

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



February 21, 2021

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters
and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

A Message from Mother Gaelyn

Dear friends,

The season of Lent has begun and my wish for you all is that during this season you experience and live into the richness of God's love and mercy for us. In a time of pandemic during which many of the pleasures of life have been stripped away to keep us safe, many who may traditionally "give something up" for Lent found themselves stumped. What else was there to give up? As we prayed in the Collect for Ash Wednesday, "Create in us new and humble hearts, that we who come to you for healing and for help, may find forgiveness, reconciliation, and transformation of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior." We seek healing, help, forgiveness, reconciliation, and ultimately transformation of life, so whether that process for you looks like giving something up or taking something on (prayer, service, studying and meditating on God's word, or some other act) I pray that you find yourself wrapped in the richness of God's love and mercy this season.

One way we wake ourselves up to God's love and mercy during Lent is with changes in our liturgy. We pray different prayers, refrain from alleluia and gloria, spend a bit more time kneeling, and generally take a more reflective approach. The church, East and West, for over a thousand years has traditionally begun Lent with The Great Litany, which can be used at other times but is traditional for Advent and Lent. This ancient prayer of petition reminds us of our dependence on God for life and grace, is typically sung, and replaces both the Prayers of the People and the Confession on days when it is used. There are several litanies in our Episcopal tradition: Litany of Penitence in the Ash Wednesday service, a Litany at the Time of Death, a Litany for Ordinations, which is also used in the Celebration of a New Ministry, a Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church, a general thanksgiving in the form of a Litany of Thanksgiving, Litany of Healing in a public service of healing, and a Litany for the Church in the service for the founding of a church. There is an energy that is stirred up, a sense of the Holy Spirit, when congregation and litanist sing back and forth to each other petitioning God to protect, to act, and to transform us.

This coming Sunday we won't have quite the same exchange between litanist (the one leading the litany) and congregation since we will be online, but we will still petition God to send us grace and mercy. Like many other parts of the Book of Common Prayer, The Great Litany was released in *Enriching Our Worship 1* (the source of some of the Eucharistic Prayers we use at St. David's) and it will be that version that we pray this Sunday. Joining me to lead us will be a longtime friend and fellow alto Sophie Mills. I hope this prayer enriches your worship this Sunday.

Blessed Lent,

Mother Gaelyn

**Mark your calendars for March 7th, St. David's Day!
Bishop José will preside for Mtr. Gaelyn's Celebration of New Ministry.**



Service Information

Sunday, 2/21/2021 at 11 am

[Facebook Live](#) (Church Service) [Bulletin](#)
[Coffee Hour Zoom Link](#)

No Internet or Smartphone? Dial +1 929
205 6099 and enter meeting ID number 857
5147 5913 to join in for Zoom Coffee Hour
after church.

Lector: Vance Davidson

Prayers: Muff Lyons

Flowers: Judy Annis

Music: Lillian Pearson

Email prayer requests

to [Muff Lyons](#)

Wednesday Service

Morning Prayer 9:30 am on [Zoom](#)

Email [Mtr. Gaelyn](#) to meet with her
for conversation or prayer.

Additional Information

- Feb 21 Liturgy of the Word 11 am [Facebook Live](#)
- Feb 24 Morning Prayer on [Zoom 9:30 am](#)
Lenten Bible Study 4 pm on [Zoom](#)
- Feb 28 Liturgy of the Word 11 am [Facebook Live](#)
- Mar 3 Morning Prayer on [Zoom 9:30 am](#)
- Mar 4 Holy Hike details TBA
- Mar 7 St. David's Day/Mtr. Gaelyn Celebration

Episcopal Campus Ministry WCU

Sign-up for Wednesday Walks with
WCU campus missionary Kelsey Davis:
1:1 outdoor walk around campus, no
strings attached. Anyone is welcome.

[Walk sign up](#)



Beans & Rice

Please remember our ongoing collection
of rice and especially beans for our Vecinos
families and farm workers. Donations may be
left in the big containers inside the church
doors at any time.



[Facebook Link for Past Services](#)

Lenten Bible Study

Who: everyone! You, your family, your neighbor...

What: a simple, reflective study of the gospel for the following Sunday

When: 4:00 on Wednesdays in Lent

Where: [Zoom Lenten Bible Study](#)

Why: to deepen our understanding of the gospel, what it means for us right now, and what
next steps God is asking us to take



Holy Hikes

We are going to try resuming Holy Hikes with a weekday offering on Thursday, March 4th. The names of people who have participated in the previous hikes are already on an email contact list. If you would like to have your name added to that list, please email [Maggie](#). The exact meeting time and place as well as the location of the hike will be published later. An email contact list will allow us to be in touch quicker in case of changes due to weather, etc.



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NO MATTER HOW LONELY,
THE WORLD OFFERS ITSELF
TO YOUR IMAGINATION,
CALLS TO YOU LIKE THE WILD GEESE,
HARSH AND EXCITING -
OVER AND OVER
ANNOUNCING YOUR PLACE
IN THE FAMILY OF THINGS.

+ MARY OLIVER

WILD GEESE

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting —
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

Wild, Wild

This is what love is:
the dry rose bush the gardener, in his pruning,
missed
suddenly bursts into bloom.
A madness of delight; an obsession.
A holy gift, certainly.
But often, alas, improbable.

Why couldn't Romeo have settled for someone
else?
Why couldn't Tristan and Isolde have refused
the shining cup
which would have left peaceful the whole
kingdom?

Wild sings the bird of the heart in the forests
of our lives.

Over and over Faust, standing in the garden,
doesn't know
anything that's going to happen, he only sees
the face of Marguerite, which is irresistible.

And wild, wild sings the bird.

Mary Oliver

Storage

When I moved from one house to another
there were many things I had no room
for. What does one do? I rented a storage
space. And filled it. Years passed.
Occasionally I went there and looked in
but nothing happened, not a single
twinge of the heart.

As I grew older the things I cared
about grew fewer, but were more
important. So one day I undid the lock
and called the trash man. He took
everything.

I felt like the little donkey when
his burden is finally lifted. Things!
Burn them, burn them! Make a beautiful
fire! More room in your heart for love,
for the trees! For the birds who own
nothing—the reason they can fly.

Mary Oliver

Spring 2021 Volunteer Work Weekend at Lake Logan

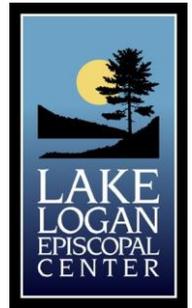
March 5th-7th, 2021

There will be time for work, recreation, and fellowship during Volunteer Weekend. Project leaders and workers are needed. Leaders will come in on Friday evening for prep, and all other volunteers will join on Saturday morning. Housing is provided for volunteers who work on Saturday and Sunday.

For all projects, we will practice physical distancing, and volunteers must wear face coverings when working inside or near other volunteers.

There is no charge to attend this weekend; however, a suggested donation of at least \$50 per volunteer will help us cover the cost of your meals. If you can give more to cover the cost for volunteers who want to help but can't afford to donate, we thank you. And if you can only donate your time, that's okay too.

Please register by Monday, March 1st. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Feb 24	Clara Moussalli (Steinbrueck's grandchild)
Feb 26	Jeff Neff
Mar 1	Mary Michael Hanks

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[St. D's Public Facebook Page](#)

[St. D's Private Group Forum](#)

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