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Beauty: God's special language.

I can remember as a child on what must have been my third Easter, no later, my grandmother and mother and I went up into the Santa Ana Mountains. It was a bright day. We laid out a blanket for a picnic lunch. The air was clear and crisp, but not cold. There was a gentle breeze and spring was in the air. Up from the valley which, even in those days, was so often smog laden, I was thrilled by the beauty of the day. It was something akin to what C. S. Lewis has called, "Surprised by Joy." My heart was moved. I can't remember what I said. I only remember being touched by the beauty of the day. That is my earliest memory of experiencing God through beauty.

I don't think I was unique. For many of us, our first experience of God is in the holiness of beauty and the beauty of holiness. Beauty is one of the ways we know God. In the Anglican way beauty has played an important part in our worship. In great music, although humanly composed, we are often carried into a sense of the divine. In the design of some of our churches care is given to creating a place of beauty wherein we are touched by beauty, and, even the nonbeliever, is given a sense of awe.

Our experience of beauty, as in a beautiful place of worship, or in the quietness of a lake at sunset, even in the call of a loon, or the proliferation of song bird music in the morning, may touch us, and give us that almost indescribable sense of the holy. Certainly with the work of the Hubble space telescope we may see today, as never before, how divine beauty is truly cosmic.

In the Eastern Christian tradition there is the custom of creating in the home a "beautiful place". Maybe it is just a small corner, or a table on which an icon, and a single flower is placed. It is a place where one can be reminded of God's beauty.

Often, during the day, we might take a moment, maybe only a few relaxing breaths, where we can realize the deep, and abiding presence of God: God present in beauty, but also in that beautiful place within each of us, within those who are dear to us, and, as Christ reminds us in those who are alone, who suffer, the stranger, the bereaved, the hungry, and the thirsty.

Have a beautiful day.

- Charles William Preble+

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HYMN OF THE MONTH

By Tim Johnson

Hymnal 1982 #292 “O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896)

Hymn Tune: Kingsfold, English melody adapt. And harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Edward White Benson was the principal author of the text for our June Hymn of the Month. Hymnary.org also credits Benjamin Hall Kennedy as the author of verse 4 and onward; however, I will omit his biographical information as our Hymnal 1982 only includes verses 1 through 3.

In fact, the biographical information regarding Benson will also be quite brief with more emphasis placed on this hymn’s particular category: Rogation. Edward Benson was born in Birmingham, England in 1829 as the son of a chemical manufacturer. Following his education and entrance into the priesthood, he was eventually appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1883. During his clerical life, he translated many hymns from Greek and Latin into English as well as composed a limited number of original titles. The best known of these is our Hymn of the month, for which the original first line began “O thorned, O crowned with all renown”.

The term “rogation” comes from the Latin verb “rogare” which literally means “to ask”. The festival’s original purpose is to ask God for forgiveness as well as protection from calamities. This is also one of the many pagan occasions which were Christianized over the centuries and eventually developed a strong emphasis on asking God to protect crops from disease and further for a good harvest. This becomes quite evident in the second verse of the hymn: “Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be given; all fostering power, all influence sweet, breath from the bounteous heaven. At temper fair with gentle air the sunshine and the rain, that kindly earth with timely birth may yield her fruits again”. Verse three continues with the prayer that we may repay God’s kindness and generosity by sharing with those who are less fortunate.

Traditionally, the “Major” Rogation falls on April 25th with the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Thursday making up the “Minor” Rogation. Today, Rogation Sunday is recognized on the same day as the Sunday after the Ascension, which fell on May 17th this year. As time has passed, Rogation has become much less emphasized than it was in the past as we have been becoming much less of an agrarian society than we once were. We have also passed the official time designated for this festival on the current Church calendar. However, we chose to use this selection as our next Hymn of the Month as farmers are still working to begin their crops and on a smaller scale many of us who enjoy gardening are hoping for a good season as well.

Finally, with regard to the hymn tune Kingsfold . . . As a melody, one cannot get more English than this! It is thought to have its origin during the Middle Ages and is a folk tune to which many texts were applied. Lucy E. Broadwood and J. A. Fuller Maitland published it in an anthology entitled “English Country Songs” in 1893. The great hymn writer Ralph Vaughan Williams heard it and introduced it as a hymn tune in the 1906 edition of The English Hymnal. This melody is also applied to “When Jesus left his Father’s throne” (#480) and is suggested as an alternative tune for “I heard the voice of Jesus say” (#692) in our 1982 Hymnal.

Sources:

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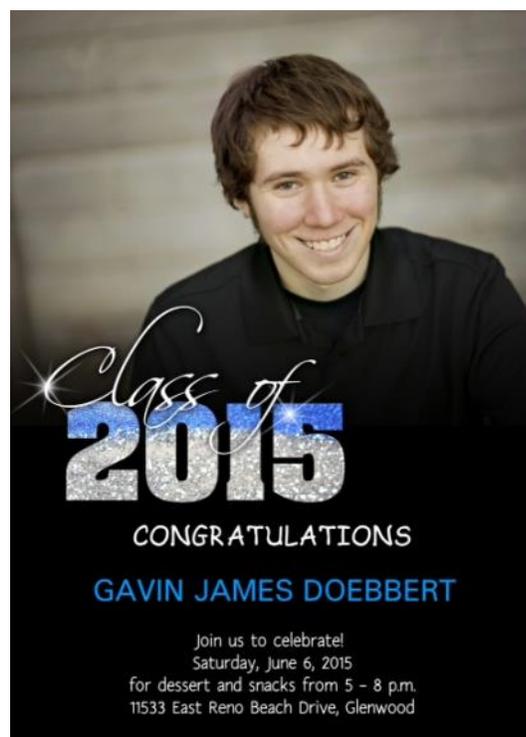
Thanks to everyone who turned in their UTO money last month. We collected \$141.12. It's not too early to start for next year. UTO boxes are in the back of the church. Start one now.



Congratulations Graduates!



Congratulations Verlie Sinning on your graduation from Alexandria Technical and Community College on May 13. We celebrated with a reception at church on May 17th. She received a degree in accounting.



Remember in Your Prayers

(please use as a prayer list):

All clergy serving Emmanuel, especially Charles, Linnae and Tom
Bishop Brian Prior
Mary Sinning
Edith's daughter Dana
Don Krueger
Pat Weinmann
John & Cleone Sherman
Bill & Josie Heegaard
JoEllen's father Al
John
Military Personnel
The Total Ministry Team
Peace in the World
The Food Shelf and those who use it
Heartland Girls Ranch
Dylan's Glove's of Love
The future of the Episcopal Church
The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley



June Birthdays

Connor Doebbert
Hunter Baas
Josh Sinning
Justin Madsen
Sandy Embry
Autumn Botz

Anniversaries

Bill & Pat Weinman

Lectionary Readings for June

June 7

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

June 14

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
 Psalm 20
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 21

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
 Psalm 9:9-20
 or
 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
 Psalm 133
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

June 28

Second Sunday of Easter

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
 Psalm 130
 or Psalm 30
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43

Position	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Priest	Charles Preble	Charles Preble	Steve Shaitberger	Fred Nairn
Organist	Nancy Anderson	Bev Steuck	Margaret Kalina	Merdice Brueske
Lector 1	Taz Embry	Laird Barber	Karen Reicks	
Lector 2	Sandy Embry	Wendy Zander	Mark Reicks	
Altar	Karen Reicks	<i>Training for new members will be on Sun, June 7</i>		
Usher/ Coffee	Nancy Anderson	Donna Ziegelman	Verlie Sinning	Wendy & Laird

Senior Warden Report June Newsletter

We are looking for new members for the Altar Guild. This is a great opportunity for both men and women to help prepare the church for our services. On Sunday, June 7, right after church, there will be training for anyone who wishes to become a member of the Altar Guild. If you have any questions, please contact to Karen or Edith.

We are also seeking people who would like to be lectors. If you would like to be a lector either during the summer or all year, please contact Karen at 320-808-6484.

Sunday school will not be held during the summer months. The children have had a great year with many activities and projects. Special thanks to Verlie Sinning for being the director; and thanks to everyone who helped in any way. Sunday school will resume in the fall.

Karen

SALAD SUPPER

On Tuesday, May 12th, we held our annual Salad Supper. We had a variety of fantastic salads along with cake and ice cream. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a very successful event. It is always great to get together with fellow parishioners, friends and family.







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