

Tomorrow

It's one of the words that is not in the Prayer Book. 'Yesterday' occurs twice; 'today' 15 times. But in The Book of Common Prayer there's no 'tomorrow'. And in our lives, as well, tomorrow always competes for our attention with yesterday and today. *Yet so much of who we are depends on our attitude about tomorrow.*

I'm wagering, however, that the most important thing we share is not only our past but what is yet to come—our tomorrow, which will be intertwined in ways that only God can today imagine. Tomorrow is the winnowing fork of yesterday and today; it tosses them up in the air, and only what matters falls out to remain, all else blowing away in the wind. Past tradition and present experience matter only if they pass the test of tomorrow.

Tomorrow nurtured by Common Prayer is a miracle waiting to happen. It's neither a repetition of the past, nor an escape from the responsibilities of today, but an open door, a blank page, calling us to knock, write, live, worship.

I join in your excitement with Eric's election as Rector-elect and that the *soon to be tomorrow* Eric will be installed as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. That's what's significant in God's sight about mine...by the grace of God, we may for a moment recall all the days we've spent in conversation, in person, by email and telephone and letter about the words with which we worship God and have shared in the Eucharist, together. And for a moment they will have a significance that only tomorrow knows today. You, St. John's have and will continue to form my tomorrow. And I am eternally thankful.

In Christ, Nancy +