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*“Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”
Isaiah 41:10*

Spirit of the living God, come among us and guide us as we seek to know your will for us in the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. May we listen deeply to your voice as we meet and discern with those who have stepped up to identify themselves and their gifts in leadership among us. May we find in all the voices that we hear, that still small voice leading us to deeper understanding of your will in each of our lives and providing us with the power to carry that out in your Church and your World. Amen.

Above, left to right:

- The Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama, M.Div., Ph.D
- The Reverend Mary Caucutt, D. Min.
- The Reverend Andrew T. O'Connor
- The Rev. Canon Tanya R. Wallace

*See page 6 for
information
on the Search
and Transition
process.*

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Pastor Gail's Ponderings

Pastor Gail's Ponderings as we look ahead to the election of our new Bishop on Aug. 29, 2020

The Trinity--Shaped by Mystery

There are numerous places in the Bible where the Triune God is spoken of to us. In John 14:16 Jesus said:

*"And I will ask the Father,
and He will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever."*

As we talked about on Trinity Sunday in June, there have been volumes written on the Mystery of the Triune God. We might reflect on the mystery of the Trinity more if we confessed our faith each week using the Athanasian Creed. *A copy from the BCP (p.864) follows for your reference.* Saying this Creed more often would remind us regularly of how the mysteries of faith shape us for service. OK, I realize the coffee may get cold if we said this Creed every week, but perhaps once or twice a year would be good.

A mystery in the life of faith is not a story to be puzzled out or solved. It is a truth that cannot be known in the way that our mind wants to know. It is known only by our spirit as it opens itself to God's ways of reaching us. We join our spirits to God's mysteries as we pray, live by grace, choose gratitude as a way of life, and depend on the rituals and symbols of the church to guide us in the challenge of leadership and the upcoming change in leadership.

We do not worship a God who set the world in motion and then disappeared. We do not worship a prophet who was put to death. We do not worship a spirit that drifts in a realm beyond our reach. We worship the mysterious, intermingled partnership of a creator God, revealed to us through Jesus Christ, who gives faith and power through the Holy Spirit. These three persons of God are one God: infinite, eternal, equal, and almighty. Yet God is as close to us as our breath and loves each of us with no strings attached. It is a mystery.

We offer ourselves to be shaped by the mystery of our triune God as we will gather to share Holy Communion sometime soon. We are hoping for August. Jesus has been really present in every piece of bread broken in his name throughout centuries, taken in faith or fear, joy or heartbreak, health or brokenness. Jesus has been really present in the wine poured from chalices in sanctuary. From this bread and wine, mysteriously, we receive forgiveness, life beyond death, healing, hope, and amazing grace. Thanks be to God.

My prayer for all of us at St. George's is that we all will be praying for discernment for the election of our new Bishop. There are four highly capable candidates, any one of whom could do an excellent job. There are individual differences and it would be good if we would all take the time to inform ourselves.

Let us pray: *God our Creator, Savior, and Comforter, gather us into your mysteries and let them shape us for service. Show us how to be stewards of your mysteries so that the world may know your love. Amen.*

~ Pastor Gail



The Creed of Saint Athanasius

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Universal Faith.

Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Universal Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals, but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God & Lord,

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion, to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Creed of Saint Athanasius, cont.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is our faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.



In Memoriam

Frank Glass

May 15, 1937—July 15, 2020

A private memorial service was held at St. George's on July 19 to celebrate the life and faith of Frank Glass.

Pastor Gail Duba and Father Jim Boston spoke movingly of Frank's love for God, for his wife, Sheila, for her niece Mary, and for his friends.

We pray for Sheila and Mary as they mourn Frank's death.



Election of New Bishop

Inform Yourself

A wealth of information is available at the website of the Diocese of Oregon: www.oregonbishopsearch.org/

You will find a personal introduction by each candidate on the “Meet the Finalists” page, along with a brief video and responses to questions.

St. George’s delegates to the Electing Convention are Steve and Margaret Thomas, with Jean Bowden as alternate. Talk to them if you have strong feelings as to which candidate would be best.

Walkabout – Aug 9–15

Candidates will appear in five “Q & A” sessions in different venues throughout the diocese. Each of these sessions will be live-streamed as well as available for later viewing. In-person attendance at Walkabout events will be limited to no more than 10 people for indoor events and 20 people for outdoor events. Simultaneous Spanish translation will be offered for one session. The current Walkabout schedule includes meetings closest to Roseburg on Thursday, August 13 in Eugene, 11:30am-1:45pm and in Grants Pass, 6:30pm-8:45pm.

In addition to these “Q & A” sessions, each candidate will be interviewed at length regarding emerging topics in our church and world. These interviews will be available for later viewing. Finally, the candidates will visit a number of churches in various locations in the diocese for informal “Conversations” with local leadership, including a visit to Sutherlin.

Questions for the Walkabout events are being drawn from the pool of questions submitted by the people of the Diocese of Oregon.

Electing Convention – Aug 29

Our Electing Convention will be remote. We will gather simultaneously throughout the diocese on an electronic platform to worship, invoke the leading of the Holy Spirit, and vote for our next bishop. Elections will occur electronically and will be securely communicated to the ‘head table’ which will, in turn, inform the candidates and then the delegates and clergy of the results of the ballot. We will ballot in this manner until our next bishop is elected.

At the successful conclusion of voting, we hope to be greeted by the newly elected bishop electronically.



Permission has been given to use the Diocesan words and photos here in the *Dragon Scoop*.

Spotlight on Dr. David Duba

by Bill Riley

On July 20— just one week and one month prior to celebrating his 70th birthday—with the precision of a skilled, professional Oregon logger, Dr. David Duba felled a hybrid Monterey pine tree and cut it up into rounds for making firewood. These logs were then hauled to their home on Summit Drive where he and his wife, Pastor Gail, will enjoy them when they return to their home this winter.

David has led a most interesting and rewarding life. Educated in biology/ecology, he took a position as a conservationist working in the southwest portion of Saudi Arabia. He and his wife, Gail, spent time working with the Bedouin sheep and goat herders helping them improve pastures and water sources for their domestic animals.

He subsequently completed medical school at the University of Washington and worked at Douglas Community Hospital in Roseburg following his residency at the University of Minnesota. He and Gail then moved to Spokane where he worked as a Rehabilitation Physician at rehab hospitals in Spokane and Post Falls until his retirement last August.

In the short time that Pastor Gail and David have been with us at St. George's he has already proven himself to be a most valuable addition to our congregation.



Spotlight on Hellene Chapman

Parishioner Hellene Higgins Chapman once again has a painting featured in the Members Show at the Umpqua Valley Art Center.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, visitors must schedule a visit to see the artwork. A virtual tour of the art show is also being arranged, so watch UVA's website for more information.

Hellene holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art from Northern Arizona University. Her work has been shown throughout the western United States and in Oxford, England.

Her focus in her acrylic painting is to explore colors and space and how they affect each other. She paints what she feels rather than copying nature.

Last year she told the *News-Review*, "I have always been drawn to the colors I see around me, especially when the weather is crystal clear, the air has been cleaned by the winds, and the sun lights up everything it touches, making the colors vibrate with life."

UVA'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SHOW
July 14—September 18, 2020

Every July the Umpqua Valley Art Center hosts a Members Art Exhibit. UVA's artist members share their artwork with the entire community. This event showcases their dedication to their studio practice and to the community through the making and showing of their artworks at UVA. This year the show is accessible by appointment only, with social distancing and face masks required. Call to schedule a free one-hour visit to the exhibit or fill out the online form.

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Or stay home and take the **virtual tour** on the UVA website:

uvarts.com/current-exhibits/

(Editor's note—this online tour is amazing!)



"Emanating from the Source" by Hellene Higgins Chapman
acrylic paint, 12" x 16"

MANY FLOWER DONATION SLOTS AVAILABLE

Thank you to those who have donated money and flowers in the past. But now our Flower Donation Schedule is pretty empty and altar flower money is getting low.

If you want to donate flowers in some way, the first thing to do is sign up on the schedule by the drinking fountain or notify the office. When you do that, indicate if you will be bringing flowers, or donating money for the Altar Guild to purchase them. Also, note who or what you will be honoring with your flowers. If you want to donate money, write a check and write "altar flowers" in the memo line.

This time of year, we really enjoy your home garden flowers. You can bring them and arrange them yourself, or ask the altar guild or someone else you might know to arrange them for you.

By signing up on the schedule, you can reserve those special dates you want to celebrate.

Thank you for your donations!
~Betty Jo Hoffman



FISH

FISH does plan to hold the August 9 food pickup day.



The board members of the FISH of Roseburg food pantry would like to send a huge "Thank you" to everyone in this community who donated to the food pantry since the beginning of the pandemic and quarantine. We are so very grateful to the individuals, businesses, foundations, churches, and groups who have reached out to support us during this challenging time. It is truly amazing.

And a special shout out to the hundreds of food donors who are part of the Roseburg Food Project for their flexibility and generosity. We were so worried about what we would do without the \$18,000 worth of food that you would normally donate in April because we typically give out about \$15,000 worth of food each week. Well, we should not have worried, you more than made up for it with cash donations of nearly \$22,000. Most of this will be used to purchase food from local vendors because of the increased demand on the Oregon Food Bank right now.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

<https://fishofroseburg.org>

Parish News

POSTPONED



St. George's annual church picnic, formerly planned for August 9, has been postponed because of COVID-19 concerns.

Pastor Gail is in the process of submitting a proposal to Bishop Michael for reinstating Holy Eucharist into our services. She will notify us when it is felt to be safe.

In the meantime—



She will bring the Eucharist to any St. George parishioner or family who requests it. You may have her come to your home or meet her at the church for Communion. Safe protocols will be maintained. Call the office to arrange a time.



Although we are not yet allowed to sing together as a congregation (humming is okay!), we can still hear the words of our beloved hymns sung by our designated cantors.

Added to the cantor rota were Steve Thomas (above), Pete Benham (right), and Leigh Van Sickle (not pictured). They, along with David Jones, will take turns to provide parishioners with a deeper spiritual experience.



Parish News



Birthday Blessings for Jill Hammerle



*Anniversary Blessings
for Bill and Barbara Riley*



Birthday Blessings for Kathy Glockner

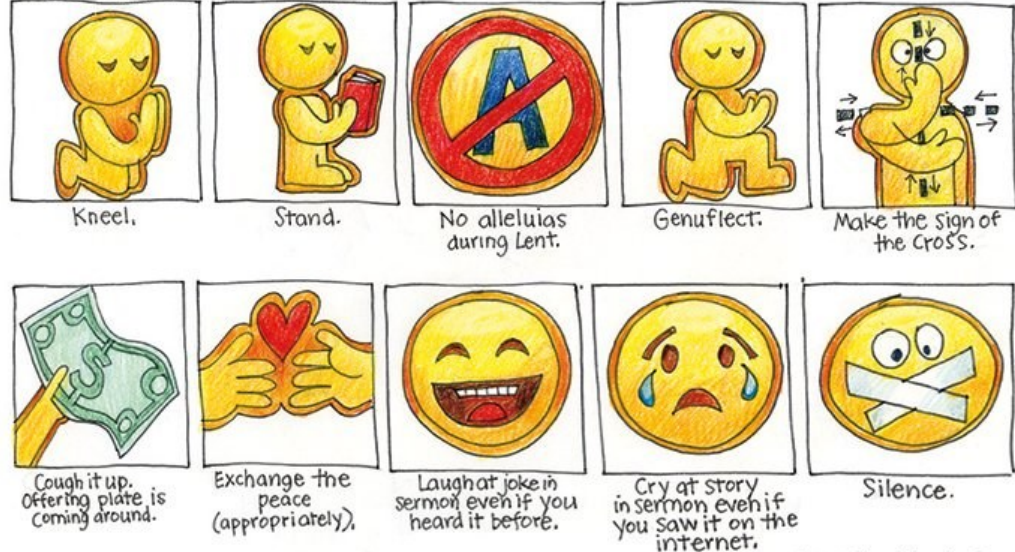


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