

The Dragon Scoop

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**“Loving God, Loving our
 Neighbors”**

Preparing for Worship

worship - (from the Old English word *weorthscipe*, meaning honor, dignity, reverence) the reverent love accorded God; rites and ceremonies by which this love and reverence is expressed; ardent humble devotion; the honor and love of God.

Worship, like anything that is truly worth doing, takes work and preparation. What follows are suggestions and aids to help us prepare for worship.

Plan to arrive early. Save conversation with other people until after the service. Kneel down and ask the Holy Spirit to direct and guide your worship. Prayer #64 on page 833 of the Prayer Book is a good place to start, but using your own words is also great. Find the beginning of the service in the Prayer Book. Look up the hymns.

Getting our house in order goes with having company. It is also in order before we worship as we are “keeping company” with God. Are there things that will get in the way of our worship? Things like anger, resentment, pride, the need to have

our own way? Take a look at your life and make a mental list of what you need to confess. One of the great gifts of Holy Communion is the forgiveness of sin, but we need to be honest and specific.

We need to make a transition from the hustle and bustle in our lives to that “ardent and humble devotion.” We need to quiet ourselves and center ourselves on God.

Repetition of a short prayer or text of Scripture is an effective way to begin centering ourselves, before moving on to other prayers:

CENTERING PRAYERS

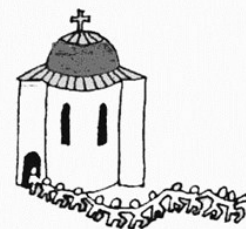
Living and true God, Creator of all things, You I worship, you I adore.

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

All highest glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart.

*Adapted by permission from
fullhomelydivinity.org/*

*Enter Church
 As if the floor
 Within were gold,
 And every wall
 Of jewels
 All of wealth untold;
 As if a choir
 In robes of fire
 Were singing here.
 Nor shout, nor rush,
 But hush....
 FOR GOD IS HERE.*



*Engraved on the door of some
 old Churches of the
 Church of England*

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Rector's Letter

"O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength." *Isaiah 26:3, 30:15*

In perfect peace we could be if only we remembered where to fix our minds. In saving grace we could live if only we remembered where to return and rest. In strength we could flourish if only we remembered where to find quietness and in whom we should place our trust.

The passage above from Isaiah can be found in our *Book of Common Prayer* on page 138 in a section for daily devotions for individuals and families. It is part of the noon time prayers and a reminder to remember and to return in the middle of the day to center our thoughts and actions in God.

Do you have a daily practice? Does it begin in the morning and continue throughout the day to help you remember that Christian formation requires your steady attention? We forget and bumble about without some sort of ongoing attention to our spiritual lives. We can even become cruel and hurtful to ourselves and others when we forget to nurture our life in God. We lose our sense of peace, our life of grace, and our strength of spirit when we neglect to remember and pay attention to a life of devotion to God.

A good life is impossible if we abandon or disregard the thread of God that flows through everything we do,

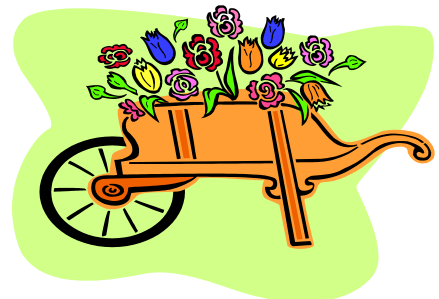
through everything that happens to us, through every thought and action that takes place. A daily devotional practice from the moment we rise till the time we lay our bodies to rest is a must if we are to live a Christian life.

Our livelihood as the people of God comes from remembering, and remembering comes from practice. And so you must practice and a good place to start is on page 137 in the *Book of Common Prayer* with daily devotions. Beginning in the morning when you rise, through the noon hour and early evening, ending at the close of day when you lay your body to rest for the night. These devotions will shape you and guide you. They will form you and inform the thoughts and actions of your daily decisions. They will help you to remember.

Remember

*Remember who you are.
Remember what you love.
Remember what is sacred.
Remember what is true.
Remember that you die
And each day is a gift.
Remember how you wish to live.*

By Wayne Mueller



Blessings, Rev. JoAnne

In Memory of Milt Baldridge

Father of all, we pray to you for Milt, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen



Thank you to all who helped with the reception at Milt's Memorial: those who prepared the food, those who helped before and after the service, and those who cleaned up afterward.

Pictures of the reception can be seen at www.facebook.com/episcopalroseburg

Consolation

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Though he, that ever kind and true,
Kept stoutly step by step with you,
Your whole long, gusty lifetime through,
 Be gone a while before,
Be now a moment gone before,
Yet, doubt not, soon the seasons shall restore
 Your friend to you.

He has but turned the corner — still
He pushes on with right good will,
Through mire and marsh, by heugh and hill,
 That self-same arduous way —
That self-same upland, hopeful way,
That you and he through many a doubtful day
 Attempted still.

He is not dead, this friend — not dead,
But in the path we mortals tread
Got some few, trifling steps ahead
 And nearer to the end;
So that you too, once past the bend,
Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend
 You fancy dead.

Push gaily on, strong heart! The while
You travel forward mile by mile,
He loiters with a backward smile
 Till you can overtake,
And strains his eyes to search his wake,
Or whistling, as he sees you through the brake,
 Waits on a stile.

SAFE Church Trainings

The Diocese of Oregon will present two training sessions at St. George Parish Hall on Saturday, May 31. These SAFE Church Trainings provide awareness in the areas of sexual conduct and sexual abuse issues for both employees and volunteers working within the congregations and organizations of the Diocese.

Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith
1:00 am – 5:00 pm

If you are a church leader, please contact Reverend JoAnne about attending. Of course, any parishioner is welcome too.

More information can also be found at <http://www.diocese-oregon.org/about/trainings-certificates/safe-church/>



Parish News

The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, former Rector here at St. George, was in Roseburg April 26 and 27. He played the organ for Milt Baldrige's memorial service on Saturday and joined Rev. JoAnne to preach and preside at the Sunday service. Father Sherman is now with the Church of the Holy Trinity in Toronto.



Cathedrals of the World

St Paul's Cathedral, London, England

This cathedral is a Church of England cathedral and is the seat of the Bishop of London. There has been a church on this site since AD 604. Sir Christopher Wren designed the present structure after a previous one burnt during the Great Fire of London in 1666. It took him 35 years to complete, with the final stone being placed in 1708. The dome is instantly recognizable on the London skyline, having escaped with just two bomb hits and one unexploded bomb during World War II. Up until 1962 this was the tallest building in London.

Unusual amongst cathedrals is that there is a crypt under the entire structure rather than under the eastern portion.



The organ was commissioned in 1694 and has 7,266 pipes. The choir consists of 50 men and boys who sing regularly throughout the week as well as on Sundays.

The interior of the dome supports a Whispering Gallery – so called because of its

acoustic properties. A whisper against the wall at any point can be heard by a listener with their ear to the wall at any other point in the Gallery.

The cathedral is a busy, working church with three or four services each day. Many important functions have been held there, including the funerals of Lord Nelson and Sir Winston Churchill and the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, as well as regular musical events.

The cathedral is open for paid guided tours six days a week but is only open for services on Sundays.



~ Doug Holloway

Outreach Team

Snack Pack Report

All 49 of the original snack bags have been distributed to the community. On April 23 volunteers filled 50 more bags. These bags will be available on Sundays so that every parishioner will be able to have some on hand to give to those in need.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

~ from Morning Prayer II, BCP



Preparation for Easter



Making palm crosses.



Getting ready for the Palm Sunday processional.



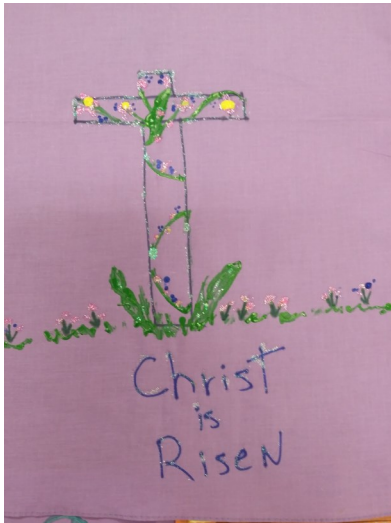
Preparing the sanctuary for Palm Sunday.



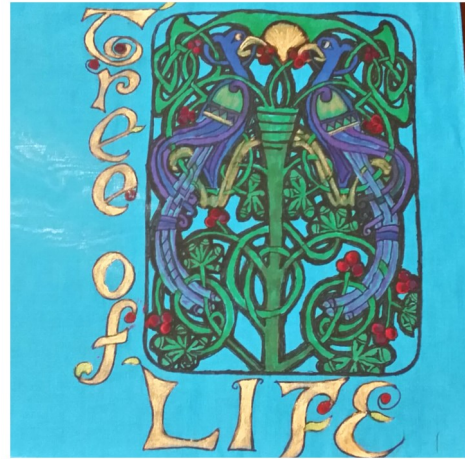
Washing hands on Maundy Thursday

Prayer Flags

For most of April, supplies were placed in the Parish Hall for parishioners to make prayer flags as an outward sign and symbol of what we hold dearest and true. There is only room here to show a very few of the flags, so be sure to go to Facebook to see all of them.



Our Facebook page has a new, easy-to-remember address. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the page!
facebook.com/episcopalroseburg



Easter Thanks

To Jean Bowden—a very brave soul!— for putting all the veils on the cross above the altar

To the Altar Guild for making the silver shine so pretty and the altar, pews, and window sills dust free

To the congregation for all of the artificial flowers and the beautiful fresh flowers that made the hall and Parish Hall look so beautiful

To Susan Wafer for the beautiful lilies and azaleas

To all who brought bells to ring back the alleluias

To all who brought treats

To the ladies who helped make palm crosses

To Rick and Joy Williams for the verses on the Easter bulletin board

To those who worked on the lawn and church grounds





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ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

