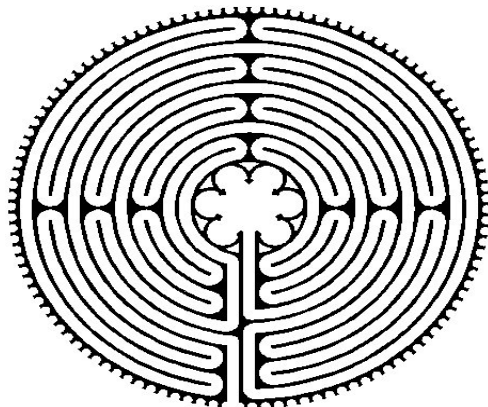




*Dedication
Of
The Bishop Ronald H. Haines
Memorial Meditation Garden
And
The Labyrinth*

*Dedicated by
The Right Rev. G. Porter Taylor
Bishop, Diocese of Western North Carolina*

*October 19, 2008
2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Episcopal Church*



Dedication of the Bishop Ronald Haines Memorial Meditation Garden

Ronald Hayward Haines was rector of St. Francis for eleven years before becoming a deputy to the Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. He went on to become the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D.C. St. Francis remembers Ron Haines for his caring compassion for the people of St. Francis and for his love of gardens and gardening. It is most fitting that he be remembered with a garden, and with a place where people can come away to quietly visit with each other and with the Lord.

Antiphon:

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Versicle: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:

Response: *Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and prayer: Be present with your servants in this place, to which they come for quiet and reflection; and make of it, we pray, a place of serenity and peace; in your Name we ask it. *Amen.*

Visit, O blessed Lord, this garden with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who rest here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may share your peace to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Dedication of the Labyrinth

The Daughters of the King in their commitment to prayer and service have provided this labyrinth in the hopes that St. Francis and all its visitors from within Rutherford County and from all parts of the world will find it a place of reflection and meditation. It is hoped that the labyrinth, coupled with the Stations of the Cross and the Meditation Garden, will exemplify the spirit of prayer and reflection on God's love that exists at St. Francis.

Antiphon:

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Versicle: May God the Lord, who called Abraham to leave home and journey to an unknown destination,

Response: *Shepherd you in your pilgrimage, and lead you by safe pathways.*

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

May our Lord Jesus, who, in his earthly life, was often solitary but never alone, because the Father was with him: Be your constant companion in your withdrawals from the busyness of the world, and support and strengthen you when you return refreshed to bear witness to the love and power of God. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon this labyrinth and grant that it may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Ronald Hayward Haines
Rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington,
D.C



Ron Haines was born Aug. 14, 1934, in Wilmington, Del., and grew up in New Castle, Del. He began his career as an engineer with the old Reynolds Metals Co. in Richmond, VA. He joined a metals engineering firm and grew interested in ministry when his wife had a serious illness.

He graduated in 1965 from the George Mercer Jr. Memorial School of Theology in New York and, in 1967 received a master of divinity degree from the city's General Theological Seminary. He obtained a master's degree in sacred theology from the seminary in 1978.

Ordained in 1967, Bishop Haines served in two churches in New York before moving to Rutherfordton, N.C., where he was rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church from 1968 to 1991. During his time at St. Francis, his wife, Mary, helped found Trinity School. He was known at St. Francis for his love of gardening and for his frequent visits to parishioners. He had six children, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In 1981, he was named deputy to the bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. He was elected suffragan bishop of the Washington diocese, which includes the District of Columbia and four counties in Maryland, and later became the bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D.C.

Bishop Haines appeared in the pulpit with Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu in South Africa and raised more than \$1 million for hurricane relief in Central America. After he retired in 2000, he moved to Pennsylvania and returned to parish ministry in Lancaster and Manheim.