

Time Together

While We are Apart

Trinity and St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Churches

Wednesday,
February 3, 2021

Good day dear church communities,

Our recipe today comes from Rita Theisen (SMWC), a favorite of hers since 1999 when she found it in The Washington Post! Rita offered these thoughts on her Cranberry Orange Chutney:

“It is an excellent accompaniment to traditional holiday meals — great on turkey or ham sandwiches — and the recipe is easily adaptable. Although the winter holidays are over, the chutney goes just as well with an Easter ham. Packed in small jars, it also makes a colorful gift.”

Be sure to read all the way down to the alterations Rita has made over the years to this favorite recipe. I imagine she and Jack have enjoyed it in all its forms since the late 20th century!

Cranberry Orange Ginger Chutney

Washington Post, 17 November 1999 (via Rita Theisen)

1 orange, unpeeled	2 c. brown sugar
4 c. cranberries (2 bags)	¾ c. diced crystallized ginger
½ c. finely chopped onion	½ t. ground cloves
2/3 c. cider vinegar	½ t. ground ginger
2/3 c. orange juice	½ t. ground allspice
¼ c. water	



Slice orange very thinly; discard ends and seeds; chop slices finely. In large pot over medium heat, combine orange with remaining ingredients. Simmer, stirring often, until mixture thickens (about 20 minutes). Cool; refrigerate until ready to serve. In almost 20 years of making this recipe, I have taken many liberties with it. The batch I made most recently had the following modifications:

I didn't have OJ or other fruit juice, so used 2/3 c. water instead (in addition to the ¼ c. water called for in the recipe) I like my cranberry sauce tart, so started with 1 c. brown sugar. Added one can whole cranberry sauce (contributes enough sugar to supplement the brown sugar reduction. Added about ¾ cup raisins Added one small apple, chopped. Added about one inch of fresh ginger, peeled and minced.

The recipe is adaptable and forgiving. You can also add to the finished product., i.e., extend with another can of cranberry sauce; add more fruit such as raisins, apples, mandarin oranges; add more sugar if it is too tart for your taste. Heat up the chutney, add new ingredients, and cook briefly as needed to soften fruit pieces.

Many thanks, Rita, for sharing this wonderful chutney.
And now onward to a little more “Time Together”,
Megan

Prayer Notes

We will include our prayer lists in each Wednesday Newsletter and in our worship services. Please continue to let us know of folks you would like to have on our prayer lists.

Please keep Mary Sue Courtney (SMWC) in your prayers. She has returned to the Lancashire and is under hospice care there.

Please continue in prayer for our country and our world. This “Prayer for the Human Family” is from our Book of Common Prayer:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer Lists:

St. Mary's Whitechapel: Dave Arnold, Alexa McGrath, Agnes Robbie, Don DeFilippo, George Clowser, Jori Keckman, Alexa Frisbee, R.W. Courtney, Tammy, Dorsey Ficklin, Glenn Courtney, Terry Thompson, Wendy Burnett, Lin Greene, Jake Cobb, Dave Petersen, Dan Ficklin, Marie Beringer, Mimi Chace, Donna Brayton, Hilda Courtney, Robert, Howard Hanchey, Jennifer Cassell Cole, Karen Woodruff, Gina Adams, Brad Quillen, Jessica, Joanne and Michael.

Nursing Home Resident: Lancashire - Mary Sue Courtney

Armed Forces: Jacob Sensenig, Joshua Green, Aimee Budzinski, Kathryn McCormack Akacem, Mehdi Akacem, Thomas Mackie, Pia Mackie, Tate Young, Spencer Fortin.

(Trinity:) Lella Lee Edwards, Malcolm Jett, Sherri Carter, Terri, R.W. Courtney, Frances Bush, Delford Walthall, Glenn Courtney, Steve, Rick Bateman, Earline Tomlin Kelley, Ed Borer, Dean Haine, Mary and Karen Jackson, Berkeley Kellum, Preston Bryant, Michael, Mel and Frances Ercelino, Hilda Courtney, Robert, Karen Woodruff, Joey Coker, Michael Dunaway, Brad Quillen, Ian Larmore, Brandon Dunaway.

Armed Forces: Giovanni Elhordoy, Ward Gavin, Paul Price and Michael Stout.

February and March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Trinity Birthdays: Elizabeth Hyde, February 3rd; Anne Kingsbury, February 3rd; Kate Warfel, February 9; Bill Buhmann, February 13th; Emily Carlson, February 13th; Justin Kingsbury, February 18th; Brooke Hayden, February 20th; Eli Hamrick, February 23rd; Hunter Hayden, February 24th; Mickey Blandford, February 25th; Anne Draper, February 26th; Ian Larmore, February 26th; Lane Hayden, March 4th; Dave Whitlow, March 6th; Jane Dunaway, March 9th; Hannah Ellery Kellum, March 10th; Jock Chilton, March 11th; Kelly Brent Kellum, March 15th; Ellen Tracey, March 16th; Glenn Courtney, March 19th; Ian Dunaway, March 22nd; Michael Dunaway, March 23rd; Megan Limburg, March 23rd; Adam Tyler Dunaway, March 27th

Anniversary- Carol and J. R. Roscher, February 29th; Fred and Judy Ripley, March 21st

St Mary's White Chapel: Kendall Stoneham, February 2; Derrick Stoneham, February 2; Ben Weimer, February 4; Dave and Mag Petersen, February 10; Howard Hanchey, February 17; Katelynn Wood, February 19; Sharon Gill, February 24; Tracy Nester, February 26; Kurt Muse, February 27; Kimberly Wood, March 8; Sue Johnson, March 12; Page Henley, March 12; Glenn Courtney, March 19; Megan Limburg, March 23; Gloria Romaine, March 24; Mary Chilton Senell, March 31

Anniversary – Dave and Mag Petersen, February 10

Announcements

Vestry Wardens elected: Both churches have elected their Wardens for the 2021 year. At Trinity, Frances Callahan was elected Sr. Warden and Fred Ripley was elected as Jr. Warden. At SMWC Richard Gill was elected Senior Warden, and Gloria Romaine was elected Jr. Warden. Gloria is a historic first at SMWC, the first female Jr. Warden in the church's 352 years! Congrats, Gloria! And many thanks to all four of these fine folks for their ministries of leadership on the Vestries!

All are invited on Saturday, February 13th at 4pm for our next Zoom Storytelling event! On the eve of St. Valentine's Day, we will gather for stories that somehow connect with the theme of love. I'll be telling the story of a dear dog from years ago that Tim and I nicknamed, "The Grateful Dog". If you would like to tell a story, text or email Megan to get on the list. And if you'd like to invite a friend, just share the zoom invitation with them; all are welcome!

Ash Wednesday is February 17th and we will have a Zoom service that evening at 6pm. Ashes can be imposed, placed, on the forehead by anyone, adult or child, no clergy needed! The week before the service, small containers of ashes will be available for pick up or delivery to allow all to fully participate in the Ash Wednesday service. Please email or call the office if you would like the ashes kit, and we will assure you receive them. 462-5908

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All are welcome at this service as we are invited into the observance a holy Lent.

Both of the Rector's Discretionary accounts have dropped lower than they have been in months. These accounts, which largely help folks through the LINK, offer assistance on rent, electric and propane bills, and other immediate essentials for our neighbors struggling with poverty, especially difficult in this long season of pandemic. If you feel called to donate to the accounts, please make a check to your church, and put "Rector's Discretionary Acct" in the memo. MANY thanks in advance for your gift.

Remember, come as you are to Sunday Zoom Church! 10am can be mighty early for some of us. Getting out of your pajamas and doing something about your hair can be a challenge for some too. Do not let these issues keep you from attending our 10am Zoom church service! You are welcome to attend with your camera off. Just sign in but do not start your camera. Being together and sharing God's love is too important to have it hinge on fixing your hair by 10am! Know that you are always welcome; come as you are!

Recent photo from behind the scenes at Sunday worship! Yes, collar and bedroom slippers.
Come as you are!



Are you looking for the video of Sunday's worship? Just a reminder that the video of Sunday worship is available for one week on the Trinity website: trinityva.org

Do you need help getting trash to the dump or picking up prescriptions or an occasional grocery item? Please know that we have folks ready to help in our joint churches community. Contact Megan for connection to a volunteer.

Washington National Cathedral continues to offer beautiful and moving worship daily. They can be found at cathedral.org

You can continue to mail pledges and donations to Rector's Discretionary Fund to each church:

Trinity Church
PO Box 208

SMWC
5940 Whitechapel Rd



Thoughts from the Organ Bench
by Glenn Courtney, Organist
SMWC and Trinity



“All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.”

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" is an Anglican hymn and is also sung in many other Christian denominations. The words are by Cecil Frances Alexander and were first published in her *Hymns for Little Children*. Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander, born in 1818 in Dublin, Ireland, was the daughter and third child of the former Elizabeth Reed and Major John Humphreys of Norfolk, land-agent to 4th Earl of Wicklow and later to the 2nd Marquess of Abercorn.

The introverted Fanny, as she was known to her family and friends, showed interest in poetry and writing, the earliest of which first appeared in a family weekly magazine. She was greatly influenced by clergymen like the Rev. D. Walter Farquar Hook, who edited and wrote the preface to her first publication, *Verses for Holy Season* (1846).

In 1848 Fanny published *Hymns for Little Children*, which included some of her most famous hymns such as “All Things Bright and Beautiful,” “Once in Royal David’s City” and “There is a Green Hill Far Away.” The proceeds of this publication were dedicated to Lady Harriet Howard’s school for hearing impaired children, Fanny’s favorite charity. Although the hymns from these publications were intended for children, their simple language and imagery is widely popular with all ages.

In 1850, Fanny married William Alexander, rector of Termonamongan, who later became Bishop of Derry, Archbishop of Armagh and primate for all Ireland. The couple had two sons and two daughters. Following a personal tragedy, Alexander began to write hymns for adults, which culminated in her translation of a Gaelic poem called “St. Patrick’s Lorica” (or breastplate) into the hymn “I Bind Unto Myself Today.”

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” consists of a series of stanzas that elaborate upon verses of the Apostles' Creed. It may have been inspired by Psalm 104, verses 24 and 25: "Oh Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts". The hymn may have been inspired as well by a verse from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*: "He prayeth best, who loveth best; All things great and small; For the dear God who loveth us; He made and loveth all." Alternatively, inspiration may have come from William Paley's *Natural Theology*, published in 1802, that argues for God as the designer of the natural world. For example, the hymn's second verse alludes to "wings" and verse 7 refers to "eyes". Paley cited wings and eyes as examples of complexity of design, analogous to that of a watch, with God as the “Divine Watchmaker.”

During her lifetime Alexander was known for her devotion to the poor, mentally handicapped, the deaf and the sick. Upon her death in 1895 in Londonderry, the cathedral bell began to ring announcing her passing to the city, and there was a great outpouring of condolences from all over the nation.

The hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" appears in The United Methodist Hymnal without stanzas three and six, in the Hymnal 1982 with four verses. One may find several tunes for this text in hymnals, but ROYAL OAK by Martin Shaw (1875-1958) provides a child-like setting that reaches all ages. ROYAL OAK is presumably named for a tree at Boscobel, Shropshire, England, in which King Charles II hid during the Battle of Worcester, 1651. A folk song that may well be older than the seventeenth century, ROYAL OAK was associated in the 1600s with the loyalist song "The Twenty-Ninth of May," a song that celebrated the restoration of the monarchy under Charles II on May 29, 1660.

This hymn has become a popular poetic icon, not only by its publication in many hymnals throughout the English-speaking world but also through original musical settings by contemporary composers such as John Rutter.

Alexander's text reads

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
(All things bright ...)

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
God made them, high and lowly,
And ordered their estate.
(All things bright ...)

The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;—

(All things bright ...)

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,—
He made them every one:
(All things bright ...)

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
We gather every day;—
(All things bright ...)

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
(All things bright ...)

Many later versions and performances of the hymn omit the third verse. The United Church of Canada includes a fourth verse: "The rocky mountain splendour, / the lone wolf's haunting call, / the Great Lakes and the prairies, / the forest in the fall."

Please enjoy these performances; first, the tune ROYAL OAK; second, the W. H. Monk tune; third, John Rutter's choral work.

All Things Bright and Beautiful, arranged by Mack Wilberg - Mormon Tabernacle Choir - YouTube

William Henry Monk: All Things Bright and Beautiful - YouTube

All Things Bright and Beautiful, by John Rutter (2019) - The Tabernacle Choir - YouTube

Sources: umcdiscipleship.org and Wikipedia.com

Reflection

Our Reflection today comes from The Reverend Tony Robinson, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ who lives in Seattle, Washington. He is the author of thirteen books, including *Transforming Congregational Culture* and *What's Theology Got To Do With It: Convictions, Vitality and the Church*. Reverend Robinson wrote this meditation about a year ago, and I liked it so much I saved it. Though the pandemic had not started when he wrote, this reflection seems to speak deeply to our current complex times.

Rising in the Darkness

“They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.” Psalm 112:4 (NRSV)

When I was a kid, I delivered the morning paper. I got up at 5:30a.m. and rode my bike a mile to a small shopping center. There a tightly bound stack of 50 copies of that day's Washington Post awaited me beneath the dull light from the closed Westover Safeway store.

It was darkest on the first part of my route. I crossed the main road and went down a long street that for some reason had no street lights. It could be very dark. I didn't like it. I wanted to be done with those ten deliveries and off to the other side of the highway where there were streetlights as soon as I could.

Except for the Shulteis' home, the last house on that dark street. There was a light on there. Now matter how dark the early morning. Mr. or Mrs. Shulteis would be up, visible through the window, going about the beginnings of their day. That saved me.

I get up early most days, often rising in the darkness. I like to read then, or wrote. I like to watch the first boats head out on the Sound, and the early joggers with their bobbing head lamps trotting along the bike path. I drink a cup of coffee and watch the day begin. Who knows, maybe my desk lamp is someone's beacon?

Of course, you don't have to be a literal morning person, to rise in the darkness. There are all sorts of different darknesses to rise in, to rise against. Thank God for everyone who does rise in one darkness or another, who casts some light of faith and warmth—as the Shulteis did for me—for the rest of us.

Prayer

Dear Bright Morning Star Jesus, praise be to you for rising in every darkness and for all who by doing the same, follow you. Amen.

