



Looking Out My Window
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Some several ago Bishop Clay Matthews introduced me to a prayer attributed to Sir Frances Drake. I offer you this prayer today as we approach the holiday season and anticipate the calling of a new rector next year and the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Christ Church.

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love. *Amen.*

attributed to Sir Francis Drake (1577)

God's peace,

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