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Rector's Ramblings...

Today, I reflect on how delightful the past few days have been at the Mediator. First, we had the Ordination to the Diaconate of the Rev. Steve Owen. Our church was clean and polished to welcome Steve's family, friends, and supporting clergy. Bishop Duncan Gray, III was our celebrant and former Curate, the Rev. Ann Whitaker, gave the sermon. It was a grand and joyful celebration. As our Deacon, Steve's specific ministry will be to interpret the needs of the world to the church so that we can respond in appropriate ways.

Second, was the Feast of the Epiphany with the Baptism of Vesper Saul Williams. At age 10, Vesper was as solemn about his vows as Steve about his. He has expressed a desire to serve as an acolyte and become more involved in the life of his church. His calm, clear responses to the Baptismal vows testified to his commitment.

To both Steve and Vesper we say a hearty *WELCOME!* We "will do all in our power to support Steve and Vesper in their life in Christ."

These two events remind us *all* of our Baptismal covenant and that we are called to follow and obey Christ as Lord and Savior.

What does this mean??... Well, what is God calling you to be and do at the Mediator and in the world? What gifts do you have to bring to ministry? I am convinced that now is the time for us to ask ourselves these questions. As I said in a recent sermon, God's kingdom is not served when we *live small*. God's kingdom *IS* served when we *live large*... naming and offering ourselves for service and ministry. So, get clear, come with hands and hearts ready to serve and let me or someone know what you feel God is calling you to be and do.

Steve and Vesper are following the way of the Magi as they bring their gifts for ministry. They plan to *live large* for the Lord. May we seek to do the same.

Blessings,
Helen+