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THE TORCH

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From the Vicar

Alleluia! Christ is risen! These are the words that ring out at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night and again on Easter Sunday morning. Interestingly, they are printed in the Book of Common Prayer with no exclamation marks - both in the Easter Vigil liturgy on page 294 and in the rite 2 Eucharistic liturgy on page 355. In those most official places they are accompanied only by simple periods. But when the Church and her many faithful people begin making Easter signs, banners, bulletins, and writing newsletters we often find simple periods won't suffice. The Easter proclamation as printed can't contain what the assembly of God's people really have to say: This is not news. It's GREAT news!

Perhaps you, like me, learned in Sunday school that "Alleluia" literally translated means "Praise ye the Lord." This wonderful word comes from the Latin transliteration of the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word "hallelujah." (הללויה) "Hallel" means joyous praise and "Jah" is a shortened form of Yahweh, or Lord. The way this word has stayed so powerfully present and essentially unchanged within the Christian community is a testament to the power of the resurrection.

It is primarily a joyful word of praise, but it can also be an injunction. This double function of thanksgiving and call to action neatly fits with the disciples' experience of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. As the women went to the grave to anoint the lifeless body of the Lord they found an empty tomb and were told Jesus was headed to Galilee. The funny thing is they weren't all that joyful at first. In fact, they were quite fearful. What they said as they left the empty tomb bewildered and afraid is anyone's guess. But I like to think they said "Hallelujah!" Because it's in such moments that "Hallelujah" makes the most sense. Even when bewilderment and befuddlement seem to have taken over there is a word that can transform everything: Alleluia. Also when events too wonderful for words to express bless you there is still one powerful word to reach for: Alleluia. And when you just want to see Jesus but he's not where you expect to find him: Alleluia! God is on the move!

Alleluia is a resurrection word. It's not the only resurrection word (or words), but it's one of the very best. It's the word that says it all when words fail. It's a word of joy *and* of faith. It's what we exclaim when staring into the empty tomb realizing that Jesus rising from the grave means nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even death. And it's what we say when we're struggling to get to the next day, holding onto the hope that says just as surely as God raised up Christ from the dead, so will God raise me up.

During this Easter season of new life and hope there is much to be thankful for. One such thing is the work of God in leading the Diocese of Olympia to raise up four amazing candidates for the position of bishop. If you have not read the profiles of the candidates on the diocesan website, I encourage you do so. On April 21st we will hold a discussion forum at 9:15 to cover the basics of the election process and prayerfully consider the candidates.

This Easter may you know the grace and hope of the resurrection and find yourself with a full heart unable to hold back the words "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

Yours in Christ,
Drew+



From the Senior Warden

While waiting for a dentist appointment recently, I chose a magazine on the wall rack, opened it from the back, like I always do, and came to an article entitled, “What is something in life you’ve fully savored?”

In large colorful blocks on the pages, several ‘savored’ thoughts from a variety of different people were printed ...

One loving father wrote, “The unsolicited ‘I love you, Dad’ from my 3 year-old son. Being interrupted with that in the middle of a bedtime story is as good a surprise as any parent can get.”

A beloved granddaughter wrote, “The memory of my late grandmother’s greeting on the phone when she would realize it was me.”

A homebound traveler shared, “When I see the road home after being away for a while.”

My favorite was ... “My wife of 47 years who I would marry all over again and cherish every moment with.”

What is something in life you’ve fully savored? — A very thoughtful question indeed.

Usually the word ‘savored’ is associated with food or taste — a delicious meal, a remembered flavor or, on a hot day; the cold drink that quenched. However, in this particular article, what was ‘fully savored’ and shared by the different contributors, was of a different nature.

It was a connection between people, a wholeness, something eternal, something that was bound together by emotion and sincerity, a forever bond between a father and his son, a grandmother and her granddaughter, a weary traveler and his home and an admiring husband with his cherished wife.

I loved the question and I especially loved the responses.

Here at Saint Aidan’s, we have been on a Lenten journey together the past few weeks; a journey that has brought us into fellowship with a loving Savior through prayer, scripture and our tradition of worship. From Ash Wednesday and on into Holy Week, this Lenten journey has been a reminder to us of a most amazing relationship.

We have been reminded that God, the Father of mercy, through his Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, have been walking beside us on this journey and that along the way, we have renewed a sincere and eternal connection with our Triune God. And, like the ‘fully savored’ contributions mentioned above, we too have felt a binding together and a wholeness with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is the Lenten journey. It’s a journey that binds us together with a saving faith in a risen Lord. And, from this risen Lord ...

We continually hear and feel that unsolicited whisper of “I love you.” — Just like the young father.

Our calls are always answered in love when we reach out in prayer. — Just like for the granddaughter.

A forgiving and loving Christ always awaits our arrival and offers relief for our repentant hearts. — Just like the homebound traveler.

And most of all, like the admiring husband, who would choose his wife and cherish her all over again, God too, chooses us and will cherish us throughout eternity.

What is something in life you’ve fully savored? — A very thoughtful question indeed.

Vonda Buse

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From the Junior Warden

What is in the works for St Aidan's buildings and grounds:

- New Door for Dietel Hall
Pat Van Almkerk donated \$10k to the Women of St. Aidan to replace the entry door and benches.
The Women's Group has a proposal for the Vestry
- Exterior Painting
3 estimates obtained to paint
 - Dietel Hall
 - Office
 - Library
 - Festival Garages
 - Church
 - Church Steeple
- Ramp, choir and Entry Steps replacement
 - Replace entry and choir steps with Trex material
 - Replace entry ramp with treated marine plywood
 - Replace wood railing with steel post and wire
 - Meeting ADA and new building codes
 - BC approved up to \$40k in August 2023
- Bathroom update
 - Update bathrooms in church sanctuary and Dietel Hall
 - Sink, facet, vanity, toilet, mirror, lights
- Carriage lights
 - Install carriage lights on either side of church double entry doors
 - Estimates requested.
- New carpet in Dietel Hall, Childrens room and Choir room

Peter Dunphy



An Early Easter Egg Hunt



Festival



Today is the first day of spring and its actually starting to feel like spring, even though there is plenty of dark and gray to go. If you haven't already marked your calendars, save July 20th and the week preceding for the Festival.

Festival activity has quietly been winding up. We have the south shed about 3/4 full and the north shed about 2/3 full. We have been blessed with several households clearing out much of their belongings over the winter. Peter Dunphy has been kind enough to clear the shelves for books as well. We will continue to take in "smallish" items on Sundays after church. For larger drop offs or if pick up is needed, please give me a call.

We also have had a few pre-Festival sales of high \$\$, high interest items. As of now they include a washer/dryer set, a 7,000-Watt portable generator and an Ultra Lift Comfort Chair which is currently up for sale.

We have set May 21st for the Festival Kick-off Dinner starting at 6pm. Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring an appropriate "tail-gate" type side dish. The purpose of this event is to fire-up the congregation, seek volunteers for all the key roles and introduce new folks to what the St Aidan's Festival is all about. If you can't make that date, there will be plenty of other opportunities to plug in.

Kevin King
Festival Chairman
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Current Status of the Diocese of Olympia Bishop Search

The slate of candidates for the new Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia has been narrowed down to four. The Bishop's Transition Committee has established "Meet and Greet" at the various locations around the Diocese to occur late April and early May. You can attend in person or watch the livestream or recorded sessions on line ([Bishop Transition – Bishop of Olympia Search \(ecwww.org\)](http://ecwww.org))

- **Monday, April 29:** St. Stephen's, Longview (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)
- **Tuesday, April 30:** St. Mary's, Lakewood (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)
- **Wednesday, May 1:** Grace, Bainbridge (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)
- **Thursday, May 2:** St. Thomas, Medina (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)
- **Friday, May 3:** Clergy Luncheon – Epiphany, Seattle (*details in clergy emails*)
- **Friday, May 3:** St. Paul's, Bellingham (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

In preparation for the Electing Convention at St Mark's Cathedral on May 18th, St Aidan's will be holding a Discussion Forum on Sunday, April 21st at 9:15 am. The selection process will be reviewed. You can find profiles and video introductions to the four candidates on the Bishop's Transition page of the Diocesan webpage (noted above). Deb Huebenthal and Carol Swain will be voting delegates at the Election Convention. There will be another Forum between the "Meet and Greet" and the Electing Convention so that Deb and Carol can hear your thoughts on the four candidates prior to voting.

Important Events at St Aidan's in April

April 7	Feed My Sheep Sunday
April 10	Women of St Aidan's, 11am
April 11	Work Crew Day, 10am
April 21	Forum Discussion, 9:15 am, Upcoming Bishop selection

See calendar on page 6 for more activities and events at St Aidan's.



Coffee Hour After Sunday 10am Service



If it is your Sunday consider bringing a light snack—sweet or savory to share during coffee hour.

For April:

First Sunday (April 7)	A-D
Second Sunday (April 14)	E-L
Third Sunday (April 21)	M-R
Fourth Sunday (April 28)	S-Z

If it is your week to host please stay to help clean up after Coffee Hour and take all leftover food home each week.



May Plant Sale!!!

People of St. Aidan's, do you have perennials that need dividing? Do you like to start seeds? We'd love to have your participation in this year's event!

The sale will be Friday, May 10th and Saturday the 11th. All gardening related items are welcome donations. I'll start setting it up on Thursday, the 9th. People can leave donations near the front porch, where the benches used to be.

Thank you!
Gayle

Thank You!!!

Thank you Father Drew for shepherding us through Lent and Holy Week as well as through the other liturgical seasons. Your spiritual insights, thoughtful written communications, compassion and humor sustain us. With gratitude,

Anon E. Moss for the people of Saint Aidan's



Robert & JoAnn Moffett

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Pam Sontheimer	02	Robby Both	21
Judy Trammell	05	Kathy Hosley	21
Michael Palmer	07	Betty Stevens	21
Peter Dunphy	08	Roslyn Grace Buffington	28
Judy Scheuffele	10	Patty Paddock	30
Kevin King	16		

You are invited Celebration of Life Roger Boid

Saturday, April 13 at 11am
St Aidan's



Windows of St Aidan's

Window 1: St Joseph of Arimathea,
Confessor Glastonbury (*His symbol is the Glastonbury thorn*)

All four of the Gospel accounts mention this good man who gave his tomb for the Lord's body. According to legend, St Joseph carried the Gospel to Britian in 63 AD. It is said that in the years following the Resurrection, he traveled across the sea to Southern Gaul, bearing witness to the Faith, and from there to Britain, where he sailed up a river in the southwest to an island called Avalon, or the Isle of the Blessed. This is the site of Glastonbury and of the supposed grave of King Arthur.

St Joseph is said to have brought with him precious relics of our Lord—the cup from the Last Supper, known thereafter as the Holy Grail, and his staff, cut from the thorn tree from which the Crown of Thorns was made. He planted his staff, which budded and bloomed near to Christmas Day, and has a scion at Washington National Cathedral.

Window given in memory of Ruth Lybeck

Tuesday 10:30 am—Study Group

The group meets in Dietel Hall and is reading and discussing "Hearing the Message of Ecclesiastes: Questioning Faith in a Baffling World" by Christopher J.H. Wright.

This is a very informal group, stop by and join in the discussions.

Food Bank Sunday (April 7th)

"Feed My Sheep"

Collections are on the first Sunday of the month. If not attending services you can drop off donations on the porch the first Saturday or Sunday of the month.

Thank you for your donations.



APRIL 2024—Activities Calendar*

*Check for status on St. Aidan's website, current ePistle or with organizers of specific groups for updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter Sunday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Morning Prayer			7 pm AA
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
The Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	3:15 pm Outreach Committee 5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I 11:00 am Women of St Aidan's	10:00 am Work Crew		11:00 am Celebration of Life for Roger Boid 7 pm AA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
The Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	4 pm Bishop's Committee 5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I	TORCH DEADLINE		7 pm AA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
The Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:15 am Discussion Forum 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I			10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Pat VanAlmkerk 7 pm AA
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II (also live streamed on YouTube)	5:30 pm AA	10:30 am Study Group	10:00 am Holy Eucharist I			7 pm AA



Altar Servers



If you cannot serve on your assigned day please find a substitute and let the office know.

8:00 AM	March 31 Easter Sunday	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Lector	One Service Only	Don Talbott	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett	Don Talbott
Chalice Bearer	One Service Only	JoAnn Moffett	Don Talbott	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett
Acolyte	One Service Only	JoAnn Moffett	Don Talbott	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett
Usher	One Service Only	Kathy Hosley	JoAnn Moffett	Don Talbott	Kathy Hosley
10:00 AM	March 31 Easter Sunday	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Lector	Rob Gorman	Candy Trautman	Kara Hunt	Dick Philmlee	Jeff Maxwell
Chalice Bearer	Kara Hunt Mary McConnaughey	Jackie Humes-Fear Jan Donovan	Theresa Strain Peter Dunphy	Jan Donovan Mary McConnaughey	Kara Hunt Bob Perry
Acolyte	Mary McConnaughey	Jan Donovan	Peter Dunphy	Mary McConnaughey	Bob Perry
Usher	Kathy Hosley Volunteer	Karole Gorman Rob Gorman	Bill White Dick Philmlee	Susie Johnson Jeff Johnson	Joey Sontheimer Bill Sontheimer
Counter	Kathy Hosley Marilyn Rockwell	Kathy McNally Julie Vaux	Patty Dunphy Kathy Hosley	Jackie Humes-Fear Julie Vaux	Sue Perry Pam Sontheimer
Childcare	JoAnn Moffett Gayle Thomas	JoAnn Moffett Patty Dunphy	JoAnn Moffett Deb Huebenthal	JoAnn Moffett Pam Sontheimer	JoAnn Moffett Marilyn Rockwell



Altar Guild Teams for March

April 1-15

Team 3: Susie White, Vonda Buse,
Susan Yerkes

April 16-30

Team 4: Jan Donovan, Ann Morgan,
Karole Gorman, Bev Maxwell

St. Aidan's Technology Issues?

If you have an questions or concerns about the operation of St. Aidan's website, Facebook pages, or YouTube please contact Allen Feris.

Feris_allen@msn.com or by phone at 425-870-2622

Need Help?



If you need help please contact
Ray Riches

**NEXT TORCH
DEADLINE**

Thursday, April 18th

Email submissions to: mcnallyk@outlook.com
Photos, suggestions and/or comments are greatly appreciated

The collage consists of 12 photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top row features a woman at a lectern, a priest lighting candles at an altar, and a priest performing a rite with a kneeling couple. The middle row shows a group singing in a choir, a priest holding a processional cross, and a priest at the altar with a congregation. The bottom row includes a priest lighting candles, a priest performing a rite with a kneeling couple, and a priest at the altar with a congregation. The images are set against a dark background with a subtle pattern.

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