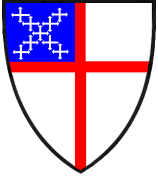


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Vicar's Voice

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Welcome to the joyous season of Easter as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. As we celebrate Jesus's victory over death and God's love for the world, I am put in mind of the star word I chose for our community back at Epiphany, and that was *inspire*. To inspire, literally, means to breathe life into something, much like the Creator breathed life into the human in our creation story. Where, I wonder, is God breathing new life in our community, both at St. Antony's and in our surrounding neighborhood? Where is God inspiring you?

During Lent, one of the books I read was *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Evans is a hero of mine, close to my age. She died tragically and unexpectedly at age 37 following an allergic reaction to a medication she was given to combat an infection. When I learned that she had died, I wept, despite never knowing her personally and only hearing her speak in person once. Rachel's story was so much like my own--she grew up in the South as a devout evangelical Christian, and like me, she left the biblical literalism and shame-centered spirituality of her previous denomination behind and found a home in The Episcopal Church. In this book, Rachel describes the love she had for scripture as a little girl and how she rediscovered that love years later, even after letting go of the strict fundamentalist interpretations she was taught.

Respect, curiosity, and love for the scriptures is the most precious gift my evangelical upbringing gave me. And later, when I went to seminary, my professors taught me to look deeper than just the words on the page and into the historical and cultural context, the literary genre, audience, and perspective, and all the nuances of the original languages of ancient Greek and Hebrew. I learned that the Bible was so much MORE than I had been taught--it was not supposed to be some instruction manual for life or history textbook, but instead a library of so many things-- letters, poems, histories, laws, myths, legends, wisdom sayings, and stories that could put Game of Thrones to shame! For me, a literature major, this was like suddenly putting on 3-D glasses; the stories came alive!

When I discovered The Episcopal Church, I learned about the three-legged stool. As Episcopalians, we rest our faith on the three-legged stool, and the three legs are *scripture*, *tradition*, and *reason*. The Bible, church tradition (interpretation, liturgy, etc.), and our rational minds and education all help build our faith. When I prepare sermons, I am continually reminded of that moment when the Bible, the *inspired* word of God, suddenly had new life breathed into it for me. I try to take you on journeys with me into the stories, into the historical and cultural context, the literary genre, audience, and perspective, and of course, I occasionally

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drag you with me into Greek and Hebrew word studies. My hope is that, even for a few minutes, I can give you the 3-D glasses that make the Bible come alive for you as it did for me.

Every time I approach the scriptures, I learn something new. I am challenged and comforted, baffled and inspired. And I have learned humility-- as soon as I hear myself say something like, "The Bible clearly says" that is a signal for me to slow down and reconsider. In fact, the Bible says very little with absolute clarity. Luckily, Jesus himself taught us how to approach the scriptures when we are struggling to understand something. In Matthew chapter 22 verse 36, a man asked Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answered: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Jesus gave us the key to solving the riddle of the ancient scriptures: err on the side of love. Whichever interpretation helps me to love God and my neighbors more fully is the one I will follow. When we don't understand something in the Bible, err on the side of love. When we are wondering how God wants us to respond to something, err on the side of love. Every law, poem, prophecy, and parable hangs on these two commandments--love God and love others. In Mark's version of the same conversation (see Mark 12:28), the man tells Jesus, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'God is one, and besides God there is no other'; and 'to love God with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Jesus responds, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." So, dear ones, in your reading of the Bible and your wrestling with tough questions, always err on the side of love, and in doing so, come near to the dream of God.

Mother Hillary+

Facilities & Environment

We are going to start our 1st Saturday of the month cleanup and maintenance days. Our first maintenance and cleanup day will be April 6th and will normally be going from 9 AM to 1 PM. It's OK to come after 9AM or leave before 1 PM. It's fine if you can only work a couple of hours; any help you can give us is greatly appreciated. We will also have a list of things that could be worked on at other times if you cannot make it for a 1st Saturday.

THIS WEEK - We will only be going from 9 AM to 11 AM, due to Chris Crowson's memorial service beginning at 1PM. For more information about this service, please contact the office.

Remember the **Men's Group Fellowship Breakfast** will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month – 8AM – at the Silverdale Bowling Alley diner. All men of the parish are welcome.

Dave Peterson

Facilities & Environment Commissioner

Cathedral Day: Saturday, April 27th

Join a group from St. Antony's at Cathedral Day this year as we welcome several new members through confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation of faith! When these new siblings in Christ receive their blessing from the Bishop, we will gather around to pray for them and cheer for them. We would love to see a big crowd of supporters make the trip! A free food truck lunch will be provided-- you must register to receive that meal voucher. Mother Hillary will be registering a group of people all at once through the Episcopal 101 class, so you are welcome to register with the group or to register yourself so that either way, you will receive your food voucher. We will meet at church that morning in order to carpool to St. Mark's together. If you are willing to drive, please let Mother Hillary know.

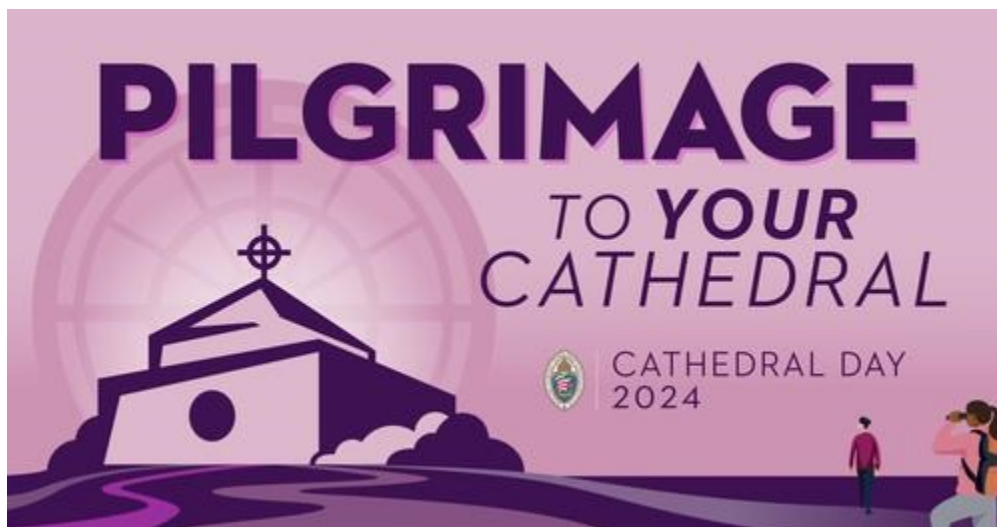
Cathedral Day is a "family reunion" for Episcopalians from across western Washington. It's a time for connecting across congregations and experiencing all your cathedral has to offer. This year's Cathedral Day celebrates the idea of pilgrimage, with Saint Mark's serving as your sacred destination.

Our Christian tradition holds dear the spiritual practice of making pilgrimages that profoundly shape our understanding of what it means to follow Christ. One need not travel across the globe to do so; one need only be open to the holy experience of discovering God anew on the way. For centuries, cathedrals have served as Christian pilgrimage sites, drawing people of faith into the orbit of wonder and awe.

This year, for Cathedral Day in the Diocese of Olympia, all are encouraged to consider the day's journey as a pilgrimage to your cathedral. As Jesus said to the first ones to follow him as people of The Way: Come and see...so are we invited to join on this journey together this Eastertide. Come and see...

All congregations attending Cathedral Day are invited to bring their banners to carry in the procession and to bring a small container of water from your part of the world. The water you bring will be poured into the baptismal font during the liturgy and will be part of the water we use when we asperge the people as they remember their baptisms.

Read more about Cathedral day [at the event website](#) and register to receive your food voucher.



Musings from The Bishops Warden

“For you have become my stronghold, a refuge in the day of my trouble” Psalm 59:19

I feel that every time I drive up to St. Antonys. Do you?

Spring has sprung and the flowers, grass and weeds are all growing. I am happy to report that St. Antony's is also growing. As we gain new family, please make sure they feel welcomed and have a role in the congregation so that there is a place for them to contribute as well.

I spent some fun time yesterday with Dave Peterson working on getting the mowers out of the barn and running (thanks Dave). I really did have fun, as I used to do this at my parents 10 acre farm on Vashon and it gave me a sense of accomplishment and peace to enjoy time cruising around on the John Deere. Yesterday I listened to an audiobook as well.

I am sure it is not surprise that we have a BIG LAWN!! I was able to knock down the majority of the north fields and area around the building in about 3 hours. Before the rain hit luckily. I would like to teach any of you how to run the mowers and to share the duty as there are two mowers. Weed eater batteries are now charged and can be used to clean up around the edges. Thank you to David Sorrell and Benny Wright for their work in the past years but I think we need a committee to work together on this for the future. It is the first impression as we drive up to the church. “Lawn League” might be a place for YOU? Talk to Dave Peterson, Mother Hillary or myself about applying for this group.

Thank you to Heather Carnocki and the rest of the new “Garden Club” who are in the planning stage of updating and caring for our landscape. There are great ideas coming from their meeting and a survey soon to add your own ideas and hands to help make the outside of the church as functional and lovely as the inside.

Next Saturday we will gather to celebrate the life of our dear Chris Crowson. He has been such a giving light in our family, it leaves a hole in my heart every time we gather. He was the first one to step up and fill a role, BC member, Usher, counter and loving his role as “holding our feet to the fire!” He encouraged each one of us to plan for the future and be responsible for using the skills and assets we were given. Please follow his example to honor his life.

Soon we will have the repairs from our flood fixed, thank you to Mother Hillary for working on the details to get this done.

Holly Foley

Welcoming

Coffee Hour - Thank you to our new volunteer coffee hour hosts!! We are enjoying the delicious culinary delights provided by all our hosts. If any of you want to participate as a coffee hour host please let me know. Remember it is not necessary to provide a feast but just some munchies to enjoy while sharing fellowship.
melaniereeder86@gmail.com or (360)471-8242.

Welcoming - Our church pews have been full with visitors and newcomers! Please take a moment to say hello if you encounter someone new. We have also made visitor name tags, each with a green ribbon that says "Visitor", to help identify our guests or newcomers.

Melanie Reeder, Welcoming Commissioner

Faith Formation - Adult

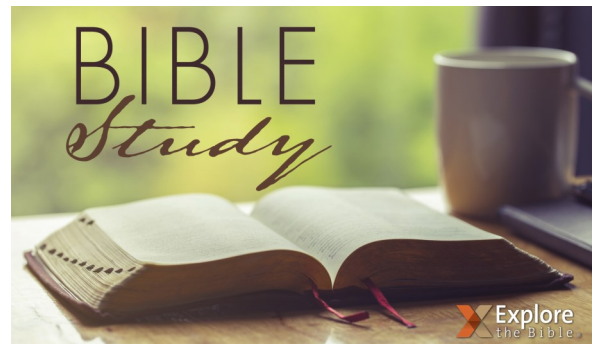
April begins after the joyous celebration of Easter, a reminder that our faith was created and has been sustained by the mystery of the Resurrection. The early Christians believed that the ancient Jewish prophecies were fulfilled by Jesus' life and death, but the Romans were still in power, violence and inequality defined the culture, and people still died. Where were lions lying down with lambs, and swords being turned into plowshares? Turning to the apocalyptic eschatology of Daniel, a Christian writer, using the name of John, attempted to "update" Daniel's eschatology in the light of what Marcus Borg has referred to as "God's Great Cosmic Cleanup". In the colorful metaphorical language of apocalyptic literature, Revelation speaks of the coming reign of God and the accomplishment of peace on earth;

Revelation is not a description of the end of the world, and salvation is not the "Pie in the sky when you die."

The Thursday Bible class has taken up the challenge of coming to a better understanding of metaphorical meaning of the Book of Revelation. The class begins on Thursday, April 4th. As usual we will be using a brief commentary from the Colledgeville series that may be purchased for \$12 from the Liturgical Press or Morehouse (slow delivery) or from (sigh) Amazon. The class leader will also purchase one for you if you prefer.

Esther Osborne

Adult Faith Formation Commissioner



FROM the ALTAR GUILD

As we enter Holy Week and begin preparation for the Easter celebration, we wish to THANK YOU all for your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. Journeying through Lent, and then to last Sunday, Palm Sunday, we witnessed an amazing transformation from the somber tones of Lent into the resplendent array of RED and Green PALMS. My thanks to Heather and Geri for the arrangements...they were stunning. I especially thank Mother Hillary for her prompt response to my plea for palms to make crosses, as "yours truly" neglected to add them to the order for the decorative palms. She immediately began searching and within no time, had secured some from St. John's in Gig Harbor, then drove over to pick them up! So, thanks to her and to St. John's for sharing their palms in order for us to celebrate in the traditional manner. Also, our thanks for all the generous donations of Easter Lilies and other flowers, along with those donated throughout the year. May we all enjoy a Holy, Blessed Happy Easter.

Ruth Lindstrum

Floral Ministry

We welcome Geri Sanchez to the floral ministry, she will be assisting/training with the floral ministry and will soon be on the schedule assembling beautiful flowers for the altar to support our church services. Thank you for signing up, Geri, we look forward to your participation!

Heather Carnocki

Floral Ministry

Coordinator



Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Commission consists of 9 members: Sylvia Campbell, Gail Ferguson, Holly Foley, Kay Kellogg, Loretta McGinley, Maggie Scott, Janet Steller, Peggy Roberts and Kathy Avery.

We are working with Mother Hillary to restart the Lay Eucharist program and will have more information about this program soon. At this time, other programs members are volunteering to host/support are the prayer chain and care giver support. The Senior Information and Assistance brochures by the Kitsap County Aging and Long Term Care Council were placed in the Narthex.

The commission continues to support congregation members with visits, phone contact, cards, prays and transportation to church. If you or someone you know needs Pastoral Care support you can contact any of the commission members.

Pastoral Care Commission
Kathy Avery

Landscape Plan Design Group

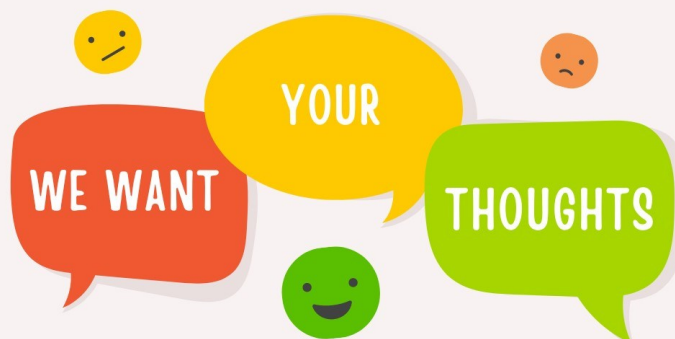
The Landscape Plan Design Group hopes to create a landscape plan for the entire property that would be a welcoming sanctuary, we already have a beautiful piece of property with a number of wonderful trees, bushes, wetlands, a barn and a nice big field. The plan will likely be a 10 year-ish plan, so that we can prioritize and systematically work through various elements.

Several of us went on a field trip on March 1st to visit local churches to observe signs, landscaping, labyrinths, memorial gardens and landscape elements to help us inform a design plan. We talked with several people at the different locations to get their opinions about what worked well and what didn't. It was a fun day noticing what we like (and what we didn't) and also fellowship with one another.

We have developed a group of survey questions to provide to the congregation to get your thoughts about what is important to you/us regarding the landscape around St Antony's, this was presented to the BC on March 10th.

We plan to send a Landscape Design Plan Survey to the congregation in the beginning of April. The survey will ask a few questions to get your feedback regarding if you think the plan is a good idea? What do you think the priorities should be? How would you like to contribute? And also, an area for your comments, I really hope people use this section to let us know what is important to us as a whole.

Enjoy the daffodils,
Heather Carnocki



St Antony's Landscape Plan

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Holly Foley
Bishop's Warden
Parish Life Co Chair



Tim van As
People's Warden
Outreach



Cris McCarty
Clerk of the BC
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Esther Osborne
Faith Formation, Adult



Marj Zantek
Faith Formation, Youth



Kathy Avery
Pastoral Care



Dave Peterson
Facilities/Environment
Parish Life Co Chair



Melanie Reeder
Welcoming

Please contact one of these persons if you have questions or concerns or ideas within their commission.

Charles Mission News

Empowering the Next Generation

One of the things Uganda looks for when granting GI visas to missionaries (a.k.a. a work permit) is doing something Ugandans cannot do. The non-government organization (NGO) that wrote the justification for my work permit mentioned my computer skills, the need to teach these skills to those working with the NGO, and the struggle to find someone with those skills in Uganda. Uganda has a need for people with computer experience.

I have been teaching how to type and how to use three of the most common computer applications for several years now. The bishop living in Mugujai, on behalf of the church, has made his invitation to teach these skills there official by becoming the sponsor for the program in Mugujai. He is my official contact with the local elected leaders. They have, and continue to encourage teaching computer skills there, especially to the youth.

I was also asked to teach the skills in Birijaku (a neighborhood of Koboko municipality) to some of the youth of our ministry teams; however, no one stepped into the role of sponsor, or contact with the local officials. Not until now that is. Rev. Taban is also the Regional District Chariman (RoDC) for Adjumani district; however, his family home is here in Birijaku. He has wanted to take this role but could not until he had a few vacation days so he could come and coordinate things here. He came for a week. He is also coordinating work on a new business center near where I stay. He is allocating the first room to be completed for the computer skills class. He wants to expand the program to reach more youth. As a government official himself, I expect that the program expansion will be met with approval.

There are a few things he wants to do differently, like charge a fee, something I cannot do as a missionary. However, he can, and still involve me and my graduates as teachers. He wants to set it up so that it continues for generations, not just while a missionary is here. I am excited about that. He is also considering the possibility of creating an internet café for those who want internet service but do not have a computer of their own. Currently there are no internet cafés in Koboko.

We are working on the details when I can meet with him. which is not often due to his work in a different district. Meanwhile the work on the business center continues. I expect to see the electrician pulling wire through the conduit soon.

Satellite Prison Ministry Team

Several members of the prison ministry team are also senior secondary school students. (Due to differences in culture and the school system, many of them are older than high school students in the US.) Several secondary schools are represented; however, only Padombu SS in east Koboko district has four team members as students, plus one as a part time (computer) teacher. They asked us to set up a second team meeting and bible study (the first being our team meeting in Birijaku, west Koboko district). The school administrators welcomed our request to partner with the school's scripture union chapter to offer a bible study at Padombu, and to equip the prison ministry team members there for ministry at near-by Lobule prison. Meanwhile, the team in Birijaku continues the ministry at Koboko prison (a.k.a. Gbukutu prison) in west Koboko district.

It has been only a few weeks;; however, the members at Padombu SS report they already have new prison ministry team members.

The officer in charge of Lobule prison continues to express his gratitude for the ministry.

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Thanksgivings

- I have been granted a 2-month extension to my tourist visa. This will allow the non-government organization (NGO) more time to renew its Uganda permit. Then they can nominate me for another 3-year work permit.
- You, my prayer support!
- For you, my financial supporters!

Prayer Requests

- Kairos and prison ministry in general.
- Funding for a vehicle for ministry in Uganda.
- Work permit (long term visa) so I can stay in Uganda long term without needing to apply for renewals every couple of months.



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St Antony's Landscape & Garden Work Party 1st Saturday of the Month 9 am - 12 pm



Saturday 6 April



Where flowers bloom, so does hope.

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April Birthdays

1	David Ferguson
4	Pete Morris
12	Jan Peterson
15	Elijah Woods
19	Norman Perreira
20	Joann Richardson
23	Marie Sherwin
	Alvin 'Al' Woods
25	Sandy Stockwell
26	Kristen Fabry
	William George
27	Avery van As



April Anniversaries

5	Rich & Sarah Rogers
13	Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell
22	Carl & Carole Nau
26	David & Carolyn Sorrell

The deadline for the May Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, April 23rd** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonsilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Due to technical difficulties,
there is no financial report this month.

April 2024 Schedule

JOB	April 7 Second Sunday of Easter	April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter	April 21 4th Sunday of Easter	April 28 5th Sunday of Easter
EM 8 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Mary Collier
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma Tipton	Dee Perreira	Cheryl Wright	Ruth Lindstrum
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10:15 am	Marj Zantek	Kristen Fabry	Cris McCarty	Sarah Rogers
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Maggie Scott	Elizabeth Flagg	Jim Foley
LC/NT 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Cris McCarty	Cris McCarty	Stu Smith
ACOLYTES 10:15 am	Elijah Chelsea Ellory	Soren Avery Sean	Ellory Elijah	Sean Luke
USHER 10:15 am	Dave Peterson	Tim van As	Bill Fagan	Carole Nau
COUNTERS		Marj Zantek Norma Tipton		Jim Foley Dave Wedeven
COFFEE HOUR	Carl & J Baker	Foley Family	Jan & Dave Peterson	Sylvia & Malcolm Campbell
BPod	Melanie Reeder	Kathy Avery	Tim van As	Marj Zantek
1st LESSON	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
PSALM	Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23	Psalm 22:24-30
2nd LESSON	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
GOSPEL	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.
(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
8 am	8 am	8 am	Jim Foley A	Carol Nau	Chelsea
Donna Hilton	Mary Collier	Donna Hilton	Maggie Scott B	Dave & Jan Peterson	Sean
Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Pam Morton	Norma Tipton B	Linda Robuck	Laurel
Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum		David Wedeven B	Peter Stockwell	Luke
Dee Perreira	Elizabeth Moorhead		Marj Zantek A	Mark Westin	Avery
Norma Tipton	Bill Reeder				Soren
Cheryl Wright					Ellery
10 am	10 am	10 am			Elijah
Elizabeth Flagg	Kristen Fabry				
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock			
Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Elizabeth Flagg			
Luke R.	Sarah Rogers	Carole Nau			
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Malcolm & Sylvia	A - computer		
Maggie Scott	Marj Zantek		B - non computer		
Stu Smith	Rick Zapp				
Peter Stockwell					
Michael Wentworth					

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