

Friday digest

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- Steve Pankey on [the most dangerous collect in the Book of Common Prayer](#): "Stir up your power and with great might come among us? Seriously?"

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