

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



March 14, 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,

What a wonderful celebration we had last Sunday! I want to thank you all for your gracious hospitality (including Gracia's AMAZING apricot bars which I may have taken several bags of), your thoughtful participation and offering of gifts, your trust in our ability to safely gather, and your support in this mutual ministry. It was a morning of joy indeed!

This week we again get to celebrate. We celebrate at God's table. We celebrate that we can again, with precautions in place, gather and be fed. Each liturgical season I reflect on the season and how to best mark that moment in our lives in our liturgy. Of course, there is the choosing of hymns and service music but there are other important choices as well, especially which Eucharistic Prayer we will pray. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) offers six options: Prayers 1 and 2 in Rite I and Prayers A, B, C, and D in Rite II. In addition to these prayers, General Convention authorized three more prayers in 1997, prayers which are also familiar to us at St. David's: EOW 1, 2, and 3.

This Lent we will be praying Prayer A from the BCP using the expansive language version approved for trial use at the 2018 General Convention. There are two parts to why we are using this particular prayer that I would like to reflect on with you all. Prayer A was written to channel Thomas Cranmer's theology. Cranmer, the architect of the first prayer book, held medieval theology and possessed the gift of language which we experience throughout our prayer book. There is a strong focus on the cross in this prayer as the means for our salvation, "Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world" and there is a nod towards the incarnation as well, "you [God], in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you." This focus on the cross and incarnation are appropriate at any time in the church year and seem particularly appropriate during Lent.

We are using the expansive language version of the prayer as the church is increasingly moving in the direction of our language aligning more with the reality of God and the inclusion of all God's people. In 2018, expansive versions of Prayers A, B, and D were approved for trial use. At the next convention, the conversation about expansive language will continue, and it is important that churches around the country pray these prayers. We cannot trial a liturgy without actually praying it. We will undoubtedly find places where the language does not work as well as the original and others where there is more space for all of who we are. We may find we need to pray the prayers week after week to get over the newness of them and to feel how they work as prayer. We have been charged with this work, so I pray that you will enter it with your whole heart. Give these new words time to sit within you and know that I am doing the same. Our prayer books are back in the pews and you can find the original version of Prayer A in them on page 361. There is a paper card in each book with the new version.

Blessed Lent,

*Mother Gaelyn*

[Convention approves use of expansive-language version of Rite II Eucharistic prayers](#)

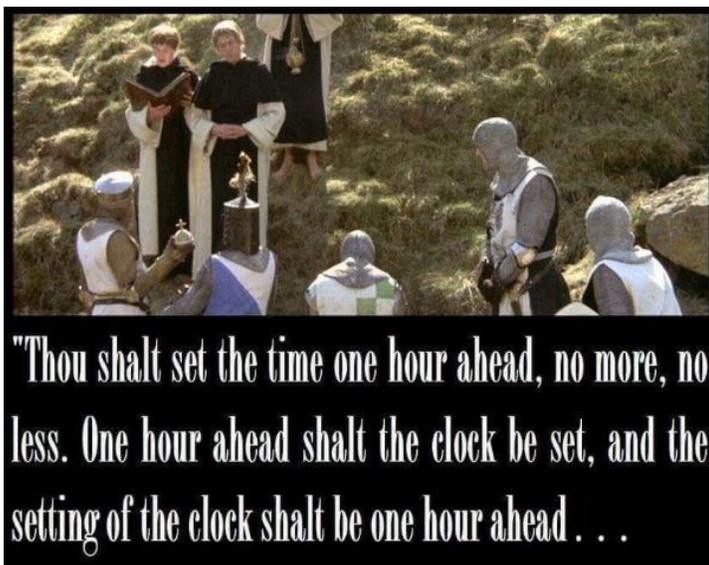
## News from the Vestry

by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden

Last Sunday's Celebration of New Ministry was such a joyous event. (See photos below.) Thanks to all who helped make it happen, make it beautiful, and make it so special.

Per direction from the Bishop, we are again able to gather inside the church on Sunday mornings for Eucharist, in numbers up to 25, with masks and social distancing between family groups. Please sign up at [Holy Eucharist Sign Up](#) so that we know how many will be in attendance (with a separate sign up for each person in your family). But if you forget, please come anyway!

Mother Gaelyn and the vestry will be on retreat at Lake Logan March 18-20. We will use the time to discern our ministry for the year together. We appreciate your prayers.



### Service Information

**Sunday, 3/14/2021 at 11 am**

[Holy Eucharist Sign Up](#)

[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: Randi Neff

Prayers: Muff Lyons

Chalice: Betsy Swift

Music: Lillian Pearson

Bread: Doug & Mary Michael Hanks

Communion: Gracia Slater & Muff Lyons

Email [Muff Lyons](#) with prayer requests

### Wednesday Service

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

**Outdoor Holy Eucharist** Noon **Wear green!**

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

### Additional Information

Mar 14 Holy Eucharist 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

Mar 17 [Zoom link for Morning Prayer 9:30 am](#)

Outdoor Eucharist Noon **Think green!**

Lenten Bible Study 4 pm on [Zoom](#)

Mar 21 Holy Eucharist 11 am [Facebook Live](#)

### 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](#)

## Day of Giving and Spirit Week

Day of Giving (March 17<sup>th</sup>) and Spirit Week (March 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) provide opportunities to lift the ministries of Lake Logan Conference Center and Camp Henry. Your support means Lake Logan and Camp Henry can provide space and time for people seeking connection with God, one another, and the beauty of creation for generations to come. Visit [lakelogan.org/day-of-given](http://lakelogan.org/day-of-given) for more information, and follow Lake Logan and Camp Henry's social media accounts to participate in Spirit Week:

**Facebook:** [Lake Logan](#)  
**Spirit Week**

Follow Lake Logan and Camp Henry's social media accounts to participate in Spirit Week March 8-16 and learn what this thin place has meant to the personal, physical, and spiritual growth of thousands of youth and adults in Western North Carolina and beyond. Wednesday 3/10 is Camp Henry t-shirt day and Friday 3/12 is Lake Logan t-shirt day. Show your spirit and be entered to win prize drawings.

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## Outdoor Holy Eucharist

please bring a chair and a  
Book of Common Prayer if you have one

Wednesday, March 17th at Noon

  
*St. Patrick's  
Day*

Love your neighbor...  
from a distance and wearing a mask



## 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](#)

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



# Parish News & Notes

Birthday

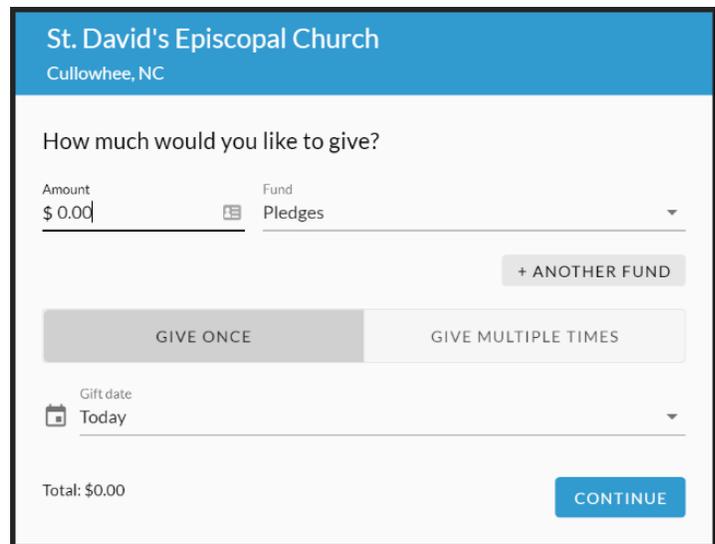
Mar 17 Melba Cooper

## Online Giving

We have recently enabled online giving for those who find it convenient. There are two links on the home page of the St. David's website. The first, shown at the left below with online giving circled in red, is at the very top of the page; the second, shown on the right, is labeled NEW ONLINE GIVING, and found under "Quick Links" near the bottom of the page.



After selecting one of the links, completing the screen shown to the right, and selecting CONTINUE, you will be asked to enter your payment information. Both credit and debit cards are accepted. You may also select "Bank Account" to enable a direct withdrawal from a checking or savings account. We encourage you to check the box to enable an extra amount to help offset processing costs; that amount will be calculated and shown before you select GIVE.



Please be in touch with Steve Steinbrueck (828) 507-8816 / [treasurer@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:treasurer@stdavidscullowhee.org) if you have questions or have any difficulties.

## University Club Auction

By Sandy Frazier

Each year our University Club and WCU Staff Senate raise money for Student Scholarships. The fundraiser is usually in the form of an event or Gala, but due to Covid (well, you know the rest). So, for the first time ever, we are presenting the fundraiser in the disguise of an online auction.



Please take a look at the website, register, and bid, and I will personally deliver your items. Well, most of them!!!

[Bidding Owl-University Club Auction](#)

# Celebration of New Ministry



## Jon Meacham Named Canon Historian as part of National Cathedral's 'Faith and Culture' Initiative

[Episcopal News Service] Washington National Cathedral announced March 10 it had chosen Jon Meacham as its [first canon historian](#), a role that is part of a cathedral initiative that will turn part of a long-vacant building into [the new College of Faith and Culture](#). Meacham, an Episcopalian, is a former Newsweek editor and [prize-winning nonfiction writer](#), best known for his biographies of American presidents and other historical figures, from President Andrew Jackson to civil rights icon John Lewis.



Jon Meacham.

Photo: Washington National Cathedral

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