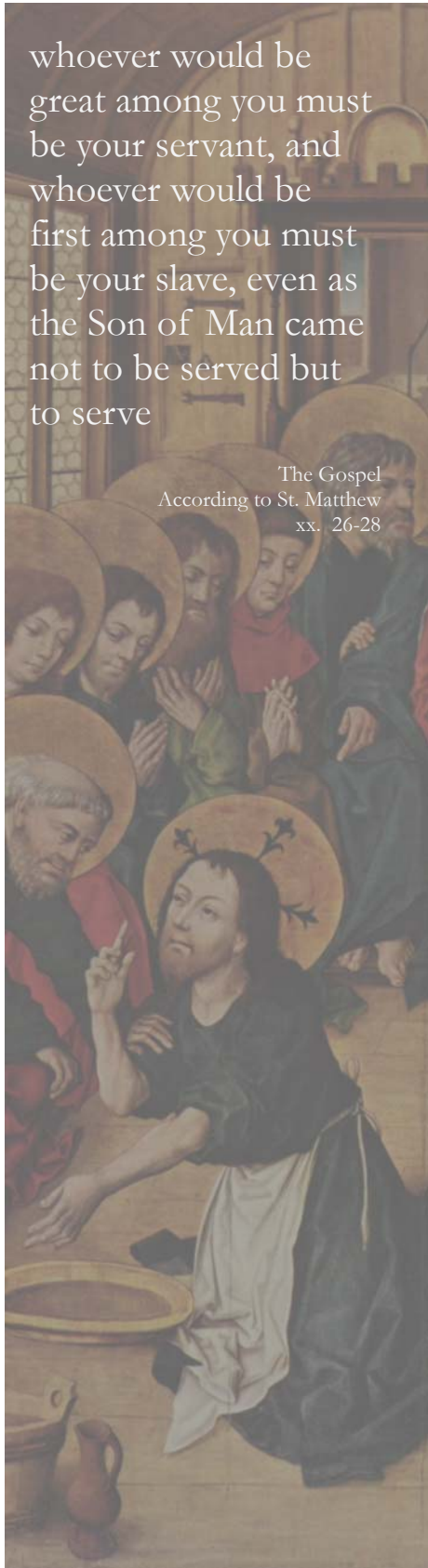


# THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH

whoever would be  
great among you must  
be your servant, and  
whoever would be  
first among you must  
be your slave, even as  
the Son of Man came  
not to be served but  
to serve

The Gospel  
According to St. Matthew  
xx. 26-28

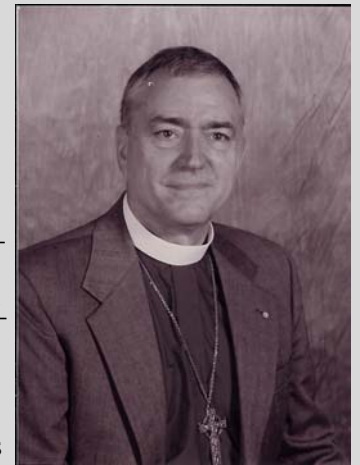


Fifty-four years ago today the Orthodox Anglican Church was incorporated in the State of North Carolina. The purpose of this new jurisdiction could be stated as follows:

“The purpose for which this corporation is organized is religious: To participate in the conducting of public worship, the preaching of God’s Word, [and] the Administration of the Holy Sacraments... The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer shall be the standard of worship, doctrine, and discipline.”

Twenty years ago, in 1998, our Presiding Bishop expounded on our mission:

“...‘to incarnate Christ’ as the prime function of the whole Church in the world. ‘Incarnate’ in this usage means all of those things that the Church is to do as His Body: preach, teach, evangelize--the comprehensive ministry of the Word and the Sacraments. The Mission of the OAC is the same as the whole Church, but primarily directed toward specific groups of people.



Archbishop Robert Godfrey

“The unique quality of the Orthodox Anglican Church is its commitment to the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God. We share this faith with many other Protestants-- especially evangelicals and fundamentalists. In fact, the OAC is the only church of the Apostolic Succession to make the forthright advocacy of the Word as a major tenant of our Jurisdiction. For the past twenty years, thousands of bible-believing evangelicals have entered into both Anglican and Orthodox bodies to ‘balance’ their knowledge of the Word with the Sacramental experience of worship. Thus, the OAC is uniquely called of God to seek out and minister to those who understand the Bible as the Word of God and yet also sense a need of Sacramental worship and ministry. This includes not only laymen--who frequently are unable to verbalize their need for the full experience of liturgical and Sacramental worship--and Protestant ministers who come to understand the ministerial need of the Church's Sacraments, the Apostolic Succession, and authenticity in the historic forms of liturgical worship.

“The OAC has been called to reach those who are seeking a ‘spiritual experience of God.’ These people--mainly in the younger generations--have little or no exposure to biblical truth, and yet are seeking God primarily through spiritual experience (such as ‘New Age’ practices), rather than through gaining knowledge about spiritual truths. Unlike these young people, many of our current members--in the older generations--are knowledge-oriented, rather than experience-oriented, in their religious expression.

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“The OAC does not believe that the experience of God through the Sacraments is opposed to the knowledge of God through the Word. Indeed, we believe that we have been called of God to provide a synthesis of ministry designed to reach people in the younger generations while continuing to minister to our current membership. Thus, we feel that the OAC has a vision for the future so clear and compelling that our Jurisdiction --unlike many others in the so-called ‘Continuing Anglican’ church--will survive and flourish in the twenty-first century.”

As you can see, the Orthodox Anglican Church emphasizes on Proclaiming Christ in Word and Sacrament is not new. It is the concise distillation of our purpose, mission, and beliefs; it is part of our DNA. It is what makes us have a mission mindset that many traditional Anglicans lack. We are committed to reaching out and welcoming those who in the past have not been a part of Anglicanism. We are also committed to retaining our Anglican identity, and upholding the Disciplined Center of Anglicanism. The Orthodox Anglican Church is uniquely positioned to faithfully Proclaim Christ in Word and Sacrament.

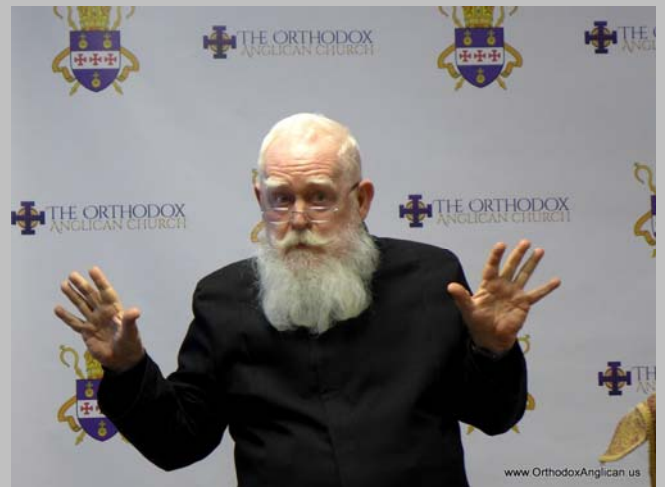
May God bless you,

✠ *Thomas E. Gordon*

**2018 Lenten Clericus, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**



Clockwise:  
Fr Ward  
Celebrates,  
Dn Hess  
leads  
Evening  
Prayer, Fr  
Mouser  
teaches,  
Archbish-  
op Gordon  
Preaches



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## Waxahachie, Texas

*A Parish of the Orthodox Anglican Church*



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“I think that the primary problem of the Church today is that we don’t believe. The Bible says that the fruits of belief will envelope our entire lives with power, with love, with healing, with victory over sin and with confidence, courage, determination and assurance. It’s not that we lack enthusiasm. It’s not that we lack knowledge. And its not that we lack prayer. It’s that we lack belief.” -Cn Paul Hubbard



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