

GREETING TO THE CHILDREN: Sunday, January 30, 1994

INTRODUCTION

The children of our Church often join us down here for part of the worship service. It's always special when they're here with us. Sometimes they sing for us...which is the case today. Before they sing, I'd like to say a few words to them...

MESSAGE

Earlier this week we returned from a brief visit to the land where Jesus lived. There are two rather large lakes in the land where Jesus lived. We saw them both...let me tell you about them.

One of the lakes is called the Sea of Galilee. It's a beautiful lake. Clear. Sparkling blue waters. Pure. We took a ride across the Sea of Galilee and our guide told us that over 100 different fish live and swim in its waters.

We had a worship service in the boat out on the Sea of Galilee. We thought of Jesus and His disciples as we did for this is where Jesus spent most of His ministry...the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee - we were told - gets its waters from the "snow-capped" peak of Mount Hermon - a large mountain to the northern end of the lake. The Sea of Galilee gives its waters away at the southern end into a River - the Jordan River...and that's the river where Jesus was baptized by John, the Baptist. (I brought back some water from the Jordan River for future baptisms here in our church). The water flows south about 75 miles by the Jordan River into another lake.

I wonder if any of you know the name of the other lake in the land where Jesus lived. It's called the Dead Sea...and it, too, is large...its waters are quite salty...brackish...no fish, no living thing lives in its waters. There's so much salt - why you can float in its waters. The Dead Sea is quite a contrast to the Sea of Galilee.

The Dead Sea doesn't have an outlet for its waters...it keeps them and eventually they're absorbed by the intense rays of the sun. One lake - the Sea of Galilee - gives its waters away...the other Lake - the Dead Sea - keeps its waters. (Maybe that's the reason people have called it the Dead Sea)

THE POINT

Boys and girls...as you go through life...you'll find people who will remind you of these two lakes...some people give so much of themselves to helping others...they're like the waters of the Sea of Galilee - pure, fresh, sparkling...you get the idea. Others have no outlet to their lives - absorbed in themselves...always keeping, never giving. I would encourage you to be like the Sea of Galilee...where Jesus spent most of His wonderful life.

In order to help you remember the Sea of Galilee, I have a stone for each of you from the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Let it remind you of Jesus and how He gave Himself for you....and who knows, it's entirely possible that He may even have walked across these stones. They're from Capernaum...on the northern shore of Lake Galilee.

I have one for each of you. Feel it. Keep it. Let it remind you of Him.

SUPER BOWL PREDICTION

"I went to the 'mountain-top' one day this past week,

And the message I heard is that which I speak.

Super Bowl 28 will be played later today....

And the team that runs better will go all of the way!

'Are you ever going to win a Super Bowl?' they say....

That's the question you'll hear up Buffalo way.

The HEART tips to this three time loser....but -

(There's redemption for all is the word from the Lord!)

But the HEAD calls a play that the HEART cannot hear....

'It's the COWBOYS by 7 - that's the message, I fear!'

SO... 'go' with the Cowboys, but root for the BILLS.

And enjoy this game with all of your skills.

You heard it in church and from those bets that you WIN,

A TITHE to the Lord will be most pleasing to Him!"

(January 30, 1994)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 30, 1994

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. A word of warm welcome to the visitors worshipping with us this morning. Delighted...and we do hope that the opportunity...
- B. Be free in the sharing of your name...fill out a visitor card, or sing....COME, worship with us....COME, work with us...
- C. The roots of this church are quite deep....doing the Lord's work here since 1837. Fourth building....minister in the name of Christ and it is in HIS LOVING SPIRIT....
- D. MEMBERS: wear your name tags....go out of your way to make some one else feel "at home"...remembering how someone reached out to...

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns are in the bulletin....review them on your own, noting the study and spiritual growth opportunities...."Hounds" on Tuesday evening, 6:30....Aldersgate Class, Wednesday....
- B. Remember to support our SUPER BOWL SUNDAY BAKE SALE today.... part of the coffee hour. Support it with a purchase. Good cause....all Church Picnic of June 18th. Thanks to Doreen...
- C. Also, the Adult Fellowship has a SUPER BOWL PARTY at the parsonage later today. Kick-off is at 6:18....plan to arrive a little before six....let us know if you're coming...snacks and franks will be available. I haven't received the word yet on....
- D. Looking ahead: note the word regarding the special concert for next Sunday afternoon....a capella chorus of the OS under Lyndon Woodside's direction....and then, looking further down the road we have the MID WINTER RUMMAGE SALE "in the works" for Saturday, the 12th of February. Always a big one. Be in touch with Dianne Keller.
- E. Today is the last day to PICK UP your box of 1994 offering envelopes. It will help us if you do this...save us postage in mailing them out. Some prefer not to use the box which is all right with us...as long as your gifts are identified in some way. Pledges are still coming in....up to 218 pledges and \$ 161,600. We must make that goal and we still have some 20 "renewals" that can put us over the top.
- F. A word of appreciation to Duane Thompson for handling the service last Sunday in my absence and for taking the sermon responsibility again this Sunday. We're richly blessed by his presence in our midst and predict a fine ministry in the years ahead as he goes on from here...

OFFERING

A. Last Sunday we placed special envelopes in the pews for you to respond with a second mile gift to the emergencies and the need resulting from the recent earthquake. Close to \$ 500 was received. The envelope is there again today in the event you wish to add something more....

B. Jesus said,

"It is more blessed to give than to receive".  
In this spirit, let us worship God with our  
tithes and offering...

Thinking  
ahead...



February food collection

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HOT CEREAL  
HOT COCOA

Please give.

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

The organ postlude - a final offering of our praise to God - is played after the Benediction. Time permitting, we invite you to share in the beauty of it.

BAKE SALE I

The first of three Bake Sales for the benefit of our All Church Picnic of late June is scheduled for today during the coffee hour. Doreen Morales is coordinator for it. Plan to donate something to the table as well as making a purchase. Let's make Bake Sale I a "Super" Bake Sale.

SUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY

The Adult Fellowship "Super Bowl" Party will be held at the parsonage (21 East 87th Street, 11D) today. Plan to arrive at six. Let the pastor know if you're coming or sign up downstairs in the Russell Room.

STUDY GROUPS

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HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY

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## NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the Chamber Chorus of the Oratorio Society of New York will present a program of a cappella music of Brahms, Dvorak and Barber here in the sanctuary of our church.

All are invited to attend. There is no admission charge. Lyndon Woodside will be directing this Chamber Chorus. It's a good way to drive away any mid-winter "blues" you may be feeling. Hot chocolate will be served in the Russell Room after the concert.

## FEBRUARY 12 RUMMAGE SALE

The first Rummage Sale of the new year is scheduled for Saturday, February the 12th from 10 to 3. Workers are now being enlisted. If you can lend a hand, be in touch with Dianne Keller (876-2037). The February Sale is always a big one and many hands always make light work.

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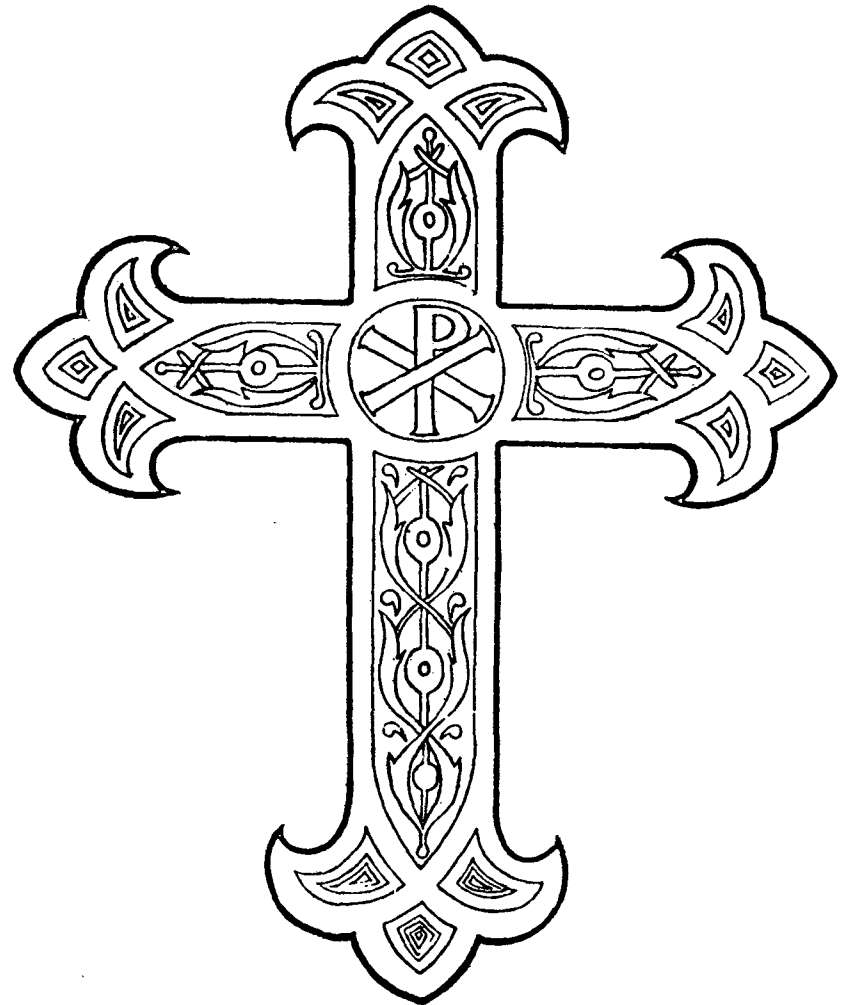
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 30, 1994

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11 A. M.

ORGAN "Cantabile" Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)

Help us O Lord, who claim to be Christians.  
Teach us our responsibilities to You and to others  
in this world. Save us from loving religion  
instead of You. Take fire and burn away our  
hypocrisy. Take water and wash away the blood  
that we cause to be shed. Take sunlight and  
dry the tears of those we have hurt. Take  
love and plant it in our hearts, that peace  
and joy may be made real for all people  
everywhere. For we ask these things in the  
name and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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GREETING TO THE CHILDREN

A SONG BY THE CHILDREN

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ANTHEM "Bright Canaan" Arr. by Shaw

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PASTORAL PRAYER

PARISH CONCERNS

ANTHEM "O Praise God in His Holiness" Joubert

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN NO. 480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

SERMON "Holy Recklessness" Mr. Thompson

HYMN NO. 421 "Make Me A Captive, Lord"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN "Chorale" Jongen

\*\*\* Interval for Ushering

LAY READER

We welcome Wendy Cooper to the lectern today. A native of Nassau, N. Y., Wendy has a BA from Allegheny College and a JD from Fordham Law School. She is First Deputy Superintendent of the NY State Insurance Department, and joined the Church last December.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of the 95th birthday of Paul R. Russell, given by his wife, Helen. Mr. Russell celebrates this birthday on the first of February.

GREETERS AND USHERS

The greeters for today are Linda Hutcherson and Jean Laupus. The ushers are George Crawford, Christine Day, Fran Ellison, Effie French and Larry Morales.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room following the service. Members and friends are invited to share in these moments of warmth made possible for us today by Marie Birillo, Mary Ann Kho, Ethel Kipte, Rita Mauer, Natividad Miranda, Cynthia McCollum and Gloria Percy.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE

Sessions of Church School for children are offered Sunday mornings from ten-thirty to twelve. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available on the fourth floor.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The class is studying the Gospel of Luke. Duane Thompson is class leader.