



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



Photo by Charles Van Sickle

The Resurrection narratives are not a picture of survival after death; they record how a totally new mode of being has arisen in the universe. Something new had appeared in the universe: as new as the first coming of organic life. This Man, after death, does not get divided into “ghost” and “corpse.” A new mode of being has arisen. That is the story. What are we going to make of it?

~ C.S. Lewis, “What are we to make of Jesus Christ?” from *The Essential C.S. Lewis* (Touchstone, 1996)



Rector's Letter

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Dear Friends,

Holy Week and Easter were terrific! Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter with all of you at St. George's were rich with meaning. On Maundy Thursday Pam and I attended Eucharist and Footwashing at St. Luke's, Grants Pass. It was good to be with long-time friends. Special thanks go to Hilary on the organ, David and the choir, and the Altar Guild.

But it was also a little awkward. On Holy Tuesday, after a wait of many months, I met with the neurologist. He taught Pam and me about Alzheimer's disease, drew pictures and explained them, walked us through my brain scan. I do have Alzheimer's. Easter was not a good time to announce that. The doctor said some people with the condition get difficult. I hope that does not happen with me. Mentally, I feel the same after that visit as I did before, a bit run down but still functional. I was able to celebrate Easter with great joy. The music of Easter is a delight. The news of the resurrection of our Lord is even better.

I am eager to continue to live, love, and serve: God, my family, you at St. George's, the boys at the Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility, the athletes and volunteers at Special Olympics, the Global Episcopal Mission Network, church and community friends in Grants Pass and beyond. When necessary, I plan to let go of things with grace.

I was baptized at the age of 13 to be an agent of Jesus Christ. I still am. In October I hope to be at my alma mater, the American University in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my graduation. When you get this, I will be at Virginia Theological Seminary for the annual conference of GEMN. Life has been good. Not always in the ways I had hoped or anticipated, but still good. Very good.

My prayer for each of you who read this is that you will have a deep knowledge of God's love for you, now and always. That you will never stop loving your neighbors, near and far, as best you can. God is with us in strength and weakness, in joys and sorrows, in victories and defeats. I pray that this parish will be renewed in the years to come: renewed in numbers, in love, in service. Our God makes all things new. And then there is heaven!

I will be back in the pulpit on April 22, the 4th Sunday of Easter. Don't miss worship just because I will be out of town. I won't. And say an occasional prayer for Pam, as she soldiers on at home.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Jim+

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW and members of the congregation visited the Douglas County Museum for our March meeting. We were divided into two groups, and in addition to the regular displays, we were privileged to visit the storage rooms where all of the items which are not on display are stored. Some of the people braved a heavy mist to visit outside exhibits. We made an appreciation donation.

Sue Phelps updated us on the signage for the red doors in the Parish Hall. It is going to be really nice.

After checking with hospital and care homes, I found that our flowers from church services are welcome. So we plan to take poinsettias, Easter lilies, or altar flowers to them after the congregation has had an opportunity to take what they would like.

If you are interested in Spirituality Day, it will be in Eugene this year at St. Mary's, downtown, on Saturday, May 19, 9:00-3:30.

SALE

During our meeting we discussed our upcoming Tools-to-Treasure sale and the Fine & Fancy Boutique on May 3, 4, and 5. We are extending the hours: Thursday afternoon 4:00-7:00, then the regular hours on Friday 9:00-4:00 and Saturday 9:00-noon, with pack-up at noon. Help is always needed!

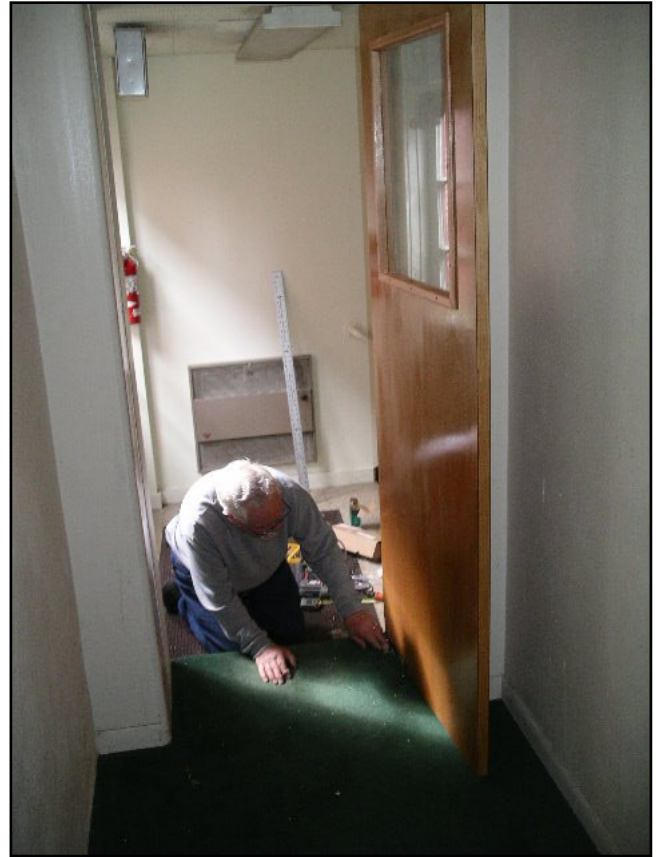
We want to expand the boutique, so if you have items that you have been holding back because you think they would not fit in a "rummage" sale, please consider donating them. Talk with the ladies if you have questions. The boutique items will be priced at \$5 unless otherwise marked.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, Co-President

"I am determined to do some good today." I had forgotten about that. It was a little mantra I created for myself when I was ten years old. I used to say it every morning when I first woke up. I was very proud of this little motto. It was important to me. I am not sure why I remembered it now, but I am glad that I did because it still speaks to me. I like the way it announces that I do not hope to do good or wish to do good, but that I am determined to do good. I am still determined. I know you are too. Let's do some good together and see what happens."

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

Parish News



Photos by Bill Riley

For at least a couple of years now Sue Phelps (left) has recommended that we install a door in the stairwell leading from the Parish Hall to the second floor to keep our heat from going upstairs. At one time there were folding doors there which probably had to be removed per instructions from the Fire Marshall.

On March 22, handyman Bob Spielman hung the solid core door purchased from Gerretsen Building Supply. The door will open in both directions and return to a closed position. Hopefully this will reduce our monthly electric bill during the cold season.

~ Bill Riley

Really, I cannot take all of the credit. Bill did most of the "heavy" work by ordering the door and getting it prepped for hanging. It did take both of us to get it positioned and installed.... while watching out for all of our fingers not getting pinched!

~ Bob Spielman

Worshipping with My Whole Being

Ben Irwin is Communications Director at Preemptive Love, an organization that brings emergency relief to families in Syria and Iraq. This is the second of his “Eleven Things Ben Irwin Loves About the Episcopal Church.”

2. The way the liturgy invites me to worship with my whole being, bridging the false divide between body and soul.

Genuflecting in the aisle. Crossing yourself. Kneeling. Episcopalians worship not just with their hearts or their voices but with their bodies.

Not that it didn't take some getting used to. It was a few years before I could bring myself to make the sign of the cross. Now I appreciate it for what is: a prayer. It just happens to be one you pray with your body.

And why not? God made us whole persons. We are not disembodied souls stuffed into human shells. We should worship with our whole being. Our heart and soul and flesh should cry out together, as the Psalmist wrote.

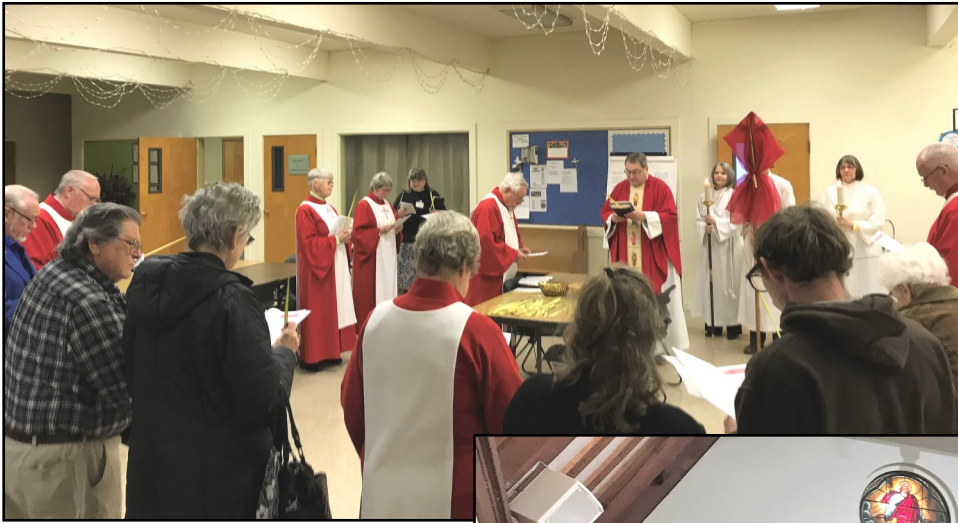
It should be said we're not the only ones who embrace the notion of embodied worship, and our way is not the only way to do so. Pentecostals practice embodied worship when they lift their hands in praise or dance in the aisles. Whole-person worship, as I've learned from the Episcopal Church, can be faith-deepening. That's because, as Elisabeth Grunert once commented, “We learn with our bodies.”

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Birthday blessings for Doug Holloway.

Palm Sunday



Left: Father Jim blesses the palms for the congregation to carry in the processional.

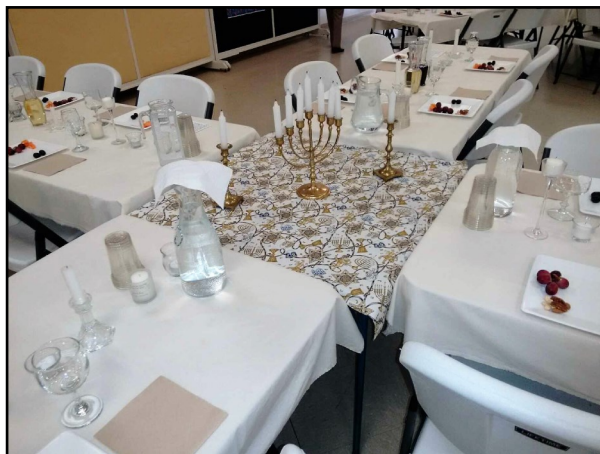
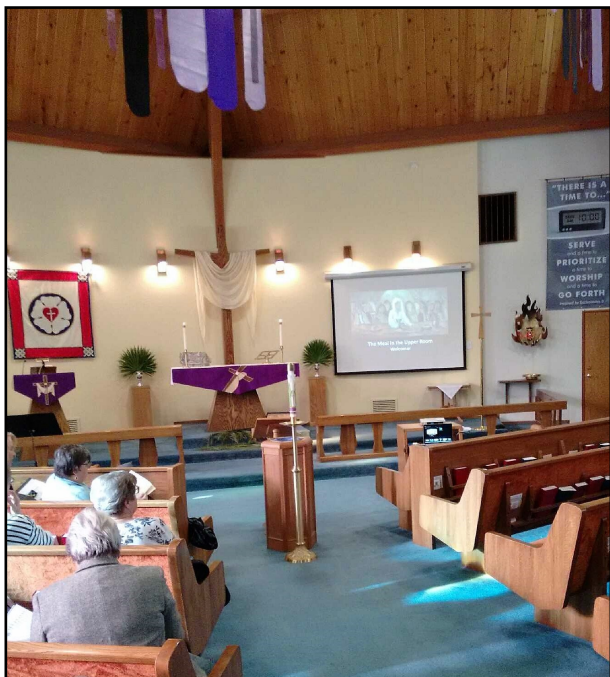
Right: Singing “All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King.”



Left: 53d Anniversary Blessings for Mike and Susan Brossia.



Holy Week and Easter



Left: Annual "Meal in the Upper Room," hosted by Faith Lutheran Church on Maundy Thursday.

Photos by Pete Benham.

Below: Good Friday altar and Easter worship and fellowship.





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Flower donations are needed!

Please sign up on the list by the drinking fountain. If you prefer to donate money, please indicate that on the list and put your check in the brown pew envelope. If you would like to dedicate your donation to someone, please notify the office.

Also, please indicate if you will provide your own flowers or if they will come from a florist. If they come from a florist, we will make arrangements for delivery. If you want to provide your own, you are welcome to arrange them yourself or ask someone to do it for you. The congregation appreciates your contribution.



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OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

