

St. John's Journal

Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon

April 2025



Service Schedule for Holy Week to Easter

4/13 Palm Sunday (9:30 a.m.)

Service begins in Theresa Hall with a Blessing of the Palms and selected Readings, followed by the congregation processing into the church for the Eucharistic Service.

4/17 Maundy Thursday (5:30 p.m.)

This evening service recalls Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Jesus' demonstration of the gift of love by washing their feet. It begins three sacred days of meditation on the mystery of our redemption. As the service concludes, the altar and chancel will be stripped of all adornments, and the people will depart in silence.

4/18 Good Friday (5:30 p.m.)

The altar is bare and the mood is solemn as we join throngs of pilgrims through the centuries in retracing Jesus' last days by following the **Way of the Cross** as illustrated on the "Stations" mounted on the walls of the nave.

A special **Good Friday Offering** supports Anglican ministries in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

4/20 Easter (9:30 a.m.)

The Eucharistic celebration of Easter will include a Healing Service.

A Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. AMEN

From a Mother Superior who wishes to be anonymous in the Little Book of Prayers (1960)



St. John's Garden Committee

Ann, Jennifer, Laurea, Kathy and Judy are the members of the newly formed Garden Committee. Our mission is to plan and implement improvements to all garden spaces, but initially to the scatter garden in the front of the church.

We'll also manage garden maintenance, coordinating decisions and actions with Jr. Warden, Kathy Webb. We'll take on light weeding and trimming tasks ourselves (at monthly work parties to which the whole congregation is invited!), but outsource the tougher stuff to professionals.

Spring is here now so watch for changes and feel free to join in as we manage our little sliver of God's beautiful creation. Please contact Judy Jackson for more information.

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

Easter is just three weeks away. It is a joyous time when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, and the life with God that is made available to us through his resurrection. In preparation for Easter, we have already entered the forty days of Lent. Those forty days reflect Jesus' forty days in the wilderness before he began his earthly ministry. It was a time of preparation, reflection and testing for him. Similarly, the season of Lent is meant to be a time where we are invited to do our own preparation not only for the day of Easter but also for the rest of our lives, that we might be focused upon living our lives for the one who died and rose for us.

There are numerous practices that we can use to bring focus and clarity into our spiritual lives. As has been mentioned, some people use the practice of fasting, from food or some other regular aspect of life, to help gain focus. The Conversation Group has been given the opportunity to try out what is called the Daily Examen, a structured process for reflection on our day and bringing that before God in prayer. I can make that available to anyone who might be interested in trying it out. Last year, I put together a Way of the Cross booklet that will allow us individually to spend time reflecting upon Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. It is an illustrated booklet, so you don't have to use the stations of the cross in the sanctuary (though you are welcome to do so), but you can follow Jesus in the Way in your own home. The booklets are available now on the table in the hallway. There are also a couple of videos of the Way of the Cross produced in our sanctuary. Those videos can be found on our YouTube channel.

Holy Week begins in two weeks with Palm Sunday. This service begins in a celebrative tone with the procession of the palms beginning in Theresa Hall, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. But the service quickly turns our attention toward his arrest and crucifixion. For my own preparation for Easter, I will be heading to Eugene on Wednesday of Holy Week for the Renewal of Clergy Vows.

We then gather for worship Thursday evening at 5:30pm for the Maundy Thursday Service with its focus upon Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This service includes the humbling service of the washing of feet.

The next day we hold our Good Friday Service at 5:30pm with its focus upon the crucifixion of Jesus. This is a solemn service that includes the reading of the passion story from the Gospel of John. We will all be invited to add our voices to the reading.

In many churches, an Easter Vigil is held late in the evening on Holy Saturday, often ending at midnight. We won't be doing that, as very few of us would be willing to be up and about that late at night. However, last year I produced a little booklet of the Easter Vigil that can be used at home. All you need is a Bible and a candle as you prepare yourself for Easter morning. This booklet will be available on the table in the hallway by Palm Sunday.

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Musings from Denise

THE PIG WAR OF 1859



On an upcoming cruise, my family will visit San Juan Island, one of the largest and most significant islands in Puget Sound. Traveling with a group generally includes guided tours. Since some tours are more engaging than others, I try to study the history of at least some of our destinations in advance. That's how I came across one of the most obscure and unusual wars in history, and (no fooling) it took place right here in the Pacific Northwest. I'll be interested to hear what the local guides have to say about the Pig War of 1859, but here is what I've learned so far:

After the Oregon Treaty of 1846 resolved long-standing border disputes between the United States and British North America (present-day Canada), San Juan Island remained disputed territory. It was settled in the north by British employees of Hudson's Bay Company and in the south by about 25 American farmers.

They appeared to coexist amicably until, on June 15, 1859 (exactly 13 years after the treaty was signed) an American farmer named Lyman Cutler triggered an international incident by shooting a pig that had wandered onto his land and was eating his potatoes. The pig was owned by Charles Griffin, a Hudson's Bay employee, who owned quite a few pigs he allowed to roam freely across the island, and this was probably not the first time that one of them had trotted onto Cutler's land. When confronted, Cutler offered to pay \$10 in compensation for the dead pig, but Griffin considered it to be worth far more. Griffin called for the British authorities to arrest Cutler, which angered the local American citizens who petitioned for US Military protection.

Without a second thought, the anti-British Brigadier General William S. Harney, commander of the Department of Oregon, sent a 66-man company of the US 9th infantry to San Juan on July 27th, 1859. The governor of British Columbia responded by sending three British warships to the area as a show of force. During the following month there was a standoff, with both sides slowly increasing their military presence in the area. By August 10, there were 461 Americans with fourteen cannons and five British warships mounting seventy guns with 2,140 marines and sailors staring each other down.

It wasn't until Admiral Robert L. Baynes (Commander-in-Chief of the British Navy in the Pacific) arrived, that a voice of reason was heard. He refused the governor's demand to land his troops on San Juan Island and to engage the US 9th infantry, stating that he would not *"involve two great nations in a war over a squabble about a pig"*.

By this time, word had finally reached both Washington and London about the escalating crisis. Officials on both sides were shocked that a dispute over a pig had grown into a standoff now involving as many as three warships, eighty-four guns and over 2,600 men. Concerned that this would escalate even further, both sides quickly began negotiations, eventually deciding that both the US and Britain should maintain a presence of no more than one hundred men each on the island until a formal agreement could be met. It was not until 1872 (13 years after the pig was shot) that an international commission led by Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany decided that the island should fall entirely under American control, and the dispute was finally laid to rest.

Thus, the Pig War concluded with only one casualty: the unfortunate pig.

So, Noted!

Financial Report: The Vicar's Discretionary Fund has been reconciled through January 31, 2025. The Sweet Fund had a net gain of \$874.14 in January.

Action items:

- Adopted Resolution 2025-1, authorizing increased participation in the City of Bandon's H2O Program.
- Continued donations to ERD (Episcopal Relief Development) with a reminder in weekly bulletins regarding how to designate donations specifically for Ukraine or California fires, or general disaster aid.
- Will decide whether to designate a new recipient of Birthday/Anniversary donations (currently it is Bandon Feeds the Hungry).

Junior Warden:

- The Parking Lot Committee has moved to accept a proposal from Civil West Engineering to do a site report and plans to submit to the City of Bandon for permit.
- Window Replacement bid has been approved with South Coast Glass. This is for the replacement of 12 windows.
- Our request for cleaning the bathrooms every week has been accepted by our current service provider.

Vicar:

We have decided to change office printer services from Xerox to a local vender, South Coast Office Supply. The cost should be about the same, but will give us local supplies and technical help.

Additional Items:

BAC Retreat and Meeting will be held at St. John on May 17th, 10-2 pm.

Upcoming Events:

March 30 - Healing Service

April 12 (Saturday) — Next BAC Meeting, 10 a.m.

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

April 18—Good Friday

April 20 - Easter

Respectfully Submitted by

Laurea Arnoldt, Senior Warden



APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:30p AA	2 7:30p AA	3 10:30a: Conversation	4	5
6 Lent 5 Eucharist 9:30a 2p Dances of Universal Peace	7 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	8 7:30p AA	9 7:30p AA	10 10:30a: Conversation	11	12 B.A.C. 10a
13 Palm Sunday Eucharist 9:30a Healing Service	14 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	15 10 am S.E.A. 7:30p AA	16 7:30p AA	17 10:30a: Conv. Maundy Thur. 5:30p Service	18 Good Friday 5:30p Service	19
20 Easter Sunday Eucharist 9:30a Healing Service	21 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	22 Newsletter Deadline 7:30p AA	23 7:30p AA	24 10:30a: Conversation	25	26
27 Easter 2 Eucharist 9:30a	28 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	29	30			



Happy Easter!



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Finally, we come to Easter morning. It is a special day as we pull out all the stops and have a great celebration. This year the service will include our monthly Healing and Forgiveness Service.

While that may seem like a distraction to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, his resurrection was certainly a healing on a grand scale, not only for him but ultimately for us as well.

So, I invite you to intentionally join in this journey that we will be on for the next few weeks.

Set aside additional time to focus your attention upon this momentous journey the Son of God took for us.

May it be a time of spiritual renewal for you.

Fr. Doug



You're invited!
**Join us for the grand opening
and blessing of Food and Faith**

**Friday April 11th
1pm at the
Seventh Day
Adventist Gym**

**Enjoy refreshments,
meet the board members,
and learn about what we do!**



DIOCESAN RENEWAL GATHERING

All laity and clergy in the Diocese of Oregon are invited to the annual Diocesan Renewal Gathering on **Saturday, May 3**, from 9am to 3pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem. All are welcome at this special event that will bring together clergy and laity from across the diocese for a time of worship, connection, learning, reflection and spiritual growth.

The keynote speaker this year is The Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre, Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology. Dr. De La Torre will deliver two plenary talks addressing immigration, political hopelessness, and a way through.

The day will begin with a Holy Eucharist, where Dr. De La Torre will also preach. Lunch will be provided, and there will be time woven throughout the schedule for fellowship and conversation. Come be part of this meaningful opportunity to listen, learn, and engage with one another in faith!

The cost for the event is \$20, which includes lunch. Speak with Fr. Doug if you are interested in going. Use this link to register for the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-renewal-gathering-2025-tickets-1236579987029?aff=oddttdcreator>.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



4/12 Lara Mickle

4/20 Cynthia & Stephen Mohorko (Anniv.)

4/28 Sally Glunt

4/30 Roy Arnoldt

If your name should be on this list, please contact the office so we can update our records and honor your day when it comes around again.

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A Believe Out Loud

Congregation



W H O W E A R E

St. John Episcopal Church is a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.

CHURCH STAFF

Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale

(Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Music Director: Cynthia Mohorko

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

(Generally meets 2nd Sundays after Coffee Hour, but will meet this month on Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m.)

Bishop's Warden: Laurea Arnoldt; Junior Warden: Kathy Webb

Clerk: Jennifer Mello; Treasurer: Denise Skillman

Members at Large:

Lori Holton, Maggie Lowery, Gail Pray

Convention Delegates:

Mary Garrett, Sally Glunt

(Alternates: Patti & Chris Wood)

"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another."