



The Dragon Scoop

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Loving Our Neighbors”

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Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



**Easter Sunday at St. George's
April 20, 2025**

Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

"For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

"Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me." (Romans 7:15-20)

I so appreciate Paul's honesty. Here is someone who had a literal encounter with the Risen Lord, and yet struggles as a human being. Paul is an Easter person living in a Good Friday world and yet, daily, he confronts the reality that *"the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

(Matthew 26:41)

You and I are Easter people. Our baptism says so. Paul wrote, *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too will live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."* (Romans 6: 3-5)

Because of Easter, we are now crossed-eyed followers of Jesus (pun intended). We ask the same reflective, heart-felt question found in Matthew 25: "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison?" Because of Easter we are now **able** to see and hear, *"Truly I tell you, as you do it to the least of these, you do it to me."*

And yetwe struggle. We may not like where Jesus is leading us to see and hear. Often, when Christ leads us to "the least of these," we find it an inconvenient, uncomfortable challenge to our deeply held identity and beliefs. It may be about how we relate to our neighbor. It may be about how we see and hear and relate to ourselves.

There is serious, transformative, forgiving, unconditional Grace for that!!!! Easter doesn't mean we are now perfect. It means God in Christ Jesus is in the resurrection business. And that there is truly *"nothing that can separate you from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Look in the mirror, look at your neighbor ... all of them ... Jesus died and was raised for everyone!!!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Rev. Matt



In Memoriam

Marianne Jones

August 17, 1945 — March 28, 2025

Marianne's Memorial Service was held at St. George's Episcopal Church on April 26, presided over by the Revs. Janine and Matt Goodrich. The Offertory was performed by the Vintage Singers.



ECW served a light luncheon in the Parish hall, which was filled with photos and memorabilia as well as stunning examples of Marianne's quilts.

Here I Am, Lord



Easter 2025 Message

from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

Dear Friends in Christ:

Luke's Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Joanna went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. When they got there, the stone had been rolled away, and they heard the message that transformed their world—and ours: "He is not here. He is risen."

On that Easter morning, the women who had been the last protectors and pastors at the cross on Good Friday became the first to witness and proclaim the resurrection. Scripture tells us, however, that their good news was not met with joy. The news that Jesus had risen from the dead was received as an idle tale, as nonsense—in one dynamic translation, as nothing more than women's trinkets. In the fraught and divided world in which these first evangelists lived, they were on the margins, and their word counted for nothing.

How quickly the apostles forgot what Jesus had modeled days before on Palm Sunday and at the Last Supper. The long-awaited Messiah fashioned

himself not as a political conqueror but as a peacemaker. Our Savior upended notions of worldly power by taking on the role of a servant and washing the feet of his followers. For Jesus, the vulnerable and the marginalized are in focus, and his ears are attuned to their voices.

As we proclaim the resurrection in our own time and place, let us always remember that the kingdom of God is revealed to us most clearly by those who are dispossessed by the powers and principalities of this world. Let us celebrate the joy of Easter by seeking and serving the resurrected Christ in the lives and the witness of those who have been silenced, persecuted, and marginalized.

May God bless you and all those you love this Easter.

+ Sean

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church
April 19, 2025

FYI

Revs. Janine and Matt will be at the Episcopal Clergy Conference in Silverton May 12-14. There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday the 14th.



They will be at the ELCA Synod Assembly in Portland May 29-31.



This is the photo that the May *Dragon Scoop's* cover is based on.

It was edited at fotor.com with their Pointillism Art Effect. Pointillism is a painting technique developed in 1886 as an

offshoot of Impressionism. Small, distinct dots of unmixed color are applied to a surface and blend together from a distance to create an image.



Parish News



Parishioner **Jacob Schlueter** (right) was accepted into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Diana Akiyama in a ceremony at St. Luke's in Grants Pass. Pictured here as well are Judy Grimsby, mother of former parishioner Nik Grimsby, and the Rev. Deacon Allan Miles of Trinity in Ashland.

(Diocesan Digest photo used with permission.)



Photo by Bill Riley

Per suggestion from Senior Warden Pete Benham, Bob Spielman, Junior Co-Warden, installed a coat rack in the Choir area of our church. He also reconnected a kneeler that had come loose in one of the pews and placed a new plexiglass cover over one of our stained-glass windows.

The Property Committee members appreciate input from our congregation when they see something that needs fixing.

Bill Riley



Lori Combs made this incredible April Birthday/Anniversary cake!

Parish News



Left: **Becky Fendall** formally became a member of St. George's and was welcomed into the congregation.

Right: 3-week **Birthday Blessings** for her new granddaughter!



Above: Rev. Matt thanked **Steve Thomas** and blessed his ministry of bringing communion to shut-ins.



Birthday Blessings
for
Jacob Schleuter
(middle right photo)
Bonnie Arnold
(lower right photo, left)
and
Jay Carlson
accepted by his wife, **Mik**
(lower right photo, center)



Parish News



← **Bonnie Arnold** (right) made beautiful Easter corsages and boutonnieres for the congregation. Here she is giving one to **Mik Carlson**.

**Birthday Blessings
for
Steve Thomas** →



Above:
Valarie Bruffett stepped up to play for the April 27 service when Janet Mecham couldn't be there. She even accompanied the choir anthem. Thank you, Valarie!

Orthodox Easter was the same day as our Easter this year. They decorated the Parish Hall in strikingly beautiful fashion:



The Preacher & The Teacher

1969, continued

In the last issue of the *Dragon Scoop*, Fr. Tyson talked about the tension in the congregation over his newly ordained curate, Joe Russell. Nowhere does he say exactly what the issues were, but given the time period, maybe Fr. Russell was too outspoken about civil rights or the Vietnam War?

... I heard much more about the Human Affairs group that Joe Russell was part of. In fact, Fred Bernau, loyal member of the parish and the Vestry, said he would withdraw his pledge (\$600.00 a year, which was good sized in those days) if we went ahead with Joe's ordination, which was coming up in a few days. I discussed it with the Bishop. We did ordain him, and Fred did withdraw his pledge and he and Shirley ceased being active. I doubt very much if Joe ever knew all we went through to get him ordained, as Fred was not the only objector by any means. My diary records that there was a steady stream of people into my office and on the telephone backing up Fred. It was a tense situation. Our Every Member Canvass had not brought in the pledges we had hoped for, and a split parish was not something to look forward to. But life went on. . . . For variety, "Nicky" chased another dog, and its owner became quite irate.

[Saturday it] snowed so hard we cancelled both the junior choir practice and the acolytes meeting. Carolyn and I went to the Community concert at the Baptist Church that evening, with the "Columbus Boys Choir from Princeton, N.J." On Sunday, the snow was so deep that only 2 people showed up at 8:00 and 8 at 9:30. But we had 19 at 11:00, nine being boys from the choir we heard last night—they were stranded by the snow and could not get out of town! There was 14^{1/2} inches of snow at 7:30; 16 at 9:30. and 18 inches at noon. The roof of the Parish Hall was a large expanse of flat area, so several of us spent hours Sunday afternoon shoveling it off. I-5 was closed in both directions.

By Monday we had 33^{1/2} inches of snow, with no school and most businesses closed. Bob Elliott and a friend shoveled snow off the roof of the Parish Hall again. I got our Rambler out, put chains on it and called at both hospitals, as bulldozers had cleared a path on the main streets. Caroline, "Nicky" and I walked down Jackson Street to watch people in the business district shoveling snow into big dump trucks, which carried it down and dumped it into the river. There was still no school at either the city schools or the college on Tuesday. The good part of it was that I had time to work in the office on annual reports for

our parish meeting and for the Diocese. Nine people showed up for the 10:30 morning communion on Wednesday and Joe celebrated his first Prayer Book service. He, Joe Beatty, Bob Elliott, Jr. and I shoveled snow off the Parish Hall room again. There was even a tiny bit of sunshine! It was like the dove coming back to the ark with a twig in its mouth—a sign that the worst of the storm was over.

Letters and phone calls were still coming concerning Joe, so he and I spent most of the morning on Wednesday discussing the situation. I was caught in the middle with no way to turn! On Thursday I composed a letter to the Bernaus, but had the good sense not to mail it! There are times when "nothing" is the best thing to say!

On [a March] Saturday, Caroline and I drove to Salem. She drove while I outlined three sermons—not that her driving was that bad! Sunday was Palm Sunday and I recorded that we "listened to another rabble rousing sermon" by our Curate. I baptized Sheryn Devitt. And then watched the funeral cortege for Eisenhower on TV. That evening was the final Bible study and potluck for Lent in 1969. The next day we watched Ike's funeral service at Washington Cathedral (our Episcopal Cathedral). Later I visited Fr. Blaker; he was upset over yesterday's sermon as I was, too. But I had to try to calm him down. So began Holy Week! And Tuesday was "April Fool's Day!"



*The Preacher & the Teacher:
the story of our years at St. George's
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Grace Cathedral San Francisco, California

Grace Cathedral sits on Nob Hill in San Francisco on land donated by the wealthy Crocker family and is the cathedral church of the Episcopal Diocese of California.



The Cathedral is an international pilgrimage center because of its famed mosaics, an indoor and an outdoor labyrinth, many stained glass windows, and a 44-bell carillon as well as three organs and three choirs.

Grace Church was founded during the California Gold Rush in 1849. The first building was a small chapel and the third building on the site was destroyed by fire during the 1906 earthquake. Construction of the present cathedral in the traditional French Gothic style was begun in

1928 but not completed until 1964. It is the third largest Episcopal cathedral in the United States. Although it appears to be built of stone, it is in fact constructed of reinforced concrete that has been beaten to achieve a stone-like effect.

The 35-feet indoor labyrinth is a replica of the 13th century labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral, France:



The main entrance doors are referred to as “Doors of Paradise” and are replicas of famed French Renaissance doors. The High Altar is made of granite and California redwood. The main organ consists of 7,466 pipes. By comparison St. George’s organ has 548 pipes.

Rising from the roof of the cathedral is the central spire, adorned with eight dragons warding off evil from the city.



This article was first published here in the September 2014 issue and has been updated slightly.



Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2025

	February	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 6,482	\$ 7,169	\$ 13,784	\$ 14,338
Other Income	3,168	2,683	13,623	10,733
Total Income	9,098	9,487	20,267	18,974
Expenses	11,576	14,283	25,219	28,565
	<u>\$ (2,478)</u>	<u>\$ (4,795)</u>	<u>\$ (4,952)</u>	<u>\$ (9,591)</u>
	March	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 7,057	\$ 7,169	\$ 20,841	\$ 21,507
Other Income	3,168	2,683	13,623	10,733
Total Income	10,344	9,487	30,611	28,462
Expenses	19,051	14,283	44,251	42,848
	<u>\$ (8,707)</u>	<u>\$ (4,795)</u>	<u>\$ (13,640)</u>	<u>\$ (14,386)</u>

Our February pledges were almost \$700 below what we budgeted. Usually our pledge amount is above the budgeted amount because some parishioners pay the whole years pledge at the beginning of the year. Our liability insurance went up by \$800 and our electric bill is higher than the budgeted amount by \$100. Though we are in the red on our net income, our year-to-date expenses are under budget by about \$4,500. Another positive is that our year-to-date income is above what we budgeted as well.

In March we were closer on pledges to our budgeted amount and our total income is above the budget amount. We had a large expense in March. We had to replace the furnace in the rectory which cost over \$5,000. Still, we are still under budget for our year-to-date expenses. Unfortunately we are in the red in net income. On the positive side, our Diocesan Assessment is paid in full. I'm hoping we can start working back in the black again or we may have to draw from our investment funds. We haven't had to do that in a long time.



Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents the May Stamp of the Month



Congress designated May as Military Appreciation Month in 1999 and serves as a reminder of the profound contributions made by the Arm Services.

U.S. #1067 was issued in 1955 to honor America's Armed Forces reserve units, which were established in 1908 to provide trained units and qualified persons available for armed forces active duty in the in time of war or national emergency.



#1067 was issued on May 21, 1955
Washington, D.C.

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*

Brewed Theology

**BREW
EDTHE
OLOGY**

**Politics, Power, &
CHRISTIAN
NATIONALISM**

Brewed Theology will be on the 4th Thursday (May 22) at Brix—in the upper room above the bar. This month we will be talking about Christian Nationalism—what is it and why is it so dangerous?

We start at 2:30 and 6:30. If you plan on eating come at 2:00 or 6:00. See you then!

Graphic by Rev. Janine Goodrich



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