



St. John's Chapel Newsletter

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The Dog Days of Summer

It's hot! And the Dog Days of August are upon us. Dog Days is the name for the sultriest period of summer,

(though, here in Monterey, it can be argued that this would apply even more in September).

Nevertheless, our Lord is with us, speaking with us, and calling us into his Word. So, in honor of these Dog Days, now upon us or coming, I suggest a seven-day Bible Reading of ALL the scriptures with dogs in them in the Old Testament.

Now, I confess that this is a little tongue-in-cheek on my part. This can be just a lighthearted and even fun exercise to simply look them up. And on a hot summer day, that may be all that's needed. That's just fine. But if you so desire, you can dig further into their context. You'll find that God has a lot to say about kings

and would-be kings, (and politicians and other leaders), who choose to deal in treachery, and abandon honesty, faithfulness, service and honor for money and power. Your choice!

Here are the Old Testament "Dog" references:

Day 1: Exodus 11:7, 22:31, Judges 7:5-6

Day 2: 1 Samuel 17:43, 24:14, 2 Samuel 3:8, 9:8, 16:9

Day 3: 1 Kings 14:11, 16:4, 21:19-24, 22:38

Day 4: 2 Kings 8:13, 9:10, 9:36

Day 5: Job 30:1 Psalm 22:16, Proverbs 26:11

Day 6: Psalm 22:20, 59:6

Day 7: Psalm 59:14, 68:23

If you wish, you can also use a concordance and look up all the dog references in the New Testament. (Dogs, in general, do fare a bit better there). Either way you choose, whether just for fun or deeper study, you can now hold a Bible Study, since you will have become an expert on the Old Testament "dog scriptures."

Fr. Rick



Prosperous Returns

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25

Years ago, when Dick and I owned the Studio Theatre Restaurant in Carmel, we had a curious experience. A party of 14 had reserved the best front row table, situated right next to the stage. Since the party was large, we assigned one server to wait only on them. After the play was over, the waitress sadly informed us she'd only received a \$14.00 tip for all her thoughtful work. By then, the party had left, and there was nothing we could do about it.

A few days later, a restaurateur friend came by to visit. I told him how our waitress had been devalued for her good work. He explained this was what he'd come to call "The Law of Diminishing Returns." It meant, in his words, that in collecting the tip portion of the bill, someone at the end of the table would chip in a certain amount, and the

Prosperous, Continued from page 1 next person, seeing the amount, might toss in less, thinking the seatmate's portion was good enough to cover them both. This would progress similarly down the table until, at the end, there would be less tip than the waitperson deserved. This was exactly our waitress's situation. From then on, we automatically added a percentage tip to the large group bills.

Back in the 1930s, something similar happened at St. John's Chapel, as reported in the Vestry minutes of the time. A wealthy newcomer had joined the congregation and offered a very healthy pledge. Knowing this, a Vestry member reduced his pledge by the same amount, thinking, by the Law of Diminishing Returns, that the newcomer's pledge could cover them both. During the height of the Depression, this was devastating to the church finances.

So, how does this law apply to us at St. John's? The same COVID saga that closed other area churches also shut down our beloved St. John's Chapel and seriously cut down pledges. Although we are slowly growing back to our former size, this is taking time and effort. Despite the annual pledge appeal, some parishioners, even though they give, never fill out a pledge card. This makes it

impossible to rely on projected income to cover expenses. In the meantime, the bills continue, and as with any business or household, we must keep the lights on, the furnace running and the salaries met. Especially now, to reverse our restaurateur friend's quote, it's time to think, not in terms of diminishing returns, but in a new concept: the Law of Prosperous Returns.

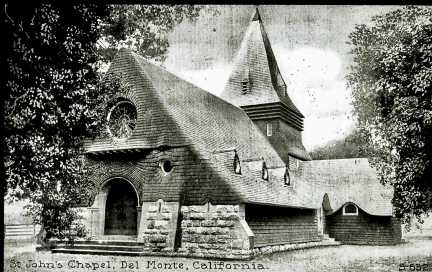
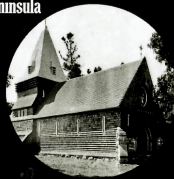
Holy Scripture assists us here, clearly explaining that we are maintaining our own financial health when we extend our giving: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 1:17.

Let each of us remember how much we love our little chapel and its long history here on the Monterey Peninsula. And to keep functioning, as we are able, let us each give as generously as we can. That way, sustaining a Law of Prosperous Returns, we will continue as the vital and flourishing parish we know the Lord wants for us.



ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL DEL MONTE 1891-2026

Celebrating 135 Years on the Monterey Peninsula



BY RICHARD AND ELIZABETH BARRATT—ST. JOHN'S HISTORIANS

It's here! The history of our beloved chapel, which has taken Dick and Elizabeth Barratt the past four years to research and complete (Elizabeth wrote the text, Dick organized and set up the illustrations) is now available for purchase. You may buy your copy after the Sunday service during the upcoming weeks, or at our Festive Luncheon at the Monterey Elks Lodge. Book cost: \$30.



“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

“Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9

The mighty Charlemagne (742-814), King of the Franks, united most of western Europe under his Crown. He was a visionary who advanced education and reformed the laws, economy and culture, of Europe.

When Charlemagne died, his son, Louis I, assumed the throne. At first, all went well. But in 817, he began dividing the empire among his nephew and his four sons, causing no end of problems. Twice he was deposed by his sons, and though he regained his throne both times, he was never again able to rest securely.

Caught in the middle of this epic family conflict was Theodulph, bishop of Orleans, a city south of Paris. Theodulph, born in Spain about 750, had gone to France as a church leader at Charlemagne’s request. He was a brilliant man who worked hard to reform the clergy. He established schools and advanced education. He advocated high morals, built churches, and composed hymns of praise to God.

But during the political intrigues of Louis’ reign, Theodulph was accused (falsely, it seems) of conspiring with King Bernard of Italy; and on Easter Sunday, 818, he was imprisoned in the monastery of Angers, a city southwest of Paris.

There, as he meditated on our Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem prior to His Crucifixion and Resurrection, Theodulph wrote the great Palm Sunday hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.”

According to a tradition that can be neither confirmed nor denied, when King Louis later visited Angers, he momentarily halted by the monastery where Theodulph was held, and the bishop appeared at the window singing, “All Glory, Laud and Honor.” The king was reportedly so moved that he ordered the bishop’s release.

For whatever reason, we know Theodulph was released in 821, but he died on his way back to Orleans, or shortly after his return there.

Originally there were 78 verses (39 couplets) to this hymn! Theodulph had lots of time in his prison-monastery. The first several are the ones we commonly sing today. One stanza that has fallen by the wayside is this quaint verse:

*Be Thou, O Lord the Rider,
And we the little ass,
That to God’s holy city
Together we may pass.*

62 **Passiontide**
For Palm Sunday
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ST. THEODULPH *Majestically; may be sung in unison* MELCHIOR TESCHNER, pub. 1615

†Refrain All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King!

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring. A-men.

Stanzas commence here

2 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing thee on high;
4 The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went:

Repeat Refrain

Who in the Lord's Name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.
And mor - tal men, and all things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.

5 To thee before thy passion They sang their hymns of praise:
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

6 Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

ST. THEODULPH, c. 820; Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1854
†The choir may sing the stanzas of this hymn alone, the congregation always joining at the Refrain.

Acknowledgement: “Then Sings My Soul,” 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories by Robert J. Morgan, Thomas Nelson Inc., Publ. 2003

The Business News

Stewardship in the Summer Season

Summer is a gift. Longer days, family vacations, and time outdoors can be refreshing to our bodies and souls. Yet in the midst of changing schedules and travel, the life and ministry of our church continues every week.

Our worship, outreach, and care for one another do not take a vacation. Utility bills still arrive, ministries still serve, and needs in our community often increase when school is out. Your consistent generosity during the summer months makes it possible for our church to remain a steady presence of hope.

Stewardship is not just about meeting a budget; it is about responding to God's grace with grateful hearts. Scripture reminds us that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). Our time, talents, and finances are all entrusted to us by God, and giving is one way we return thanks and participate in God's work.

As you make your summer plans, please remember your church in your prayers and in your budgeting:

- Consider setting up regular, automated giving so your support continues even when you are away.
- If you miss a Sunday, prayerfully make up your offering when you return.
- Reflect on how God is calling you to be generous not only with your finances, but also with your time and abilities.

Thank you for the many ways you give. Your faithfulness helps ensure that our worship, pastoral care, and outreach ministries remain strong all year long. Together, we are sharing Christ's love in every season.

Finance Committee

St. John's Chapel Current Financial Encapsulation August 2026

Available Funds in Checking	\$ 56,068.10
July Expenses	\$ 20,459.27
Bottom Line (+/-)	\$ 35,608.83

St. John's Chapel, Del Monte AUGUST 2026 Schedule

Date	Activity	Notes
AUGUST 2 Trinity 9	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding
AUGUST 9 Trinity 10	10:00 AM - Holy Communion 11:30 AM – Vestry Meeting	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding Centennial Hall
AUGUST 16 Trinity 11	10:00 AM – Holy Communion	Fr. Rick Miles Presiding
AUGUST 23 Trinity 12	10:00 AM - Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting
AUGUST 30 Trinity 13	10:00 AM – Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting

NOTE BENE: Service schedule subject to change by front office

St. John's Chapel, Del Monte & Our Military Connection



David Jones, longtime member of our congregation, is undertaking the daunting task of chronicling the members of St. John's who have served in the military. Our connection to the military goes back even before the US Navy acquired the Del Monte Hotel. David is asking everyone in the congregation to search their memories and provide him with names, photographs in uniform (or partial thereof), any military memorabilia, and any history you might have. Anything in uniform (any uniform Dress, Class A, Battle Dress Nomex Flight suit, Scrubs -any uniform). Photos can be portraits, personnel photos (although ID photos usually look like mug shots) or candid photos. David can be reached at davediane1@comcast.net, or you're welcome to chat with him during "coffee hour" after service on Sundays.

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THE BENEFIT SHOP ACCEPTS

Clean, gently used clothing
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Clean Kitchen items
Chinaware, Glassware
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Small furniture items in good condition
Art and Art objects
Holiday items
Jewelry

WE CAN NOT ACCEPT

ELECTRONICS: such as MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PRINTERS, COPIERS, LAPTOPS, CELL PHONES, TELEVISIONS, OR COMPUTERS.

Soiled or worn-out clothing or shoes
Cassettes or VHS videos
Non-working small appliances
Broken, chipped, or cracked items
Worn kitchen ware
Broken jewelry or watches

Please Note: We do not have the woman-power to dispose of unsaleable items. Please do not leave items at the gate, it is unlawful.



Altar Flowers: The Flower Chart is in its usual place in the Parish Hall. Reserve those important dates now. Costs are \$40.00 for regular seasonal flowers, greenery and candles, OR \$50.00 for roses.



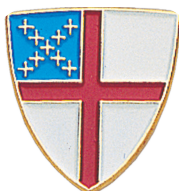
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