



# The Dragon Scoop

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**Mission Statement:**  
“Loving God, Loving Our  
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



## Palm Sunday—Victory

We join the people of Jerusalem in this celebratory parade and then bring these blessed branches of palm into our homes to serve as reminders throughout the year that Christ is utterly victorious, and that no suffering, no horror has a chance at lasting, because Jesus Christ has defeated evil for all time. We as Christians are called to live in the light of this victory.

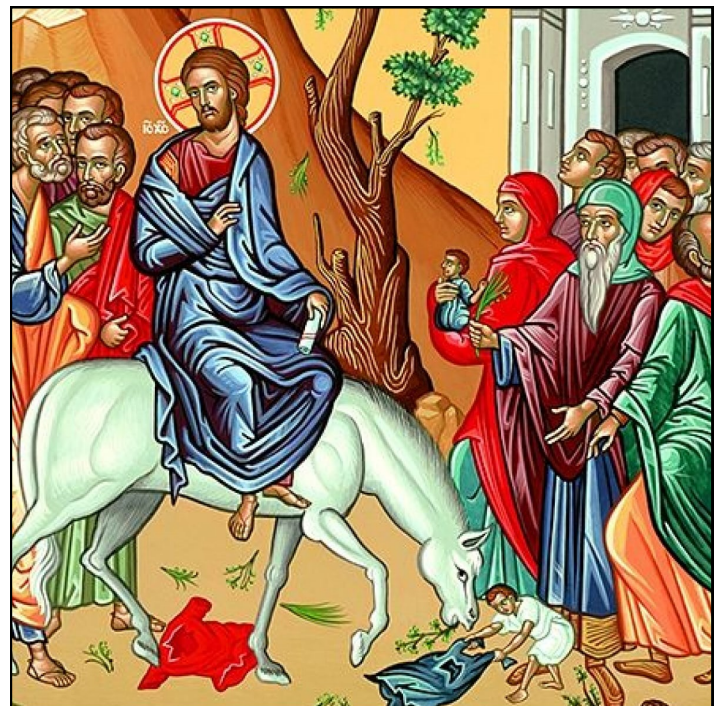
Where in your family, in your neighborhood, or in the world is someone battling sickness? How can you as a Christian be a comfort to them? Be an agent of their healing? Where is someone isolated and alone? How can you as a disciple of Jesus bring them joy? Where is someone hungry, homeless, anxious? How can you proclaim the victory of Christ by feeding them, sheltering them, and bringing them peace? We are called to live here and now, in a world of death and corruption, but also to wave our palms. To show sin, evil, and death that they no longer have power, but have been defeated by the Lord Jesus Christ, and that, at any moment now, the eternal victory celebration will begin.

But this, as anyone who has tried it can tell you, is easier said than done. This is why the people of Jerusalem also cry out, “Hosannah!” to Jesus. We often imagine that Hosannah means something like “Hooray!” or “Fantastic!” as though it were a shout of rejoicing, but this is not the case at all: “Hosannah” is a request, a petition, a prayer, and it means “Oh God, make speed to save us!” For we on our own don’t have the courage, the grace, or the power to joyfully wave a palm in the face of evil, but Jesus, God the Son incarnate, working in us and through us does.

This Easter, how is God calling you to change? To be less anxious and more joyful, to be free to serve others in the light of Christ’s victory? Shout out Hosannah to Jesus, invite him into your heart to transform you by his grace, and then take your part in his triumphal victory over evil and death.

~ The Rev. Bertie Pearson,  
Rector of Grace Episcopal Church  
in Georgetown, Texas

From <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/victory-palm-sunday-a-april-2-2023/>



# Pastor Gail's Ponderings . . . .

An article written by a Lutheran theologian, Professor Walt Wangerine, is so impactful that I re-read it several times each year. I'll share a portion of it with you.

## "At the Center"

*"At the center of Easter is Jesus. At the center of the Christian church there can be nothing but Christ.*

*At the center of any true and durable human justice—as its source and its purity—must be the love of God made manifest in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*At the center of our faith: **Jesus.***

*At the center of our lives: **Christ.***

*At the center of Scripture: **Jesus.***

*At the center of fullness of divine revelation is Jesus.*

*If the church presents anything besides Jesus as its primary preachment, its defining and offering to the world, that church is no longer Christian. . . . Entertainment doesn't require a church. Moreover, it mitigates against the centrality of Christ by making the audience central.*

*But at the center of all we do: **Jesus.** The center of our every act; the motive for all our relationships; the delight in which we rise of a morning; the peace we enter every night: **Jesus. The Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ. Him Alone.***

*Let Easter be more than a day. Let Easter define our lives together. . . . Alleluia.*



God has a vision for us. It is as if God created each human being with an empty space in their heart that can only be filled by God. We may try to fill that space with something else—possessions or people, food or television, work or hobbies, or too much anything! But none of these fills that God-shaped hole. Only faith in the living Triune God can fill that deep need. Perhaps, by God's grace, we have experienced that rest in God which is our heart's true desire. There, at rest in God, we have a little taste of the wholeness and peace that God desires for us all.

The vitality of our Christian vision is straightforward and we can declare—Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We are not simply charged with responsibility to share this Good News, but we are charged with the responsibility of doing all in our power to make it so that others can "hear" the Good News. That is why we do all we can to feed the hungry, clothe those who need clothing, and provide a climate of acceptance in our churches. We are unstopably driven to bring about the new reality coming into being in Christ. Nothing can go on as before, because God's vision for us changes EVERYTHING. WE KNOW THAT IT IS TIME FOR NEW LIFE. Because we know that Jesus is alive and because he lives, we too will live again.

As David and I begin our journey, I ask you to pray for us, to keep us in your thoughts, and to know, God willing, we'll be back here in Roseburg to see you all soon.

Pastor Gail



# Episcopal Church Women by Betty Jo Hoffman

Although our speaker was rescheduled to April 20, we had an information-filled meeting. There were many thank-you notes to share.

There was additional information regarding the Bob Robins picture wall leading to the authorization to fund it.

Karla Roady let us know what is happening in the memorial garden. She also shared some information about activities she is looking into for young people in the congregation. One of these will involve interaction with other church members.



Bags with worksheets and coloring pages for our new young parishioners.

Nancy Baum and Karla shared some initial info concerning the search for a priest. It really helps when one of them knows a lot of priests! They have good ideas to try to draw priests to this nice town of Roseburg.

We enjoyed beans and ham hock soup which reminded me that I need to make it again. This is a childhood memory that I have carried on.

## Undie Sunday

It was decided to have "Undie Sunday" on April 23 and 30. You will be reminded April 16. Please bring to church new socks, undershirts, and/or underpants for men, women, and/or children. The undies should be packaged.

## Rummage Sale

Setting up for the rummage sale will start Sunday, April 30, and continue through the week until Thursday.

### Sale Dates:

Thursday, May 4, 4-6

Friday, May 5, 9-4

Saturday, May, 9-noon

Then we will be packing up and cleaning up. We will sell \$5 bags and \$3 bags on Saturday with special individual items separately priced.



Please join us for our next meeting on the third Thursday of April. And remember to gather your donations for the sale.

# Holy Week

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 pm—Meal in the Upper Room at Faith Lutheran Church (previous reservation required)



## HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 8, 10 am



## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7, 4 pm



## EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9, 10 am



# Birthday Blessings



**Paulen Wrigley**



Mik Carlson made the March Birthday Cake. Nancy Baum (above) cut and served it. Karla Roady took the picture.



**Juliana Marez**



**Doug Holloway**



**Victor Riley**

# FISH

## From The Fish of Roseburg Facebook Page

A few of the 160 reviews FISH has on Google:

We have had to come here several times this year and are always greeted warmly. Wonderful staff. We are so grateful for the help we have received.

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Wonderful place. The volunteers we met are so inviting. We are looking forward to working with them more.

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I'm very thankful for the fish food pantry. Over the years I've come here numerous times and always been treated fairly with a smile. This company does a great service and we are thankful for it.

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Was having a hard time financially. They helped me with pet food. Female products. Lots of good food fresh fruit and veggies. Very kind and they don't make you embarrassed. A big thumbs up.

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The best place in Roseburg. They keep up on their freshness. You shop for your own food, so it's easier to come up with meals. They also have recipes with some of the donations, which helps. The staff is amazing. Especially K. That woman is truly a blessing to our community. They treat each person as they would want to be treated.



**Alpha Heating & Air** donated \$250 to FISH at the end of the “Alpha Gives Back” contest in March. Results were as follows on March 10, 2023:

Saving Grace Pet Adoption Center—  
869 votes

Friendly Kitchen / Meals on Wheels  
of Roseburg—681 votes

Fish Food Pantry—265 votes

Many thanks to those who voted!

Next **Green Bag** pickup day is April 8.

# Inspiration

## Dust off if you need to . . .

My grandmother said:

Don't let your pans shine brighter than you do.  
Don't take house cleaning so seriously.  
Life is short, have fun!

Dust when you need to,  
but also take time to paint a picture or write a poem,  
take a walk or visit a friend.

Cook whatever you want, water your plants....  
Take time off to drink a beer, swim at the beach (or pool),  
climb mountains, play with dogs, listen to music,  
read books,  
spend time with your friends  
and enjoy life.

Dust off if you need to,  
but life goes on outside.  
You know this day will never come back.

“Dust off if you need to”  
but remember that you are getting older  
and many things you can do now  
are not so easy to do in your old age.

And when you leave, since we all leave one day,  
you will also become dust...

And no one will remember how many bills you paid,  
not even your clean house, but they will remember  
your friendship,  
your fun and what you taught them.

~ Roos Vangheluwe

Mine was a yellow rabbit wearing a vest and multi-colored pants. He came into my life when I was very small and in hospital for a tonsillectomy. I carried him with me everywhere I went for years. He taught me unreserved love, trust, and companionship. He was a living presence of the Spirit in my world, a constant source of kindness and support. I still have him. He sits on a shelf, watching over me to this day. My talisman of the divine: a yellow rabbit worn well with love.



~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

I remember one of my seminary professors saying people who were able to appreciate others—who looked for what was good and healthy and kind—were about as close as you could get to God—to the eternal good. And those people who were always looking for what was bad about themselves and others were really on the side of evil. “That’s what evil wants,” he would say. “Evil wants us to feel so terrible about who we are and who we know, that we’ll look with condemning eyes on anybody who happens to be with us at the moment.” I encourage you to look for the good where you are and embrace it.

~ Fred Rogers,

*Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers:  
Things to Remember Along the Way*

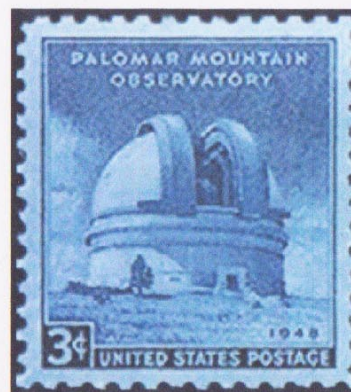
# Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the April Stamp of the Month

## April is Global Astronomy Month

Global Astronomy Month came about during the International Year of Astronomy 2009. Sponsored by Astronomers Without Borders, this event continues to sustain the spirit of IYA 2009 by uniting everyone under a single night sky. Events continuing though the month can be found on the internet.



Scott catalog #966 was issued on August 30, 1948 at Palomar Mtn, California

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December. Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

*Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

# News

As of April 3, masks will no longer be required in Oregon in medical settings.

The Oregon Health Authority is lifting the last major mask mandate designed to fight the spread of COVID-19 — the one covering doctor's offices and other health care settings such as hospitals, dentist's offices, urgent care centers, and school nurses' offices. Of course, people are free to wear masks if they wish.

The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon has just rebranded and renamed itself. It is now the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon. Their new website is [ecwo.org](http://ecwo.org) They have made changes to email addresses too, so check their Staff Page for updates.



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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10 am—2 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10 am**  
**Sundays**  
**and**  
**Wednesdays**

