

APRIL / MAY

St. Andrew's Signpost

2026

WITH GOD'S HELP, WE AT ST. ANDREW'S SHARE GOD'S WORD AND LOVE BY MINISTERING TO OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER THROUGH PRAYER, LEARNING, WORSHIP, AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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"Even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and
mourning." Joel 2:12

Vicar's Vagaries~April

The Resurrection prompts us to look honestly at the world as it is, and to imagine what it could be. New life does not arrive without cost; it breaks through hardened ground and calls us to notice those who are pushed aside, silenced or forgotten.

Justice begins when we refuse distraction and choose solidarity over indifference. Peace is not passion - it is built by tending to wounds close at hand, and by resisting the forces that profit from fear and division.

May this season awaken our responsibility to protect the vulnerable, to seek truth, and to labor for a future where dignity is not a privilege, but a promise shared by all.



Vicar's Vagaries~May

This past April 19-21, clergy of the Diocese were invited to reflect with the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Rob Wright, on the theme for the Diocese this year, "Sing a new song," toward a fresh expression of faith and purpose. He charged us to reframe our understanding of hymnody AS worship and not merely a component within a broader expression OF liturgy, when we allow the sound of the melodies of hymns to embrace innovative ways of sharing the Gospel and engaging with the world, finding melodies and lyrics that resonate with contemporary culture, addressing its needs and questions in relevant ways. It implies a prophetic imagination, listening to the Holy Spirit for guidance on how to speak truth and show love in ever-changing circumstances.

To "sing and to be a new song" takes this concept a step further. The church is being called to a fresh expression, proclaiming not only what we say or do, but rediscovering for ourselves through hymn singing who we are and whom we are collectively called to be – a community that exemplifies God's transforming love in its very being. Singing invites us to ongoing joy, repentance, adaptation, and a willingness to rediscover or to shed practices as they serve the mission.

Being a new song means living out the Gospel in such a compelling and authentic way that it can become a vibrant, living testimony, drawing others into its harmonies and inviting us to together become the chorus of God's redemptive work in the world. It's a dynamic, ongoing process of renewal and surrender to God's missional heart.

FOR MOTHER'S DAY

For love that held us from the start,
for grace that shaped both home and heart,
for quiet strength, for faithful care,
we lift our thanks to God in prayer.

For joy and sacrifice and song,
for hope that kept and carried on,
we ask God's blessing, peace, and light
to rest on those we honor bright.
And where this day brings loss or pain,
may gentle mercy still remain.



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"We learned the fourth commandment:
'Honor thy father and thy mother.'"



STRONG
Phil 4:13
CHOSEN
1 Thess 1:4
BEAUTIFUL
eccl 3:11
CAPABLE
Mark 10:27
VICTORIOUS
Rom 8:13
NEVER ALONE
Matt 28:20
GREATLY LOVED
Jer 31:3

WE HAVE BEGUN WORK ON OUR 2026 PARISH DIRECTORY WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO:

1. Check all of your contact information.
2. Email the office with any changes in your contact information.
3. Email the church office with an updated photo of yourself and/or family. If you would like a new photo, but don't have one you can email, we would be happy to take one for you. Just let the office know, and we will make arrangements.

OUR PARISH
Directory



We promise not to put your picture on a giant billboard, but we would love a current photo to put in our Parish Directory.

NEW GIVING OPTION

We're excited to share a new way to support the ministries of our church! In addition to giving during the offering, you can now make pledges, offerings, and gifts toward special and outreach projects online through our website or by using the Tithely app. It's a simple and secure way to give anytime.

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Meet Ed McLain's
newest grandson

*Chris & Kellie
welcome
Kyler Albert McLain
born
February 15, 2026*



Randy and Jane's new
grandpuppy,
Tillie

A Shared Legacy of Kindness

Since 1956, the building at 822 Elm Street in Moscow has served as a landmark of hospitality for the University of Idaho. While the campus around it has changed over the decades, the heart of the building has remained remarkably constant.

In November 1967, a young student walked through our doors and "immediately felt at home." Now recently retired after a 30-year presence in our building; he still remembers the University of Idaho as a place of formal expectations—an era of ties, skirts, and structured curfews. Amidst the busy-ness of that campus life, the Campus Christian Center (now R House Student Center) provided a vital sanctuary where students could simply be themselves. It was a place where the kettle was always on and the welcome unwavering.

The Episcopal Church anchored this mission from the beginning. As a primary pillar of our ecumenical partnership, your denomination provided the steady leadership and funding that "ensured the doors stayed open" for students of all backgrounds. This commitment created a space for legendary leaders like Yvonne Slutz to serve. Though she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Yvonne spent decades as the "heart of the house," practicing a radical graciousness that transcended denominational lines. It was this shared, ecumenical vision that allowed her to teach a generation of students the true meaning of Christian charity.

Today, that same legacy of kindness is carried forward by the Ecumenical Campus Ministries Association (ECMA). Under the direction of George Fricks and our onsite Campus Minister, Karla Neumann-Smiley, along with a dedicated team of volunteers, R House remains an essential "home away from home." We continue to meet the practical needs of the student body by providing daily free meals, personal care supplies, and a "closet" of free clothing—including our twice-annual coat drive to outfit students unprepared for the Idaho winter.

Beyond meeting physical needs, 822 Elm is a place where life simply happens. With comfy seats, board games, and free wifi, it is a cool retreat in the summer and a warm refuge in the winter. Whether through Bible studies, movie nights, or as a quiet host site for support groups, the center remains a foundation of security—a space where students can find rest and connection without cost. This includes our recently launched psychoeducation and support group for Adverse Religious Experiences, which offers tools for emotional and spiritual rebuilding for students navigating religious trauma.

Our vision is expanding to connect with churches nationally, providing the training and support needed for students and congregations to bless one another in a spirit of safety and peace. We are tending to the same hearth that the Episcopal Church helped light over sixty years ago, ensuring that every student who walks through our doors is known, loved, and heard.



Connect with Us:

ECMA (The Association)

Website: www.ecmausa.org

Facebook: facebook.com/ECMAUSA

R House (The Student Center)

Website: www.uicccenter.org

Facebook: facebook.com/rhousestudentcenter





Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are pleased to offer this Cycle of Prayer resource for members of the military, their families, and chaplains serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans Affairs medical centers, and federal prisons. It is prepared for use throughout the wider Episcopal Church as a way to hold these groups in prayer.

Each week of the year, this cycle lifts up specific chaplains, installations, and ministries across the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. It is a tangible way for congregations, dioceses, and individuals to remain connected to the vital work of pastoral care in these unique contexts. Whether in times of peace or conflict, our chaplains serve as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, often in places of great challenge and need.

We invite you to incorporate this cycle into your parish intercessions, diocesan communications, and personal devotions. By doing so, you join a community of prayer that spans the globe and strengthens the bonds of love and support across our church.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia
Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries
The Episcopal Church

Week of April 26

Those serving in New York—at Fort Drum, West Point, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Stewart Air National Guard Base, Federal Correctional Institution Otisville, and the James J. Peters VA Medical Center.

Week of May 3

Those serving in North Carolina—at Camp Lejeune, Fort Liberty, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Federal Correctional Complex Butner, and the VA Durham Health Care System.

Week of May 10

Those serving in North Dakota—at Minot Air Force Base, Grand Forks Air Force Base, Camp Grafton, Fargo Air National Guard Base, and the Fargo VA Health Care System.

Week of May 17

Those serving in Ohio—at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, the 178th Wing Air National Guard, Federal Correctional Institution Elkton, and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Week of May 24

Those serving in Oklahoma—at Tinker Air Force Base, Fort Sill, Altus Air Force Base, Vance Air Force Base, Federal Correctional Institution El Reno, and the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center.

Week of May 31

Those serving in Oregon—at the 173rd Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Camp Rilea, the 142nd Wing Air National Guard, Camp Umatilla, Federal Correctional Institution Sheridan, and the White City VA Medical Center.

Alleluia, It's Still Easter!

If you glanced at the calendar, or found a rogue jellybean hiding under the couch or a chocolate bunny ear with a bite out of it, and thought, "Well, that's it, Easter is over," think again. Around here, Easter is not a one-day event — it's a whole season, a full-on celebration marathon. In fact, we celebrate the Great Fifty Days of Easter, stretching from Easter Day all the way to Pentecost. So no, the "Alleluia!" has not left the building. Not even a little.

Easter people know better than to rush good news. One Sunday? Please. Resurrection joy deserves an extended run—like a really good party that nobody wants to leave. So we keep the celebration going with bright flowers, joyous music, and the deep, joyful proclamation that Christ is risen indeed.

The Book of Common Prayer speaks beautifully of this season. At the Great Vigil of Easter we hear: "This is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 284). That victory is so big, so life-changing, so hope-filled, that the Church gives us fifty days to catch our breath and live into it. And honestly, we need the time. Resurrection is big. Like, "pause and catch your breath" big. It's the kind of joy that sneaks up on you, settles in, and slowly changes how you see everything.

The best part? This isn't just a church thing. Easter joy is not meant to stay politely inside a church building. It spills out, out of us — out onto dinner tables, into kitchens, across front porches, into gardens and parks, in coffee shops, and anywhere God's people gather to share life.

So in the spirit of these delightfully long Easter days, here are a few suggestions:

Keep saying "Alleluia!" like you mean it (bonus points for enthusiasm).

Leave a little extra room for joy to "sneak" into ordinary moments.

Notice signs of new life—whether in your garden, your friendships, in prayer, in community.

GIVE THANKS!

Remember, Easter morning did not arrive with a drumroll. It came quietly, with dawn unfolding and the world still rubbing the sleep from its eyes. And yet in that holy stillness, everything changed. In the resurrection of Jesus, God triumphed over sin and death and opened for us the way of everlasting life. What began in the hush of morning became joy too wonderful to whisper, and so the Church does what the Church does best: we ring bells, sing loudly, and tell the world, **"Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"**

Miracles often start quietly... like a sunrise bringing light into the darkness. Look for the miracles quietly dawning on the horizon. April is full of reminders that God delights in renewal. Trees that looked lifeless suddenly sprout buds. The sun lingers longer like it's in no hurry to leave.

The whole world feels like it's stretching and waking up again to join in the chorus of renewal and rebirth.

And us? We "Easter" people, we are invited to do the same, to join in the chorus.

So if life feels busy, heavy, or a little muddy right now, take heart. Easter isn't over — it's still unfolding. Joy is still showing up in unexpected places. Hope is still doing its quiet, persistent work. The risen Christ is still meeting his people with peace, hope, and surprising joy.

Alleluia — and happy Easter... still!



PLEASE CONTINUE TO LIFT HER UP IN
Prayer



Dear Friends in Christ,
I have received the call and am in surgery for a lung transplant. I ask for your prayers. I am currently at the University of Washington Hospital and know that I am in the care of skilled and dedicated doctors and nurses.
~ Faithfully, Gretchen

Dear Friends in Christ,
We are grateful to share that Bishop Gretchen's lung transplant surgery has been completed, and the procedure went well. She is now in the ICU at the University of Washington Medical Center where she is recovering and being closely monitored by her medical team.

We give thanks for the skilled surgeons, doctors, and nurses who are caring for her, and for the many prayers that have been offered on her behalf across the Diocese.

Recovery from transplant surgery will take time, and Bishop Gretchen will remain unavailable while she rests and heals. In the meantime, the plans already in place for diocesan leadership continue, and Canon Susan Cleveley will remain in contact with her as appropriate and will share updates as they become available.

If you would like to send her a card, please mail it to the Diocesan office at 245 East 13th Ave. Spokane, WA 99202.
~ The Office of the Bishop

UPDATES (provided by Dorothy, Gretchen's sister, and Susan Cleveley)

March 15th - Gretchen received a bronchoscopy so the doctors could look at her new lungs. She passed the test, and they removed the breathing tube so she could breathe with her new lungs.

March 17th - Released from ICU, and they took her off of supplemental oxygen.

March 23rd - Gretchen celebrated walking a total of 1 mile over 3 walks today.

March 25th - The last of the tubes was removed, and Gretchen is now free of all attachments and walking with a normal walker. We are hearing whispers of potential discharge.

March 27th - We spent the day training on procedures and medication, and Gretchen was DISCHARGED!! Gretchen and Dorothy moved into their temporary apartment and enjoyed the first dinner of "not hospital food."

April 3rd - It was a rather rough week of learning the schedule and routine of things. The schedule of vitals, meds, meals, resting, walking, learning to breathe normally, lung exercises, and doctors' visits consumes the day.

April 10th - From Gretchen: REMEMBERING BACK - 1 month ago today, I was driving to Seattle after getting "the call" to begin the transplant journey. We finally got my blood sugar worked out.

April 13th - An appointment to remove stitches and receive a CT scan turned into being readmitted to the hospital for dehydration and infection. The CT of the lungs looked great. This is just a speed bump.

April 17th - From Gretchen: Discharged from the hospital again and back to the apartment with three different antibiotics. I need to eat more, especially protein, and I need to walk more, but that is going better now that I feel better!

**For more information on the Bishop's journey and to stay connected and to view updates,
please follow this link to Bishop's CaringBridge page:**

<https://www.caringbridge.org/site/0921eff9-b529-11f0-9375-472d60ab127c?from=%2Fsearch&fname=Gretchen>

Sing A New Song



2026 Prayer for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane

*O Holy One of steadfast love,
the fount of hope in whom we trust;
Draw near to us in our laments
and bind our broken-heartedness.*

*God, you alone our song and source,
sustainer of our every breath;
In every chorus teach your way:
do justice, mercy, humility.*

*Our melody we lift to you,
Creator of the sea sky;
Sing glory, laud, and praise utmost,
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



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