



*The Anchorage 20:
A Contemplative Community for All
Come away...*

DEPTH SOUNDINGS

Encouragement, Inspiration and News from The Anchorage

February 2018



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An Invitation for All: Celebrating God, 20 years!

Please join us for a mini-retreat
at The Anchorage

(Powell home in Gower Estates, Greenville, SC)

Thursday, May 3, 6-9pm

Program begins at 6:45

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“Better than That”

By Catherine Powell, SC

Struggling to find words big enough for God, I was reminded of this story. A pastor friend was leading a Bible study in his church at night and heard someone in the hall. Stepping out to see who it might be, he asked, “Are you ok?” When the disheveled fellow nodded, my friend asked if he would like to join a Bible study, to which the man said “yes.” Testing the waters, the pastor said, “God is good.” And this dear man replied, “Better than that.” Whatever words we use, God is always better than that! I hope you enjoy the letter from Jonathan and the Stations of the Cross. All gift!

We have three events for you: 1. 20th Anniversary Mini-Retreat – see the cover. 2. 2018 Friend/Fund Raiser - Please save the date, **Monday, February 26!** We will celebrate God at the Kroc Center. It will be similar to April 2017 with **contemplative music of praise, love and gratitude** followed by dinner. This event is a free gift for donors and participants. All are welcome but know we will ask for a pledge for our next fiscal year, July 2018 – June 2019. 3. Dr. Philip Krey*, will offer this event:

A Mini-Retreat for Clergy and Other Friends “Luther the Mystic and Catholic Spirituality”

Tuesday February 27, from 9 – 11:30am

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2619 Augusta Road, Greenville, SC.

(A love offering will be received.)

(***Phil Krey** is the former President of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and my medieval theology professor! His research interests include the history of biblical interpretation, medieval theology, and urban ministry. Krey is the author of 10 non-fiction books including his latest *The Catholic Luther*. He now serves as Pastor of St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Perkasio, PA.)

If you would like to stay Monday night, The Hampton Inn downtown Greenville is holding a block of rooms at a reduced rate. Come Celebrate!

“A Letter to The Anchorage”

By Jonathan Jones, SC

God brought me to Greenville about 3 .5 years ago to continue my recovery from a horrible drug addiction. About 2 years ago I heard Father/Mother God’s call to service. I have been studying as a Chaplain since.

The early months of 2017, found me stalled on a growth plateau. I was praying for direction for my personal growth and ministry. Additionally I needed to find a “Home” Church. God was soon to give me exactly what I needed thru a beautiful contemplative community called The Anchorage.

I first attended a Taize service purely by chance, when a dear and trusted friend had come from Miami for a visit and was invited by Catherine Powell to attend a Taize service. Since the early days of my youth, music has always been a quick and sure link to Divinity. We were in the serene chapel at Christ Church Episcopal. The very moment that we started to worship in song, I felt The Precious Spirit stir within me and move throughout the chapel. I could see others feeling The Spirit as well. I had been moved refreshed and motivated by an incredible gift from The Anchorage. I now use Taize to reflect, encourage myself and worship on a regular basis.

My second event with The Anchorage was another Taize service followed by a delightful dinner and warm fellowship with the other attendees. These people offered stories of encouragement and simple pure love to each other. I was again being inspired and refreshed by accepting children of Jesus Christ. Indirectly, yet in a very palpable way, someone’s invitation to visit their church, led me to my “home” church at Triune Mercy Center.

The Anchorage is the conduit thru which, I was given Taize and a church where I can worship, serve and learn. There can be no doubt the Holy Spirit regularly uses The Anchorage and its people to bless, heal and direct the children and servants of Almighty God.



The Anchorage

Vision

A Contemplative Community to encourage all people in a mutual love relationship with God.

Mission

The Anchorage provides a setting for women and men to come away and be with God, as revealed in Jesus the Christ; and to come to love more deeply, this God who loves us beyond measure. Spiritual direction, “Depth Soundings” (quarterly mailing), Desert Days and a variety of contemplative retreats, are some of the ways we encourage and inspire.

Metaphor

A safe harbor in which to anchor deep in still waters as a respite from the wind and waves; where pilgrims may enjoy prayerful grace, honor the rhythm of Sabbath and open more fully to the mystery of God’s love.

Core Focus

Encouraging contemplative community anchored in our Triune God.

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“Stations of the Cross”

Prayed by an anonymous retreatant at Ignatius House, Atlanta, on a 5-day Directed Retreat with Catherine Powell, Holy Week, 2015



Upcoming Events

Station 1 Jesus is Condemned to Death

Please by your grace help me keep my dignity, wisdom and clarity in the face of those who judge me.

Station 2 Jesus Bears His Cross

God, grant me the grace to discern your will in things that I might not feel willing to say yes to. Please help me to accept and bear your will. Help me know there is always a bigger picture and a higher purpose.

Station 3 Jesus Falls the First Time

Dear God, by your grace, teach me to get up and persevere when I falter or fall. Teach me to bear any suffering involved in doing your will.

Station 4 Jesus Meets His Mother

Dear God, grant me the strength, humility and faith to accept your will, your plan, as did Mary, first in the Annunciation and now in this moment of meeting her suffering, struggling, beloved son, condemned to death before the multitudes.

Station 5 Jesus is Helped by Simon

Grant me the love, courage and strength to help those who are judged and scorned by the world and to come to their aid. Let me share in the suffering of others and in the suffering of Jesus, not try to avoid or evade it.

Station 6 Jesus and Veronica

Lead me to your face, dear Jesus — let me meet you in all your faces — in your suffering, kindness, joy, surrender, humility, playfulness, care - let me press to the great luminous grace, mercy and light of your being, even in the deepest darkness. And you respond, dear Jesus, by leaving the impression of your Holy Face—Veronica's cloth an icon of unflinching comfort in trial, friendship ever new in intimacy and ardor. The face of mercy.

Jesus: "Your offerings of Mercy I give to thee. We meet in mercy."

Station 7 Jesus Falls a Second Time

Dear Jesus, compared to your sacrifices my yoke is light and my burdens small. Please help me get up, and get up again, as you did, and fulfill God's will with grace and dignity, and to persevere to completion.

Station 8 Jesus Speaks to the Women

Even in your suffering, dear Jesus, you received others and offered blessings. You did not see yourself as a victim, without hope, and so you did not wish to be wept over. I pray to live with such grace, humble acceptance, clarity, dignity and mercy.

Station 9 Jesus Falls a Third Time

Dear Jesus it seems to me that in this place, once more fallen to the ground, exhausted, you were willing to die then and there, face down in the dirt, and be done with it. "Please, let this cup pass from me." Whereas your Father willed differently. I pray, dear God, to be given the grace to accept your plan for my life and for my death.

Station 10 Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

I sense Jesus at this point weak and trembling from exhaustion, bloody and beaten, and now publicly stripped, nakedly revealed in his human vulnerability. And yet he is without shame or condemnation. Dear God, in Jesus's name, please help me to accept my own naked vulnerability, my own crying out, my own shakiness, without shame or condemnation.

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*Fridays, Feb. 2, Apr. 6, June 1 9:30-2:30 Desert Days

"Leaving everything, following Christ into the desert." Reflection alone & together.

Fee: \$30 (\$20 if BYO lunch)

Led by: Catherine Powell

Feb. 9-11, Fri. – Sun.

20th Annual Beach Retreat,

"The Gift of Compassion" at The Litchfield Inn, Pawleys Island, SC. Oceanfront single room.

Fee: \$395 Led by: Caroline Smith

Feb. 16-19 Fri. – Mon., 3-day Praying Scripture Retreat

Using the Ignatian method of entering into scripture with the imagination, companioned by a spiritual director daily and joining the Trappist monks for prayer.

Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner

Fee: \$300 Led by: Catherine Powell

Feb. 27, Tuesday, 9 – 11:30 Mini-Retreat for Clergy and Other Friends. (See page 2)

Led by: Philip Krey

*Tuesdays, Mar. 20, June 19 7-8:30pm Desert Evenings,

Same as Desert Days, just in the evening.

Fee: \$10 Led by: Catherine Powell

*Tues., Apr. 17, 24, May 1

Book Study: *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Br. Lawrence. 10am -12 and 6:30-8:30pm.

Fee. \$36 Led by: Catherine Powell

*Thurs. May 3, 6- 9pm 20th Anniversary Celebration of God!

Program at 6:45.

(See cover)

May 28 – June 1, Mon. – Fri. 4-day Praying Scripture Retreat Mepkin Abbey.

(See Feb. above)

Fee. \$350 Led by Catherine Powell

Aug. 13 - 20, Mon.- Mon. (7-day - \$600), Mon. – Fri. (4-day - \$350) or Fri. – Mon. (3-day - \$300) Praying Scripture Retreat, Mepkin.

(See Feb. above)

Led by: Catherine Powell

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If \$10 is all you can pay, then that's all you pay!



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*“Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish in the
presence of God’s glory with rejoicing, to the only
God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our LORD,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all
time and now and forever.” Jude 24,25*

“Stations” (continued from page 3)

Station 11 Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Dear Jesus, I’m so sorry you had to go through that. (Tearful, couldn’t bear to keep looking, turned head)

Jesus: “Do not turn your head. And I’m so sorry that you had to go through what you went through. But look, here we are!”

Where is that?

Jesus: “Together, even now!”

Station 12 Jesus Dies on the Cross

Death as a fulfillment of a Life. Dear God, help me to live a life so that in death I will still be fulfilling your will, and not be resistant or frightened.

Station 13 Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Dear God, may I know that in death we will return to the sacred arms of the great receiving Mother.

Station 14 Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Help me, Jesus, to know that sometimes what looks like death — dead and buried — is really just something to leave in place for a while so that the work of transfiguration may commence. Death is not always what it seems.

Later:

Jesus: “Remember my sacrifices for you.”

(Sacrament of the Sacred Heart: Loving even when it hurts to love, without turning your face.)

May the prayer of this retreatant enrich your Lenten journey toward the cross beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Financial Status as of January 22, 2018 (Fiscal Year is July 17 – June 18)

Total gifts budgeted	\$ 27,700
Total received	\$ 12,500
Amount needed	\$ 15,200

Total income budgeted	\$ 54,800
Total received	\$ 24,200
Amount needed	\$ 30,600

***Praising God for you,
our donors and participants!***

Thank you for your financial gifts. They are God’s blessings to The Anchorage. They provide programs, scholarships, the ordinary running of a ministry, all essential parts of what we’re about: **Undistracted time with God.** And God keeps encouraging us to ‘give it away.’ Many are taking us up on “\$10 is all you pay.”

Please **prayerfully consider** what is that encounter with God worth? However God leads, it will be just the right amount!

You are a blessing!

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