



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

ST. GERMAIN HOODSPORT

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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

## THE VICAR'S BRAIN - Rev. Bill Fulton



I have a fond memory of a Palm Sunday years ago when my two sons were small boys. Father John, our lovable priest who was somewhat zany and absent-minded, organized our Palm Sunday procession around the block. Father John, in his vestments, played the guitar and led us in singing "The King of Glory," while our boys in acolyte robes carried the cross and a torch in front of him, wobbling under their weight. The congregation, waving limp palms good-naturedly, straggled behind.

In our small Alaska town, the streets were gravel with a fine sediment that worked its way up into the bottoms of your pants. I remember worrying about the hem of the acolytes' white robes that were getting muddier every step. They didn't even notice, but it's what sticks in my mind when I think of that day.

Palm Sunday is the Church's way of concentrating the events of Holy Week into one service. On Palm Sunday, we read the Passion Gospel as a drama to tell the story of Jesus' last days on earth: his entry into Jerusalem, his last supper with the disciples, his betrayal, arrest, and trial, and finally his crucifixion and burial.

The reason we read the Passion Gospel is so that if you can't get to Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services, you still get to hear the Passion story on Sunday. Otherwise we might arrive at the joy of Easter Day without having given any thought to Jesus' suffering and death. The road to Easter has to go right through Good Friday, or it loses its meaning.

Palm Sunday begins with a joyful procession to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and it ends on a somber note with the burial of Jesus' body. So I think it would be fitting if we mirrored that approach in our worship. Let's begin with a joyful parade starting outside the church and slowly become more subdued as we go through the service, ending with a quiet and solemn, almost whispered, Eucharist.

May your Holy Week and Easter be memorable and meaningful.

*Bill*



**Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
for Holy Communion**

**Potluck on the last Sunday of the  
month after the service**

Many of us grew up Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian and other faiths.

You will find yourself very familiar with our liturgy and our celebration of Holy Communion. Our doors are open to **ALL** and we believe that a community of diversity and acceptance starts in a safe and inclusive place of worship.

You are welcome to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding and mutual respect. No matter your identity or orientation, you are always welcome here!



## **OUR MISSION:**

*So that **ALL** may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing and supportive community that is grounded in God's Word and Sacraments.*

## **OUR VISION**

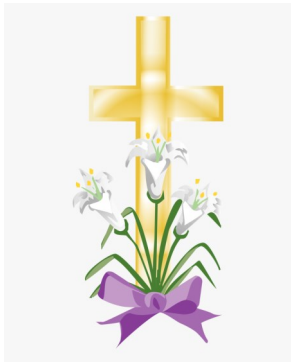
*Be the inclusive people of God*



**"We gratefully acknowledge the Skokomish Indian Tribe and all Indigenous**

**Peoples. Our building and facilities stand on the traditional land of the people, whose ancestors have resided here since time immemorial.**

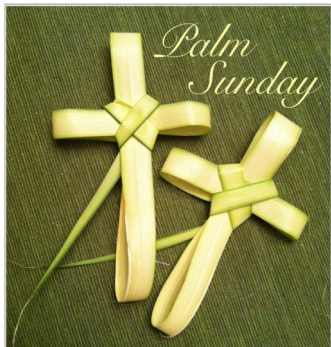
**We honor and thank them for their culture, resilience, and Indigenous identity."**



# HOLY WEEK

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## **Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion    April 13 at 10:30 a.m.**



Join us for a joyous celebration of Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week and the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The liturgy of the palms is the entrance rite for the service. The congregation gathers and process to the church after the blessing of the palms. The liturgy of the palms includes a reading of one of the gospel accounts of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. All the people hold branches in their hands during the procession. The Passion gospel is read with specific roles assigned to different persons, with the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

## **Good Friday - God dies on the Cross        April 18 at Noon**



The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects. Copies of the Passion Gospel and a sign-up sheet for parts are available in the parish hall.



Easter Lilies are a meaningful way to remember or honor loved ones. The meaning of the Easter lily is tied the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The trumpet shape of the Easter lily represent the trumpets that announced his resurrection.

Also called the “white robed apostles of hope”, Easter lilies are believed to have sprouted many times throughout Christian stories. Lilies with white blossoms are available for \$10 per plant. The deadline for placing orders is Sunday, April 13.

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20



**Easter** is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, April 20th and marks the end of Holy Week and is the beginning of the holy season for the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin, and death. It is the singular event, which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ, will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to humankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. In the Episcopal Church, Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is considered to be the central event in Christian theology.

On Easter Sunday, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with great joy and exuberance. The Easter Sunday service typically includes special music, and the singing of hymns that proclaim the triumph of Christ over death. The service also includes a reading of the Easter story from the Gospel of John, which tells of the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary Magdalene and the other disciples.

Throughout the Easter season, which lasts for 50 days, Episcopalians continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, and acts of kindness and charity.

**Following the Easter Sunday service, we will have our annual Easter potluck!**

*O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



## REFLECTIONS by Curtis Pennington

Peggy and Alec Pennington graciously share these reflections by Alec's dad.

### *Oh God Where Are You*

*The Lord has never been lost  
For he is always present in his perfection.*

*The second coming is a non event  
For the Lord our God has never left*

*Jesus of Nazareth did suffer upon the cross  
But the Christ of him stood fast in God  
And his message to man was to find that same Christ  
Which in dwells each human soul*

*The second coming becomes self evident  
As you are truly open to the Divine*

*For as we express our Christ self  
We will form that perfect bond with God  
And this divine expression of God in our lives  
Will also bind us to our fellow man in true love*

*Thereby we will find our life in Christ  
And our eternity will be truly received and accepted*

## WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesdays 11 am - 1pm



We spend the first hour checking in, and sharing our monthly topic. The second hour of our meeting is devoted to event planning and administering our outreach ministries. Bring a lunch and if you have a craft to do while we meet (knitting, drawing, etc.) feel free to bring it. Please join us...all women from the community are welcome to attend!

This month we continue the curriculum of Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent.

On Wednesday April 9th the Director of our Altar Guild, Joanne Hash, will be joining us to explain the duties and responsibilities of our Altar Guild.

### April Birthdays



4 John Drumm

5 Alec Pennington

*O God, our times are in your hand:  
Look with favor, we  
pray, on your servants as  
they begin another year. Grant  
that they may grow in wisdom and  
grace, and strengthen their  
trust in your goodness all the days of  
their lives; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.*

## BISHOP'S COMMITTEE



Our members are caring folks who are willing to share their own faith, perspective, and experience to engage with other members to collaboratively manage the affairs of the church with a view toward a faith-filled, sustainable future.

**Everyone** is invited to join us for our monthly meeting on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.** to learn about current events, stay abreast of church ministries, finances, status updates, proposals, and more.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### FUND BALANCES 2-1-2025 thru 2-28-25

Business Savings	23,414.91
Grant Savings	7,382.14
Soul Purpose Savings	3,655.52
Business Checking	11,073.02

**TOTAL BALANCES**      **\$46,543.99**

**Howard Wilder Trust Market Value**  
53,340.09

### The Good Friday Offering Lent 2025

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

For 103 years, the Good Friday Offering has supported the ministry of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This Lent, the need is almost unfathomable, and I ask you to join me in making a generous gift at [iam.ec/goodfridayoffering](http://iam.ec/goodfridayoffering).

We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever that future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God's people through their congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.

Your gift to the Good Friday Offering will support ministry at al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which has continued to provide essential health care services despite the violence of war; St. George's in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center; an eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen; and the powerful Christian presence of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the human suffering we have witnessed in the Holy Land, but with a gift to the Good Friday Offering at [iam.ec/goodfridayoffering](http://iam.ec/goodfridayoffering), we can help The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East turn despair into hope for thousands of God's people across their region.

Thank you for your generous support this Lent.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, The Episcopal Church

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



At St. Germain's Church, we deeply value our volunteers who play an integral role in nurturing our church community. To honor their commitment, we've created the "Volunteer Spotlight" to shine a light on who they are. Each month we will highlight different volunteers.



Jann Goodpaster and Debra Rollevson recruited a few more of us to join the Hoodspport Library Friends of the Library. We were all there and more of our members joined in for their used book sale, which is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Hoodspport Timberland Library whose mission is to support the library by raising funds to provide programs and equipment not in the budget.

L-R: back row: Kathryn Jasper, Donna O'Leary, Darlene Ramirez, Betsy Sharp, Carrie Sharp, Yvonne Westover. Front row: Jann Goodpaster and Debra Rollevson

Our parish hall wall paint crew took a well earned break to enjoy Peggy's pasta lunch and a salad provided by Rose. Thank you to our Senior Warden Carrie Sharp for all your hard work prepping, paint matching, and directing us as we completed this task.

Thank you also to Sharron Heatherly, Rose and Rich Kallal, John Drumm, Anne Hash, Peggy and Alec Pennington. A job well done!



After we painted, all the old chairs were donated to Habitat for Humanity and new, comfortable folding chairs were purchased. The next project upcoming shortly will be replacing the old carpet with vinyl plank flooring. Check out the samples in the parish hall and let us know which one you like.



*A Day of Stories and Inspiration*

# LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Join us for a celebration of  
our amazing local talent!

Come meet and greet our  
local writers, explore new  
stories, and purchase  
signed copies of their  
books.

Enjoy author readings and  
great conversation.



Raffle drawing for a gift  
basket of books from all  
the authors!

Each attendee will receive  
one free raffle ticket.



## WHEN

**Saturday April 12th**  
**11 am - 3pm**

## WHERE

**600 Lake Cushman Rd.**  
**Hoodsport**  
(community room at St. Germain)

For more information contact 360-877-  
9879



hoodsport.org



## Featured Authors:

Rebecca  
Holbrook

Darlene Ramirez

Paul Sating

Jeffrey Greb

Jacob Zappy

Allan Mullen

Heddy Simmons

Susan Lampe

Melissa Peterson

Dawn Smart

Mindy Hardwick

Sterling Warner

Jerrie Catera

Hal Burton

Cathy Warner

Raine Reiter

James Coventry

Carolyn Maddux

S. Cathryn  
Zeleny

...and more!





# Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## **LOCAL AUTHORS SHOWCASE**

Saturday April 12 10 am - 3 pm

Meet local authors and hear about their books. Book sale and signing.

## **THE SEARCH FOR THE ANTLERS HOTEL LAKE CUSHMAN**

Friday May 2 6-8 pm

A showing of this amazing documentary chronicling the 10 year quest leading to the remains of this hotel 160 feet below Lake Cushman's surface. Meet the film makers!

## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY RUMMAGE SALE**

Saturday May 24 9 am - 3 pm

Name your price! So many incredible bargains! Huge one day only annual event.

## **ART & CRAFTS MARKET ON THE HILL**

Saturday June 21 10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and home made goodies

## **MUSIC ON THE HILL presents "HELLO NEIGHBORS"**

Saturday June 21 noon - 2:30 pm

Featuring local musicians Steve Beck, Rebecca Holbrook, Jim Moore, Tom McLaughlin

## **ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET ON THE HILL**

Saturday July 19 10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and home made goodies

## **MUSIC ON THE HILL presents "LISA & THE LUGS"**

Saturday July 19 noon - 2:30 pm

Featuring local musicians Lisa Ramsauer, Steve Beck, Jim Moore, Jack Bradbury, Dan Walker

## **ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET ON THE HILL**

Saturday August 16 10 am - 3 pm

Shop for unique local gifts and home made goodies.

## **MUSIC ON THE HILL presents "The Angel and the Outlaw"**

Saturday August 16 noon - 2:30 pm

Featuring folk singer Kathy Jonas and storyteller Craig Gurney

## CONNECTIONS

**Visit our website at**

**stgermainhoodsport.org**

**Sermons are posted on our**

**YouTube channel at**

## Saint Germain Church677

## Watch a live stream of our

## Sunday service on our

## Facebook page.

## St. Germain's Church Hoodsport



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## Volunteer Leaders

**Events Coordinator - Peggy Pennington**

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Kathryn Jasper, Donna O'Leary, Amy Leonard, Teresa Schenk-Stephens, Kit Brooks

## Head Usher - Skip Hash

**Music Director** - Carrie Sharp

**Newsletter** - Amy Leonard, Donna O'Leary

**Altar Guild Director - Joanne Hash**

(Peggy Pennington, Katy Fulton)

**Treasurer - Donna O'Leary**

**Bell Ringer** - John Drumm

**Church Groundskeeper - Carrie Sharp**

## Facilities - Alec Pennington

## Memorial Garden Sexton - Skip Hash



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**Donna O'Leary, Church Office Administrator, [stgermainoffice600@gmail.com](mailto:stgermainoffice600@gmail.com)**

## The Bishop's Committee

## Senior Warden - Carrie Sharp

## Junior Warden - Peggy Pennington

## People's Warden - Amy Leonard

**Treasurer/Clerk - Donna O'Leary**

**Joanne Hash - Pat Lakeman - Kit Brooks - John Drumm**