



MATTHIAS MIDWEEK

Inspired by the life and compassion of Jesus Christ,
We are a church of action in our community, engaging in
Hospitality by offering bread for body and soul

REFLECTION FROM ANN+

The Holy Spirit moves in wonderful and mostly unexpected ways. The study group that meets every Wednesday after Morning Prayer convened about three years ago as a bible study class of 6 parishioners. In the beginning, I was the 'expert' - expounding on most topics with the manifold wisdom I had acquired in Seminary. At the request of the group, our first step was to read straight through the Bible -- taking small chunks each week. Now the Bible is dense and does not really lend itself to a quick perusal, but we persisted and got all the way through Revelation -- but we skipped the Psalms.

Those we returned to and read more slowly - realizing that they were far more personal than we had first thought. Next, we each chose a favorite psalm, read it, and talked about why we had selected it: "it was a favorite of my grandmother", "it had colorful images", "it expressed the sadness I feel sometimes", "it expresses the anger I feel sometimes"

Gradually, three other people from two different congregations joined us, and we courageously embarked on the telling of 'spiritual autobiographies'. Each person described their spiritual journey and what or who influenced them along the way. Sometimes church was a large part of the story; sometimes, it wasn't. But each journey was sacred and we were able to listen well to and celebrate each path. At the end of each telling, we repeated the same phrase: "*For what was, for what is, for what will be, thanks be to God.*"

Together, we began to understand that spirituality is about relationship -- ongoing, evolving relationship with a living God, with other people, with creation, and with ourselves. We have just finished a little book called Strength for the Journey by Renee Mller. It introduced us to a variety of practices or 'spiritual disciplines' by which we could strengthen and enliven those vital relationships.

And so it was that Wednesday we found ourselves outside on a beautiful day in the park adjacent to the Holt Center for the Arts, off of Kenwood Ave. We had come to 'practice'. Some sat in the shade and listened to birds. Some studied turtles basking n the sun on the pond. Some wandered down trails in the woods. Watching all this, I realized how gradually and lovingly we have grown in trust and love for one another and through one another to God.

I am so thankful,

ANN+

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, MAY 12

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Diocesan Convention

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: BIG TENT MEETING, with
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Ann+ has 2 free tickets: Interested? Call her,
410-935-2737

SPRNG FUNdraiser postponed until May 20

SATURDAY, MAY 13

11:30: Noonday Prayer, Sanctuary

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Loaves & Fishes Parish Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 14: EASTER V

9:30 AM: St. Matthias worship

Guest Preacher, Dominic Stokes (Sandy Ashe's son)

10:45 AM: Coffee hour & SOS

11:30 AM: Rebirth Worship

1:20 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

10:00 AM: Morning Prayer

10:30 AM: Wondering wth the Word (all welcome)

COMING UP:

5/20/17: 9:00 - 2:00: SPRING FOOD, FLOWERS, FUN

5/18/17 - 6/1/17: ANN+ VACATION

6/10/17: ANNUAL PARRISH MEETING



"WONDERING WOMEN"

OUR PRAYERS

Sylvia Hooper

Gail Landers

Sally Morton

Pat

Marilyn Prescott

Otis Cutler