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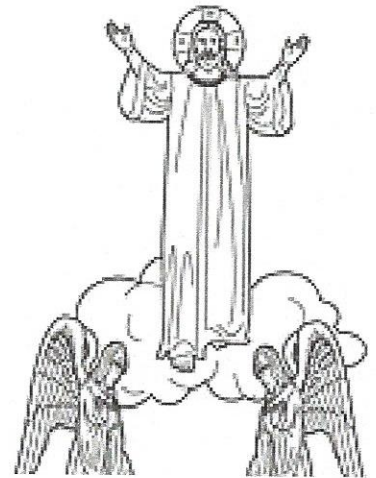
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**Church of the Holy Spirit has a special ministry to  
the elderly of the area**

May 3rd  
May 10th  
May 17th  
May 24th  
May 31st

No services at this time due to the Bishop's  
directive.

Rev. Anne Abdy	Vicar
Jim Anderson	Senior Warden
Jim Anderson	Junior Wardens
Gwen Best	



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Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit Newsletter

# From the Desk of Rev. Anne

May 2020

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:34)

When ever I get overwhelmed by worry this is one of the many Scriptures that comfort me. I commend this to you at this time.

Borrowing from a dear friend, the Rev. Aelred Bernard Dean, seminarian friend and priest at St. Mary's, Middlesboro in Southeast Kentucky, I commend to you his meditation appropriate for these times.

“When stuck in quarantine, many of us worry about what the future will hold. We question when our children will be back to school or when the country will reopen. This is normal anxiety to have because it is such an unprecedented time. God, though, challenges us to stay present in the moment when we can. . . . Don't get so wrapped up in what may happen that you forget to be aware of what is going on right now. Tomorrow's trouble cannot be fixed today, so ask God for guidance in living for today.”

To help you live in His Presence consider this list by the original creator, Lindsay Braman of [www.playthink.com](http://www.playthink.com).

Be mindfully being present to . . .

- a sound or a song
- a sensory feeling
- something you see
- a spiritual practice
- reach out to a human outside your home
- do one thing you'll be glad you did later
- do one thing to get your heart rate up
- get in at least one good laugh

Be well, stay safe, and stay home.

Anne+

## Holy Spirit's Vision Statement

Church of the Holy Spirit has a special ministry to the elderly of the area. We provide a place of liturgical corporate worship, spreading the word of God through the community as a part of the greater church in the Diocese of Oregon, the nation and the world. We envision growth and look for ways to help that happen.

## Holy Spirit's Mission Statement

We strive to serve God, to serve our community, and to serve ourselves through Christ who lived and died for us.



### April 11th Treasurer's Report

\$4,034.40	Income
\$3,638.27	Expenses

### Offering Plate

Thank you everyone that mailed their April pledge to Holy Spirit. Please consider mailing in your May pledge to Holy Spirit.

The parish still has bills and operating expenses that require payment.

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## BAC Minutes via Conference Call

April 11, 2020

Present: Rev. Anne Abdy, Jim Anderson, Senior/Junior Warden, Janet Ryall, Treasurer, Martha Scott, Gwen Best, and Donna Anderson, clerk

✠ Absent: Carlie Corbin

✠ Opening Prayer: Rev. Anne opened the meeting with a prayer.

✠ Minutes: The minutes of the March BAC meeting were approved as written.

✠ Treasurer's Report: Gwen reported that most of the April pledges came in for the month. The CARES Act and church finances were discussed. The amount that was to be paid to a supply priest for March will be sent to the SOEP. The budget was amended via email for the purchase of the new copier. The vote was positive.

✠ Vicar's Report: Rev. Anne reported that she has increased her tasks to include phone calls with parishioners and a mid-month pastoral letter. She has emailed Sunday sermons. The website has a contact form to which Gwen is the contact phone number for the website. A discussion on security of the building was tabled.

✠ Senior Warden's Report: Jim reported his discussion regarding security of the exterior doors with the Sexton. Jim reported that the copier was ordered.

✠ Altar Guild Report: Donna reported that she made about 100 palm crosses that will be blessed and handed out at our first Sunday service back at Holy Spirit.

✠ Closing Prayer: Rev. Anne closed the meeting with a prayer.

✠ Next BAC meeting will be a conference call May 9th at 2:00 P.M. Anne will call members beginning at 1:55 P.M.



In anticipation of Holy Spirit services we will need servers. Please email Rev. Anne+ your choices.

### Bible Readings for May

#### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3rd

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10th

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5,15,16
- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17th

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:7-18
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24th

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalms 68:1-10,33-36
- 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

#### Day of Pentecost

May 31st

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:25-35,37b
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
- John 20:19-23

#### June 7th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### June 14th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### June 21st

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### June 28th

- Em
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

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#### July 5th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### July 12th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### July 19th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### July 26th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

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#### August 2nd

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### August 9th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### August 16th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Picnic

#### August 23rd

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality

#### August 30th

- EM
- Lector
- Intercessor
- Hospitality



Janet Ryall

May 1st

## Happy Anniversary



Al &amp; Charlotte

May 14th

Karen &amp; Sharon

May 30th

## Diocesan of Oregon News

### Walk-about Week:

August 9-14th, 2020 Sites to be determined

### Election Convention

August 29th, 2020

Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis

### Ordination/Consecration

January 30, 2021

Trinity Cathedral, Portland

Please pray for the nominees. The nominees are: The Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama (Hawaii), The Rev. Dr. Mary Caucutt (Wyoming), The Rec. Andrew T. O'Connor (Kanasa, and the Rev. Canon Tayna R. Wallace (Massachusetts.)

### Prayer for Election of a Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor; who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Message of Hope

( a Facebook post)

Not everything is canceled

Sunshine is not canceled

Spring is not canceled

Love is not canceled

Relationships are not canceled

Reading is not canceled

Naps are not canceled

Devotion is not canceled

Music is not canceled

Dancing is not canceled

Imagination is not canceled

Kindness is not canceled

Conversations are not canceled

Hope is not canceled

Life is not canceled.

## A Prayer for Our Times

by The Rev. Mark Hastings

St. Thomas, Plymouth, PA.

O God, our Maker and our Keeper at this time of crisis, we commend to your eternal goodness all medical researchers, civic leaders, first responders and health care workers and those they care for. For those who are fearful, ill and dying. And for those who are alone or in anyway distressed that they may be supported and comforted in their service and in their suffering and that an effective treatment for this disease besetting our world made quickly be found. All this we ask of Jesus Christ your Son, our physician and brother. Amen.

## Serving at the Altar

Are you interested in serving at the altar, being licensed as a Eucharist Minister, or Visiting Eucharist Minister please contact Rev. Anne. Those already licensed need to have their licenses renewed this year. Please contact Rev, Anne for training information.

# Words from the Warden's Cell



I earnestly pray that all of our congregation are comfortably safe, healthy and without fear as our Lord Jesus the Christ would have us be. As I get closer to eighty I feel more positive that whatever conditions prevail, God knows what He is doing. As a Taoist scholar would say, "Life is a journey, and the journey itself is the reward." That is to say, God wants us to come to him by our own free wills, no matter what condition we arrive in. We are the prodigal children, and He loves us just as we are.

"Now, wait a minute," Satan pipes up. "What about people like Hitler and Stalin, Mao tse Tung and all those false prophets who led their believers to their untimely deaths? Are you saying those villains get the same break?"

"They followed their own free wills to theirs and millions of others self-proclaimed destiny for a place in their own creation," replied St. Michael. "And I was there among the carnage and carried away the souls of common soldiers and innocent civilians who never understood what really had happened to them. There is salvation for all who willingly and freely ask for it."

"But, you didn't answer my question, Mister Saint," reiterated Satan in his sardonic manner, "because I want to know if everybody gets in. And if they do, why not me?"

"For the reason that you never understood. You, who were once my equal brother in the eyes of God, concluded that with all your power, knowledge and glory, you would worship only yourself. You tried to displace the Very God who made you."

"God bestowed me with all those powers. Why wouldn't I use them?"

"Because you still don't understand. You lost your power after your great rebellion. You did not come before God to seek His permission for your ambitious plans. You decided you were God and gave yourself permission. You looked at your glorious image in your ego-mirror and said, 'I am God.'"

"Why do I need to seek permission from my equal!?" Satan flared up.

"You don't get it," sighed St. Michael. "Unless you can forget whom you think you are, and humbly come before Him and beg His forgiveness, especially in your cae, you will not enter the paradise you lost! You are less than all of us!", thundered St. Michael.

"In a pig's eye," bellowed Satan.

"And trying to bribe His Son was the last straw," old Nick!

"Yeah but I fixed his wagon, didn't I?"

"We only see what we want to see. And you still don't get it,"

"What's that sound of rushing water?"

"You don't know what a toilet is yet, do you? Adios, meathead."





*Your brother in Christ,*

*Jim Anderson*

# May 2020 Parish Calendar

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

Church  
of the  
Holy Spirit

						1 Janet R 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 BAC Conference Call Meeting 2:00 P.M.	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30  Karen & Sharon	

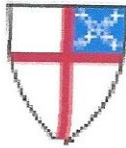
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May Events

BAC Meeting	9th
Mother's Day	10th
Day of Pentecost	31st

