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## May 8— Luke Spehar

Profiled by Tom Lang

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Luke began writing songs at the age of sixteen and composed all of the music on his debut album, “Be Still,” before he graduated from high school. He continued to write music throughout his college years, and in 2010 he recorded and released “Be Still,” followed by his second album, “No Other Way,” in 2011.

In 2012 Luke’s intricate guitar style and warm captivating vocals attracted three-time Grammy Award-winning artist, Ben Harper. Luke then opened for Harper’s first ever solo acoustic tour in both the U.S. and Canada, playing in such storied venues as Chicago’s Cadillac Palace, Toronto’s Massey Hall, and Philadelphia’s Merriam Theatre.

Harper went on to produce Spehar’s third album, “All Is Gift” in 2015. Following the release Luke married his wife, Elizabeth, and together as newlyweds they toured the country with the new album. This adventure was the catalyst of Spehar’s latest release, “The Pilgrim” (2018). Produced by Matt Patrick at the Library Recording Studio in Minneapolis, “The Pilgrim” celebrates the beauty and adventure of music, marriage, and fatherhood. Together with their three young daughters, Luke and Elizabeth live in St. Paul, MN.

**The meeting will be via Zoom; for security reasons we are not sharing the Zoom link. After you make a reservation, watch for an email with the Zoom link, Meeting ID, and password.**



## Become Part of Our Prayer Network Today!

Prayers when you and your loved ones need them the most! It’s amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network, call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

To join, contact [Sally salauritz@att.net](mailto:Sally_salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378



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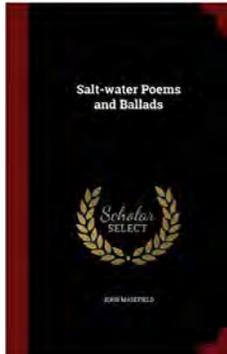
## Book Review

By John Kasaian

**Salt-Water Poems and Ballads** | by John Masefield

**160 pages hard bound** | MacMillan & Co, New York, 1913

You would think that your humble reviewer would be plowing through books left and right while sheltering in place, and that was honestly my intention; however, just like Lent this year, what I intended and cold reality were irreconcilable. But that is another story.



What I have is a great little volume of poetry by John Masefield, the Poet Laureate of the UK from 1930 to 1967. At fourteen years of age he shipped out on the HMS Conway, which would likely have been the dream of every young lad growing up in Masefield's time and place.

And a great little volume of poetry it is—putting the spurs to my cabin fever bound imagination.

Of course there is the classic “Sea Fever”—I must go down to the sea again....but there are many more to haunt your dreams assisted by the book's illustrations by Charles S. Pears—ink drawings and full color plates.

It is colorful and quaint yet at the same time reveals how hard and dangerous a sailor's life at sea was—not a book for snowflakes; however, everyone else might enjoy these tales. I did!

This particular book came from the old San Joaquin Memorial High School library, but I am pretty sure it is still in print somewhere in the world.



## Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity



For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.  
For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.  
For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.  
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.  
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.  
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.  
For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.  
For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.  
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.  
Grant peace.  
Grant comfort.  
Grant healing.  
Be with us, Lord.  
Amen.

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## Volunteers Wanted

### Come Join us!

Our amazing Denise Correia is retiring in June. She does a variety of tasks requiring an hour per year of several hours month. We are looking for volunteers who would like to give just a little bit of their time. Please, prayerfully consider how you can support our Club and do one or two simple tasks.

If you are willing to help, or if you have questions, please call Denise at 559-999-9153



## Upcoming Events

- **May 8—virtual meeting**  
As usual, make a reservation. After you make a reservation you will receive the Zoom link, Meeting ID, and password.
- **June 12—Breakfast Meeting: subject to COVID-19 assessment**
- **July and August—Summer Break**

Interested in sponsoring the newsletter?

Contact Denise Correia  
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## CP&BC Membership Dues in the Time of Novel Coronavirus-Covid 19

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Each of us has a story about why we became and remained a member of the Catholic Professional and Business Club of the Diocese of Fresno. Over the years, those stories have been enriched by the meetings at breakfasts with friends, family, and business acquaintances. We have all probably had the experience of seeing someone at a breakfast whom we have known in our profession or business for years and yet had no idea they were a Catholic—then after the meeting that relationship became deeper, richer, more trusting. And, just as importantly we have heard some amazing speakers, made new friends, been inspired by colleagues, and found people with whom to do business.

Our online meetings are different now, but in the isolation of our homes, I believe we are all grateful for this CP&BC fellowship, and the opportunity to continue to hear about and grow in our Faith.

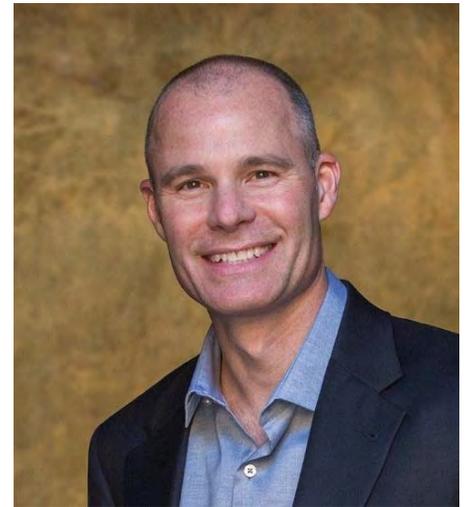
Your support is more important than ever.

**Enclosed please find a copy of our Club's annual dues renewal form. Dues are \$48 and are due June 30, 2020. Please renew today!**

## April Speaker Recap Matthew Leonard

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Forty-six CP&BC members from the Fresno and Visalia Clubs put their business and professional skills to work to log into and join the Club's first Zoom meeting, on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Matthew Leonard, an international speaker, author, podcaster, and founder of Next Level Catholic Academy, explained how concepts from the Old Testament were transformed in the New Testament by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Matthew delved into the meaning of covenants which in the Old Testament were sealed by animal sacrifices; he stressed that covenants were oaths, and that oaths were sacred promises which could not be broken. The penalty of a broken oath was death. Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice for all of us and put an end to the need for blood sacrifice.



He reminded us that our penances, sacrifices, and expressions of love (something as simple as washing the dishes so our children can play) helps us be God-like. We are called to be the best we can to give back to God. Sacrifice is built into our human DNA and ultimately leads to death which provides permanent reunion with the Divine.

**Matthew invited us to look at and take his free (through the end of April) course, "The Science of Sainthood" which is available at [www.nextlevelcatholicacademy.com](http://www.nextlevelcatholicacademy.com)**

### Pope's Worldwide Prayer May Intention

For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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**CP&BC Membership Dues:** Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due June 30, 2020. The deadline for the 2021 Membership Directory is December 31, 2020. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2020 directory is underway.

**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at (559) 434-2722 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$135 is available for members that prepay for the year. Reservations are still required for prepaids.

**Membership Directory:** For the 2021 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2020 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2021 Directory. December 31, 2020 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising is available at [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org)

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally ([salauritz@att.net](mailto:salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

**Website:** Please be sure to visit [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

## **Mission Statement:**

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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