

## April 2024 Reports

### Priest-in-Charge Report

This month felt like forever, probably because of Holy Week, which lasted a whole year



For Palm Sunday we have fulfilled my daughter's dream to go all the way around the block. I think we need to plan better how the choir people are distributed, but I thought it was quite fun and the weather allowed us to do it. I started Holy Week by doing an Instructed Eucharist and had about 40 students attend. Tuesday we did Stations of the Cross at BYU and Kiani Kalander was the one to organize it with Prof. Mike McKay. That was a wonderful experience and we plan on making it much bigger next year. I also attended the Spring Holiday fair at UVU and I was presenting Lent, and that was a good experience, although I was completely unprepared for it. Next year I will have to make a nice QRcode with our website and our instagram, cause that's what all the kids were asking about. Wednesday we had the Tenebrae service, I had forgotten how beautiful that liturgy is. Definitely something we will do year after year. The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were much harder for me this year because we didn't have a deacon. I think my task for next year is to find some volunteers, perhaps Gidge and Lon, to help out more. I will put that on the agenda for the winter worship committee meeting. The Holy Saturday service for kids was fun and we made Easter baskets. For Easter we had 3 services: the Great Vigil of Easter, an Easter day service at 9am and a regular Easter day service at 11 am. Having all those services really mitigated the crowds and we had over 180 people between all three services. I took some time off during the following two weeks, but I also went down to St George for the installation of the Rev Rob Willman.

A lot of work went this month into preparing for Diocesan Convention as a member of the Standing Committee and also keeping up to date on the work for the General Convention. The hearings for the committees have started and I am the dispatch liaison to the Social Justice and International Policy Committee. Many resolutions regarding the situation in the Holy Land have come forward and there are hearings every other week. It is a lot of work for me because it is my first time going to the General Convention and there is a steep learning curve. I am also part of the Vitality Initiative team that is working on changing how the whole diocese thinks about the mission of the church and that has been hopeful work for me.

We have officially started Lon's Discernment Committee. Emily is leading it and Lynn and Luka are the other people on it.

Marilyn and I have met to work on the manuals for the ministries and that is coming along very nicely. We already had a training for the readers last Sunday and that went well. I am hoping that more clarity about each role will lead to a more smooth experience of the liturgy.

## Senior Warden Report

I got in touch with David about the siding project and they let us know that there was an error on the vendor's side, where their factory marked the siding as made and sent but never actually did so. The vendor is looking into it, to see if the made product is still sitting somewhere, and will give them a new timeline this Tuesday.

I have not got a hold of Ricoh, but left a message with Joshua yesterday. Now that I know that we are still being billed, I will make this more of a priority.

## Junior Warden Report

*Nothing Submitted.*

## Treasurer's Report

### Income

- Pledge contributions slightly exceeded budget for March.
- Plate contributions were well above budget for March. Year-to-date plate contributions were above budget by 1.6k.
- Grant income for March was received as expected.
- Support group donations were in line with budget for March.
- Overall, income year-to-date was ahead of budget by \$5.5k.

### Expense

- Natural gas expense was well above budget, but other utilities were in line with or under budget.
- Internet and Telephone was above budget; this expense may have been under budgeted for the year.
- Tithe.ly transaction fees were above budget; however, more members and non members, alike, are giving online.

There was a surplus of over \$600 for the month of March, which was better than budget by approximately \$1.7k. There was a \$4.9k deficit year-to-date, which was better than budget by approximately \$2k. St. Mary's is off to a strong start with year-to-date activity exceeding expectations for both revenue and expense for the first quarter of 2024.