

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

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Mentor Notes:

As Anglicans, worship is at the center of our life together. So what should our worship be like?

Any of you who have visited a range of Anglican churches in England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA...you will know that there are myriad ways to be Anglican. But many of us carry deep memories of church as it is supposed to be—it's easy to hearken back to "the good old days."

I wish each of us could "tesser"—travel in time and place, taking our Spirit of the Wilderness sisters and brothers with us to visit our ideals. Mine would include Xhosa Anglicans dancing in a service lasting 3 or 4 hours or choral evensong with the fabulous choir and the extraordinary chapel at Kings College, Cambridge.

I guess that's not going to happen. All we can do is to find ways to "be church" with what and who and where we are. Jeff Kidder's visit this weekend is meant to help us do that. It's a great treat to have such a gifted musician and church music consultant here. Please take in all you can as we seek to expand our repertoire.

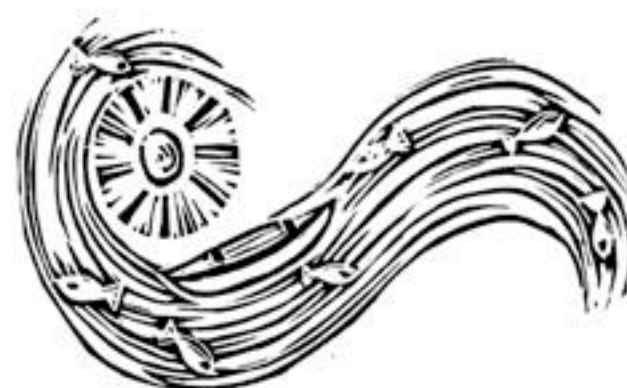
On a slightly different note: our use of different liturgies is meant to do the same: I keep hearing raves about the New Zealand BCP; I trust if you have a different idea you'll let me know.

For now our big question is this: how do we worship in ways that are faithful to the tradition, nurturing to our souls, and offer an open door to those outside our tradition?

Peace, Mary Ellen+

Don't forget!

- This Saturday 2-4 at WindCradle, Jeff Kidder works with us on music selection.
- Later Saturday (5-8) hoopla at WindCradle with potluck, music and a general good time.
- Sunday morning—all musicians be there to practice from 8:30-10:30.
- This Sunday is food shelf Sunday for Spirit—please bring your contributions.
- August 25th: Social at Greg and Coralyn's.



Please pray:

- For the family of Frank Hansen in this time of grief and loss.
- Special prayers for Lorraine, Elinor, Ross and Denise (injured in a car accident).