

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

You know, one of the disadvantages of being the officiant at a wedding is that I get to the party but I have to behave myself! When I read the story of the wedding at Cana, and see that Jesus transformed something like thirty gallons of water into wine, I hope that, if I had been there, I was a guest and not the one who married the bride and groom! Can you imagine what that party was like?

Underneath the apparent wantonness, however, there lie two themes that help inform our lives. The first is abundance. Jesus takes the six water jars and turns their contents into a lot of wine. There is really an excess of wine—way more than they needed, especially since the party was already well underway. Like so much of the Gospel of John, we are meant not to simply take away the literal meaning of the story, but to see the deep theological significance of the signs Jesus performs. The plenitude of the wine is a sign for us of the generosity of God. Even though so much is hardly necessary, it doesn't stop Jesus from making more than he needs. Reminds me of a gathering in this community where there is always way more food than is needed. But having *enough* is not the point, is it? The message being conveyed is that there's *lots*. As we read this story, we need to hear it not so much in the context of a wedding but in a more universal setting. For those who believe in God, it should come naturally to us to subscribe to a theology of abundance rather than scarcity. In God's kingdom, there is never just enough, there is an abundance. In economic terms, we should look at our world as having more than we need; in spiritual terms, we should know that God wastes grace on us: God lavishes more on us than we need (or deserve).

The second theme is transformation. The obviously literal sign that Jesus performs is the transformation of water into wine. At the same time, he transforms the wedding party from a run-of-the-mill reception into a celebration of great emotion and excitement. Again, John invites us into the sub-text of the story, showing us through the recounting of this miracle that Jesus offers the possibility of transformation, of new beginnings, of reinvigoration. For those of us who, like John, have chosen to follow Jesus, this truth should be self-evident, but sometimes I wonder if we've forgotten to allow our hearts and our lives to be transformed by the power of the Christ. If the transformative power of Jesus is lost on us, how do we translate it to the world?

Ultimately both of these things—abundance and transformation—point us in the direction that the whole season of Epiphany takes us: towards a manifestation of the awesome and fearful power that God exercises over the universe through the person of Jesus. As Jesus performed the first sign in Cana, he revealed his glory so that his disciples might believe in him. This Epiphany season, let us once again see the glory of God in Jesus so that we might believe and rejoice.

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

REGULAR SERVICES

All Saints', Tyendinaga

Sunday Celebration—8:30 a.m.

Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk

Sunday Celebration—10:30 a.m.

Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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TYENDINAGA

Vision Statement

To be a Spirit-filled and life giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

**Sunday 17 January 2010
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn	CP 384 (omit v 4)
Apostolic Greeting	BAS 185
Collect for Purity	185
Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)	
Collect of the Day	349

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10	BAS 748
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gradual Hymn	CP 437
Alleluia	CP 715
Gospel	John 2:1-11
Homily	
Nicene Creed	BAS 188
Prayers of the People	
Confession and Absolution	190
Peace	

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn	CP 438
Prayer over the Gifts	
Eucharistic Prayer 4	BAS 201
Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy)	CP 732
Lord's Prayer	BAS 211
Breaking of the Bread 6	213
Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God)	CP 747

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sin, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion
Music: CP 52, SB 67, HFG 639

All are welcome to join in the Eucharistic feast. As you come forward for Communion, please take a moment to clean your hands with the sanitiser found at the front of the church. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. Please do not dip your bread into the wine.

COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion	BAS 214
Blessing	
Closing Hymn	CP 322
Dismissal (words below)	BAS 215

**Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, alleluia!
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CP—Common Praise (Blue)
SB—Song Book (Green or Blue Folder)
BAS—Book of Alternative Services (Green)

We give thanks to God that we were able to worship together today! If you would like a visit or phone call from the Parish Priest please let anyone know who is listed on the back panel of the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—*In order to unite with one another, we must love one another; in order to love one another, we must know one another; in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another.* These words, known as the "Testament of Cardinal Mercier," are an impetus for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week (actually an octave, eight days) has been celebrated continuously since 1894. Churches around the world keep the octave between the Sundays closest to the feasts of the Confession of St Peter (18 Jan) and the Conversion of St Paul (25 Jan).

Annual Meeting of Vestry—Anyone who usually submits a report for Vestry is encouraged to start thinking about it and turn it in by Sun 17 Jan. Vestry will meet on Sun 21 Feb 2010.

Parish Fun Night—Wed 20 Jan at 7 p.m. at the QAPC. Bring a game, a snack, and a friend! **Note:** Fun Night is now being held on the 3rd Wed of the month.

Interested in Christian outreach? Want to put mission into action helping people in need at home and abroad? *Love in Action* invites you to join our hard-working team. We meet monthly on the last Mon at 7:00 p.m. – our next regular meeting will be at Gail Clement's, 25 Jan. Questions? Please call Paul Robertson 396-5496 or speak with one of the other *Love in Action* members.

Vital Church Planting Conference 2010—"Proclaiming the Gospel Afresh...Developing a Mixed Economy Church" is the theme of this year's conference held 2-4 Feb at St Paul's, Bloor St, Toronto. For more info, please visit www.vitalchurchplanting.com.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Tue 16 Feb, 5 to 7 p.m. at the QAPC. An old tradition in the Church, symbolising the last "luxury" meal of fatty and sugary foods before the beginning of the Lenten fast. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy—Wed 17 Feb, 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Mark the beginning of Lent, the season of our preparation for Easter, in a traditional way with the Imposition of Ashes (receiving an ash cross on your forehead) and a celebration of the Eucharist.

Baptism—Anyone wishing to be baptised or who knows someone who might wish to be baptised is invited to speak to Brad to arrange preparation for baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter on Sat 3 Apr.



EVERY DAY I COME HERE AND PRAY FOR A SIGN, BUT I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT I'M NEVER GOING TO GET ONE

BIBLE TRIVIA

Last Week's Answer

It's true that Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, was herself of the priestly family of Aaron (Luke 1:5)

This Week's Question

Who was the son of Seth and father of Kenan?



Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion
Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
The Most Rev'd Maurício José Araújo de Andrade, Primate

Diocese of Ontario
The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
Dialogue, the Publication of the Diocese of Ontario
Francie Healy, Editor
Jane Miller, Managing Editor

Companions
St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam; the Revd Christopher Smith
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Revd Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga
Lay Reader
Families of: Marion Hearn, Bev Hill & Bill Williams, Bobbie & Vernon Hill, George & Sharon Hill, Glenn Hill

Readings for Next Sunday

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Psalm 19
Luke 4:14-21