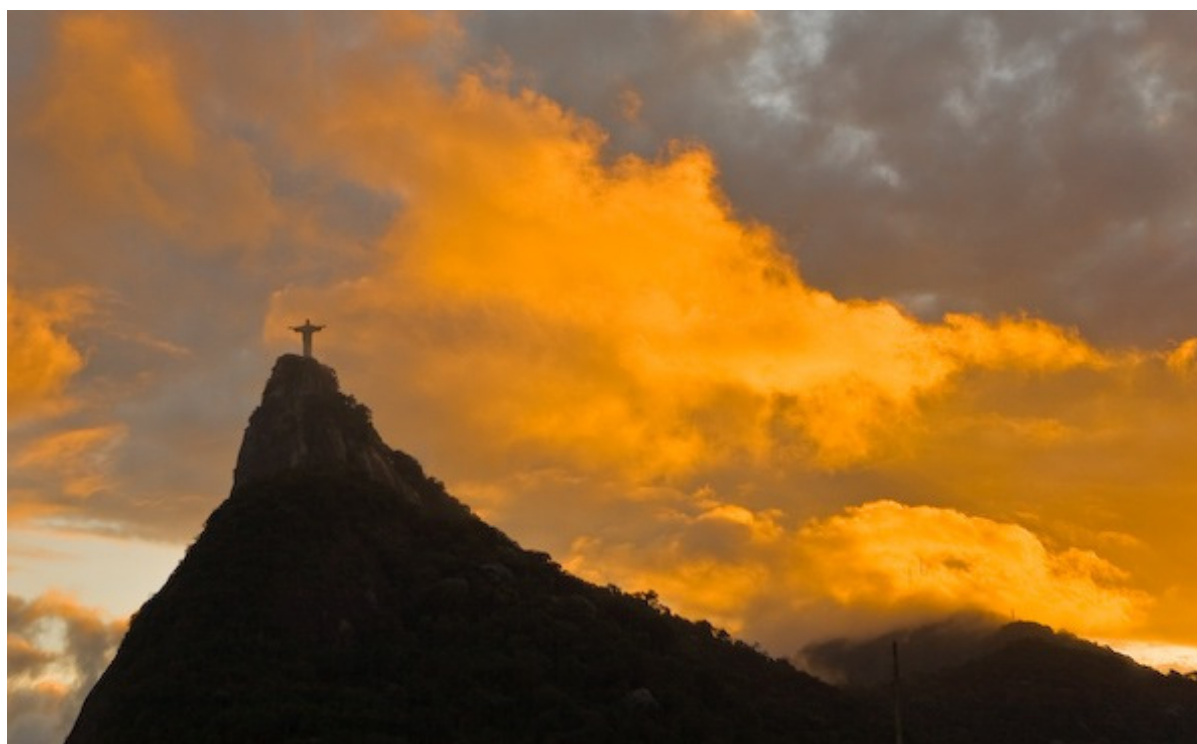


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November 27, 2013

The Bread of Life

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35*

Jesus, The Bread of Life

The saying of Jesus above is part of the gospel reading for Thanksgiving Day.

Don't you think that is a little odd? The entire section, John 6:25-35, doesn't say anything about the actual practice of being thankful. There are parts of the Bible that do talk about the importance of giving thanks, but it is not mentioned in the gospel for the day. Instead we hear of Jesus as the Bread of Life. He is, of course, the Bread of Life but it does not seem like a direct connection to Thanksgiving. Or, is it?

Submission

Thanksgiving is an act of submission. By submission I mean to be in the position to receive. I do not mean to be a door mat. To submit is to be able to receive from someone else. To be thankful is to acknowledge that you have received from someone else (submitted to them) and are in a position to receive again. That is one of the most important ways we relate to Jesus. We live our lives by receiving from Him. That is very different from only giving. Our main time of worship is sometimes called the eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. When we come to the Table of the Lord, or to anything else for that matter, to be in a position to receive from Jesus is one of the greatest acts of thanksgiving we can practice.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, December 1, 2013 worship at 10:00am

A Mission Trip is planned for March 8, 2014-March 15, 2014. We will be taking a team to help with the continued clean up and rebuilding for those who were hit by Hurricane Sandy last year. More information is available from Jenna Nelson at jnelson561@gmail.com

Contribute to Typhoon relief in the Philippines through Episcopal Relief and Development. You may contribute through their website www.episcopalrelief.org.

Go to the disaster relief fund section.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For the Rumble Seat Inn that business would increase

Metropolitan Richmond

We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends.

Diocese of Virginia

For the baptized in their daily life and work, in particular, for all Committees and Commissions in the Diocese; their chairs and members.

Grace and Peace,
John Maher

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