

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT, for this week's email. Claire is away, so I thought I would take the opportunity to share some things with you.

1 THIS SUNDAY, something a little different at the 10 a.m. service. The liturgy called PIANO MASS is attached. Something a little quieter, and reflective for a change. Come, join the quiet praise.

2 IN THE CATHEDRAL, you will have noticed some re-allocation of space in the cathedral sanctuary. There are a number of reasons we need to try something a bit different. Currently:

- We have brought the Reredos forward making it more prominent. This has reduced the travel distance for servers and other liturgical leaders. The liturgy is less fussy though still dignified.
- We have clearly delineated meeting and worship space. The space behind the Reredos is used for many meetings, consultations and occasional displays (as with the Season of Creation)
- We have altered the sight lines between the two altars (now we look through the “new” to the “old”)

PLEASE NOTE: Nothing is nailed down presently. Most people really like what they see and can appreciate what we are trying to do. So what are we trying to do?

- We hope to create an inviting impression for those entering the church, whether for the first or the thousandth time. Part of this involves an “unfenced” altar, free of visual obstruction. Visually we want to underscore the invitation: “Come and dine.”
- We want to physically express our relationship together as Christians who *gather around* the Lord's table. This is quite different from *standing before* at Altar as with Isaiah and the prophets of old. It does not seem possible to construct a space where the table is fully surrounded as in Little Trinity, Toronto, or St. Lawrence, Lakeview in Calgary, we can come close as have the congregations of St. Stephen's, Calgary, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver and St. Michael and All Angels, Kelowna.
- We still have a problem with movement during communion conflicting with the needs of the choir and director Norris. If we removed some pews at the front and replaced them with flexible seating (like that installed in the

chapel) the pressure on that area could be greatly reduced. We further gain the benefits of flexible space for special liturgies such as Maundy Thursday, Youth Gatherings, healing rites and musical performances.

To accomplish this:

- We would need to extend the platform on which the rails currently sit forward ten or so feet and move the rails to the sides allowing the altar to move forward. We would then use a mixture of standing and kneeling stations as we share Eucharist together
- We would purchase and install flexible seating (using chairs in the style of those in the chapel) opening space on the choir side to solve the collisions currently encountered

IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THESE IDEAS the congregation is invited to attend an open meeting of Cathedral Committee on Tuesday Evening, Sept 26 at 7 p.m.

3 The SEASON OF CREATION brochure is now prepared and will hopefully be in our hands by this coming Sunday. I attach it to this email for your interest. I will speak to the programme in more detail this coming Sunday. I have attempted to design something with all ages, interests and abilities in mind. See what happens.

4 I also attach my recent sermon TALKING TRUTH which responds to CHARLOTTESVILLE and the ongoing challenge of genuine social inclusion.

5 A REMIND EVERYONE WHO MINISTERS TO VULNERABLE PERSONS IN AND THROUGH ORU PARISH about the forthcoming SAFE CHURCH event. See the attached poster. Those who minister in the following categories or positions are required to attend. Others interested are welcome to attend.

Clergy

Wardens

Children & Youth Leaders

Cathedral Committee

Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament

Hospital Visitors

Prayer Ministry

Seniors Home Volunteers

Thrift Shop Friday workers
Out of the Cold volunteers

6 CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who turned out for the recent PRIDE parade. See images at <https://grayintheforest.smugmug.com/Events/Kamloops-PRIDE-2017/i-VZj9mzZ> it was great to see the cathedral represented along with other denominations.

7 Once again WE ARE QUITE SHORT OF SOUP. Some of our usual suppliers are unable to produce soup lately. We do recognize that we need to do things differently in the fall and will schedule some community soup-making events shortly. Until then if you have time, soup is welcome.

THERE'S MORE, but that's quite enough for now. I hope everyone can enjoy these last days of summer as we prepare for the fall together.

Grace and compassion to all, Dean Ken