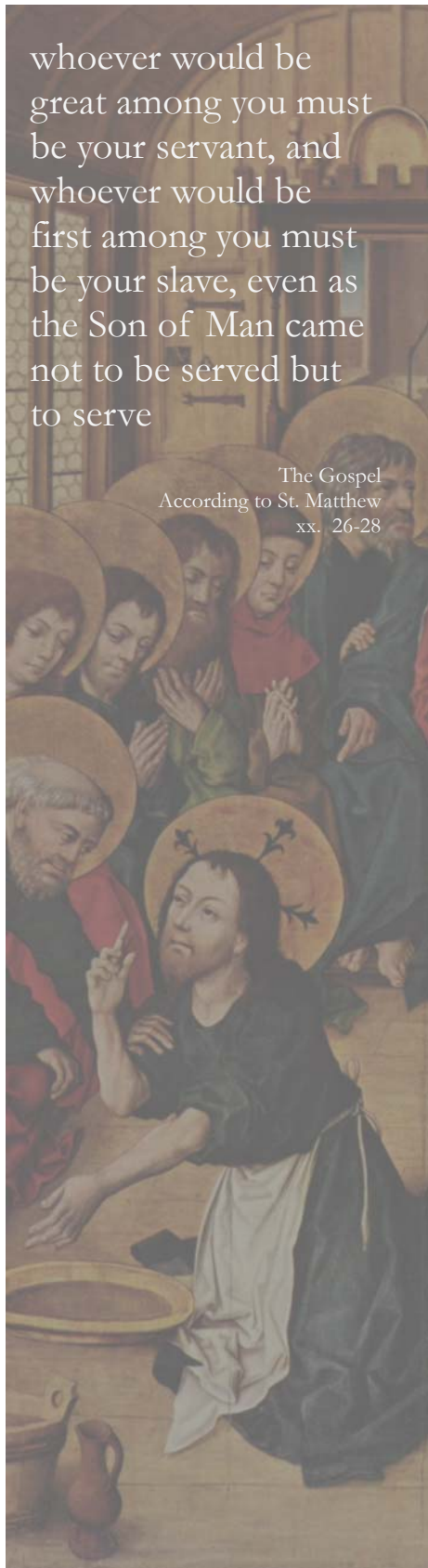


THE ORTHODOX ANGLICAN CHURCH

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



Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

In this issue of the newsletter we will be highlighting images from our Fall Clericus which took place in October. The weekend was a blessing to me because it was a great opportunity to fellowship, and also to sit back and hear good preaching. At the Clericus we spent a great deal of time in prayer (Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, and the Clergy Office), we had two Eucharistic services, several meaningful workshops, and we ordained Mr Ric Smith as a deacon.

It is my hope that in AD 2018 we will have more opportunities for the clergy to fellowship, worship, and learn together. The coming year will also include the 54th General Convention of the Orthodox Anglican Church. The event is scheduled to take place in Charlotte, North Carolina. I hope that if you have suggestions related to the planning of these events that you will share them with our office. Further details of that event will be coming out in the next issue of the newsletter.



Revd Ric Smith receives his certificate of ordination

It hardly seems possible but in a few short weeks we will close out another Church year. This past year has been full of blessing and challenges. I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve this past year, and I look forward to advancing the Kingdom in the coming Church year. I look forward to sharing some exciting news with you very soon.

Despite setbacks caused by hurricanes, health issues, accidents, and man's sinful nature, our jurisdiction will continue to grow. We have made Christ, His honour and glory, and the proclamation of Him in Word and Sacrament to be our sacred mission. Who is "worthy for these things?"

May God bless you,

‡ *Thomas E. Gordon*





Fall Clericus Collect



Fall Clericus

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of man, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister; Give us grace, we humbly beseech thee, to lay aside the garments of our vanity; and so gird us with thy power, and crown us with thy humility, that finally, in the glory of servanthood we may stand beside thy throne, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.



Father James Ward preaching at the Fall Clericus



Canon Paul Hubbard preaching at the Fall Clericus

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Canon Drew Darnell on our Fall Clericus



Our time together turned out to be so much more than a time of fellowship, teaching, and worship. We may look back at that time as a pivotal moment as we move forward as a jurisdiction on mission. As we gathered, it wasn't just scattered clergy coming together but a family reunion that started the way that it should, around the Lord's Table. Our time was marked by a strong sense of love, encouragement, challenge, transparency, and grace. I have never experienced such brotherhood before and it made my love grow for each of those who were with us as well as those who were not able to make it. I didn't think it was possible, but in those two short days, I fell more in love with our Church and committed to our vision. Based on our leadership and godly clergy, I am convinced that the best days for the Orthodox Anglican Church are in front of us.

Pray for our Military Chaplains



Blessed Lord, You commissioned Your disciples to continue the work which the Father sent You into the world to do. Support with Your Word and Spirit those who minister in the armed forces of our country. Give them grace to preach the Gospel boldly and to administer Your sacraments faithfully. Strengthen them in temptation, and give them courage in the perils of their calling, that they might glorify You before all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



The clericus is a time for us to build collegiality -*esprit de corps* as it was called in the Navy, vent, lay bare our frustrations, limitations, weaknesses, and recharge. It is always refreshing to hear another voice preach a homily. It is good to pray the offices, such as Noon Prayer and Compline, that we are often hard pressed to fit into the day. It is good to pray with other men of the same convictions. And it is good to actually establish a personal relationship with the new faces around the jurisdiction; like me. I left clericus refreshed and motivated.

The Revd Shannon Ramey

“You have been given extraordinary gifts to help people, to bless them here and to eternity. You are to take those gifts and engage, doing nothing is not an option.”

“The call to Holy Orders is a call to servanthood, and it is something all of us must understand: If you are in Holy Orders you are a servant”

Quotes from Archbishop Gordon's addresses at the clericus

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