

THE CALL

The Reverend Adam S. Linton, Rector

DECEMBER 2004

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

2374 Grant Avenue, Ogden, Utah 84401

Rector's Reflections

I found myself encouraged by our Diocesan Convention held last month; in many ways it seems that we are now, as the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, coming of age. One of these encouraging elements was that we had time to reflect seriously on issues which address our life, witness, and mission as a faith community.

At the Bishop's session with the clergy, we had a valuable opportunity to discuss the issue of open Communion in the Episcopal Church. Since the nineteen-seventies, Episcopal policy has been what we announce here at Good Shepherd every Sunday, "All baptized persons, baptized in any church, are welcome to receive Holy Communion." Yet particularly in the last ten years, we are seeing a significant evolution, away from, "all *baptized* are welcome to receive" to "All *who desire* are welcome to receive." And, I should hope obviously, Episcopal clergy are very disinclined to be some sort of "cops" at the altar rail; even in parishes with the former practice, when people draw near to receive, we don't send them away empty handed. We are stewards of this Table, not its Lord – a Lord who said, "Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:37)

It has been pointed out that in the generation since our "new" Book of Common Prayer, nominal church membership has steadily declined. Therefore, fewer in the population happen to have been baptized; so, a rubric that had the intention of highlighting the importance of Baptism now, in fact, is likely to be experienced as a barrier by many who would visit an Episcopal congregation. Since one of the most important ways we share our faith is sharing our worship, the problem is evident.

Frankly, I have been able to appreciate both sides of the discussion. I can affirm both the Christly mandate of welcome – the generous (and sometimes risky) sharing of our life – and also the Christly seriousness of the Sacrament – which, if we're true to ourselves (and our Lord) can't be reduced to a mere hospitality ritual. The life we have to share, after all, is the life of faith; faith specifically in Jesus Christ, Crucified and Risen, who – wondrously and graciously – calls us, gives us his own life, and thereby commissions and empowers us for active discipleship in his Name.

What is clear, unambiguously, is where the Episcopal Church is going with the question. While there is still diversity of perspective, to be sure, more and more, throughout the country, open communion is becoming the norm in our congregations and among our clergy. And, here in Utah, Good Shepherd is now among the very few where this is not yet the case. In fact, we are, at this point, the only one remaining from the larger, more established parishes still restricting Communion to those already baptized.

Bishop Irish stated at our meeting that she has been fully aware of different practices in Utah, that she has accepted this, kept to local practice in her visitations, and does not intend to issue a Diocesan policy on the matter. I was grateful to her for raising the issue for discussion in what proved to be a remarkably informed, helpful forum. I expect, further, that open Communion will both be addressed and confirmed (in one way or another) at our next General Convention.

For me, it's not simply doing "what everyone else" is doing. I have a profound confidence in the Episcopal Church. Despite all the very human (and frustrating) elements of fellowship in the Spirit, such fellowship is still, for us, the way of life – held in God's gracious purpose. With all reflection, with all discernment – and with all the on-going questions that come with faith – I believe, in the life of our Church as a whole, that we may trust the Spirit's leading.

Therefore, at Good Shepherd, continuing to honor the sacredness of both Baptism and the Eucharist, I believe that the time has come for us to adopt this new practice. As we do so, I'm also convinced that we need to emphasize our mission with renewed focus: from the heart and character of our own Christian tradition – to share our faith, welcome visitors, incorporate new members, support vital spiritual education, reach out into the community, and equip one another for ministry. At our Adult Sunday School session on December 5, I'm planning on holding an open forum on the topic. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

"All who need and desire to draw near to Jesus Christ, to receive the life which Christ gives, are welcome to receive Holy Communion."

Blessings, in this Advent season, and always.

Adam †

Rector's Office Hours:

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Friday is Fr. Adam's usual day off. Always feel free to contact him in the event of a hospitalization or a pastoral emergency at the office (392-8168) or at home (605-1883).

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From our Associate Rector

Dear Gentle Reader,
I've been torn about what to say to you this month. So many things have come flying at me (and, just as many, perhaps, at you). Each time I'm hit by something, it piles itself on top of all the other things happening around me. This piling up ought to leave me feeling overwhelmed. But strangely enough, everything that has come my way (and perhaps yours too) seems to be appropriate to the season. Let's talk specifics.

I thought I might write to you about the Diocesan Convention. How great it was to be part of a larger faith community and enjoy the positive feeling of working together to glorify God. But, that event was layered with the loss we experienced in our own church family, in the death of Thelma Ellis. The Good Shepherd's premier historian. The keeper of the keys.

Thelma's passing closed the actual bridge between where we as a parish are now and those who, long ago labored in this field and made this church a community of faith. We are fortunate that so many of Thelma's remembrances have been recorded for us.

So I thought I would dedicate this space to Thelma. But other equally important happenings kept flying my way. Some concerned people in our church home, who struggled this past month with family issues, health, worries. These things built up, layer upon layer as the month passed on. There were also people in our church home, who found the strength with God's grace, to gain some peace and some joy in spite of family issues, lack of health, and worries. These things piled on too.

And, like all of you, I have found myself confronted with positive and negative – negative and positive issues in my own life. What a huge layering of important things upon important things.

So, I decided, dear gentle reader to place this multi-layered stack before you. And I ask you to take the events

that have come flying your way and pile them on top of mine. What a mighty stack of goods and "bads" we can make.

Then let us add one more thing. One little flame that lights the wick of a single candle. A flame that then becomes two lighted candles. Then three. Then four. Let's light our stack of many things with the fire from those candles and let the positives and yours rise to heaven with the smoke. Let the hurts and the bads be burned to cinder.

As I light each candle on my advent wreath this month, I'm going to offer my stack of stuff to God. God will know how to peel back the layers. God will know how to help me prepare for the coming of His son. Let's be determined together, shall we? Let's focus on lighting the candles and let God do the rest.

Blessings,
Claudia †

Associate Rector's Office Hours
Wednesdays
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Adult Sunday School

Please join us in Tuttle Hall each Sunday at 9:30am as we continue our discussions on Sex, Genes, and Medical Ethics this month. We will also engage in an open forum on Good Shepherd's move to widely accepted "Open Communion" policy.

December 5: Open Forum: Open Communion at Good Shepherd

December 12: End-of-Life Issues, Session I

December 19: End-of-Life Issues, Session II

December 26: NO CLASS

Study Groups

We will continue to meet this month on Tuesdays at 7:00pm and Thursdays at 12:45 after the 12:15 weekday service with Healing Prayers. After finishing our discussions on *Black Elk Speaks*, we will begin W.H. Auden's *A Christmas Oratorio*. You may order your copy in The Attic.

November 30 / December 2: *Black Elk Speaks*, Session 4

December 7/9: W.H. Auden, *A Christmas Oratorio*, I

December 14/16: *A Christmas Oratorio*, II

December 21/23: *A Christmas Oratorio*, III

December 28/30: NO STUDY GROUPS

Sunday School

Dear Parish Family,
Our program year is humming right along. Hard to believe that Advent is upon us. This, of course, means: Christmas pageant. The children are working hard to learn lines, songs and stage direction. The Children's service is always fun and joyous. Hope to see many of you there; whether you have children or not. In addition:

Nursery: You may have noticed the new configuration of the downstairs (children's area). We have expanded the nursery to include some space outside of the Nursery proper. Annette is experiencing such large groups (yea!!) That more room seemed appropriate. There is a sensory table, an easel, room to build and a table to experience small manipulatives.

Pre-K thru Sixth Grade: Our groups are small, but steady. Some of the classes have even grown in size! A huge thank you to Suzanne, Tricia and Cecele for keeping those classes humming along.

Jr. High and High School: There is a strong core group that shows up, almost every Sunday. We understand family, school and extra-curricular commitments and appreciate the youth who come even though they often are tired from the previous day's activity. Thank you so much to Scott, Dan and Daniel who have been working hard to make this part of our program interesting and meaningful.

CHANGES: Starting in January, the Jr. And Sr. High Sunday school classes will be doing an activity and then attending the Saturday Evening Service (5:30) once a month. Come to this, and you are off the hook for Sunday school the next day! We will affectionately refer to this as "Sleep-in Sunday".

Episcopal Youth

Episcopal Youth has had a full year of activities and service projects. I feel that it is important to tie into, not only our faith community, but to the greater community of which we are a part. We have built fences, adopted a park, gleaned fields and helped to organize the Children's Justice Center (inside and out). Thank you to the adults and youth who turned out to help with these projects.

DECEMBER EVENTS:

December 1, 6:30pm – Join us for dinner and climb in at Ben Lomond Climbing Center. The cost is \$6 and a release form is required for all participating. You can fill the form

out the night of the event, or print it off of the website and bring it with you. (This event has been rescheduled from November 17)

December 15, 6:30pm – Join us for dinner and the making of cookies / fixing of the bumper pool table. Whether your talents are mechanical or culinary or both, there should be something for everyone.

And mark your calendar:

Junior High Retreat (grades 6-8) January 29-30, 2005 @ Camp Tuttle

Senior High Retreat (grades 9-12) February 26-27, 2005 @ All Saints Church in SLC (we will participate in the 30 Hour Famine to raise funds for World Vision)

The Fourth Annual Middle-Earth Party (the entire parish is invited) Friday, January 21, 2005 @ Good Shepherd (come for dinner, games, fellowship and, of course, *Return of the King*, Extended Version).

Letitia Teneau - Sword
Director of Education

**Counting all expenses, it costs
\$646.85 per day to keep Good
Shepherd open and running.**

Letter of the Week

Never forget Margaret Hassan's witness

Margaret Hassan is a woman who touched my life, and haunts me in her death. Ever since her captivity by terrorists in Iraq, I have dreaded receiving the report of her end, knowing deep down that it would probably come and that nothing whatever could prepare me for it.

I have asked myself why. Why in the midst of a war that has left tens of thousands of soldiers, innocents and prisoners dead, maimed, mentally damaged, homeless and without work – as well as my country in shameful disrepute all over the world – why is it Margaret's captivity and death that has left me in a despair I knew in advance that I would feel?

It isn't a simple thing – that she was a woman, a Westerner, an innocent or as head of CARE in Iraq, a tireless worker for those in need. Surely all of this is part of it. Yet somewhere in my soul I longed for her protection, for the protection of whatever was truly and valiantly good (however small) in the context of so much evil. While she lived, it was as though hands were cupped around the light of a candle, as though “darkness did not overcome it” (John 1:5).

Somehow statistics, even big numbers, do not affect me as much as the single name, the single face, of one who probably never wanted to appear on TV all over the world, for any reason, but rather simply to continue her work. She looked at suffering every day; she touched it with steadfast goodness; she resisted the menacing darkness all around her, whether Saddam's or that in which we are complicit. She died resisting it. May we never forget her witness, her name, her face, her goodness. For if we do, then we, too are lost.

*Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish
Episcopal Bishop of Utah
Salt Lake City*

(Letter printed as it appeared on the Opinion page of the Salt Lake Tribune on Sunday, November 21, 2004)

Journey to Adulthood

The parish and vestry have spoken; we will embark on a new journey with our youth starting next program year. Now is the time for organizing and mapping out the path we want to take. To begin, I am asking for men and women to be Rite-13 and J2A leaders. There will be a male and female leader for each group. Please consider this important ministry. As was stressed in the parish meetings, we are asking for parent and parish at large participation. Consider donating time and talent whether or not you have children in the program.

Here are some topics we will be tackling next year:

- J2A:**
1. Self
 2. Sexuality
 3. Spirituality
 4. Society
- Rite-13:**
5. Prayer
 6. Images of God
 7. I Am Made in the Image
 8. Life Is All About Decisions
 9. Compassion and Acts of Mercy
 10. Sexual Stereotyping
 11. Faith and Trust

I want to have leaders in place and curriculum reviewed by February. Please contact me regarding how you believe you fit into the J2A puzzle.

– Letitia

Good Shepherd Bazaar

The Bazaar Committee would like to officially thank everyone (you are too many to name individually) for their participation in this year's bazaar. It was a resounding success. We were able to raise a little over \$2700. It was humbling to see the array of goods that came in on the days leading up to the sale. After everyone was finished pricing and the display tables were arranged, it was a sight to behold! We should have taken pictures. What a cornucopia of things we had to offer! Everything went extremely well, from the tearoom and the bake sale to the magic show and costume parade.

Consider yourselves the recipients of a large pat on the back, and begin thinking of which worthy causes you would like to see receive a donation from the ECW after Christmas.

Thanks again.

The Bizare Tsars

Billie Wilson, Linda Garner, Linda Harden and Karyl Otten

The Twining of the Greens

Wednesday, December 22
beginning at 5:00pm

work groups will be formed
for the following:

The sanctuary, Tuttle Hall
&
Dinner

Each group will be responsible for decorating the area they choose and completing their clean-up. We will gather for dinner when the work is finished. This is a special time of service and fellowship. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Please plan to join us

A Call for Vestry Candidates

Just around the corner, on January 23, Good Shepherd will hold its Annual Meeting, at which time the congregation will be asked to elect three new members to our Vestry. As one whose term expires this year, and a member of the nominating committee, I would like to take a minute to explain a little about what it means to serve on the Vestry.

Robert R. Hansel, a retired priest, former staffer of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and former Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Indianapolis, published a wonderful booklet entitled *Vestries in the Episcopal Church*, from which I will borrow freely.

“The vestry is the elected lay leadership of a parish. The vestry is entrusted with the temporal affairs of the church, tasked to work with financial aspects of church life, work with the Rector and other lay leaders on program, mission and evangelism for the good of the church locally, regionally and nationally. They function as a ‘trustee’ body, making sure the best interests of the local church are being managed on a regular basis. As trustees, they carry a dual responsibility: to carry out a set of legal mandates as officers of a chartered corporation; and to be the decision makers of a congregation that is committed not merely to preservation of a physical institution but engagement in ministry and mission that is constantly changing.” (Hansel)

Sounds like another of those volunteer, honorary chores expected of the already over-involved parishioner to go ahead and get over with, since they’re at church all of the time anyway. Hansel, however, reminds us that “...a vestry member is a person who has been called to a special form of Christian ministry. God’s church is a human community that relies on the skills and gifts entrusted to human beings to use in building his kingdom. All of us are stewards of a portion of God’s creation, and God expects we shall use what we have been given in ways that achieve his purposes.

These purposes have to do with helping people experience and understand the love and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ. The way that message is transmitted involves people, property, money, and programs. The work of organizing budgets and maintaining buildings is no less needed than what may seem to be the more dramatic work of a priest. Both are channels through which God’s action can flow.”

Fear not, my fellow Good Shepherdists... service on the vestry is not as complicated as it sounds. It entails one monthly meeting, which ALL are committed to keeping as brief as possible, with a clear agenda and an eye on the clock. Periodically, there will arise the need for a special session, but

this is infrequent and generally involves a pressing question which requires a vote before the next regular meeting. Other duties include showing up and being available during the service you normally attend, occasionally preparing and depositing the collection on Sunday, and remaining as active in the many other programs and activities as you are able.

It is a three-year commitment, which sounds like a long time, but with new members cycling in each year, bringing new insight and energy with them, a term passes easily. Though there is rarely a dull moment, it is with care and listening that even the most controversial issues are embraced. Thank goodness. We’re blessed with a constructive and creative working relationship with the clergy and the congregation, which makes many good things happen.

Though the vestry is called to make some sacrifices, (manning the kitchen on Shrove Tuesday comes to mind) as I look back over my three years, it has been far more of an honor and a pleasure to serve, than a chore. It is an area of service I knew nothing about, three years ago, and I was made to feel welcome, in spite of my inexperience, as a vital part of our life as a parish.

I am not a financial whiz, a computer genius, a spiritual guide, a brilliant teacher, a font of wisdom, or anyone to boast of a lifetime of service to the Episcopal Church. I am just a plain ordinary active member of Good Shepherd, and I encourage those like me to consider this ministry. We all have something to offer in the business of community – our own as a parish, and ours as a member of a greater one.

I ask all to consider this calling, both for yourselves, and others you think would serve Good Shepherd well. Feel free to contact any of the vestry members, our senior warden, or the clergy, with any suggestions, questions or reservations.

–Betsy Guyon, Nominating Committee member

Letters to the editor...

(Please continue to share these gems as you find them, lest we become too “newsy” and forget to smile...)

An honest man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the honest thing and stopped at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof – and the horn – screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection behind him.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the "Choose the Right" license plate holder, the "My \$\$ and my daughter go to BYU" bumper sticker, the "Come with me to Primary" bumper sticker and the chrome plated "What Would Jesus Do?" emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

And from the ever-burgeoning collection of actual sentences published in church newsletters and bulletins across the nation:

"The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals."

"Our youth basket ball team is back in action Wednesday at 8pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King."

"The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'"

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

Episcopal Church Women

Tis the beautiful, fun-filled and sacred month of Christmas and I wish each and every one of you a blessed and happy Holiday Season.

I was very remiss last month in my thank-yous for parishioners who worked so hard for the Holiday Bazaar – I did not extend special thank-yous to Letitia Teneau-Sword who was responsible almost single-handedly for the fun-filled Children's area of the Bazaar. As usual, Letitia came through with flying colors and I know that all the children who took part in the "kids corner" had a great time. Thank you, thank you, Letitia and those who did help you for a great addition to our Bazaar.

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the ECW will be on Saturday, January 15 at 12:00 noon. The speaker will be the Rev. Jessica Hatch, Director of Episcopal Community Services. There will be the election of the 2005 Officers and Board Members. The price for parishioners for the luncheon will be \$5 per person, with the ECW paying the approximate balance of \$5.50. I will put a sign-up sheet outside Linda's office the first part of this month. Please – if you think you are coming and find you cannot, please cross thru your name a week in advance! We cannot afford a repeat of last year when nearly 22 people who made reservations did not come to the luncheon. ECW had to pay for those lunches.

As always, our resident Great Chef, Dyrk Farr will be preparing a delicious repast for us. I'm so looking forward to seeing many of you at our luncheon / meeting when I turn the reins over to another very capable parishioner.

The latest information regarding the bicycle for our student, Paul Lakosha, in Zambia – the money was picked up by the head of college in Kasana and he, in turn, is working with Paul to get his bicycle. We will eventually have pictures, which I will display on the bulletin board.

Blessings to all, small and tall.

Jan Shanklin, ECW President

Christmas Thank Offerings and Memorials

Remember your loved ones by purchasing Poinsettias which will be used to decorate the church. They are available for \$20 again this year, and your memorial or thank offering will be printed in the bulletin for the Christmas services. Order by Friday, December 17 by contacting Nancy Mikesell at 782-4381 or Linda in the parish office at 392-8168. Make checks payable to Altar Guild.

Angel's Food Pantry needs your donations:

Coffee, Fruits, Vegetables, Jelly

Thanks for your continued support.

Fourth Annual Middle-Earth Party
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
2374 Grant Avenue
Ogden, Utah
Friday, 21 January 2005

The schedule:

- 5:00pm** **Gather and Eat**
Roasted Root Vegetables
Mushroom Tart
Ripe Meat off the Bone
Baked Apples with Cream
Bread Pudding
- 6:00pm** **Return of the King, Extended**
Version, Part I
- 8:15pm** **Intermission, with Middle-Earth**
Trivia Quiz with Prizes
First Prize – Lord of the Rings Trivia Game
Second Prize – Middle-Earth Map Poster
Third Prize – Tolkien Calendar
- 9:00 pm** **Return of the King, Extended**
Version, Part II

Costumes Highly Encouraged

December Birthdays...

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

1. Anita Brooks, Bobbie Clark
6. Erik Gill, Dan Johnston
8. Jim Hard
9. Robert Arnett, Richard Bauter, Bettye Gillespie
10. Jon Gill, Jr.
12. Christina Clark

13. Alexander Anderson
14. William R. Doe, Shayn Moss, Daniel Sanchez, Elisabeth Torghele
15. Jacob Guyon
17. William Doe
18. Rollan Tonkinson
21. Marty Moss
23. Gary Crolla
26. Joshua Crockett
28. David Dirks, Barbara Wilde

December Anniversaries

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Amen (BCP)

28. Michael & Connie Janis
29. Jay & Lucy Stretch

Christmas Services

Friday, December 24

**4:00pm - Holy Eucharist and
Children's Pageant**

7:30pm - Holy Eucharist with Carols

10:30pm - Festival Choral Eucharist

Saturday, December 25

9:00am - Holy Eucharist

The History of the Episcopal Church in Utah
1867-1996
Wednesdays, January 12, 19 & 26
7:00pm
All Saints Episcopal Church
1710 Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City

The Episcopal Church in Utah has a colorful, dramatic history, with such important figures as Daniel S. Tuttle, its first Missionary Bishop, and later Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA, 1903-1923; Franklin Spencer Spalding, Missionary Bishop from 1904-1914, and Paul Jones, 1914-1918 who, like Spalding was a Christian Socialist and Social Gospel advocate, forced from office for his pacifist views in Utah during World War I. Early Episcopal Church work with Native Americans and steel workers and miners in Carbon County, Park City, and elsewhere will also be discussed, an important but not widely known chapter in church life.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Quinn, Priest Associate at All Saints, will deliver the talks based on his most recent book, *Building "The Goodly Fellowship of Faith": A History of the Episcopal Church in Utah, 1867-1996*, published by Utah State University Press.

Acolyte Schedule for December

(Please talk to Steve or Barbara about the Schedule for the Christmas services)

December 5

8:00 Bonnie Taylor

10:30

Server: Haylee Hennessy

Crucifer: Robert Fairchild

Clergy Cross: Natalie Fairchild

Torches: Melissa Fairchild, Sarah Mojazza,
Shayne Moss, Riley Thomas

December 12

8:00 David Seiter

10:30

Server: Zachary Higley

Crucifer: Emily Lloyd

Clergy Cross: Alex Bray

Torches: Tiffany Arnett, Tori Skiver
McKenzie Bray, Zachary Bray

December 19

8:00 Letitia Teneau-Sword

10:30

Server: Amy Kees

Crucifer: Jeffrey Hales

Clergy Cross: Rachel Hargis

Torches: Matthew Hales, Riley Thomas

Brianna Thornsbery, Shyanne Thornsbery

December 26

8:00 John Kunkel

10:30

Server: Brendan Stump

Crucifer: Shelise Stump

Clergy Cross: Emily Lloyd

Torches: Alexx Unsworth, Sarriya Hill

Chloe Novell, Sarah Mojazza

January 2

8:00 Dan Johnston

10:30

Server: Hope Linton

Crucifer: Taryn Kelly

Clergy Cross: Braden Baugh

Torches: Alaina Kelly, Tiffany Arnett

Connor Lay, Shayn Moss

The Parish Office will be closed on
Friday, December 24
&
Monday, December 27

Canon on Music to be Used in the Mass

Council of Trent, 1545-1563

All things should indeed be so ordered that the Masses, whether they be celebrated with or without singing, may reach tranquilly into the ears and hearts of those who hear them, when everything is executed clearly and at the right speed. In the case of those Masses which are celebrated with singing and with organ, let nothing profane be intermingled, but only hymns and divine praises. The whole plan of singing in musical modes should be constituted not to give empty pleasure to the ear, but in such a way that the words be clearly understood by all, and thus the hearts of the listeners be drawn to desire of heavenly harmonies, in the contemplation of the joys of the blessed...