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A Sure Foundation

Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: "Whoever believes will not be in haste."

Isaiah 28:16

Saints Simon and Jude

Simon and Jude were part of the original twelve called by Jesus to follow Him. Therefore, they were among the original apostles. Today we celebrate their lives and witness. Simon was "the Zealot." Jude was the brother of James the Greater, another of the original twelve. He was also possibly the author of the Epistle of Jude. Tradition holds that they were apostolic missionaries to Persia, the present day middle east. Those details are sketchy. Simon has been regarded as one who is zealous for the Jewish law, or perhaps a member of the "Zelotes" party. Jude has been known as the patron saint of desperate or lost causes.

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No matter how dubious the details of the traditions surrounding Simon and Jude one theme runs through the scripture readings appointed for their feast day: They regarded Jesus as their sure foundation and cornerstone.

This is not only for their life, the forgiveness of their sins, and their strength to go on no matter what. It is also for the work they carried on.

They were able to share their faith and minister to others because of what Jesus provided to them. He is the foundation upon which we stand. He is the one who gives us faith, hope, love, mercy, and strength. He picks us up and sends us out. He gives us what we need to do what He asks. Simon and Jude exemplify this very deeply.

The conclusion of the Letter of Jude, sometimes called the Jude Doxology, is a very powerful way to worship the One who is our Sure Foundation:

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, the the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, before all time and now and forever (Jude 24+25).

Coming Attractions

Sunday, November 1, 2015 Worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 Color Me Friends at 6:30pm

Sunday, November 8, 2015 Worship followed by pot luck at 10:00am

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 Vestry Committee 4:00pm; Pub Theology at The Rumble Seat at 6:30pm

Sunday, November 15, 2015 Worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 Caritas at 5:00pm at Christ Church

Please bring non-perishable food to worship for the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for worship and Pot luck on November 29 at 5:30pm.
Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Symphony will lead worship at Symphony Assisted Living on November 22, 2015 at 9:00am. Contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Centerville Circle of Prayer

ChicknEgg Productions, Lisa Dearden, Owner/Manager, that many local and home based businesses would prosper in our area.

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of All Saints-Sharon Chapel, Alexandria; Christ Church, Brandy Station; St. Thomas, Orange; St. Aidan's, Alexandria; St. Stephen's, Culpepper that they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the unemployed and the underemployed, for suitable work, living wages. and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city; and for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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