

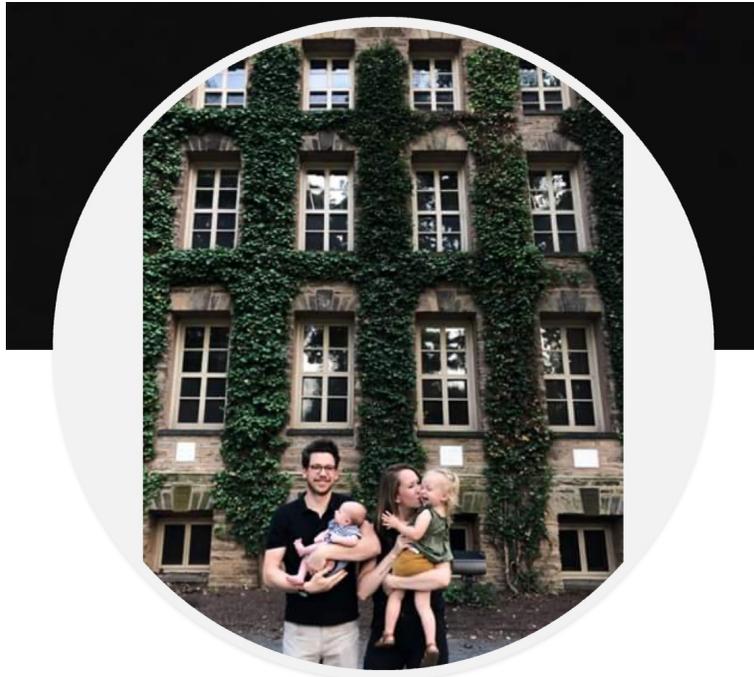
July 3, 2020



Your weekly news & updates

The Rev. Jesse Barkalow has begun his official duties as our new curate in the parish. Jesse is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder. He also taught at The Classical Academy here in the Springs before attending Princeton Theological Seminary, where he recently received a Master of Divinity degree.

We welcome Jesse, his wife, Christine, and their children Verona, 2, and Amos, 1...as they begin this new era of their lives and our own life together in the parish.



Sunday Service Information

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Independence Day, Holy Communion,
and Holy Baptism

[Click here to download Sunday's Order of Service](#)

JULY 5, 2020



Livestream Holy Communion & Holy Baptism with sermon preached
by the Ven Canon Donald Armstrong at 10:00 a.m.



Worship Reservations

We have reached "homeostasis" with people settling into a weekly worship pattern fully in compliance

with in-church worship capacity. We therefore no longer require weekly signup for the services.

Don't forget to contact the Rector (719.360.1928 | stgeorgerector@aol.com) by Friday afternoon to make arrangements for delivery of the blessed sacrament, allowing you to fully participate in our livestreamed worship this Sunday.

An opportunity to invest in Colorado Springs Students!



A note from our Mercy's Gate partners:

If COVID-19 has shown us something, it's that we can take basics for granted. Giving high fives, going out in public without a mask, meeting for a church service.

The humble backpack is no exception. It's so easy to take that critical part of an American education for granted! For a lot of us, perhaps we don't buy the fanciest school supplies, but have what we need. With COVID-19, low-earning families this year are in an even harder economic spot and districts have less tax dollars available. This is an opportunity to pitch in and support out students!

Mercy's Gate will again be a partner in the city-wide **Backpack Bash**—five events on two Saturdays across the community. The BIG goal is to provide backpacks for 10,000 kids! At our location, we hope to giveaway 3,000 to students, elementary through high school, who wouldn't otherwise have basic supplies. If we all chip in, imagine those kids starting the 2020-21 school year with confidence!

You're invited to be a partner, too! There are several ways you can get engaged.

Supply Drive: You can share [this list](#) with your folks and invite them to collect supplies for students. We are happy to do a pick up, or items can be dropped off at MG at any time. We'll be collecting until July 23. (*You are welcome to drop off your donations at St. George's through July 19th.*)

Amazon List: Online shopping is so convenient, these days especially. We've started [a list on Amazon](#) folks can shop from. Anything ordered will be shipped to MG—no drop off necessary!

Cash: You can also invite people to give. Funds will go towards making the Backpack Bash in our part of the city a success—providing supplies and getting them into the hands of the kids who need them the most! You can use [THIS PAGE](#) to donate.

If you have families looking for resources, please point them to the event! We would love to serve them. [This webpage](#) has all the information about locations, dates and times.

Thankful for your partnership!

Sincerely,

The Mercy's Gate Team

Hymn of the Week

God of our Fathers

Text: Daniel Crane Roberts - 1841-1907

Tune - NATIONAL HYMN - George William Warren - 1828-1902

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Daniel C. Roberts wrote this patriotic hymn in 1876 for July 4 centennial celebrations in Brandon, Vermont, where he was rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Originally entitled "God of Our Fathers," this text was later chosen as the theme hymn for the centennial celebration of the adoption of the United

States Constitution. It was published in the Protestant Episcopal Hymnal of 1892. Educated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, Roberts served in the union army during the Civil War. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church as a priest in 1866 and ministered to several congregations in Vermont and Massachusetts. In 1878 he began a ministry at St. Paul Church in Concord, New Hampshire, that lasted for twenty-three years. For many years president of the New Hampshire State Historical Society, Roberts once wrote, "I remain a country parson, known only within my small world," but his hymn "God of Our Fathers" brought him widespread recognition. Unlike many other nationalist hymns, this text keeps our focus on God. This is a God who created the universe, who leads and governs his people, who serves as our protector, and who refreshes his people with divine love. It is fitting hymn for all citizens of any country. Christians too may sing this anthem, using it to recognize the national association we have on earth but remembering that the practice of "true religion" (st. 3) transcends earthly loyalties and promotes citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. - adapted from hymnary.org



In Celebration

Happy Anniversary

Andy & Cindy Lindquist, Robert & Mary Woodward

Happy Birthday

Scott Miller, Craig Rogers, Stanley Green, Tripp Hunt, Jonathan Nies

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for their 73rd wedding anniversary on May 29th, by Jack & Marion Findley.