

What we believe.

“The Fact of defending any of the cardinal virtues has today all the exhilaration of a vice”

(G.K. Chesterton)

We have no doctrine of our own possessing only the doctrine of the Church Catholic. That is to say we have not imposed doctrine onto the teachings of the early, undivided Christian church. We affirm the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God written; the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds; the Book of Common Prayer and its Ordinal as a theological norm; the 39 Articles of Religion; the Lambeth Quadrilateral and the Affirmation of St. Louis as reliable and reasonable outgrowth for theological guidance and interpretation. We acknowledge that rule of faith laid down by St. Vincent of Lerins: "Let us hold that which has been believed everywhere, always, and by all", for that is truly and properly

catholic. We understand the persistence of sin, and we are mindful of the tragic consequences of Marx, Freud, and Nietzsche on our culture. We live the Sacramental life and the "faith once delivered"(Jude 1:3), and fulfill to the best of our ability Jesus Christ's Great Commission to take the good news to all nations:

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Amen.

Why a traditional church in contemporary times?

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever” Hebrews. 13:8.

What do we mean by 'tradition'? In 1665 Jeremy Taylor explained it this way: "We have the Word of God, the Faith of the Apostles, the Creeds of the Primitive Church, the Articles of the four first General Councils, a holy

liturgy, excellent prayers, perfect Sacraments, faith and repentance, the Ten Commandments, and the sermons of Christ, and all the precepts and councils of the Gospel. We speak honorably of His most Holy Name; worship him at the mention of His Name; confess His attributes; love his servants; pray for all men; love all Christians, even our most erring brethren”.

“For we have lost the substance, and dwell too much in opinion.”

William Laud on the gallows, 1645

Tradition offers "patience during historical turbulence" and teaching grounded in the consensus of the early church. Teaching that is being lost amid a flurry of secularism and new age trendiness leading people to lose touch with centuries of Christian experience and wisdom. Tradition is the ongoing testimony to the outpouring of grace, through the Holy Ghost, to God's people - Jesus' promise to us: "I will be with you alway."

“There is no life that is not in community. And no community not lived in praise of God.” T. S. Eliot

Our church offers your family a place to grow in spirit and knowledge and learn and understand the message of Jesus Christ. Traditional Christianity has been embraced by generations of diverse cultures yet bringing all together in the unity of the Holy Spirit and love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. You too can be a part of Christ's living Church.

“Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold to the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle.” 2 Thes. 2:15, 3:6

The substitution of "relevance" in lieu of faith has caused a major exodus of the faithful from many denominations. 43 million people a month frequent "house" churches searching for an encounter with God. You have a place to learn the classic Christian truths rather than having to adopt every new idea and unproven theory.

The grace
of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
and the
Love of God,
and the fellowship
of the
Holy Ghost,
be with us
all evermore.

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