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The Lord is Risen! ALLELUIA!

Dear St. Luke's Family,

This letter comes with sincere wishes for a Blessed Holy Week and Easter!

It is a gift to be able to come together again in worship. It is a gift to be able to participate through Social Media. It is a gift to be Church!

During the Vestry Retreat, Rev. Ernestein and your Vestry focused on Pastoral Care and Communication. Rev. Tom Berry (Presbyterian Church) provided input on Pastoral Care, and Rev. Ryan Scott (United Methodist Church) about Communication. You will be hearing more about this soon.

Speaking of Pastoral Care: If anyone in the Parish who wants a Covid 19 vaccination is having difficulty, either making an appointment or getting to it, please call the Church Office and let us know; and someone from the Parish will contact you to help make arrangements.

As Senior Warden, I want to thank all who have contributed to our Church Community during this difficult time; so many quietly and consistently doing what needs to be done, in circumstances we could not have imagined a year ago. So thank you Altar Guild, thank you Worship Ministers, thank you Media Crew, thank you Worship Committee, thank you Choir, Counters, thank you Pastoral Care team and Prayer Chain, thank you Social Justice Committee, thank you pledgers, thank you pray-ers, thank you Vestry, thank you Gardening Angels, thank you Daughters of the King.

Thank you Merle, thank you Mr. Flick, thank you Janet, thank you Fr. Jim, and thank you Rev. Ernestein. THANK YOU CHURCH!

I ask you to read the letter from Bishop Diana on the Diocesan website. In some ways it applies to all of us who have worked to be faithful under arduous conditions.

Grace & peace,

Hana

Link: www.diocese-oregon.org



Special points of interest:

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Special Dates & Events

March 31 (Wed.) 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

April 1 (Thurs.) 3:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

April 2 (Fri.) 3:00 Good Friday service

April 3 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday service (lay-led); 10-12 noon Gardening Angeles general clean-up

April 4 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. Easter Day service & Flowering of the Cross; bring a bell or noisemaker to make a joyful noise, and bring a flower or flowers for the Flowering of the Cross; Rev. Ernestein out in afternoon through April 15th

April 5 (Mon.) Parish Office closed

April 7 (Wed.) Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 11 (Sun.) Fr. Jim Boston guest preacher at 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 12 (Mon) 5-7 *Sacred Ground*

April 20 (Tues.) 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Courageous Conversations

April 21 (Wed.) 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist starts back up again

April 22 (Thurs.) Earth Day

April 26 (Mon.) Mark the Evangelist; 5-7 *Sacred Ground*



7	Robin Griffiths, Lucy Roberts
8	Rev. Ernestein Flemister
11	Dennis James
14	Krista Meade
20	Phyllis McGill
24	Myrna Rafalovich

If your birthday isn't listed please contact the office to add you on.

Bishop's Message for Holy Week

Dear friends in Christ,

It was the 1970's and I was gathered around the television with my parents and sister to watch ABC's Wide World of Sports. The theme music began and Jim McKay's voice introduced the program. His unique style of intonation and emphasis made the phrase *the thrill of victory and the agony of defeating*.

The dual themes of "victory" and "defeat" resound during this season as we prepare for Holy Week. The appointed liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer for this Sunday, Palm Sunday, rushes us through the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. The liturgy of the palms is our enactment of Jesus' triumphal entry and, in the same liturgy, we enact Jesus being condemned to die a brutal death. We are given a liturgy on Palm Sunday that assumes the congregation will not likely return for services during the week. So, it attempts to summarize the entire story in one liturgy. This results in a kind of worship whiplash that is far from what I imagine the architects of this liturgy intended.

It is important to remember that Holy Week is actually one entire liturgy. It doesn't work to compress an entire week of reflection, prayer, and praise into one hour of worship. The power and promise of Christ's resurrection finds its full expression in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil - the conclusion of Holy Week and the primary liturgy of our tradition.

As you prepare for Holy Week, I encourage you to explore how you might participate in the entire liturgy: Palm Sunday to Easter Vigil. The challenge of worshipping in this pandemic will bring a different sense and feel to our worship, but it may also make it easier to "attend" all the services during Holy Week.

In truth, our Holy Week to Easter Vigil liturgy is much *much* more than an enactment of the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." It is the human story enveloped in God's grace: the joys of hope, the tragedy of injustice, the horror of a cruel death, and the lavish promise of new and unending life. It is my hope that, through a fuller engagement with our Holy Week to Easter Vigil liturgy, our understanding of Christ's resurrection will be rich and full and truly life-giving.

Blessings,
+Diana



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IDENTITY STATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a community of diverse and unique individuals and families, joined together in the Body of Christ. We are a family united by worship, discovering God's purpose in our lives and using our gifts in service to him, to one another, and to the world. We are committed to be welcoming and open to all, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability or genetic information.

We are the people of God and a community seeking to live out the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves. We want to build collaborative and creative partnerships with our community to truly make it the beloved community of God. We encounter God in word and sacrament, in music and prayer, and in one another.

We offer opportunities for education, spiritual growth, service, fellowship, and the giving and receiving of pastoral care.

We seek, through worship and service, to show forth in the world the healing power of Jesus's love.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church publishes Luke's Log monthly. **Submit articles to our email address or to the parish office by the 20th of the month.** For more information, visit our website above.



**ST. LUKE'S SERVICES
SUNDAY MORNING**

9:00 a.m. Holy
Eucharist, Rite II
Nursery available

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m. Mid-week
Eucharist

*On hiatus until
Wednesday, April 21st,
2021.*

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION
STATEMENT**

*To do God's work, we
extend ourselves joyfully
in Christ's name to one
another, our community,
and the world.*

**ST. LUKE'S
OFFICE HOURS**

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