

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

On Saturday, March 28th, I pulled into my new cure. And it is a doozy! If you count the formal discernment process, domestic mission work, internships, seminary, and my curacy in Folsom, I've been preparing for this moment for about 12 years, give or take. And in my mind's eye, I always imagined what it would feel like to settle in behind the desk of my first church, just for those first few moments. I imagined taking the time to feel a sense of relief and accomplishment, and maybe a little dread.

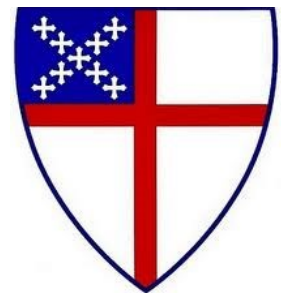
Over many years, we go to church, we pray and read the scriptures, in order to prepare ourselves. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, wandered the Judean Desert and the Galilee to prepare himself for what he was to accomplish on Calvary. As he marched into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, people began to discover who he was and what his teachings and actions really entailed. We've spent years, and some of us decades, preparing for moments like these, when the world gets to see whether being a Christian makes any difference or not. And maybe that fills you with dread? But I also hope that you feel a little excitement.

I didn't anticipate self-isolating for my first two weeks on the job, taking precautions to make sure there's no virus incubating inside of me. I didn't anticipate troubleshooting with Shawn and Bradley how to livestream our beloved Triduum services in an empty church building. That's not the moment behind the desk that I had anticipated. Yet I am so excited to join this community, at exactly this time!

Over the next number of weeks, we're going to work together to find ways to overcome isolation that don't involve touch. Without physical presence, we have the opportunity to explore the depths of our words, to begin to express ourselves honestly, with solidarity and kindness, generosity and love. We will limit our contact to protect the most vulnerable, but find new ways to proclaim Christ crucified and risen.

It was in their most bewildered hour that the disciples found out who Jesus really was. And this is our chance to discover what God being with us truly means. None of us would have wished for this crisis. But our faith teaches us that we only get to see resurrection through crucifixion. Our hope is that we see God most clearly in what otherwise seems like our darkest hour.

That's why we don't get to postpone Easter to when things feel nicer. No plague or conflict in Christian history (that I'm aware of) has ever rescheduled Easter. I don't know what our upcoming Holy Week will entail. It might mean trying something new, like worshiping on social media or studying the lives of the saints on Zoom. It might mean calling up someone you might not ordinarily talk to, just to check-in. It might mean spiritual communion rather than Eucharist. It might mean that I drive to each of your houses on Easter morning and



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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR (CON'TD)

call out “Christ is risen” a cautious 6 feet from your door! I don’t know yet.

What I do know is that we won’t be extending Lent indefinitely and that throughout this crisis, we’ll grow in knowledge and love of God. We’ll catch glimpses of resurrection, and glory in the mystery that we are caught up in Christ’s new life, not He in our old one. And even at the grave we’ll make our song “Alleluia.” The days ahead will be difficult for us and for all communities of faith. But even as we feel a heavy Lent, let us assure one another there’s nothing we can do to keep Jesus from rising.

Yours in Christ,

Charlie+

HOLY WEEK SERVICES EXPLAINED

Maundy Thursday- Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum, the great three days of our Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection—the journey from the supper table to the cross, and from the cross to the Easter morning. Maundy Thursday focuses on two great moments in the life of the church, the first being the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the second being the giving of the new commandment, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34). The service gets its name from the Latin, *mandatum novum*, meaning “new commandment.” Due to social distancing, we will neither be able to gather for Eucharist, nor hold vigil together while the altar is stripped. However, in the spirit of Jesus’ new commandment, you may consider making a contribution to our Lenten community outreach project supporting the Abbie Shelter, an emergency shelter for women who have experienced domestic violence. Sheltering-in-place is a particularly fraught experience for those whose home lives are unsafe. Many Anglican churches throughout the world (and the Queen of England!) celebrate Maundy Thursday with the distribution of “Maundy money” to the aged and poor. If you so desire, you may write a check to All Saints’ with “Lenten Community Offering” on the memo line and mail it to the church, PO Box 1923 Whitefish, MT 59937.

Good Friday Liturgy- Good Friday centers around the Passion as recorded in John’s Gospel and our recitation of the Solemn Collects, the church’s most ancient form of the prayers of the people. The Eucharist is never celebrated on Good Friday. While the service is as solemn as those collects, it is not grim, and perhaps this is an important mode for us to operate within. Good Friday reminds us of the depth of the love of Christ and how he still lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Good Friday-The Stations of the Cross We will be recording and posting the stations of the cross on the Facebook page and YouTube for your Holy Week discipline. The Stations of the Cross is a meditation that mirrors the last hours of Jesus’ life, from his being condemned to die on the cross, which took place outside the home of Pilate, to his entombment at a place upon which the Church of the Holy Sepulchre stands in Jerusalem. The stations of the cross most likely began in Jerusalem to help pilgrims remember not just the actual walk of Christ but also the spiritual reality behind it. At All Saints’ we have our own “stations” set along a wood path on the property, where pilgrims can stop for brief meditation and prayer.

Holy Saturday- Under ordinary circumstances, it is the tradition of this parish to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter at sundown on the Saturday prior to Easter Sunday. This year, we will instead gather virtually at noon for the liturgy of Holy Saturday, a uniquely Anglican observance that also happens to be the shortest liturgy in the Prayer Book. This brief service honors the silence and grief of that day after the Crucifixion—in which Jesus was dead, lying in the tomb. Holy Saturday invites us all to reflect on what the world would be like if God was dead and all hope were lost. However, Holy Saturday also commemorates the “Harrowing of Hell”, Jesus’ triumphant descent into Hell, when he brought salvation to Adam, Eve, and all of the righteous who had died since the beginning of the world. Thanks be to God Holy Saturday is merely the penultimate liturgy of Holy Week!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES EXPLAINED (CONT'D)

The Sunday of the Resurrection-Easter Sunday-At Easter, the tomb stands open for all of us disciples to enter. The worship on this day is familiar to us, because, put to death on a cross, and rose again to bring eternal life for each of us. We know that evil and death did not triumph over Jesus and will not triumph over us. Alleluia!

EASTER WEEK SERVICE BROADCASTS**PALM SUNDAY**

APRIL 5th

9 am FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9th

12 NOON FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10th

12 NOON FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BROADCAST

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 11th

12 NOON FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12th

9 am FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop Marty has ordered all Episcopal churches in Montana to cease regular worship in person until May 10th at this point. This is to comply with both our various county public health authorities and the national call for no group gatherings of ten or greater in number. If the pandemic abates beforehand, the restart date may be moved to sooner. Many of our churches are either broadcasting, live streaming or otherwise recording services so that people can worship remotely. The clergy had a Zoom meeting with Bishop Marty this last Friday, and several strategies are being developed to help congregations maintain their spiritual health.

Funerals will be family-only to keep the attendance below ten people at this point in time. Clergy have already been advised of this. It is hoped that larger memorial services will be offered after the pandemic is over.

Montana is beginning its epidemic curve, please help our medical profession out by assuming you could be infected and follow social distancing recommendations to reduce other people's exposure. To model this, all meetings with diocesan personnel will be done by phone, GoTo Meeting, Zoom or social media. All clergy are also requested to follow this example, except for pastoral emergencies outside of hospital settings. Most hospitals are ceasing in-person visitations, including clergy. Please remember to notify your clergy if you go to the hospital: they may not be able to visit in person, but can keep in contact and pray for you.

Because of all the closures of businesses, there are many people who are in financial straits. Clergy expenditures to help people in need is rising rapidly. Please give generously to the clergy discretionary accounts and other non-profits so that people can continue to eat, have a roof over their heads, and have heat. And please do not forget to continue your church pledges and contributions.

Here is the current CDC information for the faith community: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

Below are some at-home and small gathering worship and study resources:

Daily Office by Mission St. Clare <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

Celtic Daily Prayer (from our Anam Cara community) <https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/how-to-use-daily-office/>

Daily Lectionary Readings including Saints <https://episcopalchurch.org/lectionary-calendar>

Formation using the Way of Love <https://experiencingjesuswithbishopmariann.simplecast.fm>

A list of other Episcopal stuff <https://episcopalchurch.org/WoL/worship/all>

National Cathedral worship <https://cathedral.org/worship/service-archive/>

Lent Madness! (during the week) <https://www.lentmadness.org>

PALM SUNDAY

While Christ's glorious procession into Jerusalem was heralded with palm branches and loud "Hosannas", Christians throughout the centuries have had to celebrate "Palm" Sunday without the appropriate foliage. Not everyone lives in a tropical locale. That's why some parts of the world still celebrate Branch Sunday or Yew Sunday. Even though we won't be processing together this Sunday, we do have the opportunity to "go local". For Palm Sunday this year, cut a branch from a tree or bush near to you and hang it on your door, mailbox, fence, or else hold it while you tune in for worship on Sunday. We'll have a special Facebook post on Sunday and you can post your "frond" in the comments (#palmsunday)! Together, we can celebrate the start of Holy Week with Aspen Sunday, White Spruce Sunday, Ponderosa Sunday, or even Huckleberry Sunday! And for anyone who likes to color, there's a palm frond coloring sheet [here](#) that you can

PALM SUNDAY (CONT'D)

print out and color, because we'd love to see those pictures, too! Finally, for the traditionalists out there, we will be blessing traditional palm fronds at the Sunday service and will place them in a basket outside church for you to pick up.

PLATE OFFERINGS

Since we cannot "pass the plate" in person, you are encouraged to mail in your pledges/donations to All Saints'. You can find our mailing address previously in the e-letter, or on the bottom of the last page.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST**

We are beginning a new procedure with the intercessory prayer list found in the Sunday bulletins. Obviously things are a bit different right now with us being unable to worship in person. Charlie has some ideas that he may implement when we are able to worship together once again. For now, though, here's the new plan.

When a name is submitted to Shawn to be on the prayer list, the name will stay on the top of the list (names said aloud on Sunday) for one month. Then names will be moved down to the lower list (the names said aloud during the Thursday noon service) for one month. Then the names will be removed from the list.

You are more than welcome to ask again for a name to be put on the prayer list and the cycle will start again. One month on Sundays, one month on Thursdays, then off the list.

We never want to take anyone's name off the prayer list, but often times people forget to let Shawn know that someone's name can be removed. This new policy will hopefully keep our intercessory prayer list from becoming too unwieldy (we currently have 78 names on the prayer list) but still allow everyone to place a name on the list when needed. Thank you for your understanding.

**2020 CHILI OPEN UPDATE**

We were so disappointed that we were unable to hold the Chili Open this year in March when it was scheduled. Rest assured that we have not cancelled it, but have just postponed it. We are very hopeful that we will be able to hold the Chili Open some time this summer. We are planning for June, but obviously we will have to wait and see how things progress. We will let everyone know when we have set a new date. We have many auction items that were donated and we are holding on to them for the rescheduled event. We are still accepting any auction items that you may have. Call Shawn in the office to schedule a drop off time. Thanks to everyone who donated auction items for this year and to everyone who has supported the Chili Open in years past. We hope you will be able to attend again this year when it is rescheduled. The animals thank you in advance!



LENTEN OFFERINGS

All Saints' Community Lenten Outreach Discipline - Lent 2020

This Lent, as has become our custom over the last seven years, members of All Saints' Church are invited to celebrate a relationship with 2 organizations clearly doing the work of God in our Community.

One of the many friendships All Saints' has developed over the years is with the Abbie Shelter in Kalispell which provides emergency safe housing for battered and abused women and their children. They also provide a crisis line that one can call anytime day or night. Last year our efforts helped provide small refrigerators for



THE ABBIE SHELTER
AND VIOLENCE FREE CRISIS LINE

residents' rooms. This year we continue our support for them by helping to fund their 24-hour Helpline. This critical service provides support to 1,000 people every year, and is the gateway to all of their other services. Thanks to their fabulous volunteers, they are able to sustain this essential service for only \$25 a day. Our challenge this year will be to fund the Helpline for the 40 days in Lent.

We will also begin a partnership with an organization new to our family of friends who minister to those experiencing hard times, Flathead Warming Center. From their website... "We provide seasonal, low barrier access to night shelter services regardless of an individual or family's personal barriers to housing security." This organization is in their first year of operation. They currently operate out of the basement of Christ Church

in Kalispell, but their goal is to have a home of their own. There are many ways we can support them, with direct contributions of needed supplies via the "Get Involved" menu on their website



**FLATHEAD
WARMING
CENTER**

flatheadwarmingcenter.org or through financial gifts. We are excited to begin this relationship with another seriously needed homeless shelter for our lost, least and lonely population.

If All Saints' engages in the generosity it has shown in the past, we can present each of these ministries, \$1,000 this year. This is not just about doing something good for others, it is our way to sacramentally change a donation of money into the gifts of God and thus become part of the lives of those in the wider community that needs our holy companionship. This discipline of ours is yet another way Lent becomes a joyous season.

LENTEN OFFERINGS UPDATE

We are still collecting donations for this year's Lenten Community Outreach to the Abbie Shelter and the Flathead Warming Center. Even though the Warming Center had to close its doors earlier than anticipated, they are still providing shelter to those in need by way of purchasing sleeping bags, blankets and other items to support those who have come to rely on the Warming Center. And we are still trying to meet our goal of funding the 24 hour hotline at the Abbie Shelter which provides emergency safe housing for battered and abused women and their children. If you are able to contribute, you can send a check to All Saints' with "Lenten Community Offering" on the memo line. All Saints' address is PO Box 1923, Whitefish, MT 59937. Shawn will be in the office for a limited time each week to check the mail and take care of financial matters. Thank you for your continued support of these vital ministries in the Flathead Valley.

ERD 1000 DAYS OF LOVE

During this Lenten season, as in year's past, All Saints' is supporting Episcopal Relief & Development by using coupons which help to remind us daily to count our blessings.

ERD's current campaign, **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** is a \$3 million grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to expanding Episcopal Relief & Development's programs that improve the lives of children up to age six.

ERD works with communities to ensure that children have access to food, clean water, and quality health care. Our work also empowers parents and protects families.

Research shows that the first 1,000 days for children are critical in setting a foundation that affects their ability to grow, learn, and thrive over their lives. Globally 155 million children under six are not reaching their full potential due to inadequate nutrition and health care.

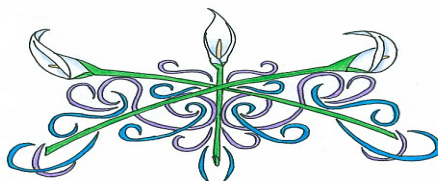
Coupon calendars, Hope Chests, as well as Lenten Meditation Booklets are available in the Church and in the Parish Hall. We encourage everyone to pick up one of each and join us in collecting money for your Hope Chest throughout the season of Lent. The meditation booklets are also available as online emails and podcast at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent/>

Our ERD In-gathering Sunday, when we ask everyone to bring your filled Hope Chests to church, will be Sunday, April 19, and all of the money collected will go to Episcopal Relief & Development's **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** campaign.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together with Episcopal Relief & Development for lasting change.

ERD 1000 DAYS OF LOVE UPDATE

Since we are all practicing physical distancing during this COVID-19 pandemic per the governor's order we will be unable to have our usual "In-gathering Sunday" for the ERD Lenten coupons which support the 1000 Days of Love campaign. But if you have been filling your hope chests by counting your daily blessings through the use of the Lenten Coupon, instead of bringing your box of coins to church, you are welcome to write a check for the entire amount and mail it to the church. On the memo line put "ERD Coupon Booklet". Thank you for your support of Episcopal Relief and Development.



ZOOMING IN TO LENT MADNESS AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES

With the recent order from the governor to shelter in place (and actually even before that), we are continuing to explore ways to stay connected during this most unprecedented time. After holding the first two Lent Madness classes in Memorial Hall, and then cancelling the third, we moved the final 3 sessions to an online platform. We held our third Lent Madness class in a Zoom meeting on March 25. We will hold the last two classes online via a Zoom meeting as well.

Zoom is an online meeting app where people can join via computer, tablet, or phone (either using their phone's video capabilities or just calling in to the meeting). It was so nice to be able to see some other parishioners and interact after being forced to be apart. Since Fr. Charlie is not going to be able to meet with us in person for some time, he is hoping that one way he might be able to get to know us is through Zoom. He has become an expert on using Zoom since he was sadly forced to say goodbye to his parishioners at Trinity Folsom via Zoom due to their shelter in place order.

Shawn is also learning to use Zoom and was able to help people set it up on their computers and tablets prior to the Lent Madness class. If you would like help setting up Zoom on your computer or tablet, please email Shawn and she will gladly walk you through setting it up and also hold a sample meeting with you to make sure it works. Watch your email for information on opportunities for us to gather together virtually. (ed.: instructions on how to use Zoom on back page).

A LETTER TO THE YOUTH OF ALL SAINTS'

By Cynthia Benkelman

Hi,

This is kind of a weird time for all of us, isn't it? Some of you might not have had the spring break you were imagining. Now we're all at home, and you're doing school online. Even the college students are home doing school online. My son is home finishing his semester here.

If you feel disappointed, you're not alone. I think we all felt that way. We want to see our friends, do the things we normally do and enjoy but instead we are all "social distancing". We have been planning Holy Week and Easter and now those plans need to change. I'm very grateful that we had time together for Ash Wednesday to begin Lent before the social distancing had to start. Do you remember when we talked about how some people "give up" something to help them remember what might be getting in the way of their relationship with God and with others? We sure didn't talk about just giving up going to school and all of the other things we are not doing right now!

But we also talked about taking something on; some people "do" something during Lent. Maybe it's reading scripture or a prayer discipline or keeping your room clean. I wonder if this might be an opportunity for all of us, kids and teens, to take something on together. Maybe this will be a new way to build community, not just for the last week of Lent, but through Easter and beyond.

I am in the process of contacting families and also asking them to contact me so that we can figure out some ways that we can be together in a new way. I think about Jesus, after he was risen, and the surprise and joy that everyone felt, and how they were with him in a new way and how he brought new life. Some people talk about that as "living in the resurrection," in the new life. Maybe we can try something new. I would like for the kids and youth to be together in some way so we will figure out how! Please have your parents contact me at Cynthia@allsaintsmt.org and I will continue to call families as well. I miss all of you and care about each one of you.

Living in the New Life,

Cynthia

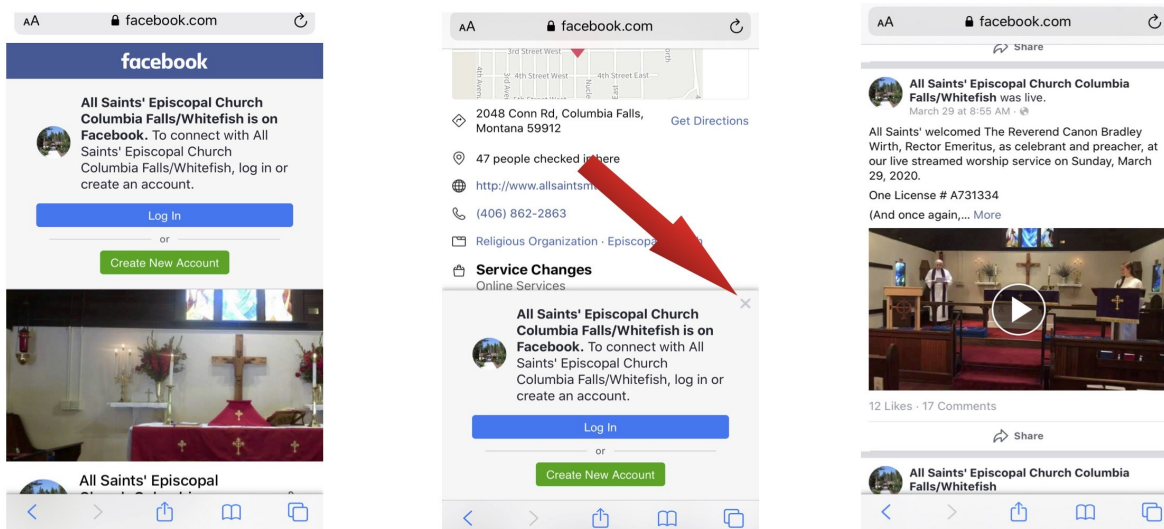
ONLINE WORSHIP HOW TO

Online worship services

With the shelter in place order that so many states are currently under, worship communities have had to come up with alternative ways to worship together and stay connected with their parishioners. As you hopefully know, all in person worship services at All Saints' have been temporarily suspended and we have moved to online worship services.

Every Sunday morning at 9 am via Facebook we will live stream our worship service. Sorry 11 o'clockers you'll have to get up a little earlier than normal, but you can always watch the service as "tape delayed" at 11 a.m., or whenever, if you'd like.

Go to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsmt> to watch the service. Please note, you do NOT need to have a Facebook account to watch the service since we are a public entity. When you go to the above address you will probably get a screen that looks something like the one on the left. Ignore the prompt to "Log In" or "Create a New Account" and just scroll down on your screen. The "Log In" or "Create a New Account" pop up window will then probably drop down to the bottom of the screen (middle picture). Just click the "X" in the corner of the box and the pop up screen should go away. Then just scroll down until you find the "live" broadcast. You won't see this live broadcast until we have actually clicked the "Go Live" button on our camera at church. So if you log in a little early be patient, we will be there. (Barring any technical difficulties.)

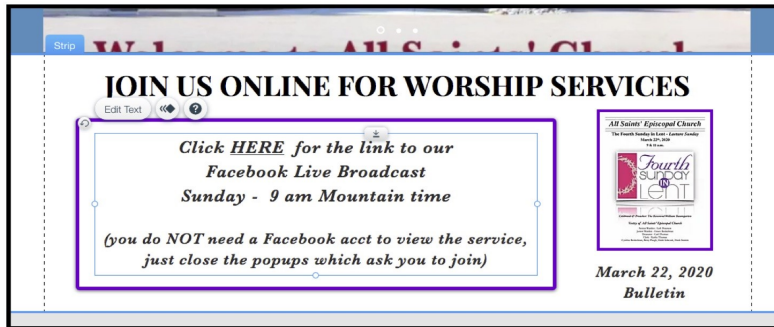


If you watched our first live stream service, you know that the video was sideways. Oops, we won't make that mistake again, hopefully. On our Facebook page will be a link to our website where we will have the bulletin for the service available to download.

ONLINE WORSHIP HOW TO (CONT'D)

Online worship services

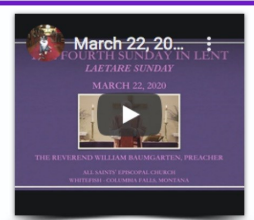
You can also find the link to our Facebook page on our Website next to the bulletin download. Go to our website at <https://www.allsaintsmt.org/> and you'll see something like the picture (on the left) a few days (hopefully) before Sunday. You can click on the picture of the bulletin to download it and click on the word **HERE** to be taken to All Saints' Facebook page.



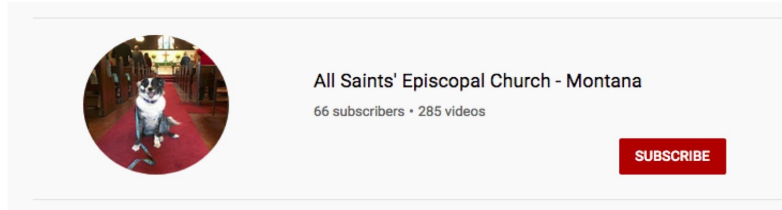
After the live broadcast is over you can always go back to the Facebook page anytime to watch it again. In addition, some time later in the day the service will be posted to our YouTube Channel and also our website. So you'll see a screen similar to this on our website. Click on the play button to watch the service.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

*Live streamed worship
service from Sunday,
March 22, 2020.
4th Sunday in Lent
Laetare Sunday
Celebrant - Fr. Bill*



If you have not yet subscribed to our YouTube Channel that is another way to be alerted when we have uploaded a new video. When you go to the YouTube website in the search window look for All Saints' Montana or use this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ_oAl6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA.



When you find the one with a picture of Blaze the Wonder Dog sitting in church you'll know you are at the correct All Saints'. There should be a "subscribe"

button that you can click on and then you'll be sent an email whenever a new video is uploaded to our channel.

If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to ask Shawn, we really want to try and keep as connected as we can during this time that we are forced to keep our distance.

HERE'S CHARLE! (OR EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW.....)

Where did you grow up and how long did you live there? Tell us a little bit about your family? Do you have siblings?

I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, UT. In a state that takes great pride in its pioneer heritage, I'll confess that my family traveled across the American plains in a Boeing 747. All told, I have a pretty small family and only one sibling. My father is a recently retired attorney and my mother works in the development office of my high school. My younger brother, Alex, is a CPA who would rather die before darkening the door of a church.

Are you a "cradle" Episcopalian?

I come from solid German stock and attended parochial school growing up. Therefore, I've got huge swathes of Luther's Small Catechism rattling around in my brain. *What does this mean?... We should fear and love God...* But when I was in 6th grade, we left the Lutheran church and went over to the Episcopal Church, which was the next best thing. It just so happened to be Fr. Bradley Wirth's church, and it was also named All Saints'! They were undergoing a huge renovation project, so they were in a transitional place, we were in a transitional place, and it felt like a good fit. I still remember sitting in the second row (because my father says that, "only Mormons sit in the front row") and passing the peace with Bradley, whose Hawaiian shirt was showing playfully through his alb. To this day, my family still refers to Bradley as the "maître d' at the table of the Lord."

Where did you go to school?

I went to Grinnell College, a liberal arts college that's smack dab in the middle of Iowa. I majored in religious studies with a concentration in the religious traditions of India. Therefore, I only took one course on Christianity in 4 years. Oops! But my time at Grinnell was very formative because it was the first time in my life that I was forced to examine religion from an outsider's perspective and to take ownership of my spiritual life in the absence of a faith community. Grinnell also instilled in me a strong sense of social justice. One of our alums, Harry Hopkins, was the architect of the New Deal. Fun Fact: Another alum, Robert Noyce, the inventor of the microchip and co-founder of Intel, slaughtered a pig in my dorm's bathtub for a luau!

You're recently married, tell us where you and your lovely wife Mikayla met.

When I first went to seminary, I told myself that it would be a terrible idea to fall in love with a future priest... which I promptly did! We met in our spiritual direction cohort, and quickly bonded over Patristic Christianity and our love of single malt scotch (even if she finds my Macallan 12 to be an intolerably "wimpy" preference). Mikayla was the really cool bartender at the (World Famous) Owl Shop, the cigar bar frequented by New Haven's various movers and shakers. And thankfully, I imposed myself on her before my classmates got the chance! She's a woman of sincere and unpretentious faith, a great priest, and I just can't wait for her to move up here.

HERE'S CHARLIE (CONT'D)**What three words describe you generally?**

Mischievous. Considerate. My mother says I'm "sensitive."

Do you like sports? In which sports do you enjoy participating?

I am a former collegiate runner and I coached track-and-field for athletes with special needs back in Folsom. Practices were the highlight of my week! However, I don't really follow many sports, not even running. But because I "seek not to be understood as to understand", your favorite teams will become my favorite teams, and I promise to employ some half-baked sport metaphors in a sermon here and there...

All Saints' is often known as that crazy dog and cat church, do you have pets?

I am a "fish-mom", though I had to give away a couple of my aquatic friends before my move. However, I could not give up my quiet companion, a betta fish named Raphael. He has a very inquisitive personality and intently watches me prepare dinner every night. I'm also a stepfather to my wife's dog, Luya (a name which means "strong" in Finnish). Lu-Lu is a brindled pit mix, though if you ask my new landlord, she's a Plott Hound! More specifically, she's a "Rez-Dog" that Mikayla adopted while she was serving on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. Luya is scrappy, intelligent, can eat almost anything, and is my favorite napping buddy.

Which living person do you most admire?

Be prepared, because when Desmond Tutu is finally gathered up to God, I'm gonna have a rough day.

What is your favorite journey/trip you've taken?

My father doesn't live extravagantly, but his one indulgence is a membership at a fly fishing club on the Henry's Fork in Island Park, Idaho. When you're there, you wake up early, eat sourdough pancakes, go fishing on the best and most beautiful trout water in the world, eat a meatloaf sandwich, fish some more, and make it back in time for cocktail hour. It is some of the most sacred time of my late summer/early fall.

What is your all-time favorite meal?

Oysters. Period.

Who are some of your favorite authors? What are you currently reading?

I love nature writers like Edward Abbey and Annie Dillard. And even though she is a Calvinist, my favorite author is Marilynne Robinson. I'm devastated to hear that she is taking a sabbatical from the Iowa Writer's Workshop (the greatest creative writing program on the planet!) to teach a few semesters at my seminary. If I could have just taken one class from her, all of my student loan debt would be totally worth it! I am finishing up two books right now. The first is the *Hammer of God* by Bo Giertz, who is heralded as the Swedish C.S. Lewis. It's a story about three pastors caring for the souls of their parish, which might sound dull as dishwater to a layperson, but I promise it's the best piece of spiritual writing that I've read in years! Add it to your quarantine reading list. The second book I'm reading is Marlon James' *Black*

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Leopard, Red Wolf, which is perhaps best described as an African *Game of Thrones*. Generally, I'm not a huge fan of the fantasy genre, but it's good to step outside of your comfort zone once in a while!

Do you have a favorite recording artist?

My sermons are replete with Bob Dylan lyrics and I consider Pete Seeger to be one of my patron saints. I listen to a lot of traditional and contemporary folk music. I also have an appreciation for polyphonic choral music, and my favorite contemporary composers are Arvo Part and Ola Gjelto.

What is your guilty pleasure?

True crime and home improvement shows! Whenever I check into a hotel room, I will flop down on the bed and watch hours of *Forensic Files* and HGTV. If you introduce yourself and tell me where you're from, 9 times outta 10 I'm trying to think about a serial killer from your hometown...

What are you most looking forward to as the Rector of All Saints'?

So many things! I love being a priest. But it goes without saying that what I'm looking forward to most is slowly welcoming you all back to church. I get such a charge out of watching people turn themselves towards God.

How can we help you settle in to your new position here?

I'm going to get a little serious (and preachy) here, because if I'm gonna be honest with you, this is a really scary time to be changing jobs and integrating into a new faith community. We Episcopalians are creatures of habit, and we appreciate that it's the things we do over-and-over again that determine how we see ourselves and our world. And I've been worrying a lot about this lately. For example, if I choose to sit on the couch and watch *Forensic Files* all day, then I'm becoming the kind of person who sits on the couch watching True Crime all day. That becomes the new normal, because what you do in your day-to-day forms who you are. Now, you all might come back to church the very first Sunday we open our doors (though I encourage you to use your discretion). But there might also be parts of it that you don't miss too much. You can watch the livestream in your pajamas and duck out of the sermon. You can go without Eucharist and God will still love you. You can save some money when you're not bringing your pledge offering to church and when everything on the Internet is free. If you put your spiritual life on a holding pattern during this time, that might be where your repeated experience takes you. So for the sake of your new and anxious rector, keep "doing" church! Pray every day. If you live with family, be a tiny church with them. Schedule some time to check-in with your neighbor and ask what they need. Figure out a way to be consistent in giving to God, whether it's through church or other outlets. And even if this livestreaming stuff is kinda awkward, please tune-in if you are able! Please worship with me! In short, really lean into habits of worship, education, and outreach that you can do at home. Shape your daily life around those things, not the couch. Don't let *Forensic Files* become the new normal! If we can all do that, we'll be stronger Christians and a stronger community for it, because of this cross we're all bearing.

SAINTS AND SAGES- Yellow Fever, Political Fervor, and the Founding of the Episcopal Church

“O Lord, who in a time of turmoil and confusion raised up your servant William White to lead your Church into ways of stability and peace; Hear our prayer, and give us wise and faithful leaders. . . .”

This prayer from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* remembers William White (1747-1836), the 1st and 4th presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church (1789; 1795-1836) in the U.S. (TEC). White was one of the first four bishops, all of whom had to travel to Scotland or England to be consecrated. Together, they created the quorum necessary to ordain deacons and priests and to consecrate other bishops on U.S. soil.

The prayer does not honor White for being an early bishop. Rather, it lauds him as crafting the structure of the Episcopal Church, for insisting that the laity share in the duties of governance, and for mentoring other priests and bishops who became important leaders of the church in the 19th century. His long episcopacy fostered measurable stability in the early years of our church.



He also served in another capacity during his early episcopate, a time of rabid political conflicts and epidemic plagues. Partisan politics split the country in the 1790s: Alexander Hamilton and the Federalists desired limits on foreign trade, immigration, and citizenship. They were convinced that the more expansive views of Thomas Jefferson and the Republicans on trade and immigration, especially with France and her colonies, would lead to an American version of the French Revolution. Each group used newspapers and sometimes violence to demonize the other. Into this cauldron of boiling emotions came the plague. Not Covid-19, but yellow fever, which decimated populations in New Orleans, Boston, New York, and most importantly, Philadelphia—the U.S. capital and the home of the Episcopal Church.

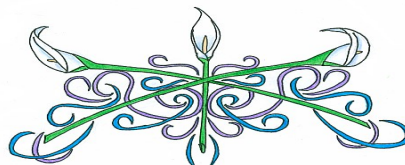
Yellow fever struck Philadelphia especially hard in 1793. Roughly 10% of the population of 50,000 died and 20,000 people fled the city, an 18th-century version of “social distancing.” The leaders who remained to treat and lend aid tended to follow Jefferson (organized formally as the Democratic Society). Among the few Federalist supporters who led relief efforts were Bishop White and two of his priests, William Smith and Robert Blackwell. When the city suffered a second round of yellow fever later in the decade, White again was one of the leaders of relief. Long after the decade of plagues and conflict, Bishop White continued to serve as a model of stability and charity.

For more information

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Memoir of the Life of the Right Reverend William White, DD by Bird Wilson (1839) <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/13388567/memoir-of-the-life-of-the-right-reverend-william-white-dd-bishop->

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 PALM SUNDAY 9 am service on Facebook live Digital Coffee Hour 10:30-11:30 am Digital ASY 4-5pm	6 Digital Office Hour 11am-12noon & 5pm-6pm	7 Digital Office Hour 11am-12noon & 5pm-6pm Digital w/kids 4-5pm	8 Lent Madness 6 pm via Zoom	9 Maundy Thursday Service 12 noon via Facebook Live Broadcast	10 Good Friday Service 12 noon via Facebook Live Broadcast Stations of the Cross broadcast	11 Holy Saturday 12 noon via Facebook Live Broadcast
12 EASTER 9 am service on Facebook Live Digital Coffee Hour 10:30 am-11:30	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9 am service on Facebook Live Vestry meeting via Zoom	20	21	22	23	24	25
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