



April 2017



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

I began this Lenten season of spiritual renewal with you saying that Lent is not something we do so much as it is what God works in us as we are open to receive it. And so we have tried to reflect on our own imperfections and our need of a higher power beyond ourselves, We have considered God's amazing grace as a gift to us and to all people because God is loving and forgiving and merciful. We now come to the heart of our Lenten journey – Holy Week and our participation in the passion and resurrection of our Lord and of our own faith and community.

Palm Sunday, Monday's review of the Easter stories, **Wednesday Noon Eucharist, Maundy Thursday's** remembrance of Jesus' last evening with his friends, **Good Friday at Noon with a variety of churches** (here at St. Andrew's!), **Good Friday at 7pm, The Great Vigil of Easter** (probably the best liturgy of the year), and **Easter Sunday** at 8 and 10 am – I urge you to share in as many of these as possible that God may touch your life in a new way.

Our Eastertide class will be on the Apostles Creed. This creed from the early church is a bond that unites Christians from diverse cultures and traditions. Four sessions with video and discussion that will focus on the promises we make at baptism, led by Matthew Moravec and Pam Tinsley. Also, our Monday 1pm Bible Study is now discussing the Book of Revelation. All are welcome.

Looking ahead, Bishop Rickel will make a Parish Visitation on Sunday, May 14 (Mothers' Day). Please see me if you would like to join those preparing for Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church as a way to renew and strengthen your spiritual journey.

I am thankful to walk with journey with you all.

Yours in Christ,
Martin+

Spring Clean Up THANK YOU – Bill Brice

As Fr. Ed said "It was too wet to plow" on our All Parish Clean up Day but we still got some things done outside. Others promised to be back another day. Special thanks to the Egnews, Bill Barker and Chuck Robinson for their work outside in the rain. Lots of people worked inside and we got most that done.

Remember, there is always something to do. Help yourself.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday (April 9) - 8 & 10am

Both services will begin outside around the Cross with the Liturgy of the Palms, then march inside for the Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion.

Monday in Holy Week (April 10) - 1pm to 2pm

One hour review of the Easter stories in the Bible

Wednesday in Holy Week (April 12) - 12 Noon

Holy Communion (brief 35 minute service with homily)

Maundy Thursday (April 13) – 6:30 pm:

Soup Supper, Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar, as we remember Jesus' last night with his friends.

Good Friday (April 14): Two Services

Ecumenical Prayer Service, 12 Noon, presented here at St. Andrew's. Co-sponsored by a range of local churches from Presbyterian and Methodist to Assemblies of God and Foursquare. One hour service.

Dramatic Good Friday Liturgy, 7 pm, with music and experiential reflection on the Cross.

Prayer Vigil from Good Friday at 8 pm-11pm and Saturday 8am-Noon

in the Georgie Chapel

The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, April 15) – 8 pm:

A dramatic Easter service from early Christian times. We gather at dusk to light a great fire, bring in the Easter candle, hear stories of salvation beginning with Genesis, renew our baptismal vows, shout out the joy of Easter and bring in Easter lilies. The Resurrection is proclaimed and a Festive Eucharist is shared.

Easter Sunday (April 16) – 8 & 10 am:

Festive worship celebration with Choir. Nursery Care at 10 am. An Easter Egg hunt follows the 10 am service.

Plan to attend as many of these holy services and gatherings as possible. Think about who you can invite who might find them meaningful

Vestry Viewpoint—by Pam Rhodes

“When I’m afflicted, poor and low, and light and peace depart, my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart. I waited patient for the Lord, he bowed to hear my cry, He saw me resting on his word, and brought salvation nigh.” *Based on Psalm 40/a hymn by William Bradley Roberts*

Once again our blessed Easter season is upon us. As I get older it seems the months and years go so fast, (and my grandchildren are growing at a dizzying pace). So it goes with the seasons of the church calendar. It seems we just finished Advent and Epiphany, now it’s Lent and soon Easter.

Remembering Easter as a child, surely I look back on Easter egg hunts, chocolate and of course a new Easter outfit. While I certainly loved the idea of a new hat and gloves, my poor mom invariably argued with my brother about wearing his good clothes to church (meaning no jeans or logging boots—they usually agreed on the salt and pepper corduroys!!) One year we even got live bunnies for which my poor father had to build a cage. Oy vey!! At that time my family did not attend church on a regular basis, but the seeds of a life with Jesus were planted, we always attended on Easter. Easter was like the “new year’s resolution” to the church—we promised to do better.

My early church years were at Christ Episcopal in north Tacoma. The worship was always pageantry; the banners, the choir, the prayers in Latin, the incense—and the people, the community of faith. The parish of Christ Church was connected by life’s ups and downs, their struggles and pain, but also their solidarity and joy in Jesus. It was a togetherness that forged a spiritual goal in me. This early experience laid the seeds of faith. The steadfast people of the Episcopal church offered a ‘grounding’ that holds families together—even though there were no easy answers to life’s difficulties.

This March the vestry gathered for a retreat. I am very proud to serve with our dedicated members in this group. There is diversity in our ages and in our church and spiritual experiences, but through all of us runs a common thread. We have sometimes walked through the soul’s dark night with devastating and life-changing events and eventually we were led back to God. Many times we doubted His presence but the seeds of our faith held us in His embrace. Whether it was a Baptist, Catholic, Mormon or an Episcopal tradition, many of us had that early church experience. It stands to reason that Jesus would bring us to where we are today. And as Father Martin would say, “For reasons we may not fully understand.”

To borrow an excerpt from our Lenten booklet, “Lent is a return to the beginning and a look to beyond the end. During this unique time, we follow the Way of the Cross. The cross is that unique sign that connects God with the entire world for all time. I give thanks to God for the deep significance of Lent: connection, togetherness, solidarity and hope in Jesus our Redeemer.” We go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Blessings to all this Easter.

COMFORT MY PEOPLE!!!

A new St. Andrew’s event on Sunday, April 2nd after the 10am service. A lunch of **COMFORT FOOD**. We will serve toasted cheese sandwiches and 2 kinds of soup. Not only will it be delicious but give you **COMFORT** in your stomach. It will also give you **COMFORT** in your wallet since it’s 100% FREE!! Join us. For more information contact Ken Rhodes.

Prayer Vigil: My Soul Waits for the Lord—by Pam Tinsley

"My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning" from Psalm 130 is the inspiration for this year's Prayer Vigil, organized by the Daughters of the King. This year's Prayer Vigil begins on Good Friday (April 14) immediately following the Solemn Liturgy until 11 pm and will conclude with the Holy Saturday Liturgy at noon. This year we will not have on-site prayers between the hours of 11 pm and 8 am. The Prayer Vigil takes place in the Georgie Chapel.

Those who participate take turns spending time in quiet meditation and prayer. An hour may be fulfilled by one or more persons. Watch for sign-ups which are to ensure that we have the entire period covered by prayer. Prayer request cards will be also available beginning on Palm Sunday.

Many of you have participated previously in either our Maundy Thursday Garden Watch or our Good Friday prayer vigil and have found it to be profoundly meaningful. We invite all of you to participate again this year.

St. Andrew's Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to once again offer educational scholarships. These scholarships are awarded annually. Any currently enrolled or potential student is eligible to apply. Classes may be for high school, college, vocational school, continuing education, re-training, or additional degrees. Priority will be given to the St. Andrew's community.

Application packets are available in the church office, and must be completed by April 15, 2017. Please hand deliver or mail to the church office at: St. Andrew's, 7410 S 12th Street, Tacoma WA 98465. Please note: Incomplete packets, or packets received after the deadline, will not be considered for funding. All information will be held in strictest confidence and will not be released without specific written permissions from the applicant. Funds will be dispersed in May 2017 for educational programs taking place between June 2017 and May 2018

Practice Hospitality—by Reberta Skinner

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

Here at St Andrew's we have a program called Care Team Ministry which is based on this bible verse. St Andrew's members provide rides to church or to appointments, can bring a few meals during an illness or after a recent surgery, or friendly visits. Because of the nature of providing a meal or ride, we often need a couple days to fulfill such requests. Currently we need additional volunteers.

If you wish to learn more about this ministry please plan on attending a meeting on **Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 PM** at church. The meeting will not be longer than 45 minutes. If you can not attend the meeting and are willing to help or have helped in the past please contact me to let me know to what extent you are willing to help.

CPR/AED Training—by Linda Brice

On March 11 thirteen members of St. Andrew's participated in the CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) class given by the Tacoma Fire Department. We learned (or re-learned) the current updated way to give CPR training to adults and infants and toddlers, along with the techniques for giving the Heimlich Maneuver to people who are choking.

We also learned how to use our new AED machine which is located next to the church main door.

Our thanks to Russell Ivy from the Tacoma Fire Department for his instructions. We also thank Joe Peer, Cyndi Wolfer and Sue Flynn for organizing this event and bringing delicious treats and coffee to the event. Below are a few pictures from our day.



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7am SA Meeting
2 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:30am All Parish Comfort Food Lunch	3 1:00pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	4 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	5 Noon Eucharist	6 7pm Choir	7	8 7am SA Meeting 9:30-1pm Secretariat Meeting (Ada Webb) 10am-4pm Textile Weaver's (downstairs) 2pm Funeral for Margaret Stephens
9 Palm Sunday 8/10 Holy Eucharist 8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty Blood Drive	10 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	11 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	12 Noon Eucharist 1pm Finance Committee 3pm-7pm Day's for Girls	13 Maundy Thursday 6pm Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Liturgy	14 Good Friday 10am Weaver's Guild Noon, 7pm Good Friday Services 8pm Vigil Begins	15 Holy Saturday 7am SA Meeting Noon-Vigil Ends with Holy Sat. prayers 8pm The Great Vigil of Easter
16 Easter 8/10 Holy Eucharist	17 NO Bible Study Office Closed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	18 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	19 Noon Eucharist 3-7pm Day's for Girls	20 7pm Choir	21	22 7am SA Meeting
23 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:15am Daughters of the King	24 1pm Bible Study 7pm Easter class on the Apostles Creed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	25 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	26 Noon Service 5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	27 6pm Worship Commission 7pm Choir	28	29 7am SA Meeting Organ Rehearsal All Day Boy Scout Overnight (Puddicombe Hall)
30 8/10 Holy Eucharist L'Arche Plant Sale at St. Andrew's 2pm Cora Voce Rehearsal						

April Birthdays

1	April Wallace
3	Halley Morton
11	Holli Greer
12	Dianne Koch Stefanko
	Mary Boyce
	Sandy Dick
	Abigael Wilhite
15	Ed Wolfer
19	Carol Gurulé
	Joe Peer
22	Lynn Nelson
23	Doug Strausbaugh
24	Tom Henderson
	Carol MacKinnon
27	Annika Jeffers
29	Rebecca Nalunkuuma



April Anniversaries

34-9-1950	Bill and Helen Abbott
4-20-1963	Rudy and Carol Gurulé
4-21-2001	Kurt and Cynthia Johnston
4-22-1978	Michael and Janet Taft
4-23-1960	Wayne and Peggy Nelson

Changes or corrections to address, phone, email:

Please contact the Church Office

The Rev. Jacque Smith—new phone, email

Chrissie Spence—new phone number

Bob Beckham—new email

John Bean—corrected email

Flower Team—help needed

Currently, we have three members of our flower team: Sandy Dick (coordinator), Dianne Koch Stefanko and Reberta Skinner. (Marilyn Henderson, our former member and coordinator, has left for Texas and their new grandchild.) One or two more members of the Flower Team are needed. The task is to arrange flowers for Sunday services. Expenses are reimbursable. See Fr. Martin for more information.

L'Arche Gardens and Farms will be in our parking lot selling plants and flowers after each service on Sunday, April 30

What is L'Arche? Founded by Jean Vanier in France in 1964, L'Arche communities bear witness to the reality that persons with intellectual disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship. We make explicit the dignity of every human being by building inclusive communities of faith and friendship where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together. More information at www.larchetahomahope.org

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