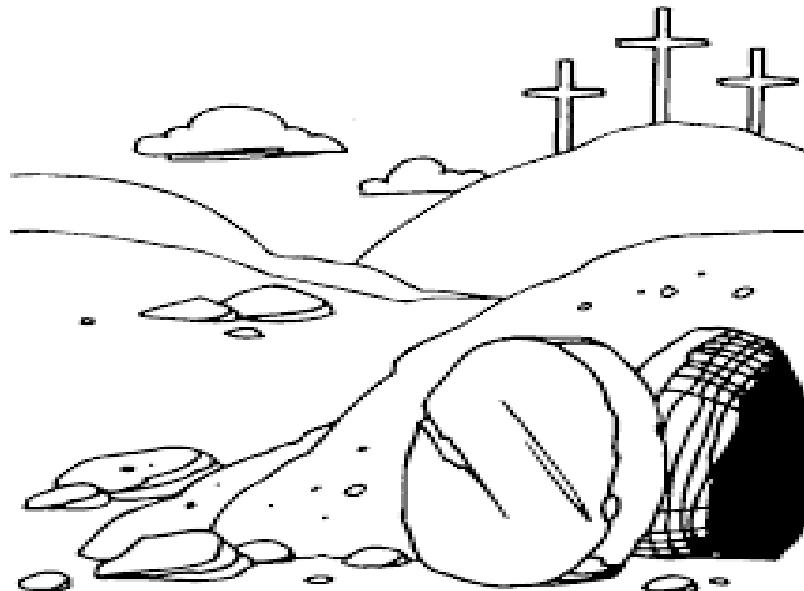


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A Message from our Senior Warden



EASTER SEASON *with the* First Disciples

POOR, POOR THOMAS

Thomas, Thomas, Thomas. What a doubter you are -- so much so that after 2000 years people use the term “doubting Thomas” to describe someone who won’t believe something without absolute proof. Believe nothing by faith.

Jesus appears to his disciples after his death. God does not send him unmarked and healed, but as crucified, mortally wounded, scourged and nailed. God’s love for us was such that he wanted to remind his disciples and the world through them that their Lord, their Christ, suffered for him and as promised returned to instruct them to go out into the world and tell others their experiences with the Risen Lord. Thomas arrives after Jesus appears. He will not believe that Jesus was there. He tells his friends, that only by touching his wounds will he believe.

Doubt is an all too human response in these days of mistrust of falsehoods. Jesus appears to Thomas, he touches his wounds and knees buckling, shaking, he says, “My Lord and my God.” He joins the group of believers. Jesus so cared about Thomas that he presented himself to enable Thomas to believe and erase his doubt. What would need to happen for us in similar situations to believe, erase doubt and change the way we act and then give unconditional love to our brothers and sisters?

Jesus commissions Peter to tell the world what he has learned, felt, and experienced. He is also reminds him about the doubt that caused Peter to deny Christ three times. But his return, then and there, must have overwhelmed him and convinced him that his doubt was unfounded and that he was loved so much

that Jesus sends him out into the world to continue His ministry and preach the good news of God's love to all people --- to the needy, to the unclean, to the poor, to the suffering, to all who seek the love of God in their hearts. Jesus asks Peter, "do you love me?" Peter say, "Yes Lord!" Christ then says, "Then feed my sheep."

As followers of Christ and heirs of the apostles, we have been given a

commission; we have been given a power, and we have been given an authority -- the commission to go out as Jesus went out, to do good to others without judgement or criticism, the power to act with confidence and strength knowing that God stands behind us, and the authority and the privilege to actually make a difference in the lives of others, a difference that counts - now - and forever. We are asked to practice kindness, forgiveness, and love, that is what walking in the light is all about. It has a wonderful effect. It brings us into fellowship with each other and makes us whole.

Ralph Waldo Emerson - the famous American philosopher and poet wrote:

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." Conversely, you cannot inflict pain on another without causing harm to yourself.

We give people a taste of what that victory is like when we take up the power and the authority that Christ has given us and go forth - as Christ went forth - to do good, to teach and to heal, to forgive and to raise up, to bless and to pray; to feed and to liberate, and to bring the beauty of God and his trustworthiness to the minds of others.

Jesus came to show us there is another way. The way of unselfish, sacrificial love. That's why he entered Jerusalem. That's why he went to the cross. It was the power of that love poured out from the throne of God, that even after the horror of the crucifixion would raise him from death to life.

God came among us in the person of Jesus to start a movement. A movement to change the face of the earth. A movement to change us who dwell upon the earth. A movement to change the creation from the nightmare that is often made of it into the dream that God intends for it.

Jesus didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. He went to Jerusalem for a reason. To send a message -- that not even the titanic powers of death can stop the love of God. On that Easter morning, he rose from the dead, and proclaimed LOVE WINS !

Christ has risen! Thomas, the doubter, touched His wounds and believed. What will it take for us to believe in the way of the cross? Let us go forth to be people of the Resurrection. Let us not be ashamed to love. Let us not be ashamed to follow Jesus. Let us feed his sheep! Alleluia, Christ is risen !

To the people of St. Andrews,

Greetings! Santa Cruz County has moved to the Orange Tier. That is cause for celebration. This means we will be able to have indoor in person worship in our Parish Hall. The church is too small and with distancing, would accommodate only a very few.

Ray and I will set up chairs with the appropriate distancing. You will need to wear a mask. We will not be distributing communion, but virtual communion will be held as we have been doing.

For those who aren't ready to gather in community we will continue Zooming our service online as we have been doing. The diocese has asked each church to create a reservation system so we will not exceed the number of spaces. If you want to attend in person, just email (staoffice@sbcglobal.net) the church office, leave your name, number, and how many people in your party will be attending. If there are more reservations than spaces available (earliest emails first) then we will call or email you and let you know, and perhaps you might want to attend the following Sunday. Please email the church office prior to Friday NOON to reserve a spot.

Please be patient as we are new to this and will try and eliminate problems before they happen. Hopefully there will be a quick learning curve.

Sincerely, Steve LaFever, Senior Warden



Resources and Ideas for Earth Day

Earth Day 2021

The 51st Earth Day is Thursday, April 22 this year. You might consider a Creation Care based service, educational event or activity as a way of encouraging conversation about the stewardship of creation in your congregation.

The Diocese of El Camino Real Creation Care team has compiled this list of resources and events to aid parishes plan events and services to commemorate this day. We hope you can use these resources to initiate or energize efforts to care for creation in our congregation.

Earth Sunday

Since Earth Day is April 22, we can celebrate Earth Day Sunday on either April 18 or April 25. Creation Care Ministries provides resources for this service around the theme, A New Heaven and a New Earth. This theme focuses on Health, Environmental Racism, & Eco-Justice. <http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html>

Interfaith Power and Light has a different theme: "Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Faith, Our Food, and the Climate." IPL invites congregations to examine how our food systems contribute to injustice and to climate change, and how our faith traditions call us to respond through practical solutions. Their [action kit](#) includes instructions, suggestions for action for congregations and individuals to help solve the climate crisis and support food justice, links to prayers and worship resources, and more. You can post your activities on their action week calendar faithclimateactionweek.org

The national climate prayer and other prayers are available here: <https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/prayers-and-climate-blessings/>

More liturgical resources for Creation Care are available here: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/11/liturgies_honoring_god_in_creation_sclm.pdf

Earth Day in El Camino Real

In the diocese there are two opportunities to remember Earth Day; A Brown Bag Lunch meeting – bring your lunch and join us at noon for prayers led by St. Benedict's, Los Osos, followed by an opportunity to learn and share more about Creation Care led by Bill Shreve.

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89409210736?
pwd=SUZlSi9HUG5zbjFobUtLMVdpUzA5QTo9](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89409210736?pwd=SUZlSi9HUG5zbjFobUtLMVdpUzA5QTo9)

And at 7:30pm a panel of expert presenters on ["Sacred Ground - what we can do for healthy soils and a healthy planet"](#). Registration is at <https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcud-urrrT8qGtxasQ4JCR1yTPP9HpJ11Thg>

Additional Earth Day Resources and activities:

April 18 – 21 virtual Ecumenical Advocacy Days **Imagine! God's Earth and People Restored** include a sermon by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, workshops and trainings followed by a Congressional Advocacy Day. <https://advocacydays.org/>

Caring for our planet is a responsibility for all of us, but those most impacted will be our children. Educating and engaging young people in environmental activities builds understanding and hope for the future. The Earth Day Movement at [earthday.org](https://www.earthday.org) provides an [Educational Resource Library](#) for projects with young adults and children. Although these projects are geared toward classroom application, they are applicable to Sunday School classes.

Earth Day Events at <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>:

April 20: **The global youth summit** will consist of panels, speeches, discussions, and special messages with today's youth climate activists including Greta Thunberg, Alexandria Villaseñor, and Licypriya Kangujam. The four-hour digital summit will address the progress that has been made on their main issues of concern, including the creation of green jobs, climate literacy, civic skill training, environmental justice, biodiversity protection and sustainable agriculture.

April 21: Teach for the Planet: Global Education Summit:

The multilingual virtual summit will span several time zones and feature prominent activists from every continent, focused on the crucial role that educators play in combating climate change and why we need transformative climate education now. □

April 22 starting 9:00am Pacific, **Earth Day Live:** The multi-hour multi-channel livestream will include segments taking place around the world. Workshops, panel discussions, and special performances will focus on Earth Day's 2021 theme, **Restore Our Earth**, which examines natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can restore the world's ecosystems.

Diocesan Creation Care resources

A Beginners Guide to Creation Care and the Climate

Crisis: a five-week course developed by the Earthcare group at St. Benedict's provides an introduction to the theology of Creation stewardship and ideas about what individuals and congregations can do.

Climate Church, Climate World by Jim Antal provides a more in-depth practical guide. A study guide to the book is available here: <https://www.stbenslososos.org/climate-church-climate-world-a-study-guide/>

Creation Care Discussion Series created by St. Timothy's Mountian View: full details including videos of past sessions are available here: <https://www.sttims.org/creationcare/>

For more information and to participate in the diocesan Creation Care Team, please contact Bill Shreve wrshreve@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Annual Plant Sale

(mostly tomatoes of multiple varieties, also
peppers, basil and cilantro)

Plants will be ready for sale end of April/early May. Order-
ing and pick up process will be announced soon.









Angel in the Kitchen
*Feel'n good when cook'n
 Sharing the love of God through your love of
 cooking*



Double Berry Overnight Oats

1/3 cup Uncooked old fashioned oats (I use steel cut)
 1/3 cup Unsweetened vanilla almond milk
 1/3 cup low fat, low sugar berry flavored yogurt (any berry flavor, also vanilla & coconut flavors are good in this)
 3/4 cup Fresh mixed berries (cleaned and patted dry)
 1 tsp. Lemon zest (can omit if you don't have lemons or time)
 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon (I use more because I love cinnamon)
 1 pinch of salt (can omit - I forget this all the time and we still love the oats)

 1 TBLS Sliced almonds (for garnish- can omit or use another nut if you like)

Combine all ingredients (except almonds) in a medium jar (with lid) or plastic container (with lid). Stir well, cover and put in refrigerator overnight (at least 8 hours).
 Garnish with almonds (I often leave these out and it still tastes great) and enjoy!
 This recipe is from the Kitchen of Cindy Garay.

Due to popular demand from the St. Patrick's Day Dinner...

IRISH SODA BREAD

Ingredients:

2 cups white flour	2 cups whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teas. Salt	½ cup sugar
½ stick softened unsalted butter	
2 slightly beaten eggs	3 cups butter milk
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Directions:

Mix all dry ingredients in mixer bowl. Cut in butter. Add eggs and butter milk. Mix thoroughly. Pour in a greased and floured Bundt cake pan (or 2 medium loaf pans). Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes (or until it passes the toothpick test). Cool about 25 minutes, then remove from pan to finish cooling on a rack.

Note: I got this recipe from an Irish friend. It was passed down in her family. Sue Roe



Saints

by Mary Jo Neish

Saints in General

They are the Christian heroes that we know quite a bit about. They can inspire us by their works. They are mirrors of God's grace.

Saints in Particular

It is important that we do not make false gods of the saints. However, viewed as Christian companions, they can enrich our lives. My mother had great faith in Saint Joseph. She often said to me, "your father is like St. Joseph, so dependable."

It Happens in April

Animal Cruelty Prevention Month - The month of April has been designated to teach and raise awareness about animal cruelty.
National Autism Awareness Month - The month of April is designated to help raise awareness about autism and how people can help.

April 1st - April Fool's Day - A day to play tricks and pull pranks on your friends. April Fool's was started on April 1, 1564 in France.

April 2nd - International Children's Book Day - This day is celebrated in honor of Hans Christian Anderson the wonderful story-teller. It has been celebrated on April 2nd since 1967.

April 4th - Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated - On April 4, 1968 just after 6pm he was shot and killed by James Earl Ray.

April Birthdays



5	Luke	Banke	19	Ian	Holtzclaw
5	Henry	ValdeRuten	22	Susan	ValdeRuten
6	Sharon	Fishel	22	David	Waller
11	Donna	Brough	26	Hyacinth	Bevan
14	Barbara	Banke	27	Joan	McVay
16	Pauline	Syres	27	Tom	Fogarty
18	Sheryl	Mello			

April 12th - The United States Civil War Starts - On April 12, 1861 the Civil war began. It started when a Confederate artillery unit fired at the Union held Fort Sumter.

April 15th - Abraham Lincoln Died - On April 15, 1865 President Abraham Lincoln died a day after being shot at Ford's theater.

April 15th - The Titanic Sank - On April 15, 1912 the unsinkable luxury ship did the impossible it sunk after hitting an iceberg. The story of the Titanic is a tragic one. It sank about 400 miles off the coast from Newfoundland. The ship was on its maiden voyage with 2,228 passengers and crew members on board of those 2,228 passengers and crew members more than half of them died.

April 17th - Paul Revere and William Dawes Ride - On April 17, 1775 these two men rode to Boston, to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams that the British were coming.

April 19th - The American Revolution Started - On April 19, 1775 the Revolution started with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

April 20th - Easter - Easter is celebrated on a different day each year in late March or April.

April 22nd - Earth Day - Earth Day is celebrated every April 22nd. The purpose of Earth day is to raise awareness and an appreciation for the Earth and all its natural resources.

April 23rd - William Shakespeare's Birthday - He was born on April 23, 1616.

April 28th - The HMS Bounty - On April 28, 1787 a crewman named Fletcher Christian mutinied. He tossed the Captain William Bligh and 18 other crew members into a lunch and sent them off to drift at sea while Christian and a few other crew members set sail back to Tahiti and started a settlement on the Pitcairn Island. There are several books written about this event as it is classified as one of the most famous sea tales in history.

April 30th - The Louisiana Purchase - On April 30, 1803 the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France for \$15 million.

From the teAchnology website: <https://www.teach-nology.com/monthly/april/aprilevents.html>



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am

for virtual worship on ZOOM

If you cannot join us for the live service you can watch the
Gospel reading and sermon on either Facebook or YouTube.

Please email for the links:

standrews441@gmail.com