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The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches..." John 15:5

THE HANDS OF WORSHIP

Since the first century the priest has lifted up his hands as he celebrates the Eucharist. Scholars call this the "Orans Position." Orans literally means pleading or praying. Anglican Christians are comfortable with the priest lifting up his hands, yet when it comes to their own worship, many are uncomfortable lifting their hands to the Lord in worship. I imagine some associate lifted hands with the excesses of the Pentecostal movement. Possibly some feel self-conscious lifting their hands to the Lord – what would people think?

Today, from Jack Hayford's book *The Reward of Worship*, I will share with you four biblical reasons to lift your hands to the Lord. Is it required? No. Is it biblical? Yes.

1. Acknowledging Whose Side We Are On

The first time the Bible mentions raising hands to the Lord is in Genesis chapter 14. Abram told the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth." Abram was clearly telling the king of Sodom, that God was his provider and Master, not him. Raising your hands says, "I am on the Lord's side."

2. Gaining Victory in Spiritual Warfare

In Exodus chapter 17, as the warriors of Israel did battle with the Amalekites, Moses stood praying with his hands raised to the Lord. When his arms got weary and he lowered his hands, the battle went poorly. As Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands,

the victory was won. As Jack Hayford said, "Those who seek victory in intercessory prayer will raise their hands to the Lord."



3. Offering Praise No Matter the Trial

When Saul sought David's life and he fled to the desolate wilderness, David said, "So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands" (Psalm 64:3). In the midst of his darkest days, David expressed his trust in the Lord through lifting up his hands to Him. Raising your hands is a tangible way to express your trust in the Lord.

4. Blessing: Reaching Out to Others

At the dedication ceremony of the first temple, Solomon offered prayer to the Lord "kneeling on his knees with hands spread toward heaven" (1 Kings 8:54). Immediately after he prayed with hands up-lifted, he took those same hands and, "He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice." Our hands go up to the Lord, then our hands go out to bless others.

After the Apostle Paul gave Timothy instructions on worship, he said, "I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling" (1 Timothy 2:8).

Our Path of Christian Maturity

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The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website (www.faithanglicanchurch.org), or calling the church office (755-4848).

Parish Work Day September 8

A few times a year, we schedule a Parish Work Day to allow parishioners to help with those nagging tasks that don't always get done. For example, this is the time we replace bulbs, clean ceiling fixtures, dust behind the refrigerator and freezer, reset the hymnals and Bibles, clean the nursery toys and do those other things that need doing. There will be a sign up list in the narthex. Please take on one or a few of these jobs and help with FAC upkeep. Time: 9:00 to Noon

Monday Night Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, join us on Monday, September 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Get your week off to a good start with an amazing time of prayer, study, food, and fellowship. We meet at the home of Bill and Sudy Fisher. We will be doing a study by Priscilla Shirer entitled *Breathe*, which will help to free us from the bondage of busyness as we embrace the concept of the Sabbath as a precious gift from God. The cost of the book is \$10. Prayerfully consider joining us. All ladies are welcome. Invite your friends. Sign up in the Narthex to reserve a book, or contact Sudy at 901-299-4341.

The Daughters of the Holy Cross Reach Out

Recently, Carol Wiley, Executive Director of the A Way Out Program, was a guest speaker at one of the Daughters' monthly meetings. She explained that her Memphis based organization is dedicated to rescuing women from sex trafficking. The women are housed in a safe facility, supplied with physical necessities,



immersed in The Word, rebuilt emotionally, prepared to enter the workforce, assisted to obtain an apartment and readied to begin living a new life. The first way that the

Daughters saw to help was to provide those physical necessities. Mary Pipes volunteered to head up the collection and distribution, with Sherry Wilkes assisting. This photo shows Mary and Sherry delivering the supplies. Stay tuned to see the next step the Daughters will take to assist this outreach effort.



Treasurer Note

Some of you may not know that we have an alternate way of donating to the church, using Tithely. It is an internet based mechanism using your smart phone to fund church needs. There is a pull down on the Faith website or you can google Tithely.com and sign up. There is a small fee for each transaction but you don't have to write a check to support Faith.

Remembering Your Provider

In the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." This prayer echoes back 1500 years, to God providing daily bread (Manna) from heaven in the Sinai Wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. The Israelites tangibly knew that God was their provider! When they entered the Promised Land God continued to provide for His people, but not through raining down Manna. God provided fields, flocks, and vineyard, and the strength and intelligence to work. The Lord reminds us that, "it is he who gives you power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). When you pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," you are: 1) Remembering that ultimately the Lord is your provider. 2) Actively asking Him for your provision.

September Birthdays

Jackson Tutor	02	Becky Conner	19
Peter Kersting	04	Nancy Douglas	19
Boaz Ndaruhutse	06	Gage King	19
Rita Barnett	07	Riley Leet	19
Lauren Hearne	08	Jane Scott	22
Gabe Mejia	10	Deb Glover	26
Bonnie Mejia	11		

September Anniversaries

Wayne and Vicki Deason 05



Prayer Corner

Nancy Ebbing	Robin McCray
Mansell Lancaster	Andy Chadwick
Bill Walsh	Eli Ritchie
Adam & Jason Gresko	

Discovering Faith Workshop: For Those Considering Membership

Discovering Faith is a two part workshop designed to help you grow in your relationship with Christ and find out how you can become a member of this community of faith. You will also get to know our pastor and others who are new to Faith. If you are new to Faith, we would love for you to attend our next **Discovering Faith** workshop. The first part is on Sunday, **September 23rd**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the home of our pastor and his wife, Herb and Mary Hand at 8293 Montego Place North, Cordova. Dinner is included. Sign-up is easy, you can call the Hands at 381-1172 or e-mail Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. The second part is held one week later at the same location on Sunday, **September 30th**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Attending the workshop does not require a commitment to join, but will give you the opportunity to learn more about Faith and meet some wonderful people. At the first meeting we will explore Faith Anglican's history, an overview of the Anglican Communion, the focus of our parish, and God's gift of salvation. At the second meeting we will explore the importance of Holy Scripture, the basics of Anglican worship, and the ministries of Faith Anglican Church.

Seminarian Support Sunday September 30th

Raising up the next generation of Anglican priests and lay leaders is crucial for the expansion of God's Kingdom here in America. The cost can be prohibitive for many. Therefore, on September 30th we will take a special offering to support Anglican seminary students. Please give generously! Our guest preacher will be seminarian Jarrod Hill, a third year Master of Divinity student at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, currently seeking ordination in the Anglican Diocese of the South. He and his wife, Rachel, attend Christ the King Anglican Church in Birmingham, AL, where he teaches youth Sunday school and hosts weekly evening prayer for college students and young adults.



Youth Crew News

The youth have a Sunday night weekly group from 4-6 called Youth Crew! In September we will be walking through the book of Philippians! I am very excited to be in this scripture with them. Plus we will have a awesome fun night in September! Don't miss it!

Kick-Off Sunday! – September 9th

Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast @ 9:10 am

Enjoy a brief time of fellowship over a covered-dish breakfast as we gear up for fall Sunday school. Bring fruit, milk, juice, breakfast casseroles, etc. Fresh pancakes will also be provided. Sunday school starts at 9:30 so come on time!

Sunday School Classes @ 9:30 am

Our classes, which are part of our Grow Group, ministry include:

- Children's Sunday School (*Bible in Life – Anglican Edition*) led by William Hearne
- Youth Sunday School (*Gospel Project*) led by Chris Mark & Fr. Frederic Ndaruhutse
- *The Case for Christ* (in the Conference Room) led by Rita Barnett
- *The Gospel Project* led by Greg Follis

Sunday Night Group @ 4:00 pm

- Awana (ages 3 to 6th grade) led by Mary Hand, Jean Belles, & many others
- Youth Crew (7-12 grades) led by Chris Mark
- Adult Grow Group (Holy Land Videos & Discussion) led by Fr. Herb & Daniel King

All classes are open to new members! Please join one!

Come grow in your knowledge and love of the Lord!

