



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.



We are not constrained by these days, as difficult as they may seem, to spend our hours in grim solitude or to feel ourselves in a perpetual waiting room for the bad news the virus decides to send us. We are as free in our spirits as we ever were, able to claim our freedom through faith any time we want, and by so doing rise on outspread wings to the distant heights of hope.

Even alone in a room with no resources other than prayer we can silently slip the bonds of worry and be off, as we once were so long ago, on a voyage of discovery, following the Spirit wherever she leads, out to the edge of wonder and back.

Accept no substitute for your life, but live as fully as you can, and watch your fears fall before you, as you fly the open skies of faith, soaring as far as your heart will take you.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston
Facebook, Aug. 7, 2020
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Pastor Gail's Ponderings

Friends at St. George's,

As you all probably know by now your pastor and her husband love to hike at the coast or in the mountains. Given the fact that I was born in Denver, CO and grew up in Canon City, and David grew up in Boulder, this should come as no surprise. David attended Colorado College, a small liberal arts school in Colorado Springs, on a scholarship.

In the fall of 1997, we traveled back to C.C. for his 25-year college reunion. We decided to stay at the historic Antlers Plaza. We arrived late for check in and were both dog tired. I was given the task of checking us in, while David sat on his suitcase in the lobby. It was after midnight and I overheard several people in front of us being told reservations for the reunion had been overbooked and people checking in late would be put up in a nearby Motel 6 and driven back in the morning. At that point in the night, we really didn't care where we slept—we'd have taken a broom closet.

At last, I got to the front of the line and there was no one behind me. I commiserated with the clerk, as I had heard some of the people checking in were VERY UNHAPPY. The clerk said, "Say, we do have one more room here at our hotel that I can let you have. You'll have to change rooms in the morning, as it's booked for the rest of the weekend." We were so happy that we didn't have to change hotels and when the clerk helped us to the elevator, he said that the only room left is the "Presidential Suite" on the top floor. Presidents Eisenhower, Reagan, Kennedy, and other famous luminaries have stayed there. We said we'd gladly vacate the room by 10 a.m. so the staff could get it ready.

We took the elevator to the top floor and were in awe when we saw the beauty of the suite. The most amazing aspect of that evening was that there was a full moon that night and it shone on Pikes Peak, which towers over the Western sky. It was an image I'll always

remember. It was on that trip I heard that the line "from purple mountain's majesty," was written about Pikes Peak when the poet, Katharine Bates, was a summer school visiting music prof at C.C.

This hymn, "America the Beautiful," is among my favorite patriotic songs. As mentioned, the lyrics were written by Katharine Lee Bates, and the music was composed by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. Ward's music combined with the Bates poem was first published in 1910 and titled "America the Beautiful." In 1893, at the age of 33, Bates, an English professor at Wellesley College, had taken a train trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to teach a short summer school session at Colorado College. Several of the sights on her trip inspired her, and they found their way into her poem: the wheat fields of America's heartland Kansas, through which her train was riding on July 16, and the majestic view of the Great Plains from high atop Pikes Peak.

On the pinnacle of that mountain, the words of the poem started to come to her, and she wrote them down upon returning to her hotel room at (here's where the similarity gets eerie) the original Antlers Plaza Hotel. The poem was initially published two year later in *The Congregationalist* to commemorate the Fourth of July. It quickly caught the public's fancy. Just as Bates had been inspired to write her poem, Ward, too, was inspired. The tune came to him while he was on a ferry boat trip from Coney Island back to his home in New York City after a leisurely summer day and he immediately wrote it down. He composed the tune for the old hymn "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem," retitling the work "Materna." Ward's music combined with Bates's poem were first published together in 1910 and titled "America the Beautiful."

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Pastor Gail's Ponderings, continued

Ward died in 1903, not knowing the national stature his music would attain. Bates was more fortunate, as her song's popularity was well established when she died in 1929.

This hymn will be sung on Labor Day, Sept. 6. As you are singing it, close your eyes and "see" the "purple mountain's majesty."

All God's blessings, Pastor Gail



America, the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates B \flat F F 7 Samuel Ward

O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of
 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern im - pas - sioned
 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In li - ber - a - ting
 O beau - ti - ful for pat - riot dream That sees be - yond the

4 B \flat B \flat F

grain, For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A -
 stress, A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A -
 strife, Who more than self their coun - try loved, And
 years, Thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, Un -

7 G 7 C 7 F F 7 B \flat

bove the frui - ted plain! A - mer - i - ca! A -
 cross the wil - der - ness! A - mer - i - ca! A -
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A -
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A -

10 F F 7 B \flat B \flat 7

mer - i - ca! God Shed His grace on thee, And
 mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con -
 mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine, Till
 mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, And

13 E \flat B \flat E \flat F 7 B \flat

crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!
 firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy li - ber - ty in law!
 all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine!
 crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea - to shin - ing sea!

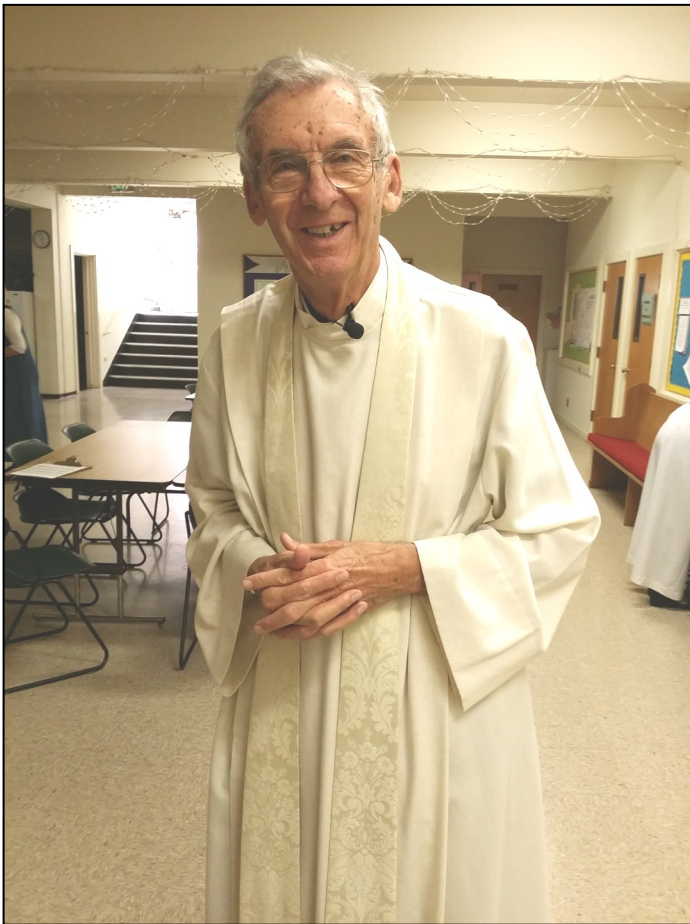
In Memoriam

The Rev. Thomas Edward Murphy

Sept. 30, 1935 - Aug. 19, 2020

Fr. Tom was a supply priest for St. George's from 2014-15. We remember him with great affection.

A limited-attendance service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ashland while other priests in the Southern Convocation kept vigil outside.



May 3, 2015, after celebrating Holy Eucharist at St. George's.

Above with his wife, Huberta, at coffee hour that same day.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

THE EPIC RUMMAGE SALE

Oct. 1, 2, and 3.

Setup will start Sept. 27.

The Epic Rummage Sale is coming! We are certainly aware that people have been cleaning garages, closets, sheds, storage units, etc.; so we are anticipating a large amount of donations from the congregation and friends of St. George. We are also aware that there are some who are at risk or uncomfortable being in large groups. We therefore are asking the men to join us in the entire rummage sale experience.

We have always appreciated their help setting up and cleaning up as well as that of some spouses who have joined us during the sale. This time we are asking all of you fellas to join us putting out the donations and helping manage the shoppers.

We will need to practice social distancing, so we will manage the number of shoppers. We will require masks and, I hope, we will be able to offer gloves to be worn by shoppers for their and our safety.

We will have a brown-bag lunch meeting on Sept. 17 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall, to firm up the details.

We look forward to hearing from whomever can help us out—and please join us, with your own lunch, at that meeting, if you can.

Submitted by Betty Jo Hoffman on behalf of ECW and the rummage sale crew.

FISH

THANK YOU!

Results for the August Roseburg Food Project: 61 Neighborhood Coordinators collected 9,210 pounds of donated food from 518 food donors.

A big thank you from FISH to all of those who donated food in the green grocery bags and helped with the collection of the green bags.

The next collection of green bags for the Roseburg Food Project will be Saturday, Oct. 10.

And a special thanks to one of St. George's parishioners, Hellene Chapman, who donated 32 pounds of garden produce!



Parish News

Morning Prayer/Bible Study Resuming on Wednesdays

Once again, Morning Prayer will be held each Wednesday at 10:00. It will be followed by Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew.

School Supplies

We wanted to continue our tradition of donating school supplies; however, we needed to do it differently this year.

One option was for parishioners to shop at Walmart, where the Salvation Army has bins of school supplies. The items needed were listed on the bins with those most needed highlighted. Then kits of those items were made up for parents to pick up for their students.

Those who preferred made a monetary donation through the church as is done for FISH or altar flowers. A check will be delivered to Fir Grove School. They are not sure what they will need at this time and this will enable them to purchase whatever they do decide is needed. The amount collected will be announced in the October *Dragon Scoop*. ~ BJ

Musical Interlude

We are so thankful that Bishop Michael has approved having a cantor at St. George's to sing the words of the hymns, adding immeasurably to our worship. Everyone misses being able to sing in church! Know that all our cantors feel blessed and grateful that they are allowed to do so.

The word *cantor* is taken from the Latin verb *canere*—to sing. According to *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church* (online at <https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary>), traditionally a cantor is “a singer who sets the pitch and leads the liturgical singing of psalms, canticles, anthems, and other sung texts.”

A *cantrix* is a female cantor (plural is *cantrices*). *Cantoris* is a term from Latin meaning “place of the cantor.” Traditionally, the cantor sat on the north side of the cathedral.



Start getting your donations ready!

Parish News



Above: Military Funeral Honors were held for Frank Glass at the on Aug. 20. VA representative Daniel Carver presented Sheila Glass with a flag in honor of Frank's service to his county.



Birthday Blessings for Delpha Hammerle.

Below: After Frank's interment at the Roseburg National Cemetery.

Photos by Bill Riley.



Parish News



Left: David Jones accepts Birthday Blessings for his wife, Marianne.

Right: Kyle Duba, Pastor Gail's middle son, announced his engagement in August:

"Amidst this tumultuous and crazy pandemic I wanted to share some wonderful news. Alyssa and I are getting married! We got engaged at the top of a big rock climb up in the mountains near Lander and it couldn't have been more ideal. I asked if she would join me on life's greatest adventure and she said yes!"



Encouragement

Several people have asked for the benediction Pastor Gail used on Aug. 16:

Oh Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~from *Lutheran Book of Worship*



How could a sense of gratitude shift my perspective in this moment?

DAILY QUESTION

 gratefulness.org

More daily questions here:

<https://bit.ly/daily-question>

“I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner. This is a happy discovery for the Christian who begins to pray for others.

There is no dislike, no personal tension, no estrangement that cannot be overcome by intercession as far as our side of it is concerned. Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the fellowship must enter every day. The struggle we undergo with our brother in intercession may be a hard one, but that struggle has the promise that it will gain its goal.”

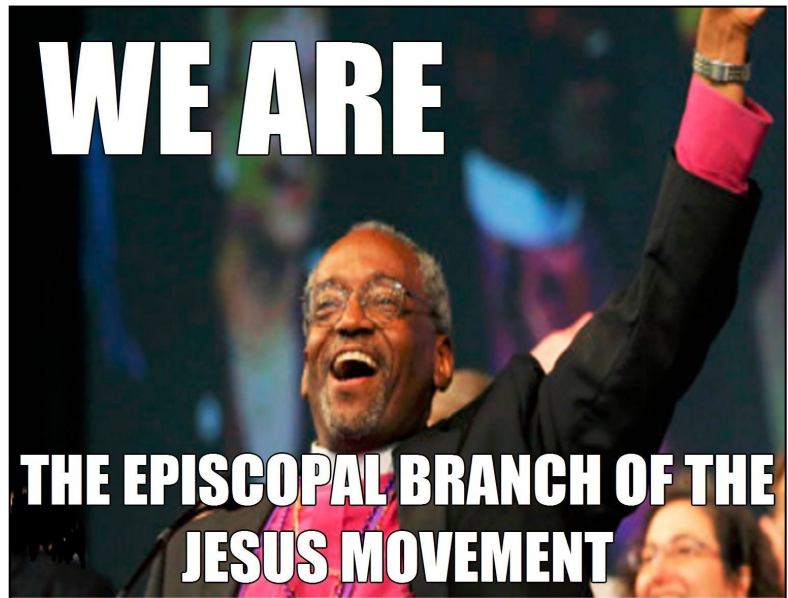
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community* 1939



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10 am
Sundays
Eucharist or Morning Prayer

Wednesdays
Morning Prayer

