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## A Message from Father Tom

Dear Grace Episcopal Church,

It is with joy that I write my **second Holy Week/Easter** newsletter! On Ash Wednesday, those who attended the Bible study thought, "let's watch the movie *St. Ralph*." (It's a wonderful coming of age movie about miracles.) As Ralph and his friend Claire enter the church, she turns to Ralph and says, "Don't you just love Holy Week?" Holy Week for those of us who keep it is the most exhilarating, most holy, most time consuming, most exhausting, celebration of the year! **DON'T YOU JUST LOVE HOLY WEEK!**



Claire radiates joy in her life, as does Ralph in his quest for a miracle. Miracles do happen. People who radiate a permanent joy have given themselves over to lives of deep and loving commitment. Giving has become their nature, and little by little, they have made their souls incandescent. There's always something flowing out of the "interiority" of our spirit. For some people, it's mostly fear or insecurity. For joyful people, it's mostly gratitude, delight and kindness. The celebration of Easter is new life in the face of adversity.

The liturgy intended as the first (and arguably, the primary) celebration of Easter is in the BCP (pp. 284-95). It is also known as the Great Vigil. The service begins in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts:

- The Service of Light: kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle
- The singing of the Exsultet (this year by Peggy DeLong)
- The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers) and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- The Eucharist.

Through this liturgy, the BCP recovers an ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. Way back then, believers would gather in the hours of darkness, ending at dawn on Easter to hear scripture and offer prayer. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the Easter Eucharist. Easter was the primary baptismal occasion for the early church to the practical exclusion of all others. This practice linked the meanings of Christ's dying and rising to the understanding of baptism. *(Continued on the next page)*

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### Staff

The Rev Tom Fiske, Vicar  
 Carol Ann Mitchell, Bishop's Warden  
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### Worship Services

Sunday, 10:30 AM  
 Wednesday, 12:00 Noon  
 Friday, 8:30 PM  
 Saturday, 5:30 PM

### **A Message from Father Tom** *(continued from the prior page)*

As I write this at St. Mark's Cathedral, Notre Dame is in flames! Of course, the fire we suffered is not as devastating as the Notre Dame fire or the Ward House fire here in St. George. Still, it brings to mind the fact that as Christians (of whatever theology) we are able to rise to new life. This is at bottom the Easter message of all the Gospels and the Old Testament. All Christians this Holy Week are united in sorrow just as we were some 2019 years ago with the crucifixion. We know and agree with St. Paul that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

By the time this newsletter is published, Easter will have happened and we will begin a new season of knowing our God is forever with us . . . . Alleluia!! He is risen. Not only in fact, but in our heart and minds as well.

During Holy Week we learned of the unexpected death of David Southward. With the whirlwind of Holy Week activity and the Southwards' plan to return to Minnesota on Good Friday, there are no plans for a "funeral" here in St. George. In keeping with Barbara's wishes, we will respect her plan to be with her family in Minnesota, to pray for her and to support her in her time of grief.

It is not a contradiction for joyful people to be saddened. As a matter of fact, tears can express joyful love. Our love is the expression of life everlasting in the blessed assurance of resurrection and new life.

In Christ,  
Tom+

## **Episcopalianese: Evangelism/Evangelist**

Formed from the noun evangel (from the Greek *euangelion*, "good news"), it means simply "pertaining to the gospel." An evangelist is primarily someone who presents God's message to make known the good news of the life, suffering, and death of Jesus. The evangelist presents the importance and significance of the good news for the people of the evangelist's own time and cultural situation. Let us be at ease in speaking to each about God working in our lives. It never hurts.

## **The Bishop's Corner**

From Bishop Hayashi's Facebook Page concerning SB 103: "In Utah, I have not been harassed, what that means for me is this: I have a religious duty to do all that I can to make sure that my brothers and sisters whether they be Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Latter-day Saints, all regardless of ethnic heritage, gender identification, sexual orientation will be able to live and worship without fear.

Our duty as religious people is to work to help our brothers and sisters who do not share the same tradition to be free from fear because of who they are. By doing this we will help make our state be one that is loving, liberating and life giving for all."



## Look What We've Been Up To!



Palm Sunday: Joey the Donkey assisted Father Tom, and children enjoyed their Sunday School lessons



Father Tom and Douglas Gilbert participated in the St. George community Stations of the Cross on Good Friday



Easter Sunday



## Bishop's Committee Update

### Sanctuary Update



We hope you have noticed that the sanctuary repairs have now been completed. New flooring has been installed, and a new pulpit has replaced the one destroyed in the February fire. Many thanks to Shane Poll for building our new pulpit. We are keeping the charred post in the altar railing as a reminder of the fire, with our thanks to God (and the St. George Fire Department) for the quick response that limited the damage to the church.



### Papa Johns Sponsoring Saturday Pizza Night

Papa Johns is now sponsoring pizza night following 5:30pm worship on the second Saturday of each month! Local Papa Johns franchises will provide and deliver the pizzas to us. Many thanks to Trina Baine of Papa Johns for arranging this sponsorship.



We thank them for their generosity, and we encourage all Grace members to give Papa Johns a try next time you want pizza! If you haven't been to our Saturday evening service, come join us for worship and stay afterwards for fellowship (and Papa Johns pizza on the second Saturday of the month).

### BC Meetings and Minutes

Minutes of the BC meetings are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church within a week after their approval by the BC. Except for executive sessions, BC meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. Although visitors have no voice or vote at the meetings, you can make a brief statement (maximum of three minutes) provided you notify Father Tom of your desire to do so at least four days prior to the meeting.

Below is the record of attendance and giving at Grace for the past several weeks:

Saturday/Sunday		Attendance Sat/Sun	Pledge Offering	Plate Offering	Total Offering
March 30/31	4 Lent	43/69	\$4,553	\$925	\$5,478
April 6/7	5 Lent	20/83	\$2,203	\$492	\$2,695
April 13/14	Palm Sunday	20/72	\$1,913	\$756	\$2,669
April 20/21	Easter	38/120	\$1,118	\$1,915	\$3,033
April 27/28	2 Easter	17/56	\$1,265	\$234	\$1,499
May 4/5	3 Easter	26/54	\$4,445	\$456	\$4,901



## May/June Special Events – Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, May 4:** Grace Team volunteering at Ironman Race

**May 9-13:** Father Tom will be out of the office (No Bible Study on May 12)

**Sunday, May 12:** Mother's Day

**Friday, May 17 at 6:30pm:** Talks with Father Tom Welcoming Newcomers to GEC



**Monday, May 20 at 8am:** Neighborhood Connection Golf Tournament (see details on p. 7)

**Monday, May 27:** Memorial Day

**Friday, June 14:** Flag Day

**Sunday, June 16:** Father's Day



## Weekly Events

### Sundays

**9am:** Choir Practice (through 06/09)

**9:15-10:15am:** Bible Study

**10:30am:** Holy Eucharist and Sunday School

### Tuesdays

(Men's Discussion Group on hiatus until September)

**12:00 Noon:** ROMEOs Lunch

### Wednesdays

**12:00 Noon:** Holy Eucharist

**1:15pm:** Bible Study

### Thursdays

**10:30pm:** Women's Discussion Group (Through 05/09; TBD if it will meet through the summer)

### Fridays

**8:30am:** Morning Prayer

### Saturdays

**5:30pm:** Holy Eucharist

## Food Box Distribution Requests

The Food Box Distribution Ministry is in need of shampoo, deodorant, lip balm, toilet tissue, dental floss, body wash and lotion, emery boards and sunscreen. Just drop off any items you would like to donate in the shopping cart in the fellowship area. Thank you for your generosity!



## Grace Team at the Ironman Competition

As part of our community outreach, a number of Grace members teamed up to help out at the finish line of the St. George Ironman competition on **Saturday, May 4**. They had a busy and exhausting but enjoyable day. Many thanks to Mary Catherine Fiske for organizing this enthusiastic group and to all who volunteered.



We will have more opportunities in the coming months to be part of Grace teams who will participate in community-wide events. Here is what we have planned:

- September: Staff a booth at the Pride Week festival
- September: Staff a table at the Dixie State University Diversity Fair
- October (tentative): Volunteer at the Huntsman Games and/or St. George Marathon
- November: Staff a water/snack table for walkers at the CROP Walk
- December: Lay wreaths on graves of veterans at St. George cemeteries as part of Wreaths Across America

More details about these events will be forthcoming in future newsletters, and sign-up sheets will be available at the Ministry Wall as we get closer. In the meantime, if you would like to help coordinate the teams for one or more of these events, please contact Father Tom or Peg Stephens. We would love to have your help to plan and organize Grace's outreach to our community.

## Seniors' Help Needed

Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents are looking for seniors who want to help the community – and earn \$200/month while doing so.

Senior Companions help home-bound individuals with essential errands such as shopping and medical appointments. Foster Grandparents serve in local schools to help children who may be struggling with their schoolwork.

To qualify for these programs, you must be over 55 years old, be willing to serve 15 hours per week, meet income requirements (earn less than \$2,000 per month for a single person), and pass a background check.

If you are interested and would like more information, call Joni at Senior Companions at 435-673-3548.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Don't ask God to make life easier. Ask him  
to make you stronger.*

~Anonymous



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament for Neighborhood Connection

Neighborhood Connection is a 501c(3) charity that provides weekend non-perishable food packets to Title 1 elementary school children. The organization currently serves four Washington County schools and hopes to add more.

Neighborhood Connection's major fund-raising activity in 2019 will be their first annual Golf Tournament, to be held **Monday, May 20**, at Sand Hollow Golf Course. Golfers will tee off at 8am; lunch will be served at approximately 1pm.

The \$100 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart and luncheon. Consider putting together a team of 4 players for \$400.

If you are interested in registering or obtaining more information, please contact Nick Bujanovich (206-618-0202; ndbuj1947@gmail.com).



## Transitions

Dave Southward passed away on April 15. His life will be celebrated at a memorial service in his home state of Minnesota. May Dave rest in peace.

We bid a fond farewell to our Snowbirds who have returned or soon will be returning to northern climes. May you have a happy and healthy summer! We will miss you and look forward to your return in the fall!



## Prayer List

*Please keep our church family needs in your prayers. Check the weekly worship service bulletins or the Amazing Grace Updates for a current prayer list.*

*Parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized and would like a visit from clergy or the Pastoral Care Team (Lay Eucharistic Visitors): please call Father Tom at the church office at 435-628-1181 or at 435-236-7947 to make arrangements.*

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