An offering from W. H. Auden’s remarkable long poem

FOR THE TIME BEING: A Christmas Oratorio

(shared by Father Pat at service the Sunday after Christmas)

Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree,
Putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes --
Some have got broken -- and carrying them up to the attic.
The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt,
And the children got ready for school. There are enough
Left-overs to do, warmed-up, for the rest of the week --
Not that we have much appetite, having drunk such a lot,
Stayed up so late, attempted -- quite unsuccessfully --
To love all of our relatives, and in general
Grossly overestimated our powers.

Once again

As in previous years we have seen the actual Vision and failed

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To do more than entertain it as an agreeable
Possibility, once again we have sent Him away,
Begging though to remain His disobedient servant,
The promising child who cannot keep His word for long.

The Christmas Feast is already a fading memory,
And already the mind begins to be vaguely aware
Of an unpleasant whiff of apprehension at the thought
Of Lent and Good Friday which cannot, after all, now
Be very far off. But, for the time being, here we all are,
Back in the moderate Aristotelian city
Of darning and the Eight-Fifteen, where Euclid's geometry
And Newton's mechanics would account for our experience,
And the kitchen table exists because I scrub it.

It seems to have shrunk during the holidays. The streets
Are much narrower than we remembered; we had forgotten
The office was as depressing as this.

To those who have seen
The Child, however dimly, however incredulously,
The Time Being is, in a sense, the most trying time of all.
For the innocent children who whispered so excitedly
Outside the locked door where they knew the presents to be
Grew up when it opened. Now, recollecting that moment
We can repress the joy, but the guilt remains conscious;
Remembering the stable where for once in our lives
Everything became a You and nothing was an It.
And craving the sensation but ignoring the cause,
We look round for something, no matter what, to inhibit
Our self-reflection, and the obvious thing for that purpose
Would be some great suffering. So, once we have met the Son,
We are tempted ever after to pray to the Father;
"Lead us into temptation and evil for our sake."
They will come, all right, don't worry; probably in a form
That we do not expect, and certainly with a force
More dreadful than we can imagine. In the meantime
There are bills to be paid, machines to keep in repair,
Irregular verbs to learn, the Time Being to redeem
From insignificance.

The happy morning is over,
The night of agony still to come; the time is noon:
When the Spirit must practice his scales of rejoicing
Without even a hostile audience, and the Soul endure
A silence that is neither for nor against her faith
That God's Will will be done, That, in spite of her prayers,
God will cheat no one, not even the world of its triumph.
Prayer Requests

Military Personnel Deployed Throughout the World, Especially:

David Hudson, Laura Hudson, Richard Rogers, Chuck Lund, Brian Boyer, Chris Butterfield, Eddie Barnett, Dane Summerfelt, Jamie Butterfield, Alan Ewald, Shane Mott, Nick Cazel, Shaun Pennington, George Runkle, Jason Bowers, Mike Ferrari, Tim Jarratt, Bobby Carbajal

January 10 & 11
Epiphany Sunday
Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Birthdays
01/11 Mark Cunningham
01/12 Gretchen Curtis
01/13 Nancy Hingston
01/14 Jean McCauley
01/15 Betty Jenks
01/16 Kim Curtis
01/17 Roland Almgren

Wedding Anniversaries
01/16 Tim & Kathryn Hunt

Anniversaries of their Death
01/11 Jessie Molstead

Healing & Support

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Daughters of the King - Side Altar
By Jean Imperatrice

St. Luke’s Sophia Chapter of the Daughters of the King has set up, and has been maintaining, the small side altar. There are votive candles, a lighter, and Anglican Prayer Beads. Please feel free to stop before, between, or after services to light a candle and to pray. The Anglican Prayer Beads, also known as Anglican Rosaries, are for your use. If you would like to keep one, please take it. We try to check the altar a couple of times a week and to replenish supplies as needed.

Millennium Development Goals 2014

Checks amounting to $2,800 were recently disbursed from the St. Luke’s Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) funds. Part of these funds came from the St. Luke’s general fund (approximately one percent of the annual budget) and part was from individual parishioners donations specified for MDGs.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are the world’s time-bound and quantified targets for addressing extreme poverty in its many dimensions-income poverty, hunger, disease, lack of adequate shelter, and exclusion-while promoting gender equality, education, and environmental sustainability. More information is available at www.unmillenniumproject.org

The Jubilee Outreach Ministry steering committee designated the funds for 2014 as follows:

$1,500 to El Hogar Ministries (www.elhogar.org) in Honduras designating half to Instituto Tecnico Sanata Maria, the technical institute for boys grades 7-9, and half to Escuela Agricola de Amor Y Esperanza, the agricultural school for boys grades 7-9 where the St. Luke’s team spent a week in February 2014.

$1,300 to Episcopal Relief and Development (www.episcopalrelief.org), designating $300 Ensemble Nous Pouvons, Democratic Republic of Congo $500 to support for efforts to partner on diocesan projects in South Sudan and Sudan; and $500 purchase 13 goats for sustainable agriculture in Tanzania.