# St. Andrew's Signpost



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A poem reflecting on the journey through Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter, focusing on the themes of sacrifice, hope, and renewal:

## A Lenten Journey

Lent's hush, a quiet space to see, The path to cross, a sacrifice to be. Palm Sunday's song, a fleeting grace, Hosannas rise, a hopeful space.

Maundy Thursday's night, a somber scene, Betrayal's shadow, where love has been. The Last Supper's bread, a sacred sign, A love that's given, truly divine.

Easter dawn breaks, a vibrant hue, The tomb is empty, a hopeful view. Christ is risen, life's promise true, A new beginning, for me and you.

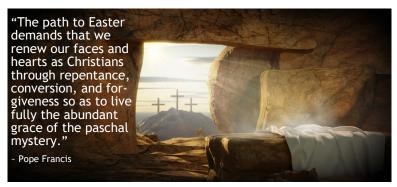
So let us walk, with hearts anew,
Through Lent's dark path, to Easter's view.
With faith and hope, we'll rise and soar,
To life eternal, forevermore.



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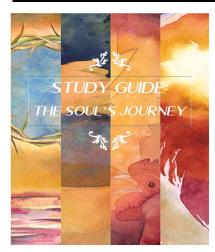
In our continuing practice of Lent through April, we are invited into the culmination of Christ's journey of love, sacrifice, and triumph. Whether we reflect on the gospel readings that lead to this day — John 20:1-18, (Mary Magdaline prompting John and Peter to race to the empty tomb,) or Luke 24:1-12, (the two men proclaiming to the women Jesus' resurrection,) — we are reminded of the emptiness of the tomb and the fullness of joy it heralds. Easter is not merely a celebration of life overcoming death; it is the cornerstone of our faith that affirms God's boundless grace and the hope found in resurrection.





This season beckons us to embrace renewal — not just in nature but in our own lives. We are called to live as Easter people, bearing witness to the transformative power of Christ's love. As the lectionary paints a picture of an unfolding story of redemption, we stand at the threshold of deep joy and eternal hope, ready to proclaim: Christ is risen indeed!

## BE IN THE KNOW - IMPORTANT ST. ANDREW'S NEWS



### **Continuing through Lent after Coffee Hour**

~ Lenten Bible Study, The Soul's Journey

This study guide has been designed for use during the Season of Lent, the five weeks beginning the week after Ash Wednesday and ending on Good Friday. Exploring a deeper personal understanding of the Passion of Christ yields many riches, making the story alive and relevant, and experiencing the Stations of the Cross can strengthen our relationship with God.

It is our hope that this guide will facilitate and inspire each participant to relate this story of self-sacrifice and profound love to his or her own personal story and relationship with Jesus.



The Flower Calendar is hanging in the Parish Hall.

Please take a moment to sign up if you would like to help provide flowers for our services, or in celebration or memory of a loved one.

~ Thank you



Are you looking for a way to connect and serve?

Your talents and servant hearts are needed on Sunday mornings.

There are many ways to serve. We are looking for people to help with Eucharistic and Acolyte ministries, Lector readings, Ushering, preparing for Coffee Hour, and helping with Altar Guild responsibilities.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall. Please take a moment to see how you can serve.

## St. Andrew's Around Town ~ Opportunities for involvement





The Community Choir will continue rehearsals for the Good Friday concert on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will be from 1:00 - 3:00 at North Shore Bible Church on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in participating, contact Marci Hale at (509) 687-3791.





In 2024, the Food Bank fed 10,973 families (over 37,000 individuals) and made 764 home deliveries to shut-ins. January 2025 numbers have exceeded the January 2024 numbers. Please consider giving to the Chelan Food Bank to help them meet this pressing need.

### **The Food Pantry**

We are collecting **non-perishable**, **no/low prep** (open & eat) meals/food items for the 24/7 (monitored) Food Pantry. Examples of acceptable items: Heat & Eat soups/stews, tuna/meat (pouches or cans), Spam, nuts, trail mix, individual servings/packages of jerky, boxed milk, pre-packaged meals, etc. *Note: cans should have pull tab lids for ease of use/preparation*.

## **The Hygiene Pantry**

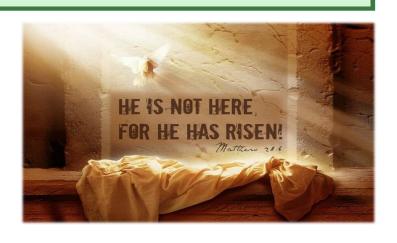
We are also collecting travel or motel sized hygiene items such as soaps, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. There is a box in the Parish Hall for donations.

## LAKE CHELAN BACH FEST

Lake Chelan Bach Fest is looking for a few good volunteers for the 2025 festival July 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. There are many ways to get involved (musician housing, fundraising, logistics, moving things around, and many other volunteer opportunities).



If you would like to volunteer to be part of this event or for more information, contact Hannah Hubbard at (509) 679-1758.



## BE IN THE KNOW - DIOCESAN NEWS

### Episcopal Relief & Development's Mission Statement

Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of <u>The Episcopal Church</u> to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Episcopal Relief & Development faithfully administers the funds that it receives from the church and raises from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

Episcopal Relief & Development cherishes its partnerships within the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace among all people.

### Episcopal Relief & Development's Mandate

Our mandate comes from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25:

Lord, when was it that

We saw you hungry and gave you food? We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink? We saw you a stranger and welcomed you? We saw you sick and took care of you? We saw you in prison and visited you?

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

-Matthew 25: 37-40 (NRSV)



## Press Release - Episcopal Relief & Development is Helping Families Affected by Flooding in Kentucky March 18, 2025

<u>Episcopal Relief & Development</u>, in partnership with the <u>Episcopal Diocese of Lexington</u>, is providing cash assistance to families affected by mid-February flooding in Kentucky.

Between February 14 and 16, heavy rains pummeled eastern Kentucky and flooded the Appalachian region. The storm wiped away bridges and damaged roads, homes, schools and other buildings. At least 13 people in the state were killed.

Currently, survivors are in need of supplies and assistance with clean up. Episcopal Relief & Development and diocesan clergy are helping 300 families meet their needs through gift card distribution. This response focuses on the hardest hit areas, including Pikeville, Beattyville, Middlesboro, Ashland, Corbin, Irvine and Hazard. To support volunteers, the partnership is providing gloves, masks, cleaning supplies and other items.

"This is the second time in a few years that Appalachia mountain communities have experienced devastation at this level," said Katie Mears, Sr. Technical Specialist, US Disaster and Climate Risk. "We are supporting physical needs and our partners are also considering the emotional and spiritual toll of going through a traumatic event like this more than once."

Please <u>pray</u> for the people affected by the February flooding in Kentucky and Virginia. Support for the <u>US Disaster Response Fund</u> will help communities around the world recover from disasters.

#### What is the Absalom Jones Fund?

**The Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs** supports two institutions affiliated with The Episcopal Church since the 1800s: Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina.

In 1804, Absalom Jones became the first African American to be ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. His witness to the way of Jesus included efforts to abolish slavery and to lift up all those cast down. He understood that education is the key to empowerment. We honor Absalom Jones by supporting our HBCUs, which prepare the talented leaders who will continue the work of building a more just and humane society.

## ABSALOM JONES FUND

#### What is an HBCU?

Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) were founded to create dynamic, supportive, and empowering educational environments for young people from diverse backgrounds. Today there are more than 100 HBCUs in the United States, including public and private institutions and professional schools of law and medicine.

According to a study published by the United Negro College Fund, today's historically Black colleges and universities are responsible for producing approximately 70 percent of all Black doctors and dentists, 50 percent of Black engineers and public school teachers, and 35 percent of Black lawyers.

#### Why support our Episcopal HBCUs?

Voorhees University and Saint Augustine's provide an excellent liberal arts education to thousands of students, the majority of whom come from low-income households, and over 40% of whom are the first in their families to attend a four-year college. The Gospel work of education and emancipation, evangelism and formation, reconciliation and commitment to a just and humane society and world is happening at these schools! Yet in today's economic and political climate, HBCUs increasingly struggle to secure the funds they need to maintain their facilities, retain excellent faculty, and provide much-needed student financial aid.

If you are interested in making a gift to the Absalom Jones Fund you can:

- Call: (212) 716-6002
- Go online to: iam.ec/absalomjonesfund
- To donate by mail, please send your contribution to: DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church USA, P.O. Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983
   Donations can be made out to "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" with Absalom Jones noted in the memo section.

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