

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



April 14, 2019

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

Calendar

Sun	Apr 14	Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Rice & Beans
Tue	Apr 16	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Thu	Apr 18	Agape Supper 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm
Fri	Apr 19	Stations of the Cross noon, Good Friday Service 5:30 pm
Sat	Apr 20	Altar Guild decorate church 9 am Holy Saturday service 10:30 am
Sun	Apr 21	Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist 11 am (Easter Egg Hunt noon)
Sun	Apr 28	Easter 2 Holy Eucharist, Commissioning of Discernment Committee 11 am, Soup Supper 5-7 pm
Fri	May 3	Wine Event 6:30 pm (also Fri, Nov 1)
Sun	May 5	Easter 3 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Tue	May 7	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	May 12	Easter 4 Holy Eucharist 11 am
Mon	May 13	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	May 19	Easter 5 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Taizé service 5:30 pm
Sun	May 26	Easter 6 Holy Eucharist 11 am, Soup Supper 5-7 pm

[Sermon Link](#)

Childcare is available during the service most Sundays.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice: Betsy Swift

Reader: George Rector

Music: Lillian Pearson

Coffee: ALL

Readings: **The Liturgy of
the Palms** [Luke 19:28-40](#),
[Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

The Liturgy of the Word:

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#), [Philippians](#)
[2:5-11](#), [Luke 22:14-23:56](#),

or [Luke 23:1-49](#),

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

Serving during April

Flowers: Judy Robinson
(through Lent)

Linen: Gael Graham

Communion: Muff Lyons &
Gael Graham

Bread: John Slater

Greeters: George Rector &
Joan Byrd

The Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Palm Sunday

Please, everyone, bring something to share at Coffee Hour.



April Outreach

This month the 1st Sunday Loose Offering and the donations at the Soup & Bread Community Supper will benefit Mainspring Conservation Trust.



The second Sunday of each month is Rice & Beans Sunday. We bless the food that we have collected for the Community Table and United Christian Ministries to distribute.

With the arrival of spring comes field work caring for Christmas trees growing in our area. Vecinos has sent word that the workers need long-sleeve shirts of any kind, design, size or color to provide protection from the elements and the tree branches.

Bring what you have to the Parish Hall and Muff Lyons will get them to Vecinos.



Square Dance at Lake Logan

All are invited to a Square Dance at Lake Logan on Tuesday, April 16th (and again May 14th) at 7 pm. \$5 entry (cash please). Live music. Beginners welcome. Questions? Call or email Lauri at lauri@lakelogan.org or 828.646.0095 ext 101.

Decorating for Easter

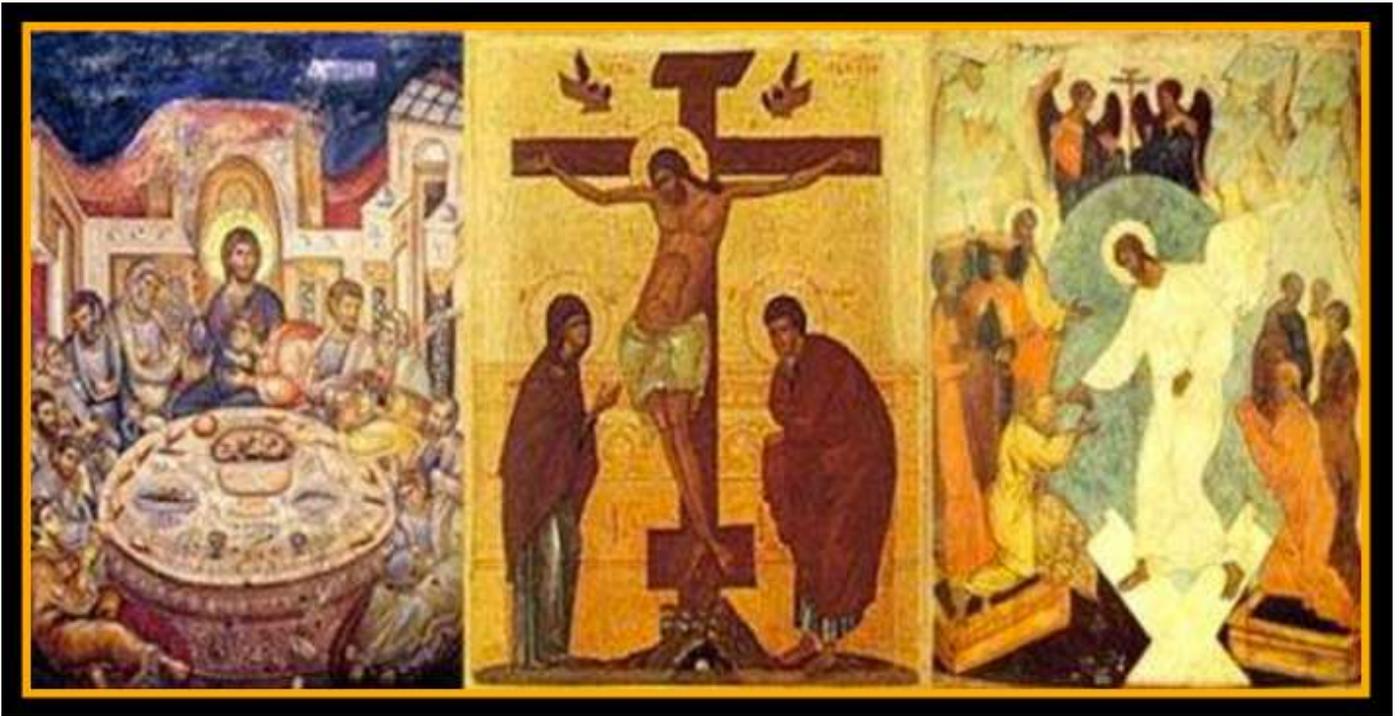
By Faye Jacobson

Please plan to join Altar Guild members on Saturday, April 20th at 9 am, to decorate the church for Easter. We purchase spring flowers, but any flowers you have blooming or appropriate greenery will be appreciated. It is a time of fun and fellowship with the joy of seeing the church decorated and filled with the wonderful smells of spring once the transformation is complete. Join us if you can.

Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Altar Guild to help cover the cost of flowers that we purchase, make the check to St. David's with Altar Guild Flowers on the memo line. Please give the check to Margot with name(s) of people you are remembering, honoring, or for whom you are giving thanks. There will be a list of those recognized in the Easter Sunday bulletin.





Holy Week: The Three Days

By The Rev. Valori Mulvey Sherer

During the three days of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, we celebrate one continuing liturgy in three parts. Called the Triduum (three days), these three days mark not only the birth of our Holy Eucharist but also magnify—in the religious sense—the foundation of our belief: that God’s plan of redemption was revealed in its fullness in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

As Christians, we begin with an Agape (love) supper because: a) we aren’t Jewish and out of respect for them we don’t co-opt their sacred feast; and b) the memorial of this night has a different meaning for us as the birth of our Holy Eucharist. When we hear the words from our Eucharistic prayers in the context of this Jewish feast, we understand the “cup of salvation” we receive each Sunday more comprehensively.

On the night of that last Passover supper, Jesus gave us our ministry “walking papers,” demonstrating for us how ministry in his name would look as he knelt down before his disciples and washed their feet. Then he gave us this commandment (mandatum—Maundy): that we love one another as he loved us. We recommit ourselves to this by doing as he did, washing one another’s feet during the foot washing portion of our Maundy Thursday Eucharist.

At the conclusion of this supper, Jesus was led away to trial where he was stripped and beaten. This is remembered and relived in the stripping of our altar at the end of our Maundy Thursday service.

On Good Friday, we walk the Via Dolorosa (Road of Sadness), retracing Jesus’ steps as he carried his cross to Calvary through the service of *The Way of the Cross* offered at noon. That evening we gather to remember the passion of Jesus and offer solemn prayers for the whole world. There is no celebration of Holy Eucharist on this day, so we share Communion from the Reserved Sacrament made at our Maundy Thursday service.

On Holy Saturday, we wait as our Savior lay dead in the tomb, thereby ensuring a resurrection of the dead, not a resuscitation of the living. The emptiness begun at the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday seems nearly overwhelming by now, as it must for anyone who is mourning a great loss, but hours later we will light a new fire and welcome the truth that in Jesus, death is transformed into the gateway to new life: eternal life!

We are so blessed to participate in a tradition that walks every step in this Triduum, even the hard ones. Having spent time together in the darkness of the tomb, the light of Easter is that much more brilliant an experience.

Valori+



Please Join Us!
Fruit of the Vine
Our Spring Wine Education and Tasting

Friday, May 3, 6:30 pm
The Gathering Place

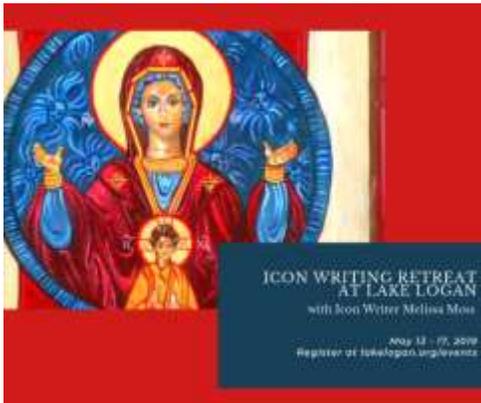
This is one of St David's major fundraising events, so please plan to attend and invite your friends! There are sign-up sheets for attending and for helping with clean-up on the Bulletin board in the Gathering Place.

Let There Be Music

By Rosa Reily



The Worship Committee is compiling a list of the favorite hymns of the parishoners of St. David's as a reference tool for the interim Rector and our future Rector. There will be a list by liturgical calendar and, just for fun, a list by popularity. Please email your favorite titles to Rosa Reily: reily2@frontier.com. Or you may place them in a special box provided in the parish hall. Please choose up to ten hymns you love to sing starting with your most beloved. Don't forget one or two for Easter and Christmas. We will be compiling through the end of April. Your chance to have your voice heard! (Pun intended!).



Icon Writing Retreat at Lake Logan

May 13th-17th

Day and overnight options are available. Beginners are welcome. All supplies are included. Register at lakelogan.org/events. Registration deadline is May 1st.



Wildflowers Abound!

This series first appeared in The Coracle in 2012 when we were first exploring and making a walking path in the green space above the church. Early springtime seems an appropriate time to revisit it.



Find the Flower
CHALLENGE

Solomon's Plume, formerly known as False Solomon's Seal (*Smilacina racemosa*), is a native perennial with leaves that are 2-3 or more inches wide and a flower cluster or inflorescence 4 or more inches long. The stem is conspicuously angled in a zigzag fashion from one set of leaves to the next.

From the Vestry Good Friday Offering

An annual request to member churches of the Diocese of WNC has come from the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop. His letter asks that, on Good Friday, offerings from across The Episcopal Church support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and educational programs throughout the region. The Vestry supports this appeal, and the entire plate offering at St. David's on Good Friday will be contributed towards this effort. Many thanks for your thoughtful participation in this global stewardship.



A Campus Minister

During meetings with Canon Augusta regarding our rector search, the Vestry learned of an exciting possibility for enhancing our ability to connect with the WCU community. St. David's can be assigned a

**Campus
Ministry**

Campus Minister to work 20 hours a week on that effort at WCU. The Canon would conduct a search to fill this position with an Episcopalian (young but mature) adult who is seeking such employment. The Diocese would pay the Campus Minister and direct supervision would be provided by the Canon (and subsequently the Bishop). However, the Campus Minister would be expected to work closely with our new rector, and St.

David's would be the host church for the ministry. There are currently such campus ministers at Appalachian State and UNCA, both working quite successfully. Since our budget will only allow for a ¾-time rector, and even a full-time rector would only be able to devote 10 hours a week to this, going with the Campus Ministry options allows the time needed for a successful ministry. It also allows for our rector to hopefully begin with some relationship with WCU already in place. The Vestry has asked Canon Augusta to proceed with this search with great hopes that a candidate will be found before the start of the fall 2019 semester. We are excited about this positive step towards broadening our relationship with WCU students and their community.

Discernment Committee Members

Harry Brown, Chairman
Vance Davidson, Vestry Liaison
Marilyn Jody Margot Wilcox
George Rector Maggie Bowles

Vestry Members

Senior Warden, Judy Robinson
Junior Warden, Muff Lyons
Sandy Frazier Gael Graham
Vance Davidson Jake Jacobson
Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, ex-officio to the vestry.

The Stewardship of Creation: A Follow-up to the Splendor of Daffodils

By Judy Robinson and Muff Lyons

Now that the golden blooms have faded, please be patient with the green leaves that remain. We will leave them in place until they fade so that they can feed the bulbs. Then they will be cut down and the bulbs will sleep until next year's splendor.



Prayer Series: Mandela Workshop



Melba Cooper is shown with guest speaker Sara Curran.



Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

Apr 15 **Bill Kirwan**
Apr 19 **Owen Yanik**
Apr 20 **Zoe Tomczak**

Anniversaries

Apr 16 **Valori & Steve Sherer**
Apr 17 **Margo White & Dave Nelson**

Obituary of Nova Grace Thompson



Nova Grace Thompson was born January 24th, 2018 in St. Petersburg, Florida to Troy Dwayne and Praskovya Elizabeth Thompson. She passed from this life on April 1st, 2019 at 14 months old. Nova was a heart warrior and had a condition called Complete Heart Block “CHD”. Despite her condition, she was a bright, shining star. Her favorite colors were green, orange, purple, and pink. She adored animals, her “Jeffery”, her Mommy and Daddy, and all of her family. Nova had a sweet spirit and loved to laugh, smile, and wave to everyone. Nova was the granddaughter of Karen and Harry Brown. Memorial donations may be made to any heart association, zoo, aquarium, or an animal shelter of your choice in her name. View the full obituary [here](#).

[2019-Summer-Arts-Workshops](#)

[See More](#)



[2019 Summer Arts Workshop Series](#)

[Held at Western Carolina University in
Cullowhee, NC](#)

“Step Into Cold Wax Medium with Oil Painting” with Melba Cooper

JULY 1 – 3, 2019

Medium: Cold wax, oil painting

Level: All Levels

Tuition: \$400 | **Lab Fee:** \$50

This three day workshop is for those who would like step into a basic understanding of the medium of cold wax/oil painting. With helpful demonstrations and exercises,

students will learn techniques for applying this versatile medium to create rich luminous textures and patterns, explore intuitive connections in abstract painting, gain strategies for strengthening their compositions. Students will create multiple small works (under 8"x8") on both paper and wood panels. Most Supplies will be provided. [See More...](#)

Melba Cooper has been an art educator and professional artist for over 35 years. Utilizing a research journal/sketchbook, she incorporates an arts integrated approach to her works inspired by environmental issues. She believes that art is a powerful tool to bring people into meaningful conversation. She has a MAT from the University of South Carolina specializing in gifted art education. Both a painter and a printmaker, she combines techniques from each to create her recent cold/wax series of works entitled “Pollination”. The series content is focused on the energy of the honeybee hive in which she imagines and longs for the hum of a sacred regard for the Earth. This exhibit has been featured in the gallery at Island Lavender, Washington Island WI. She has been the visiting artist at Island Lavender for the summers of 2016 and 2017. Other venues for this series have been The Circular Church in Charleston (spirituality and art exhibit), Charles Street Gallery in Beaufort SC., Haywood Arts Council Gallery, and Jackson County Library. Her work is in the homes of collectors in SC, NC, NY, OH, GA, WI. [See More...](#)



To Register: [Click](#) | 828.342.6913 | Econtact@cullowheemountainarts.org

Cullowhee Arts Admin Office: 598 W. Main Street, Sylva, NC 29779

Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here.](#)

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact Claire Marsh: clairemrsh@gmail.com She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

Box Tops for Education

There is a basket under the white board in the Parish Hall where you can place any of these box tops you may have. This is an ongoing project for our children.

Regular Activities

2nd Sundays
3rd Sundays 5:30 pm
Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr
Mondays 10:30 am
2nd Mondays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Rice & Beans Ministry
Taizé Service 5:30 pm
Soup/Bread Community Supper
Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

2019 Outreach Support

From 1st Sunday's loose plate offering and Soup Suppers

Jan	Circles of Hope	Aug	School Supplies drive
Feb	Clean Slate	Sep	Vecinos
Mar	Community Table	Oct	Midwives of Haiti
Apr	Mainspring Land Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)
Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)			

St. David's Links and Contact Information:

Website: stdavidscullowhee.org

[Lectionary Page 2019](#)

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Diocesan Links:

[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

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www.lakelogan.org

St. David's Vestry Members:

Judy Robinson, Senior Warden

Muff Lyons, Junior Warden

Sandy Frazier—Gael Graham

Vance Davidson—Jake Jacobson

Vestry Stewardship Covenant 2018

St. David's Episcopal Church

We believe that our community is called upon to fully trust in God's promise to provide. Sometimes, however, we are fearful that it won't happen due to our lack of trust, our fear, and our need to control.

We commit to remember who we are in God and for the world, near and far: beloved servants. We commit to make financial decisions remembering that God provides for us, sometimes in surprising ways, by keeping the Gospel promise of abundance as our guide and touchstone, and by constantly evaluating this new way of thinking.

We invite everyone to join the vestry in reflecting on the grace and good luck that pervade our lives which leads us to a natural and comfortable means of sharing the abundance with which we have been blessed.