

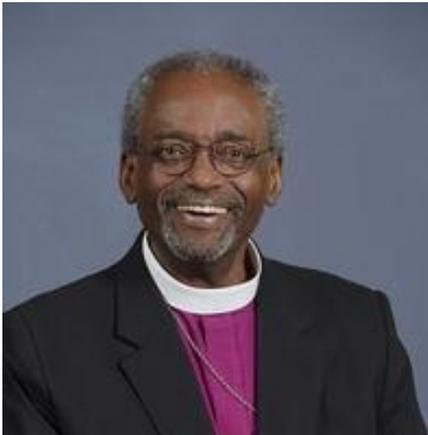
The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 3, 2020

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



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is offering *Habits of Grace*, a [weekly](#) meditation to help Episcopalians cope during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As we learn how to adjust our lives given the reality of the coronavirus and the request to do our part to slow its spread by practicing physical distancing, I invite you to join me each week to take a moment to cultivate a ‘habit of grace.’

A [new video meditation will be posted on Mondays](#) through May.”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

April 28th, 2020: Meeting Jesus

Bishop Curry's meditation

There's an interesting pattern in some of the stories of the resurrection. In Luke 24, for example, some of the followers of Jesus are traveling from Jerusalem itself to the small village of Emmaus a few miles down the road. A stranger comes up to them, walks with them and carries on a conversation with them and all along, the stranger was Jesus raised from the dead. They didn't recognize him. They didn't see that it was Jesus until, as the Bible says, their eyes were open as if they turned and actually saw him in the breaking of the bread and saw him alive.

A similar thing happened to Mary Magdalene in the 20th chapter of John's Gospel, where she is frantically running around looking for his body, and she comes up to someone she mistakes for the gardener in the cemetery. It's actually Jesus raised from the dead. But again, she doesn't recognize him until he speaks, “Mary,” the way he always said it and he says though she stopped, and you know how we say did a double take, turned and saw that it was Jesus and cried out, “Rabboni!” That pattern may well be reminding us who hear those stories generations after it all happened that the risen Christ, that the Lord Jesus, that our God, is actually walking with us even when we cannot see, feel, or sense his presence. Sometimes we just have to stop, be still, and turn and behold.

Psalm 46 says, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. . . Though the mountains be toppled into the midst of the sea, God is our stronghold.”

Be still and know that I am God.

In a prayer in our prayer book, says much the same thing:

Oh God of peace who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of thy spirit, lift us we pray thee to thy presence where we may be still and know that thou art God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said at the end of Matthew's Gospel, at the end of the messages about the resurrection, “I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.”

God love you; God bless you and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

Info for Zoom Church Easter 4

Zoom invitation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89396030940> Easter 4 - May3, 2020 service #377 “All people that on earth do dwell” Vv 1, 2, 5 <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc4gEC2lInU> #334 “Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing” all verses https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=U2nXBwbc2_w

News from the Vestry

Submitted by Jessica Philyaw, Senior Warden
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Vestry continues to have informal check-in meetings on a weekly basis to be sure that any needs that have come up over the week (and in our *Dial Around* phone calls with parishioners) are addressed. We are delighted that the response to both the *Dial Arounds* and the Zoom Sunday services has been so positive. Discussions about future directions for online worship in a post-Stay-at-Home world have begun, but too much remains uncertain to make any plans at this point. Also, vestry is happy to report that interviews for the new rector position are underway and going extremely well. As always, please let me or any other vestry member know of questions or concerns.

Food Ministry Available

By Faye Jacobson

It occurred to me that y'all might not be aware of how our food ministry works. Nancie Wilson and I are co-chairs of the Pastoral Care Ministry. She does home communion etc. and I organize parish celebrations and food delivery for sick members. It is all spelled out in the [Customary](#) that the committee developed with Valori. At present, home/hospital communion is on hold and will be available once the "all clear" is given by medical authorities. Nancie is also the contact person for the Virtual Closet, a list of medical-related equipment (and other things) available for sharing. If you need something or have something you can offer, contact [Nancie Wilson](#).

I am not aware of any members of our parish who are sick and am so thankful for that blessing. If you should hear of anyone who needs food please let me know. That is something we can do and drop off at their door while staying safe. Contact [Faye Jacobson](#).

Corona Coping Column

Thus begins a new feature in the Coracle with thanks to Judy Robinson for suggesting the name. As often as stories come available that relate to our various coping mechanisms, they will be published here. Please feel free to submit a story anytime. And remember to send pictures! magbowles@gmail.com



The Joy of Extra Time

By Judy Annis

One of the few joys of our current time is the gift of extra time. Time to do lots of projects and chores that we have put off for months, even years. My kitchen drawers and my closet have never been so clean and neat. But for me the joy has come from having time to sew for my two great granddaughters, Evelyn, 5, and Amelia, 1. I had the leisure of time to make them their Easter dresses which they wore during their Easter egg hunt in their front yard, sadly not at church. As I sat at my very ancient sewing machine, I was thinking about what a blessing it is to have sown dresses for three generations of little girls. The dress I made for Evelyn was from a pattern that I had used 25 years ago to make a dress for her mother. What fun for me! I even found a picture of her mom in the dress and put it in the package with the dresses. She loved seeing her mom at her age in the same kind of dress.

On a sadder note, again because of the pandemic, I made them each a mask from some fabric with butterflies all over. I thought the butterflies might be appealing to them. The other benefit for me while I sew is the extra time to pray for all of those who are working so hard on the front lines trying to keep the rest of us safe.



Happy 5th Birthday, Kevin!



Friends organized a drive by and honk parade for Donna Harris and Nicole McRight's son Kevin.



[North Carolina 2-1-1 - nc211.org](http://nc211.org)

This is a user-friendly tool that can help you understand where to turn for assistance when facing challenges. Reference pages provide an overview on a variety of human service topics representing the top needs of our callers with links to documents, websites, and other resources from statewide and nationally recognized experts, initiatives, and organizations. We update our library regularly with new information.

A Budding Success Story from Circles of Hope Jackson County

One of the Circle Leaders in Circles Jackson County has struggled to find and earn a living wage even though he graduated from WCU. He is slowly getting his life back in order and will be able to get his driver's license in June. In the meantime, I am looking around with him to locate a car for him to use. If you have a car or truck you would like to donate to a worthy cause to help someone helping themselves out of poverty, this would be a great opportunity. To learn more, you can contact Ron Robinson at 828-508-0951.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

May 8 Karen Brown
 May 9 Maggie Bowles, Tom Wilcox,
 Ann Guessford (Margot's sister)

For those of you who subscribe to the New Yorker magazine, check out the May 4th issue for a letter to the editor written by our own Betsy Swift.

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[Diocese of Western North Carolina](#)
 The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop
[Sign up for Diocesan Newsletter](#)
[Camp Henry Facebook page](#)
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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 Conservation Trust	Nov	to be determined
May	(general)	Dec	(general)

May-Jun-Jul-Aug-no Soup Suppers (general outreach)

Regular Activities During normal times	2 nd Sundays	Rice & Beans Ministry
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-Apr	Soup/Bread Community Supper
	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group 10:30 am
	2 nd Mondays	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am

St. David's Vestry

Jessica Philyaw, Sr. Warden	Sandy Frazier, Jr. Warden
Gael Graham	Vance Davidson
Jake Jacobson	Doug Hanks

Steve Steinbrueck, Treasurer, is ex-officio to the vestry.

Check out the freshened-up look of the [St. David's website](#)

[Sermon Link](#)

[George Rector's Prayer Collection for Discernment](#)