

A Kind of Future

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2:46 pm Friday, Sep 29, 2006

I was walking down the street when suddenly I became elated when I saw a set of two parents accompanying two boys while they toured Boston University.

Of course, I followed them purely for sociological reasons because I heard one of the moms say in her Midwestern accent, "It's gonna be nice when you can hold hands here without looking behind your shoulders."

Realizing this, the boy's hands slid into the other; their gentle smiles betraying their shyness.

(Yes, I got choked up.)

The dads did not even notice and simply asked if they could be sure to finish this tour so they could make it to the LGBT Resource Center.

As I stopped at the corner and watched them go off in their Midwestern garb, accented only by their pronunciation of the words like, 'flag,' 'hiya,' and 'ok then,' I got a glimpse into why fighting for our brothers and sisters is so vital despite death threats and pain.

I do it because the vision of a future where boys no longer bond over coming out stories; a future where boys have no history of hurting women while we hide in the closet; and a future where we can discover our sexuality with the ease, albeit practice, of learning to read, walk, talk, and say the words, "I love you" inspired me.

I hold onto this vision as not only really possible and watching those two 16, 17 year old boys hold hands while they toured BU with their parents made me realize that it's worth the fight because none of this is new. We have been trying to love one another for a long, long time.

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of



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2 May 1974—5 May 2008

16 May 2008

11:00 AM

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

15 Newbury Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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The Opening Sentences *Book of Common Prayer, page 491*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect *page 493*

The Liturgy of the Word

Lesson: "A Message Ascribed to Hopi Elders" Xochitl Alvizo

Psalm 129:1-5 (*read together*) *page 784*

Remembrances Lily Jimenez
Marc Solomon

Lesson: "The Journey" by Mary Oliver Brad Aaron

Remembrances Angela Aguayo
Charles Morris

Gospel: John 6:37-39 The Very Rev. John P. Streit, Jr.

The Homily The Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE

The Prayers of the People, *page 497* Lisa Foster

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, *page 398*

The Lord's Prayer *page 398*

Communion

Postcommunion Prayer (*said together*)

Almighty God, we thank you that you have fed us, nourishing us at this time of loss and sadness with an experience of your welcoming love. Help us now to be witnesses of that love, not merely in what we say but in how we live, working to make the world more just, more compassionate, more open to all..

"A Kind of Future" (*see back of bulletin*) Dan Brower

The Blessing

Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing" *The Hymnal 1982, #599*

The Dismissal

(from "Perestroika," *Angels in America, Part Two*)
