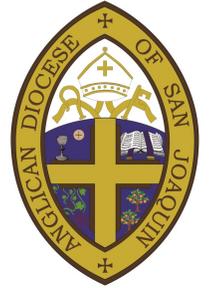


THE SAN JOAQUIN ANGLICAN



The Bishop's Corner—Shared Blessings

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

"10 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics-is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." (Luke 3:10-11)

Jesus gave this clear answer to how we should treat one another. We in the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin believe that we should follow this same teaching.

In 2017 we were blessed to have a surplus in our diocesan budget of approximately \$95,000. This past month the Diocesan Council and Standing Committee voted to place half of that surplus into savings and half into a Mission Fund that churches in the diocese could apply for.

If you have a mission project that could use a little boost, the diocesan mission grant can match the congregations giving up to \$3,000.00.

An application for funding can be made by sending the Bishop a detailed explanation of your ministry project. Please be sure to include the scope of your project, expected outcomes, leadership and congregational funding.

A sub-committee of the Diocesan Council will evaluate applications.

More Shared Blessings –

Over the past several months the diocese has received several items that we are storing to make available to any congregation in the diocese. These items are free for the taking if they are to be used for ministry purposes.

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND DIOCESAN CALENDAR

April 30—Rural Deans

April 30-May 2—Clergy Conference

May 5—Ordination to Diaconate of Edward Thurber, St. James' Anglican Church, Fresno

May 6—Bishop @ St. James, Fresno

May 12—Installation of Bp. Miguel Uchoa as Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Brazil

May 19—Diocesan Council

May 20—Day of Pentecost, Bishop @ Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fresno

May 22-24—ACNA Western Examining Chaplains' Meeting

May 27—Bishop @ Jesus the Good Shepherd; Henderson, Nevada

May 28—Memorial Day, Diocesan Office Closed

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Here is a partial list of the items:

- 8 Green chairs with arms and casters
- 1 @ 125.6 cubic foot refrigerator with a 9.5 cubic foot freezer; 2 Doors side by side
- 1 @ 142 cup coffee urn
- 1 podium wooden with mic stand
- 1 large projector screen
- 1 small projector screen
- 1 wooden flag
- 1 wide bristle broom
- 1 small vacuum cleaner Dirt Devil
- 2 large hinged signs; white, plastic
- Various plastic spoons, gloves, coffee filters, plastic wrap, and other kitchen supplies
- 1 mop bucket
- 1 wire frame lectern
- 2 White Pine bookcases
- A box of various vestments
- 1 ladder aluminum
- 2 oscillating fans
- 6 metal folding chairs
- 1 wooden stool
- 1 round table with base
- 4 white plastic tables 6ft.
- 1 collapsible stool
- 1 desk chair
- Two 12 cup coffee makers
- 1 small locking safe
- 2 large speakers and a small portable mixing board
- 1 approx 6ft altar with collapsing end leaves; light wood
- 1 Small mismatched tool set
- 2 collapsible wooden bookshelves about 4 feet high
- Prayer books
- Hymnals
- Chasubles & stoles for most seasons
- Albs of various sizes.

Transitions

Congratulations to **Ted Thurber** who will be ordained to the vocational diaconate on May 5th. Ted was raised up through St. James, Fresno, and upon ordination will be assigned to serve at Our Lady of Guadalupe.



*By the Grace of God
The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees
Fifth Bishop of San Joaquin
will Ordain*

Edward Gerrish Thurber III

*To the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church on*

*Saturday, May 5, 2018
at Ten O'clock in the Morning
Hosted by St. James' Anglican Church at*

*Campus Bible Church
222 Fountain Way
Fresno, CA 93704*

Clergy: Cassock and Surplice, Red Stoles



Ancient Practices for a Hurried Age

At its best, the Anglican way of being Christian seeks to embody ancient practices going back to the early Church, while also continually adapting to our present context. Here is a brief overview of our worship with some explanations. We'll look at particulars in the future.

We begin our service in silence to quiet our minds and calm our hearts in preparation to meet Christ through corporate worship. The Bible has much to say about being silent before God, and we see Jesus modeled this for us. Our world is flooded with sounds, screens, and various loud voices ceaselessly rushing at us to get our attention. The ancient practice of silence and our liturgical worship create a dam to stop the rushing waters of technology, media, and entertainment so we may awaken more fully to God's presence.

The pattern of our service is called a liturgy, which literally means "the work of the people." This is because it is meant to be interactive. The congregation stands, sits, kneels (when possible), bows, crosses themselves, and comes forward for Communion. We express what we believe through what we do with our bodies. The congregation is intended to follow along with the service, praying the prayers with those leading the service, and thereby making them their own. We respond at various points, allowing us to interact with the prayers and the readings. We also practice listening to God's Word read as well as proclaimed in the sermon.

This requires great effort and focus. We may have to continually draw ourselves back into the moment so that the prayers and responses don't become empty ritual. Worship is never about simply going through the motions. It's always about encountering God's presence through adoration and abandonment to His grace, mercy, and love. We need to be awake to do so. Our intentionality in worship is our "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving."

Our service finds its roots in the liturgical patterns of worship seen throughout the Bible: from the orderly patterns of worship in the Old Testament to the patterns of worship revealed in the heavenly realms in the Book of Revelation. The pattern is intended to be like a trellis that allows God's means of grace to take root and grow in our lives through the Holy Spirit. The structure is never intended to stifle the Holy Spirit's movement in our midst, but instead to provide hooks for our faith to grab hold of as we encounter God through worship.

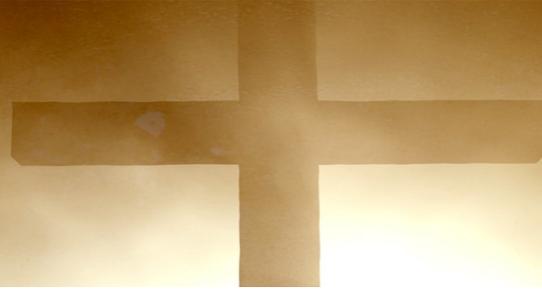
Our style of worship embraces the tension present between formal and organic, mystery and revelation, silence and proclamation, reverence and intimacy, Christ's physical absence and His real presence in our midst. The Eucharist, or Great Thanksgiving, is a central point in our service. Here we recall that unless Christ's body was broken, we could never be made whole. If Jesus did not invite us to His feast, we'd always remain empty. We believe that in a mysterious way the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present to the faithful in Communion.

So we take St. Paul at his word and prepare ourselves in silence to receive Christ in the bread and wine. It is appropriate afterwards to also sit in silence marveling in gratitude for what Christ has done. This is true even if the congregation is singing. During this holy (literally set apart) time, we are invited to deepen our conversation with God through prayer and thanksgiving.

Lastly, throughout the service we lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in song. Here again we follow the pattern laid out in Scripture that "it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks" to God. We do this through ancient hymns as well as through more contemporary worship songs. Music allows us to respond to God's grace, mercy, and love with praise. It also opens us up in a special way to encounter the Spirit's presence, which is always present.

I pray this brief overview will assist you in slowing down and stepping outside our hurried age so that you may more fully encounter the "living waters" of the Holy Spirit through our worship together.

In Christ, Fr. Mark Hall, All Saints, Bakersfield



St. Columba Church
Anglican Church Women's
Spring Luncheon

Saturday May 19th

11:30 - 1:30

Featured Speaker

Susanne Dietze

Christian Romance Author

www.susannedietze.com



Saint Columba Church

Parish Hall

5073 N. Palm Ave

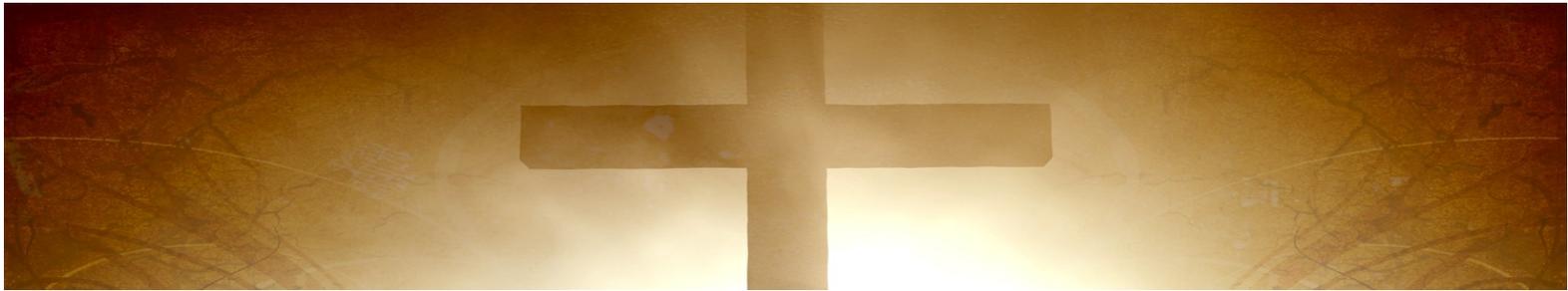
Fresno, CA

Tickets \$15

For more information

and to reserve a ticket

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Even though most students intend to grow their faith in college, around 7 in 10 find that peer relationships pull them away. A Navigators study showed that the friends students connect with during first 72 hours are key to remaining in the faith, and being a change-agent on their campus.

Many of your seniors have already chosen colleges...Don't let them get lost in this major life transition. [Click here to learn how to get them connected to a college ministry!](#)

CALLING ALL INTERCESSORS

God is doing more and more great things among the young people of the ACNA! And as our ministry to teenagers grows, we need more prayer!

We're creating a group of intercessors to minister in prayer on behalf of the young people of the ACNA and those who work with them. We'll send out monthly intercession emails with points of prayer and points of praise, and we're asking for people willing to lift these things up before the Lord regularly!

Will you please pray about being a part of this important ministry?
If you feel called or are interested, please [click here](#).

Potential Prayer Points:

- Upcoming events
- Cultural struggles our families face
- Things we see the Lord doing among our kids





In Bondage to Evil: A Psycho-Spiritual Understanding of Possession

By T. Craig Isaacs

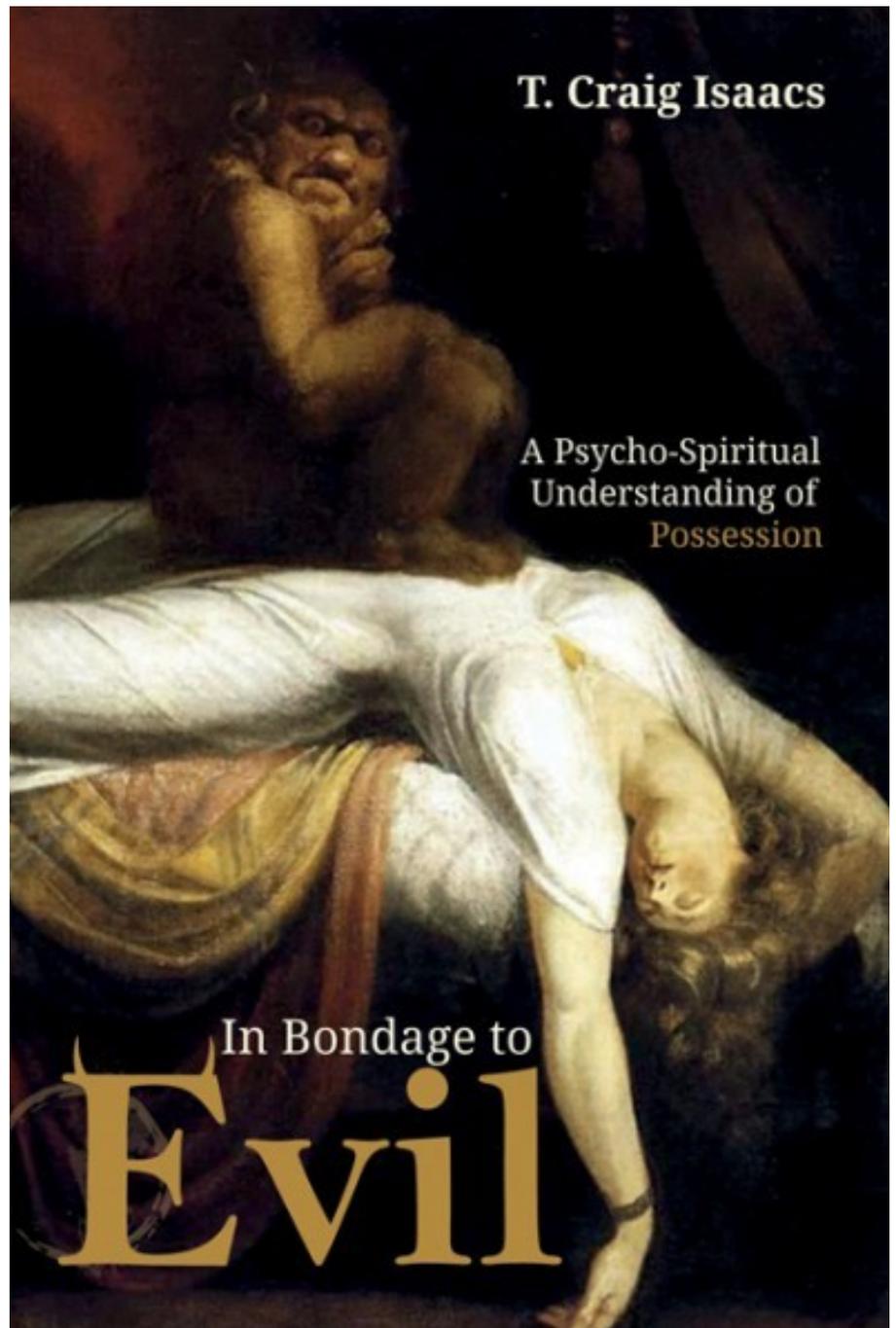
New Book from Fr. Isaacs, priest of a church in the Diocese of San Joaquin, St. David's in San Rafael.

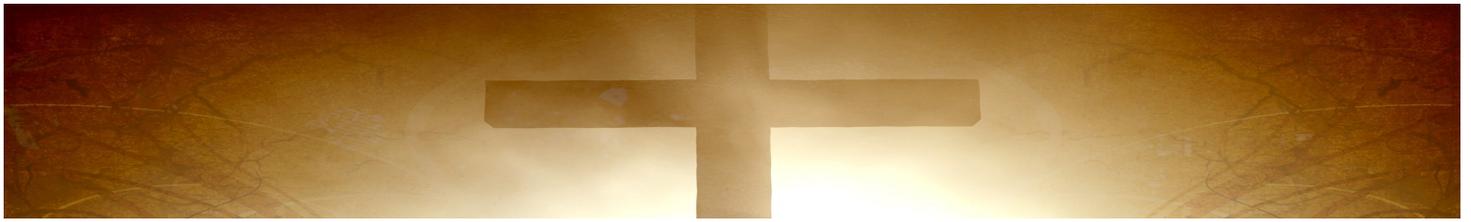
Fr. Isaacs is also an internationally known author on the subject of possession.

T. Craig Isaacs is a clinical psychologist practicing psychotherapy and spiritual formation in Marin County, CA. He is also a priest of the Anglican Church North America. He is author of the book *Revelations and Possession: Distinguishing Spiritual from Psychological Experiences* (2009), as well as two books on preventing violence in churches: *Wolves Among the Sheep* (2011), and *The Wolves Among the Sheep Workbook* (2013). He also wrote *John's Apocalypse: A Study in Dream Interpretation*.

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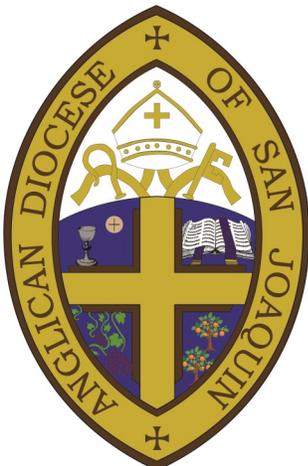
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