



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Easter Joy



In the waters of baptism we are lovingly adopted by God into God’s family, which we call the Church, and given God’s own life to share and reminded that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ.

St. George’s congregation welcomes Nolan Pullen and Connor Brine.



What can be more joyful than a baptism? Two baptisms!



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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Holy Week and Easter were wonderful celebrations. We had 75 in church for Easter and two baptisms, as recorded in photos in this issue. The choir was splendid; the Altar Guild made all perfect for the many services; the organ was glorious; the ushers, acolytes, and Eucharistic ministers were skilled; and the congregation was joyous and hospitable. On Maundy Thursday we had good worship and hospitality at Faith Lutheran. Good Friday was well attended and solemn. Thanks to all.

Easter season is fifty days: the Great Fifty Days. It ends with Pentecost, June 4 this year, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the young church—the Church's birthday. Do try to celebrate Easter all the way through, not to mention that every Sunday is a little Easter. Try to wear flame colors on Pentecost Sunday.

On Thursday I saw a vast array of "stuff" for the rummage sale. It is a lot of work, and a great service to those who give the "stuff," those who buy it, and the ECW. Nephew Barry had a good time helping move and display "stuff" under the skilled direction of the ladies. On Thursday a group of us also finished our study of Mark's gospel. It was good.

The day before Pentecost, Saturday, June 3, you are invited to gather with Susan Ladue, our congregational development coach, from 11 am to 2 pm. All are welcome and those in any leadership roles are urged to come. Bring a sack lunch, with a sandwich, some sort of salad, and some fruit, please. Trust me. Also, if you have not already done so, please indicate with marks on the newsprint sheets in the Parish Hall, what you think are the aspects of Episcopal style that are most characteristic of our parish, and what are your personal favorites among the varied emphases of Episcopal (Anglican) life and worship. There are posted notes to make that all easy to understand. On the opposite side of the Parish Hall is a sheet to indicate where St. George's is in the varied life cycles of Episcopal congregations. The "marks" already made cause me to be very encouraged. Susan Ladue is a skilled facilitator. Those of us who have been to lots of church planning events have been blown away with the cheerfulness and wisdom she both brings to us and draws out from us.

The goal of our work with Susan is not just to call the next rector of St. George's. It is know ourselves and to love ourselves better. It is to be the best St. George Parish we can be, in partnership with a wise and loving priest.

Let me finish with a few words of encouragement. On Easter, as we baptized Connor and Nolan, the whole congregation renewed our own Baptismal Covenant. We declared trust in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Lifegiver. In doing so, we agreed to follow Jesus on the path to eternal life. We promised to continue in the life of the Church; to examine our lives regularly, offering repentance and accepting forgiveness as needed; to share the Good News with others; to love our neighbors; and seek, as much as we can, God's reign of peace and justice for all. You will find it more nicely put in the Book of Common Prayer. By the way, if you don't have one at home, get one. I can help.

William Temple, a great Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote that the Church exists for the benefit of those outside it. I think that is only partly true. The Church also exists for those inside of it, who have the privilege of enjoying the Good News with friends and companions, of being caught up in the prayer and praise of the Church Universal, of being nourished regularly with both the Word and the Sacraments, of being both receivers and givers of the that "peace which passes understanding." We are not a club. We are an outstation of the Kingdom of God.

Let us both enjoy it and serve it with "gladness and singleness of heart."

God bless us, every one. Jim+

Guest Column

by the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hutchinson

We open our worship, whether Daily Prayer or Holy Eucharist, usually with some kind of recited Song of Praise. This time of year (the Great Fifty Days of Easter) we sing the multi-alleluia'd *Pascha Nostrum* ("Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast"). In Holy Eucharist, it replaces the usual *Gloria*, "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to God's people on earth." In Morning Prayer it replaces the Invitatory Psalm. During most of the year this is either the *Venite* ("Come let us sing to the Lord, let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation") or the *Jubilate* ("Be joyful in the Lord all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song"). Note here that a call to joy is present in all these opening rites.

During penitential seasons like Lent, we open with something more austere, like the *Kyrie Pantocrator*, whose most moving line is "I have sinned O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my wickedness only too well!" But even this confessing invitatory begins with a subdued acknowledgment of grounds for joy: "O Ruler of the Universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, surpassing human understanding. Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, O King of all the ages."

Why all the joy? On bad days when I am getting off to a slow and little depressed start of the day, sometimes I feel like Ren, the ill-used and set-upon cartoon Chihuahua, fitted out against his will with an electronic joy-inducing Happy Helmet by his well meaning but ultimately clueless pal, Stimpny the cat. With the helmet activated, a forced smile is pulled onto his face, he begins robot-like dancing, and begins singing in a forced fashion, "Happy, happy, joy, joy!" But the striking thing is this: singing a joyful invitation to prayer each day does in fact change how I feel, and I regularly find myself recharged and peaceful, if not outright happy, by the end of the prayers.

As we live as resurrection people, we must live in joy. And reminding ourselves each day in prayer of the joy that comes from our faith and experience of God is a key practice in maintaining joy as the default position of the Christian heart.

In the diocesan clergy conference in Silverton this week, we heard Sr. Simone Campbell (of "A Nun on the Bus" fame) tell us ways to cultivate the prophetic imagination in us and our communities and live as burning bushes in the desert of modern life, ever burning and shedding light, but never being consumed. She said that when in difficulty and challenge, we must focus on mission. She noted several habits of the heart we need in order to be sustainable and lasting witnesses to the gospel. Among these were: Practice holy curiosity (ask, and listen, and find out the unknown); Engage in sacred gossip (tell the stories of our faith and of the faith of others); Do your part (and not anyone else's) in addressing the problems. But first among these was this: Practice joy. Our witness to the mercy and justice that Jesus calls us to cannot be heard or attract unless it is rooted always in the joy and peace of the Resurrected Lord.

That's why the *Jubilate* is not some evil Happy Helmet. It is an affirmation of our most basic state, a reconnection with what feeds us and sustains us and gives us the will and power to do what Jesus wants us to do.

Joy to you all.

Easter, 2017



Connor Brine, grandson of Jeannie and Jon Burpee, and his family



Nolan Pullen, grandson of Sally Appell, with his parents, Jessie and David



Easter photos by Charles Van Sickle

*Easter procession (above and
Easter congregation (right)*



*Nikki Muse and Jeremy Thanks with
their son Cameron and Frank Graham*



*Bob Spielman, Steve Thomas,
and Pete Benham, choir members*

Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman



ECW ladies met for a potluck lunch—I think we had enough to feed the congregation. The food was wonderful and we had a great discussion about Spirituality Day (see page 7 for information).

We discussed setup for the rummage sale, held on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6. We also plan to have a special sale for "fine" clothing and décor in the future. We appreciate your donations, time, and purchases. They enable us to donate to good causes and help our church with needed purchases and repairs.



Please join us at our next meeting, the third Thursday in May at 11:00.

FISH Report

The results of the April Roseburg Food Project collection are in: 9,549 pounds of food was collected from 566 donors by 66 neighborhood coordinators. The next RFP pick-up day is Saturday, June 10th.

FISH announced on Facebook on April 25 that they had received a grant for \$8,303 from United Way.

Save the date: the Summer Food Drive will be held at local grocery stores on July 22, and St. George's needs you to volunteer.

You may not know that the FISH Pantry accepts fresh fruits and vegetables from your fruit trees and garden. They even accept fresh eggs. Drop off your donations during their open hours:

Jerry Bruce Community Campus
405 Jerry's Drive
Roseburg, Oregon

Monday and Wednesday
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday

Upcoming

Addictive Behaviors

- What are they?
- Can the addict change? What does brain science say?
- What can I do as a parent or family member?
- How can the 3 Cs of connection, compassion, and contribution help us all?

On Saturday, May 13, there will be a presentation and small group discussion of addictive behaviors at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2201 SW Vermont Street, Portland, OR. The keynote speaker is Gregory Alan Crosby, who is known for his entertaining presentations that integrate ideas from liberal arts and the sciences into his lectures and exercises.

This free presentation, sponsored by the Oregon Episcopal Diocesan Recovery Commission, will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Seeking Wellness: Keep it Simple Sister

This is the theme for this year's Spirituality Day, May 20, at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Salem. The workshops are:

- Healing Touch
- Finding Your Way to Uncertain Times
- Passion for Life
- The Call to Self-Care
- Centering Prayer/Lexio Divina
- Anglican Prayer Beads
- The "T" in LBGTQ,
- Health Care for All-Oregon.

There are registration forms, schedules, speaker bios, workshop descriptions, and ideas for places to stay at the church office. Stop in if you are interested. The cost is \$25. Deadline for registration is May 10, and if your registration is late, you will need to bring a lunch. Registration forms are also available online at <http://ecw-diooregon.org/spirituality-day-2017/>

United Thank Offering

We will have a United Thank Offering ingathering the first Sunday after Labor Day, so pick up a box and fill it with your loose change, coins of thankfulness, and/or the cost of a meal you are enjoying. The boxes will be in the Parish Hall, the nave, and the narthex. The funds are used for mission and ministry.



The Dragon Scoop Needs You

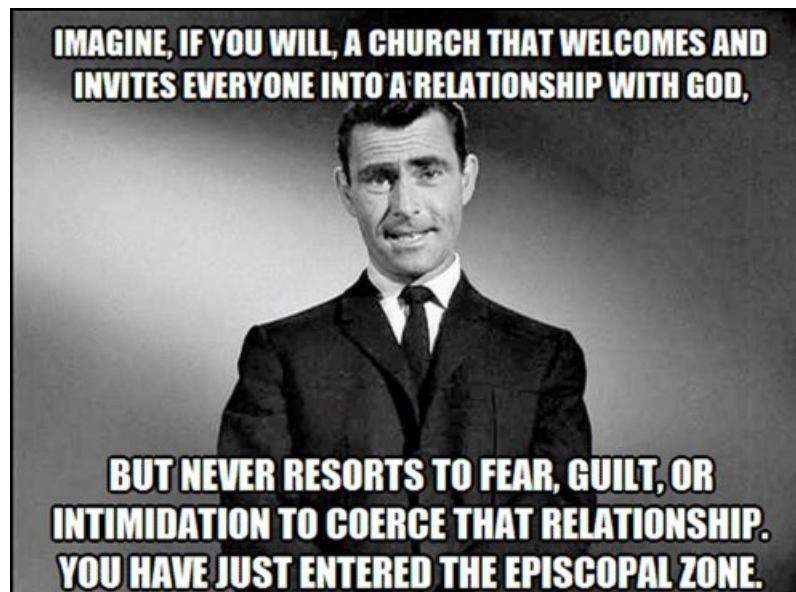
The *Dragon Scoop* invites you to contribute to your newsletter. It could be a one-time submission or a series of articles. Here are a few suggestions you might consider:

- A favorite memory of St. George's
- A recipe for food you have brought to a potluck
- A personal inspirational story or anecdote
- A photo of a church activity
- Something about another church you have visited while on vacation
- A book review
- A report on a meeting or workshop you attended

Your writing does not have to be polished, so don't worry about spelling and punctuation—that's why the *Scoop* has an editor!



The Episcopal Zone



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Egypt and Tennessee

All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo, Egypt

All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo, is the home of the Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. The land and building were donated by the Egyptian government and it sits on an island in the middle of the River Nile.

The first All Saints' in Cairo was completed in 1878. This was later demolished and a second cathedral building was opened in 1938. However, in 1978 this also was demolished to make way for a bridge over the River Nile and replaced by the current cathedral.

The church is constructed of concrete and was designed in the shape of a cross at ground level and a crown at the top.

The church hosts a variety of congregations with Arabic, English, and Sudanese being the largest of the communities which use the premises for worship.

St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Memphis, Tennessee

St. Mary's was originally a mission church, organized in 1857, by members of Calvary Episcopal Church on the rural fringe of Memphis. This spot is now part of Downtown Memphis. The first building was a small wooden structure and was dedicated in May 1858. It originally became a cathedral church in 1871 and since 1983 has been the Cathedral of the Diocese of West Tennessee.

Construction of the present building, designed in the shape of a Latin cross, began in 1898 but was not completed until 1926. The "Sisters Chapel" was built in the 1800s for the Sisters of St. Mary's as the chapel for the attached Episcopal School.





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St. George's altar needs you! Please sign up in the office to provide flowers.

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OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

