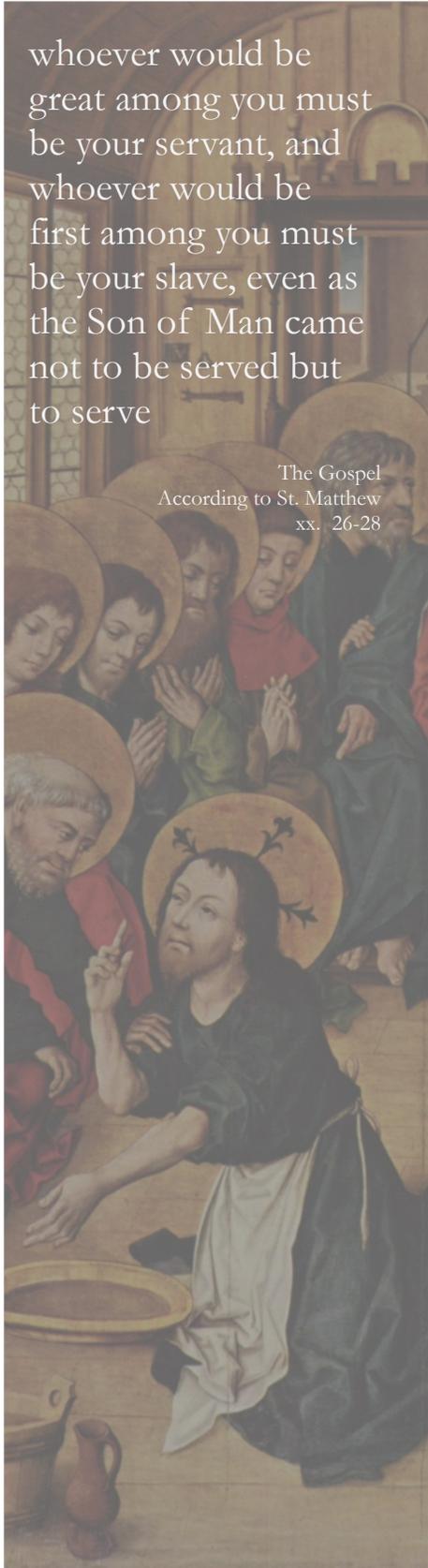


THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH

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



A SUPERNATURAL WORK

The English writer G.K. Chesterton once said: "Take away the supernatural and what remains is the unnatural." That quote is one I have kept near me for decades, because it tells me why so much of modern Christianity is a mess. A Christianity that lacks the supernatural regards the Bible as a mere book. A Christianity that lacks the supernatural has ministers who are merely enabled by their own cleverness or education. A Christianity that lacks the supernatural exists to merely encourage human potential, or excuse human failings. A Christianity that lacks the supernatural has ritual ceremonies that are at best mere acts of human obedience. A Christianity that lacks the supernatural is unnatural.



People have tried for well over a century to remove the supernatural aspects from Christianity, but it is impossible. The faith once delivered to the saints is a supernatural religion. It isn't natural for a virgin to conceive; it isn't natural for someone who is dead to rise again. God has chosen to act in space and time, to act supernaturally, to reveal Himself to man, and to save a people for Himself. That greatest revelation of God to man was the Lord Jesus Christ; and the work of reconciling the world to Himself is nothing less than a supernatural work.

Despite the smiling preachers on TV that might make you think to the contrary, Christianity is not a 5-step self-help program, Holy Communion is not like attending weight watchers. The proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ is only effective when it is supernatural, when it is attended by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Without the work of God my words no matter how pretty or clever are worthless, but attended by the blessing of the Spirit of God my words and actions deliver men's souls from hell for eternity. I believe that, and that is what the Bible and the church have always taught. Christianity is supernatural.

May God bless you,

† Thomas E. Gordon

PICTURES FROM THE 2019 AUGUST LITURGICAL SEMINARS



L&R: Revd Smith, Fr Kapley, Abp Gordon, Revd Baxter, & Revd Pierce



Above: Revd Mike Creek leads Ante-Communion

Below: Revd Baxter censens the altar.



The Revd Dr David Kapley was the celebrant at the Saturday and Sunday services of Holy Communion during the Liturgical Seminar for Priests

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Fall Clericus Weekend 2019 of the Orthodox Anglican Church will begin October the 4th and conclude with the Ordination of Priests and Holy Communion on October the 6th AD 2018. It will be held in Waxahachie, Texas. This Clericus will be different in that **we are encouraging laity, and clergy wives to attend.** The Clericus proper will end at 1 pm on the 5th. All attending are encouraged to stay and fellowship, and then attend the Sunday service on the 6th. Additional information will be forthcoming.

THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH Important Dates

Oct 4-5, 2019 Fall Clericus, St. Athanasius Anglican Church, Waxahachie, TX

Oct 6, 2019 Ordination & Holy Communion, St. Athanasius A. C., Waxahachie, TX

November 1-3, 2019 Liturgical Seminar TBD

April 24-26, 2020 56th General Convention of the Orthodox Anglican Church, Myrtle Beach, SC

[THE AD 2019 CALENDAR OF THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH](https://www.orthodoxanglican.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-Calendar.pdf)

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St Ambrose:

"If, whenever Christ's blood is shed,
it is shed for the forgiveness of sins,
I who sin often,
should receive it often:
I need a frequent remedy."

Prayer Book Vocabulary

Charity: Christian love

Temporal: earthly

Governed: guided, directed

Comfortless: desolate, abandoned

Declarest: makes known

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